



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

TENNESSEE SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **41** out of **46 (89%)** identified domestic violence programs in Tennessee 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.

1,287 Victims Served in One Day

650 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.

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

391 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 **391** contacts, averaging more than **16** contacts per hour.

173 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **173** 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 **58%** 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 |
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| Emergency Shelter | 71% |
| Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy | 49% |
| Children’s Support or Advocacy | 39% |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord | 37% |
| Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health | 37% |
| Transportation | 37% |
| Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program) | 34% |
| Hotel/Motel Stay | 15% |

✘ **“One survivor came into our shelter and said she felt safe sharing her dreams, including having her own space to call home without living in fear. We helped her secure a housing voucher, and she was so excited, telling us: ‘It feels too good to be true. Thank you so much for your help!’”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Tennessee: [TNCoalition.org](https://www.tncoalition.org)