



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT VIRGIN ISLANDS SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 2 out of 2 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in the Virgin Islands 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 2 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

### 113 Victims Served in One Day

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

66 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	100%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Transportation	100%
Bilingual Advocacy	100%

### 37 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 hotline staff in the Virgin Islands answered 37 calls, on average 2 calls per hour.

**Due to the language barrier, survivors who speak Spanish or French Creole are often unable to access public services because translators or interpreters are not available to accommodate their immediate needs.**

### 14 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 14 individuals in communities across the Virgin Islands. Advocates provided 3 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 11 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 73% (8) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 11 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.