



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MICHIGAN SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 54 out of 56 (96%) identified domestic violence programs in Michigan 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.

### 2,772 Victims Served in One Day

1,626 adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,146 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	80%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	54%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	46%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	46%

### 459 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 Michigan received 459 contacts, averaging 19 contacts per hour.

❖ “One survivor had been experiencing violence and homelessness for years, and called us seeking shelter. Our advocates helped her receive rent assistance and she gained independent housing. She told us: ‘This is the first time in many years that I’ve felt a sense of freedom.’”

### 158 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 158 individuals in communities across Michigan. Advocates provided 16 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 246 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 246 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 79 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.