



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT WISCONSIN SUMMARY

On September 10, 2020, 41 out of 75 (55%) identified domestic violence programs in Wisconsin 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

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

581 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	39%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	31%
Transitional or Other Housing	15%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	3%

### 437 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 Wisconsin received 437 contacts, averaging 18 contacts per hour.

### 90 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 90 individuals in communities across Wisconsin. Advocates provided 9 trainings that addressed domestic violence prevention, early intervention, and more.

### 234 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 234 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.

❖ “Our organization has been helping one survivor find childcare and, on the survey day, we got good news! Now, she’ll be able to go to work and focus on her next goal: staying safe while saving money for housing.”