



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

WASHINGTON SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **41** out of **64 (64%)** identified domestic violence programs in Washington 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.

1,998 Victims Served in One Day

1,264 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.

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

449 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 **449** contacts, averaging nearly **19** contacts per hour.

373 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **373** 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 **76%** 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	73%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	61%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	56%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	56%
Support/Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	44%
Hotel/Motel Stay	29%

✦ **“We worked with a survivor, helping her secure shelter, a protection order, rent payments, counseling, and more. She finally found an apartment, and she is now working and looking into applying for college. Having stable housing was the key factor that allowed her the stability to move forward and live free from abuse.”**

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