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## Domestic Violence Counts Washington Summary

On September 12, 2012, 55 out of 64, or 86%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 55 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,825 Victims Served in One Day

1,143 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

682 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 12
Individual Support or Advocacy	91%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	69%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	49%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	42%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	51%
Bilingual Advocacy (by bilingual advocate)	36%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	27%

### 561 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

### 312 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 312 individuals in communities across Washington attended 18 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 377 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made more than 350 request for services, including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation, that could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to offer these services.

### 90% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

Emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs with 339 requests unmet.

Of the unmet requests, the following services were the most requested:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Attorney/Legal Representation
3. Transitional Housing
4. Legal Advocacy/Accompaniment

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 40% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 35% reported not enough staff.
- 24% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 15% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.
- 5% reported not enough specialized services.

"Cuts to criminal and civil court advocates have put more of a burden on our program. With only one full-time legal advocate, providing follow-through or long-term advocacy is harder since most family law cases are time-consuming and lengthy."

