



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## MISSOURI SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **51** out of **59 (86%)** identified domestic violence programs in Missouri 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.

### 1,849 Victims Served in One Day

**1,153** 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.

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

### 392 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 **392** contacts, averaging more than **16** contacts per hour.

### 378 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **378** 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 **47%** 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	49%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	49%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	49%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	47%
Children's Support or Advocacy	45%
Transportation	45%

✘ **“Affordable housing and transportation are the biggest barriers that survivors in our shelter face. Often, families are forced to remain in shelter for up to a year before any housing opportunities are available, and transportation limitations are a barrier to employment, education, and other resources that may help survivors rebuild their lives.”**

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