



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

NORTH CAROLINA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **65** out of **91 (71%)** identified domestic violence programs in North Carolina 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.

1,544 Victims Served in One Day

788 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.

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

464 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 **464** contacts, averaging more than **19** contacts per hour.

178 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **178** 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 **81%** 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	66%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	48%
Children's Support or Advocacy	38%
Hotel/Motel Stay	25%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	20%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	20%
Support/Advocacy Related to Health Care or Health Care Systems	15%

❖ **“We are experiencing a severe lack of affordable housing in our area, leading more survivors to return to abusive partners or risk homelessness. Several survivors are also dealing with substance use and mental health concerns, but the gap in ongoing, sustainable resources makes leaving an abuser exponentially more difficult.”**

Learn more about domestic violence in North Carolina: [NCCADV.org](https://www.nccadv.org)