



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

VERMONT SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **10** out of **13 (77%)** identified domestic violence programs in Vermont 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.

151 Victims Served in One Day

88 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.

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

85 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 **85** contacts, averaging nearly **4** contacts per hour.

15 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **15** 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
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	60%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	60%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Safe Exchange/Visitation	40%
Support/Advocacy Related to Health Care or Health Care Systems	40%

✦ **“Over the years, we have built a strong partnership with our local hospital emergency department. They told us: ‘You have provided immeasurable advocacy and support to survivors in the emergency room. We count on your expertise, knowledge, compassion, and guidance, and we want to extend our utmost appreciation for the services you provide.’”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Vermont: VTNetwork.org