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## Domestic Violence Counts Hawaii Summary

On September 15, 2010, 16 out of 16, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 525 Victims Served in One Day

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

272 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
Individual Support or Advocacy	81%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	56%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	50%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	31%
Transitional Housing	31%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	19%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	19%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	6%

### 65 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 3 hotline calls every hour.

### 95 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, 5 (5%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 56% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 44% reported not enough staff.
- 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

### 75% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 75% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 94% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

“Our Family Court Judge met with us in chambers to have an open discussion about the court process and how we can improve our services to victims.”

