



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

VIRGINIA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **40** out of **58 (69%)** identified domestic violence programs in Virginia 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.

1,259 Victims Served in One Day

692 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.

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

392 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 **392** contacts, averaging more than **16** contacts per hour.

36 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **36** 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 **78%** 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	75%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	58%
Children's Support or Advocacy	55%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	55%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	45%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	45%
Support/Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	25%

✦ **“We worked with a survivor in our transitional housing program struggling to find a safe, affordable home. She was finally approved for an apartment, and she was beyond excited, telling us: ‘Thank you for not just giving up. I know I couldn’t have done this without you. I am not a victim; I am a survivor, and I deserve happiness.’”**

Learn more about domestic violence in Virginia: VSDVAlliance.org