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Domestic Violence Counts Missouri Summary

On September 15, 2010, 68 out of 68, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

2,114 Victims Served in One Day

1,374 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

740 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	97%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	76%
Transportation	54%
Children's Support or Advocacy	51%
Group Support or Advocacy	49%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	47%
Adult Therapy/Counseling (by licensed practitioner)	38%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	12%

630 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 26 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, 149 (52%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 47% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 29% reported not enough staff.
- 29% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 15% reported not enough specialized services.
- 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

87% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 87% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 84% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"Domestic violence doesn't stop because times are tough. It doesn't matter to victims if the government is broke because they live with 'broke' every day—broken lives, broken hearts, and broken dreams. Survivors who knock on our door or ring our hotline don't ask for much. They come to us, stripped of everything, and all they ask for is safety, hope, and understanding. We can't ignore domestic violence any more. We must take a stand against domestic violence and make it a priority in our nation."

