



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MINNESOTA SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 56 out of 66 (85%) identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota 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.

2,733 Victims Served in One Day

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

1,806 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
Transportation	41%
Emergency Shelter	39%
Hotel/Motel Stay	27%
Transitional or Other Housing	20%

610 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 Minnesota received 610 contacts, averaging 25 contacts per hour.

220 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 220 individuals in communities across Minnesota. Advocates provided 17 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

273 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 273 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 88 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.

❖ “We received a call from a survivor looking for shelter. We were full, so she had to decide whether to sleep in her car or return to her abusive partner. This is an impossible choice that too many survivors have to make due to the lack of shelter space and affordable housing.”