



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT COLORADO SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **32** out of **45 (71%)** identified domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). In 2021, frontline advocates continued to navigate 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.

950 Victims Served in One Day

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

463 non-residential adult and child victims received supportive services including counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

371 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, and email. Hotline staff received **371** contacts, averaging more than **15** contacts per hour.

245 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **245** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and other support needs—that programs could not provide because they lacked the resources. Approximately **56%** of these unmet requests were for housing and emergency shelter.

There is a tremendous need for increased funding to ensure programs can provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help while working toward preventing violence in their communities.

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/9/21	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	72%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	50%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	47%
Children's Support or Advocacy	47%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	47%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	47%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	47%

✘ **“Since the onset of the public health crisis, we have experienced an increase in demand for our services. Advocates have noticed that cases in 2021 are increasingly complex, requiring extra time and care to meet the needs of our clients. The phone in the office truly does not stop ringing.”**

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