



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

NEW JERSEY SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **27** out of **32 (84%)** identified domestic violence programs in New Jersey 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.

1,641 Victims Served in One Day

819 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.

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

622 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 **622** contacts, averaging nearly **26** contacts per hour.

53 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **53** 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 **70%** 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	70%
Emergency Shelter	70%
Hotel/Motel Stay	63%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	52%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	41%
Alternatives to the Criminal Justice System (Transformative, Restorative Justice)	7%
Childcare/Daycare	7%

❖ **“The most overwhelming barrier for survivors this year has been access to affordable, stable housing. Many survivors are not able to work or afford standard rent, and the amount of low-income housing available is no where near enough. Often, a survivor returns to an abuser because their permanent housing options are dismal.”**

Learn more about domestic violence in New Jersey: [NJCEDV.org](https://www.njcedv.org)