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Domestic Violence Counts New York Summary

On September 15, 2010, 73 out of 83, or 88%, of identified local domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 73 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

4,709 Victims Served in One Day

2,483 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,226 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	99%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	70%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	70%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	62%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	62%
Transportation	60%
Children's Support or Advocacy	55%
Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	52%

1,489 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 62 hotline calls every hour.

621 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, 254 (41%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 30% reported not enough staff.
- 27% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 25% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 14% reported not enough specialized services.
- 8% 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 74% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We met with a survivor who was being hospitalized after attempting to commit suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping pills to escape the violence. Her husband had been beating her and was holding her hostage in her home."

