



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## PUERTO RICO SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **9** out of **19 (47%)** identified domestic violence programs in Puerto Rico 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.

### 375 Victims Served in One Day

**198** 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.

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

### 22 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 **22** contacts, averaging nearly **1** contact per hour.

### 48 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **48** 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
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	67%
Emergency Shelter	56%
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	56%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	56%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	44%
Transportation	44%
Childcare/Daycare	33%
Children's Support or Advocacy	33%

✘ **“Despite COVID-19, we have managed to create a local community response to join community efforts and denounce, make visible, discuss, and educate about gender-based violence as a social and systemic problem that has caused increased murders of women in Puerto Rico.”**

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