



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT WISCONSIN SUMMARY

On September 12, 2019, 55 out of 71 (77%) identified domestic violence programs in Wisconsin 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 55 participating programs regarding the services provided during DV Counts Day, the 24-hour survey period.

1,850 Victims Served in One Day

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

902 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	64%
Court Accompaniment/Legal Advocacy	60%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	53%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	47%
Homicide Reduction Initiative/Lethality Assessment	29%

573 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 Wisconsin answered 573 calls, on average 24 calls per hour.

✦ We recently worked with a survivor who feared getting help for the abuse she was experiencing because she didn’t want her husband to be deported. She didn’t want to leave him. She just wanted the abuse to stop.

462 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 462 individuals in communities across Wisconsin. Advocates provided 27 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

405 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of which 91% (370) were for Housing and Emergency Shelter

Victims made 405 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.