



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT DELAWARE SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **3 out of 4 (75%)** identified domestic violence programs in Delaware 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.

241 Victims Served in One Day

90 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.

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

25 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 **25** contacts, averaging more than **1** contact per hour.

8 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **8** 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 **13%** 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
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	67%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	67%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	67%
Emergency Shelter	67%
Hotel/Motel Stay	67%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	67%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	67%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	67%

❖ **“Housing and transportation continue to be huge barriers in rural Delaware. Despite having funding through different programs, landlords with affordable rentals are scarce to nonexistent. This is very concerning for homeless and low-income survivors.”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Delaware: DCADV.org