



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT PENNSYLVANIA SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 56 out of 60 (93%) identified domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania 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.

### 2,630 Victims Served in One Day

1,373 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,257 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	68%
Transportation	54%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/ Lethality Assessment	30%

### 755 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 Pennsylvania answered 755 calls, on average 31 calls per hour.

❖ A survivor came to us after her abusive partner had discouraged her from pursuing a career. Through one of our community partnerships, she learned to write a resume and just had a successful job interview. She told us, “You changed my life! He said I couldn’t do this, and now I’m doing it!”

### 1,360 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 1,360 individuals in communities across Pennsylvania. Advocates provided 59 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 491 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 59% (288) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 491 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.