



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MICHIGAN SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 56 out of 57 (98%) identified domestic violence programs in Michigan 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 56 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

3,204 Victims Served in One Day

1,888 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,316 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	86%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	57%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	41%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	23%
Childcare/Daycare	23%

494 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 Michigan answered 494 calls, on average 21 calls per hour.

✦ We accompanied a survivor to court, where she bravely read a statement to the judge and was able to obtain justice for herself. She said, “Now I can restart my life, and hopefully live in peace. Your program was so helpful and supportive and I would have been lost in the system without your help.”

313 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 313 individuals in communities across Michigan. Advocates provided 26 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

376 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 96% (361) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 376 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.