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Domestic Violence Counts Louisiana Summary

On September 15, 2010, 20 out of 20, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Louisiana participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

1,117 Victims Served in One Day

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

571 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	100%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	100%
Group Support or Advocacy	90%
Children's Support or Advocacy	75%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	55%
Transitional Housing	40%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	35%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	25%

377 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 16 hotline calls every hour.

60 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, 17 (28%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 50% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 35% reported not enough specialized services.
- 30% reported not enough staff.
- 30% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 20% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

85% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 85% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 85% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We had a great day today. Two women from shelter were accepted into transitional housing, and we threw a surprise birthday party for a child living in shelter."