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## Domestic Violence Counts South Carolina Summary

On September 15, 2010, 13 out of 13, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 585 Victims Served in One Day

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

182 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	100%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	100%
Transportation	69%
Adult Therapy/Counseling (by a licensed practitioner)	54%
Rural Outreach	54%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	46%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	46%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	46%

### 95 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 3 hotline calls every hour.

### 41 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, 21 (51%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 46% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 46% reported not enough specialized services.
- 23% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 15% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 8% reported not enough staff.

### 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.

"On the survey day we worked with a survivor to achieve her dream of returning to college, helped a survivor in a contempt hearing because her abuser was not paying child support, and provided a survivor with individual counseling to help her feel more calm and focused so she can face her abuser in court without fear."

