



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT LOUISIANA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Louisiana 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 15 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

### 662 Victims Served in One Day

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

312 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%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	53%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	40%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	40%
Childcare/Daycare	20%

### 184 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 Louisiana answered 184 calls, on average 8 calls per hour.

❖ **One survivor came to our shelter at her wits’ end. She felt as though she would be down on her luck forever. After several sessions with us, she was motivated to find a job and save money to move out on her own. She told us, “I don’t know what would have happened to me if it wasn’t for you!”**

### 121 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 121 individuals in communities across Louisiana. Advocates provided 8 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 72 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 99% (71) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 72 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.