



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

MARYLAND SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **20** out of **21 (95%)** identified domestic violence programs in Maryland 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.

762 Victims Served in One Day

366 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.

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

302 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 **302** contacts, averaging nearly **13** contacts per hour.

191 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **191** 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 **29%** 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
Emergency Shelter	75%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	65%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	65%
Therapy/Counseling for Children or Youth (by a licensed practitioner)	45%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	35%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	25%
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	15%

✘ **“One survivor wasn’t able to leave her abuser, but we maintained contact until she was ready. We met her where she was in the process, and she was very appreciative that we never stopped supporting her and waiting for her.”**

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