



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT TENNESSEE SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 38 out of 38 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Tennessee 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 38 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

1,439 Victims Served in One Day

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

665 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	79%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	58%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	55%
Transitional or Other Housing	45%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	42%

385 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 Tennessee answered 385 calls, on average 16 calls per hour.

❖ A survivor and her three children were homeless when they came to our transitional housing program. With the support we provided, she was able to start nursing school, and just made her first “A” on a recent test. She will transition out of our program in a much more stable place.

369 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 369 individuals in communities across Tennessee. Advocates provided 15 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

283 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 74% (210) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 283 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.