



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT WASHINGTON SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 57 out of 68 (84%) identified domestic violence programs in Washington 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 57 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

2,915 Victims Served in One Day

1,742 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,173 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	54%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	47%
Transportation	42%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	40%

490 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 Washington answered 490 calls, on average 20 calls per hour.

❖ We have seen a decrease in the number of immigrants using our services because they are afraid to seek help. When immigrant survivors of abuse reach out to us, it is much later into their abuse and they are coming to us with more severe injuries, increased barriers, and almost as a last resort.

798 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 798 individuals in communities across Washington. Advocates provided 30 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

485 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 73% (354) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 485 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.