



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.’”**

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