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Domestic Violence Counts Texas Summary

On September 15, 2010, 87 out of 105, or 83%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 87 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

6,061 Victims Served in One Day

3,758 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,303 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
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	79%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	62%
Transportation	61%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	56%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	31%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	20%
Translation/Interpretation Services (3rd party translator with an advocate)	17%
Advocacy with the Military	5%

1,987 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 82 hotline calls every hour.

523 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, 312 (60%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 41% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 32% reported not enough staff.
- 26% reported not enough specialized services.
- 17% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

86% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 86% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 70% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

“A survivor we have been working with just put a deposit down on a 4-bedroom house and is in the process of getting the utilities turned on. She was so excited because it’s a really nice house for her kids and their four dogs.”

