

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report

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## Social Media Toolkit


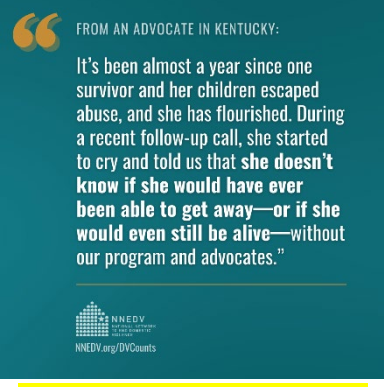

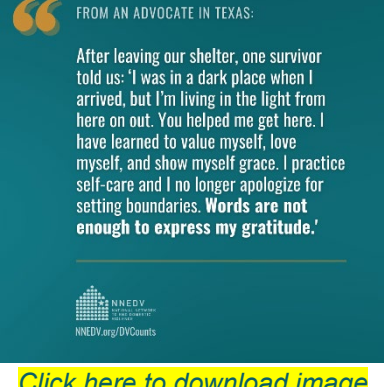
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The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)'s [17<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report](#) is instrumental in raising awareness about domestic violence and the work local domestic violence programs do every day, providing lifesaving services to survivors and their families. Year after year, state, territorial, and local advocates, national experts, journalists and reporters, and policymakers rely on the report to understand the realities faced by advocates and survivors. **Thank you for helping us amplify this report and shine a spotlight on the steps that must be taken to create change.**

- ★ Please use the below content, or feel free to create additional content based on the full report or your state or territory summary (found [here](#)).
- ★ Please include the hashtag **#DVCounts** and tag **@nnedv** on all platforms so we can amplify what you're sharing.
- ★ We encourage you to use alt text (included below) to make content more accessible. Here are tutorials for adding alt text on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). Scheduling tools, like [Hootsuite](#), allow you to add alt text as well.
- ★ If you have any trouble with the [NNEDV.org/DVCounts](#) URL, please use <https://nnedv.org/content/domestic-violence-counts-17th-annual/> instead.
- ★ Please reach out to [Communications@NNEDV.org](mailto:Communications@NNEDV.org) with any questions.


## Quote Graphics

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Domestic violence services and advocates save lives, and programs need funding to support survivors and prevent violence in their communities. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>FROM AN ADVOCATE IN WISCONSIN:</p> <p>Violence is happening across our nation every day. The services we provide are critical and lifesaving, from crisis intervention to education and prevention. <b>When survivor support services are funded, it keeps our communities healthy and safe.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Wisconsin: "Violence is happening across our nation every day. The services we provide are critical and lifesaving, from crisis intervention to education and prevention. When survivor support services are funded, it keeps our communities healthy and safe." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Domestic violence advocates and programs matter—but they can't do their jobs to support victims and survivors without essential funding. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>FROM AN ADVOCATE IN WEST VIRGINIA:</p> <p>Domestic violence organizations are crucial. We need effective funding and pay to keep assisting people in need. <b>Our organization matters, and so do the people we help every day.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over orange background, white text reads: "From an advocate in West Virginia: Domestic violence organizations are crucial. We need effective funding and pay to keep assisting people in need. Our organization matters, and so do the people we help every day." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Prevention and education are key to building a future free from domestic and sexual violence, but we can't build this future without funding for domestic violence programs and advocates. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>FROM AN ADVOCATE IN MASSACHUSETTS:</p> <p>We expanded our healthy relationships curriculum in local schools to talk with students about empathy, being an active bystander, consent, and resources. <b>These conversations give us hope that we are moving toward a future free from domestic and sexual violence.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Massachusetts: We expanded our healthy relationships curriculum in local schools to talk with students about empathy, being an active bystander, consent, and resources. These conversations give us hope that we are moving toward a future free from domestic and sexual violence." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.

