



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT MINNESOTA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **49** out of **68 (72%)** identified domestic violence programs in Minnesota 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.

2,421 Victims Served in One Day

779 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.

1,642 non-residential adult and child victims received supportive services including counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

859 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 **859** contacts, averaging nearly **36** contacts per hour.

328 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **328** 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 **63%** 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	53%
Transportation	53%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	47%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	43%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	33%
Hotel/Motel Stay	29%
Alternatives to the Criminal Justice System (Transformative, Restorative Justice)	4%

✦ **“During the pandemic, we had to change the way we provide services, amid increases in violence, safety planning, crisis calls, hotel stays, financial help, and more. We received temporary COVID-19 relief funding, which was a huge help, but that money has been spent and there is still a need for funds.”**

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