



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 1,669 out of 1,887 **(88%)** identified domestic violence programs in the United States participated in this national census of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs regarding the services they provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

77,226 Victims Served in One Day

42,964 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

34,262 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, children's support groups, and more.

Type of Service Provided on DV Counts Day	% of Programs Providing Service
Emergency Shelter	70%
Children's Support or Advocacy	56%
Transportation	55%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	52%
Transitional and Other Housing	35%
Prevention or Educational Programs	30%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	26%

19,159 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local

and state hotline staff answered **18,497** calls, and National Domestic Violence Hotline staff answered **662** calls. This averages more than **13** calls every minute.

23,278 Individuals Attended Prevention and Educational Trainings

Community education is essential to raising awareness about domestic violence and the resources that are available to victims, while promoting prevention strategies. On DV Counts Day, local domestic violence programs educated **23,278** individuals in communities across the United States. Advocates provided **1,259** trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

11,336 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 7,732 (68%) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made **11,336** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and more—that could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs.

Increased funding will enable domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help and to prevent violence in their communities.

❖ From an advocate in Illinois: "A survivor came to our emergency shelter with her children and not much else. She is now employed, has a vehicle, and is safely housed. She never misses a chance to tell our advocates: 'I don't know where I'd be without your help!'"