



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **18** out of **19 (95%)** identified domestic violence programs in the District of Columbia 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.

771 Victims Served in One Day

540 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.

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

175 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 **175** contacts, averaging more than **7** contacts per hour.

32 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **32** 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 **59%** 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
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	39%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	39%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	33%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	33%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	33%
Transportation	33%

✦ **“Affordable housing in our area is becoming increasingly scarce, and survivors are making desperate decisions to live in subpar housing and unsafe neighborhoods. This disproportionately affects people of color and continues to exacerbate the marginalization of these communities.”**

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