



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MINNESOTA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 49 out of 66 (74%) identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota 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 49 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,975 Victims Served in One Day

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

1,046 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	53%
Transportation	53%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	53%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	24%

### 527 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 Minnesota answered 527 calls, on average 22 calls per hour.

❖ A survivor called us on DV Counts Day, looking for shelter to keep herself and her two children safe from her abusive partner. We were full, and we could not find anything else nearby. We encouraged her to keep calling, and she ended our conversation by saying, “Thank you, and I just hope we can get out of here before something bad happens.”

### 552 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 552 individuals in communities across Minnesota. Advocates provided 27 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 352 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 77% (272) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 352 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.