



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT IOWA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 20 out of 21 (95%) identified domestic violence programs in Iowa 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 20 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

1,237 Victims Served in One Day

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

669 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
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	70%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	65%
Rural Outreach	45%
Emergency Shelter	45%

257 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 Iowa answered 257 calls, on average 11 calls per hour.

❖ On DV Counts Day, we helped a survivor cover a past-due utility bill.

This survivor felt hopeless and discouraged, but we were able to connect her with multiple community resources, and she left our program feeling grateful. Without our advocacy, the survivor’s utilities would have been shut off and she likely would have been forced to move out of her home.

743 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 743 individuals in communities across Iowa. Advocates provided 12 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

179 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 87% (156) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 179 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.