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## Domestic Violence Counts Michigan Summary

On September 15, 2010, 54 out of 62, or 87%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 54 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,737 Victims Served in One Day

1,834 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

903 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%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	65%
Group Support or Advocacy	63%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	50%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	31%
Childcare/Daycare	28%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	19%
Translation/Interpretation Services (3rd party translator with an advocate)	7%

### 763 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 32 hotline calls every hour.

### 286 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, 195 (68%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 39% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 30% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 28% reported not enough staff.
- 11% reported not enough specialized services.
- 4% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

### 81% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 81% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 80% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"Our shelter has been extremely full for the past couple of weeks, but on the survey day we provided service to an additional 15 women and children above and beyond our capacity limit. Our staff and workers are coming up with more creative ways to provide emergency safe shelter to our clients."

