



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## UTAH SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **14** out of **14 (100%)** identified domestic violence programs in Utah 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.

### 916 Victims Served in One Day

**607** 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.

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

### 324 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 **324** contacts, averaging nearly **14** contacts per hour.

### 217 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **217** 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 **44%** 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	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	79%
Hotel/Motel Stay	79%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	71%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	64%
Transportation	64%
Bilingual Advocacy (services provided by someone who is bilingual)	57%

✘ **“National funding cuts have reduced the number of advocates we can hire, and we are unable to fill open positions because we cannot offer competitive pay. We don't have funds for mental health programs, attorney fees, childcare, or transportation either. These services would be life-changing for survivors and we need to be able to offer them.”**

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