



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

IOWA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **21** out of **21 (100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Iowa 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.

1,097 Victims Served in One Day

663 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.

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

416 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 **416** contacts, averaging more than **17** contacts per hour.

271 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **271** 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 **99%** 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 |
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| Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord | 71% |
| Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual) | 57% |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health | 52% |
| Prevention and/or Educational Programs | 43% |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare | 33% |
| Job Training/Employment Assistance | 29% |

❖ **“A lack of program funding makes it necessary for our advocates to cover large areas, often three or four counties each. Because of this, advocates cannot always provide services when they are needed. This can endanger victims’ lives while they wait for services in unsafe situations.”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Iowa: [ICADV.org](https://www.icadv.org)