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Domestic Violence Counts New Hampshire Summary

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

284 Victims Served in One Day

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

188 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)	92%
Children's Support or Advocacy	62%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	62%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	23%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by a bilingual advocate)	15%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	8%
Advocacy Related to Technology Use (e.g., cyberstalking)	8%
Rural Outreach	8%

78 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.

11 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, 9 (82%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 38% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 31% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 31% reported not enough staff.
- 23% reported not enough specialized services.
- 8% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

92% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 92% of programs reported a rise in demand for services, while at the same time 85% of programs reported a decrease in funding.

"During support group, a survivor said to an advocate, 'I often forget that I am part of many communities, and that they will hold me up when I am not strong enough to hold myself up. Together we are much more powerful than we are alone.'"

