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Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 15, 2010, 35 out of 39, or 90%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 35 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,622 Victims Served in One Day

1,180 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

442 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)	89%
Transportation	71%
Transitional Housing	54%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	37%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	29%
Childcare/Daycare	23%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	23%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	9%

336 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 14 hotline calls every hour.

131 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, 105 (80%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 43% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 40% reported not enough staff.
- 34% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 23% reported not enough specialized services.
- 6% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

83% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 83% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 33% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

“Before coming to shelter, a survivor, with her child, had been abandoned in the woods by her abuser. He took their other child and fled to Mexico, taking her passport with him. Our legal advocate was able to help her replace her passport and begin custody proceedings.”

