



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## SOUTH CAROLINA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **13** out of **13 (100%)** identified domestic violence programs in South 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.

### 478 Victims Served in One Day

**333** 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.

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

### 112 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 **112** contacts, averaging nearly **5** contacts per hour.

### 21 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **21** 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	77%
Hotel/Motel Stay	69%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	62%
Transportation	54%
Support/Advocacy Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	38%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	31%
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	31%

✦ **“One survivor was nervous and frantic when she entered our shelter, and we worked with her on a weekly basis to overcome her trauma. Now, she’s working and looking for housing, and she’s more empowered and independent. It’s great to see her smiling and feeling free. She looks like a totally different person.”**

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