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Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 15, 2010, 62 out of 86, or 82%, of identified local domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 62 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,328 Victims Served in One Day

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

730 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	94%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	76%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	60%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	39%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	32%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	32%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	21%
Advocacy Related to the Military	3%

579 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 24 hotline calls every hour.

69 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, 13 (19%) 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.
- 24% reported not enough specialized services.
- 21% reported not enough staff.
- 18% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 13% 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 82% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

“We were able to provide shelter for a woman with four children today. In front of her children, the abuser tied her to a chair and threatened to kill her while hitting her repeatedly.”

