



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MISSOURI SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 59 out of 62 (95%) identified domestic violence programs in Missouri 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 59 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

2,349 Victims Served in One Day

1,452 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

897 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	75%
Transportation	75%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	63%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	47%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	44%

500 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 Missouri answered 500 calls, on average 21 calls per hour.

❖ **One survivor was strangled and her abusive partner fled when the police were called. Through our language access program, we explained to her that she could bring her entire family to emergency shelter, including her dog. They were able to stay safe until the abuser was apprehended.**

224 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 224 individuals in communities across Missouri. Advocates provided 22 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

604 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 57% (343) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 604 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.