



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MONTANA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 14 out of 20 (70%) identified domestic violence programs in Montana 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 14 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

### 400 Victims Served in One Day

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

105 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
Transitional or Other Housing	50%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	36%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Abuse	21%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	14%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	7%

### 116 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 Montana answered 116 calls, on average 5 calls per hour.

**Immigrant survivors of domestic violence are afraid to report, due to their fears of being deported. Some clients say that they would rather be on the run from abusers for the rest of their lives than risk deportation.**

### 50 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 50 individuals in communities across Montana. Advocates provided 2 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 21 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 95% (20) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 21 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.