



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT ILLINOIS SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 55 out of 55 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Illinois 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 55 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

3,000 Victims Served in One Day

1,336 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,664 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
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	82%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	73%
Rural Outreach	29%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	24%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	7%

851 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 Illinois answered 851 calls, on average 35 calls per hour.

Immigrant survivors of DV had enough to worry about when abusers only threatened to have them deported and separated from their children. They are now even more fearful of deportation. One survivor we worked with was detained by ICE; we are working to help her with her immigration case.

939 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 939 individuals in communities across Illinois. Advocates provided 66 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

268 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 65% (173) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 268 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.