



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT FLORIDA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 43 out of 43 **(100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Florida 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 43 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

### 3,005 Victims Served in One Day

2,103 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

902 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	93%
Transportation	72%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	60%
Childcare/Daycare	35%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	19%

### 615 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 Florida answered 615 calls, on average 26 calls per hour.

**Immigrant survivors are often afraid to contact law enforcement after experiencing abuse, which leaves them with no proof that a crime occurred and makes them ineligible for Crime Victims’ Compensation funds. Many barriers also prevent them from accessing income, housing, and benefits.**

### 510 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 510 individuals in communities across Florida. Advocates provided 47 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 172 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 54% (93) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 172 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.