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Domestic Violence Counts West Virginia Summary

On September 15, 2010, 14 out of 14, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in West Virginia participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

579 Victims Served in One Day

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

411 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)	93%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	93%
Rural Outreach	64%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	64%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	64%
Transportation	57%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%

207 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 8 hotline calls every hour.

2 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.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 43% reported not enough specialized services.
- 21% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 14% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 7% reported not enough staff.

100% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 100% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 93% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We need more resources—more housing, education, support services, treatment options for mental health and substance abuse, and improved access to preventative healthcare for survivors."

