



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

MONTANA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **7** out of **20 (35%)** identified domestic violence programs in Montana 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.

197 Victims Served in One Day

166 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.

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

31 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 **31** contacts, averaging more than **1** contact per hour.

4 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **4** requests for services that programs could not provide because they lacked the resources. All **100%** 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	86%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	57%
Hotel/Motel Stay	43%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	43%
Therapy/Counseling for Children or Youth (by a licensed practitioner)	29%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	14%
Alternatives to the Criminal Justice System (Transformative, Restorative Justice)	0%

✘ **“Many individuals are reporting long-term disabilities from COVID-19, and this greatly increases the risk and severity of domestic violence. These impacts on survivors and agencies will likely remain long after the pandemic is no longer a concern.”**

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