



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

NORTH DAKOTA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **18** out of **20 (90%)** identified domestic violence programs in North Dakota 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.

302 Victims Served in One Day

97 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.

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

58 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 **58** contacts, averaging more than **2** contacts per hour.

22 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **22** 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 **45%** 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	44%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	39%
Transportation	33%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	22%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	17%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	6%

✂ **“During COVID-19, we have seen a dramatic increase in demand for services. Survivors faced job loss, close proximity to abusers, and increased needs for financial assistance and mental health services. Telehealth has been essential, especially in rural areas. These remote communities must overcome multiple, complex barriers to receive services due to their isolation.”**

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