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## Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 10, 2014, 26 out of 26 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 26 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 951 Victims Served in One Day

430 domestic violence victims (230 children and 200 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

521 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	96%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Emergency Shelter	85%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	69%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	58%
Bilingual Advocacy	38%
Rural Outreach	31%

### 334 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 334 calls, averaging more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

### 408 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 408 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 22 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 284 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 46% (131) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 280 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed services that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation and financial assistance.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 35% reported reduced government funding.
- 27% reported reduced individual donations.
- 23% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 15% reported not enough staff.

Across Kansas, 24 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (83%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-two individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“One of our advocates had been working with a survivor of domestic violence who had come into the shelter with her children after fleeing from abuse. While she was in the shelter, she continued working and our advocate was able to connect her with community resources for additional support. On the day of the DV Census, this client was approved to move into an apartment!”

— Advocate

