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## Domestic Violence Counts Utah Summary

On September 15, 2010, 16 out of 16, or 100%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the 2010 National Census of Domestic Violence Services.

### 805 Victims Served in One Day

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

243 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)	94%
Transitional Housing	50%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	44%
Group Support or Advocacy	44%
Transportation	38%
Childcare/Daycare	25%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	25%
Job Training/Employment Assistance	19%

### 217 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 9 hotline calls every hour.

### 78 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, 77 (99%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 44% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 44% reported not enough specialized services.
- 25% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 13% reported not enough staff.

### 75% of Programs Reported Higher Demand for Services

As communities continue to experience job loss and decreased community resources, 75% of programs reported a rise in demand for services.

“Funding cuts make it extremely hard to help victims. Keeping well trained and passionate long-term employees with the little we can pay them is a huge challenge.”

