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Domestic Violence Counts Oregon Summary

On September 15, 2010, 44 out of 46, or 96%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 44 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,993 Victims Served in One Day

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

1,032 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	95%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	77%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	66%
Children's Support or Advocacy	55%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	52%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	45%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	43%
Rural Outreach	32%

652 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 27 hotline calls every hour.

298 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, 215 (72%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 57% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 45% reported not enough staff.
- 39% reported not enough specialized services.
- 36% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 14% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

93% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 93% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 89% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"From March 2009 to September 2010, Oregon had 42 women and children murdered because of domestic violence. We also received a record number of calls on our crisis line during this time as well."

