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Domestic Violence Counts Louisiana Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 16 (94%) identified local domestic violence programs in Louisiana participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

641 Victims Served in One Day

298 domestic violence victims (163 children and 135 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

343 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	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	73%
Rural Outreach	67%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	47%
Advocacy Related to Health Care or Healthcare Systems	47%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	33%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	33%

210 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 210 calls, averaging more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

245 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 245 individuals in communities across Louisiana attended 12 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

141 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 45% (63) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 140 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 service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and transportation.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 33% reported not enough staff.
- 27% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Louisiana, 12 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (92%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A survivor requested help to relocate her family to the Midwest. She was fleeing domestic violence from her husband. Once her husband left for work, she packed all her clothes and loaded her car. She needed assistance with purchasing gas. Our staff counseled the survivor and provided gas cards and snacks for the long car ride so that she could get to her supportive family."

— Advocate

