



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## WISCONSIN SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **49** out of **71 (69%)** identified domestic violence programs in Wisconsin 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.

### 1,606 Victims Served in One Day

**685** 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.

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

### 605 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 **605** contacts, averaging more than **25** contacts per hour.

### 293 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **293** 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 **89%** 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	63%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	61%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	33%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	24%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	14%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	10%

✘ **“Over the past year, we have provided increased advocacy to survivors of color who have experienced blatant, systemic racial discrimination, specifically with law enforcement and in local schools. Advocates report that survivors frequently share with us how comfortable and supported they feel.”**

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