



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MISSISSIPPI SUMMARY

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

354 Victims Served in One Day

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

87 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
Children’s Support or Advocacy	42%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	42%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	42%
Transitional or Other Housing	33%
Rural Outreach	17%

113 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 Mississippi answered 113 calls, on average 5 calls per hour.

❖ One survivor felt overwhelmed when she came to our shelter with her children. As time went on, she regained her confidence, enrolled in the workforce program, and is finding employment and housing. Her kids are in school and our advocacy has helped give them all a brighter future.

384 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 384 individuals in communities across Mississippi. Advocates provided 4 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

57 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 93% (53) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 57 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.