



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT VIRGINIA SUMMARY

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

1,751 Victims Served in One Day

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

782 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	73%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	63%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	59%
Transportation	57%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	48%

512 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 Virginia answered 512 calls, on average 21 calls per hour.

Survivors from marginalized communities report a lack of resources and fear criminalization for trying to access support. Over 80 percent of the civil legal needs of low-income Virginians go unmet every year, and we have a long way to go before we close the “justice gap” in the Commonwealth.

458 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 458 individuals in communities across Virginia. Advocates provided 54 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

100 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 58% (58) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 100 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.