



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MAINE SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 9 out of 9 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Maine 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 9 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

543 Victims Served in One Day

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

320 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 Child Welfare/Protective Services	89%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	78%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	67%
Rural Outreach	67%
Transportation	67%

323 Helpline Calls Answered

Domestic violence helplines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. During the 24-hour survey period, local helpline staff in Maine answered 323 calls, on average 13 calls per hour.

❖ We were unable to meet a request for legal assistance from a survivor whose daughter had been abused. The abuser was able to hire an attorney, but the survivor did not have the resources. Her daughter’s safety and well-being will be at risk if she isn’t successful in presenting her court case.

123 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 123 individuals in communities across Maine. Advocates provided 20 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

63 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 44% (28) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 63 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.