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Domestic Violence Counts North Dakota Summary

On September 15, 2010, 22 out of 22, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

470 Victims Served in One Day

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

210 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	91%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	45%
Children's Support or Advocacy	36%
Rural Outreach	36%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	27%
Transitional Housing	23%
Advocacy/Support to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	18%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	9%

76 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.

172 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, 95 (55%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 23% reported not enough specialized services.
- 14% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 9% reported not enough staff.
- 5% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 5% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

86% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 86% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 77% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"A survivor was kicked out of her home by her abuser and was homeless because she could not get housing assistance due to her husband's income."

