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## Domestic Violence Counts Michigan Summary

On September 10, 2014, 48 out of 59 (81%) identified local domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 48 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,492 Victims Served in One Day

1,615 domestic violence victims (884 children and 731 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

877 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%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Emergency Shelter	90%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	56%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%
Group Support or Advocacy	40%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	40%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	13%

### 581 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 581 calls, averaging more than 24 hotline calls every hour.

### 169 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 169 individuals in communities across Michigan attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 315 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 45% (142) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 300 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

- 56% reported reduced government funding.
- 27% reported not enough staff.
- 23% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 19% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Michigan, 50 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Forty-six individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On the Census Day, we received a call from a local hospital regarding a woman who was in the hospital with a broken nose caused by her abuser. The woman was talking with the police because she was scared to return home. We housed her when she was released from the hospital so that she could be safe.”

— Advocate

