



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MISSISSIPPI SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 12 out of 12 (**100%**) identified domestic violence programs in Mississippi 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.

254 Victims Served in One Day

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

82 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
Transitional or Other Housing	33%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	25%
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	17%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQIA+ Victims of Abuse	8%

148 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 Mississippi received 148 contacts, averaging 6 contacts per hour.

❖ “During her time in our shelter, one survivor was able to obtain childcare, housing, benefits, and legal support. She told us that she and her children felt protected and that, through our support, her family was able to start their path toward success and healing.”

74 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 74 individuals in communities across Mississippi. Advocates provided 2 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

24 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 24 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. 96 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.