



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## RHODE ISLAND SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **8** out of **10 (80%)** identified domestic violence programs in Rhode Island 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.

### 493 Victims Served in One Day

**185** 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.

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

### 154 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 **154** contacts, averaging more than **6** contacts per hour.

### 61 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **61** 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 **93%** 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
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	88%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	63%
Emergency Shelter	63%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	63%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	63%

✘ **“One of our social workers is funded by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). She helped a survivor who was ready to leave an abuser, and the survivor credits our social worker’s knowledge and compassion for making all the difference. She told us: ‘Programs like these need more funding. You need somebody like her for victims like me, and cutting funding is unthinkable.’”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Rhode Island: [RICADV.org](https://RICADV.org)