



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT TENNESSEE SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 40 out of 44 (91%) identified domestic violence programs in Tennessee 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.

1,157 Victims Served in One Day

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

627 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	59%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	48%
Transitional or Other Housing	32%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	32%

259 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 Tennessee received 259 contacts, averaging 11 contacts per hour.

❖ “A lack of public transportation, affordable housing, and stable jobs provide huge obstacles for survivors. Additional funds would help; instead, survivors feel overwhelmed and hopeless, with the only stable option being to return to the unsafe lives they worked so hard to leave.”

83 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 83 individuals in communities across Tennessee. Advocates provided 8 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

71 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 71 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 94 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.