



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT CALIFORNIA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 96 out of 118 (81%) identified domestic violence programs in California participated in a national census of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The following figures represent the information shared by these 96 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

5,644 Victims Served in One Day

3,307 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,337 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
Transitional or Other Housing	59%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	40%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	25%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	14%
Rural Outreach	11%

1,079 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 in California answered 1,079 calls, on average 45 calls per hour.

✦ The flexible funding from VOCA via Housing First grants has been a game-changer for us. We now have the ability to financially assist clients in new ways, and we can actually eliminate certain obstacles in clients’ paths, helping them move more quickly toward safety and stability.

1,506 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 1,506 individuals in communities across California. Advocates provided 77 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

1,236 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 51% (630) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 1,236 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.