



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## MAINE SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **8 out of 8 (100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Maine 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.

### 608 Victims Served in One Day

**285** 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.

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

### 141 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 **141** contacts, averaging nearly **6** contacts per hour.

### 54 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **54** 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 **17%** 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
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	100%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	100%
Emergency Shelter	88%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	88%
Hotel/Motel Stay	75%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	63%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	38%

✘ **“We worked with local hotels to provide accommodations for survivors during the pandemic. In fiscal year 2021, we provided more than 3,000 nights of shelter—a 1,500% increase from before COVID-19. Our hotel budget has increased more than ten times over.”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Maine: **MCEDV.org**