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## Domestic Violence Counts Connecticut Summary

On September 15, 2010, 15 out of 16, or 94%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,125 Victims Served in One Day

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

831 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)	87%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	87%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	67%
Translation/Interpretation Services (3rd party translator with advocate)	53%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	47%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	33%
Advocacy Related to Technology Use (e.g., cyberstalking)	13%

### 203 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.

### 47 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, 35 (74%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 53% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 33% reported not enough staff.
- 27% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 20% reported not enough specialized services.
- 20% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

### 93% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 93% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 73% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"We helped two women get protection orders today. We also helped one of them change her locks, registered her protective order with police, and referred her to our counseling services."

"Through a private donation, we were able to help a survivor repaint her car to a less noticeable color and change the vehicle registration to help prevent her abuser from finding her."

