



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT INDIANA SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 45 out of 45 (100%) identified domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). Services provided by domestic violence programs looked different in 2020, as frontline advocates navigated unforeseen challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

2,767 Victims Served in One Day

1,157 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,610 adult and child victims received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, children’s support groups, and more.

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/10/20	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	69%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	53%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	42%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	40%

596 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, and/or email. During the 24-hour survey period, hotline staff in Indiana received 596 contacts, averaging 25 contacts per hour.

❖ “The most heartbreaking part of the pandemic has been seeing survivors get evicted with few resources to assist them, because we know this will lead to a lifetime of housing difficulties. We need funding to provide direct financial assistance and prevent future instability.”

450 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 the survey day, local domestic violence programs educated 450 individuals in communities across Indiana. Advocates provided 31 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

494 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 494 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. Approximately 97 percent of these unmet requests were for housing or emergency shelter.

Greatly increased funding would enable domestic violence programs to provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help and to prevent violence in their communities.