



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT ILLINOIS SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **54** out of **58 (93%)** identified domestic violence programs in Illinois 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.

3,191 Victims Served in One Day

1,661 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.

1,530 non-residential adult and child victims received supportive services including counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

851 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 **851** contacts, averaging nearly **36** contacts per hour.

623 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **623** 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 **62%** 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
Hotel/Motel Stay	67%
Transportation	57%
Childcare/Daycare	56%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	48%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	30%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	24%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	4%

✦ **“We provided therapy to a trans survivor who has also been experiencing homelessness. With emergency rental assistance, we were able to coordinate care and secure transitional housing. He expressed his gratitude, saying that he feels like he is not alone in advocating for himself. He’s looking forward to moving into his new apartment and beginning the next chapter of his journey.”**

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