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Domestic Violence Counts Alabama Summary

On September 15, 2010, 18 out of 18, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

840 Victims Served in One Day

335 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

505 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual 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. 15
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	100%
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Children's Support or Advocacy	61%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	61%
Rural Outreach	56%
Transitional Housing	33%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	33%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	33%

285 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, domestic violence programs answered more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

97 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 85 (88%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 44% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 39% reported not enough specialized services.
- 33% reported not enough staff.
- 17% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 11% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.

72% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 72% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 56% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"Today, we were able to help many people—a shelter resident whose abuser was trying to access hospital records of their child (whom he'd assaulted), a teenage victim who had been forced into prostitution by her boyfriend, and an 84-year-old man whose wife was abusing him."