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Domestic violence advocates do essential work, and they deserve to be paid fairly so they can continue supporting victims and survivors who depend on them. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over orange background, white text reads: "From an advocate in New York: Our field has depended far too long on mission-focused people willing to work below market wages doing extraordinarily difficult work. We need funding to pay fair and competitive wages for our staff. And we need funders to hear this and be part of the solution, or I fear our entire field is in jeopardy." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Domestic violence advocates and programs save lives, plain and simple. They need funding to keep their doors open. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Kentucky: It's been almost a year since one survivor and her children escaped abuse, and she has flourished. During a recent follow-up call, she started to cry and told us that she doesn't know if she would have ever been able to get away—or if she would even still be alive—without our program and advocates." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
When domestic violence programs can't rely on consistent funding, essential services for survivors are put in jeopardy. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over orange background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Louisiana: The services we provide are vital to building healthy communities, and they yield positive outcomes for survivors. Unfortunately, programs can never guarantee funds for these vital services from one budget year to the next." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
We're grateful to domestic violence advocates across the country making a difference for survivors, every single day. Advocates and programs deserve funding to help every survivor thrive after abuse. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Texas: After leaving our shelter, one survivor told us: 'I was in a dark place when I arrived, but I'm living in the light from here on out. You helped me get here. I have learned to value myself, love myself, and show myself grace. I practice self-care and I no longer apologize for setting boundaries. Words are not enough to express my gratitude.'" NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.








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Housing has always been a challenge for domestic violence survivors, and COVID-19 has made the housing crisis worse. Local programs need funding to maintain transitional housing and other necessary services. More in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>FROM AN ADVOCATE IN FLORIDA:</p> <p>Securing safe, affordable housing has always been a challenge for survivors, and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the housing crisis. Programs like transitional housing are successful in setting survivors up for safe, affordable, independent housing, but <b>there is not enough funding to help everyone in need.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over orange background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Florida: Securing safe, affordable housing has always been a challenge for survivors, and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the housing crisis. Programs like transitional housing are successful in setting survivors up for safe, affordable, independent housing, but there is not enough funding to help everyone in need." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Having support from a trained advocate in the courtroom makes a difference for domestic violence survivors, and programs need funding for these and other services. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>FROM AN ADVOCATE IN ALABAMA:</p> <p>A survivor was intimidated by her abuser and did not want to appear in court. However, with our case managers' advocacy, she felt safe enough to give her testimony while her abuser was present. <b>She felt like she gained some of her power back.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Alabama. A survivor was intimidated by her abuser and did not want to appear in court. However, with our case managers' advocacy, she felt safe enough to give her testimony while her abuser was present. She felt like she gained some of her power back." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Domestic violence survivors of color and LGBTQ+ survivors deserve access to the culturally specific services they may need—and local programs need funding to maintain and expand them. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>FROM AN ADVOCATE IN MINNESOTA:</p> <p>Many of our clients have experienced and been affected by discrimination, systemic racism, and historical trauma, which makes it difficult to trust systems intended to help them. Histories of violence, trauma, and exploitation—combined with experiences of discrimination, judgment, and stereotypes—<b>create significant barriers for survivors of color and LGBTQ+ survivors to access resources and sustain change.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over orange background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Minnesota: Many of our clients have experienced and been affected by discrimination, systemic racism, and historical trauma, which makes it difficult to trust systems intended to help them. Histories of violence, trauma, and exploitation—combined with experiences of discrimination, judgment, and stereotypes—create significant barriers for survivors of color and LGBTQ+ survivors to access resources and sustain change." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.

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Services from a local domestic violence program can mean the difference between hope and despair for many survivors. Programs need funding to keep these services available. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>FROM AN ADVOCATE IN UTAH:</p> <p>As a result of our supportive, bilingual legal advocacy, one client felt comfortable pursuing a criminal case against her abuser. We also provided her with several housing applications. Her big smile was priceless, and it was filled with hope.</p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "From an advocate in Utah: As a result of our supportive, bilingual legal advocacy, one client felt comfortable pursuing a criminal case against her abuser. We also provided her with several housing applications. Her big smile was priceless, and it was filled with hope." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.

Looking for additional quotes? The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report includes quotes from advocates in 47 states and territories. [Find all the graphics here.](#)




## Statistic Graphics



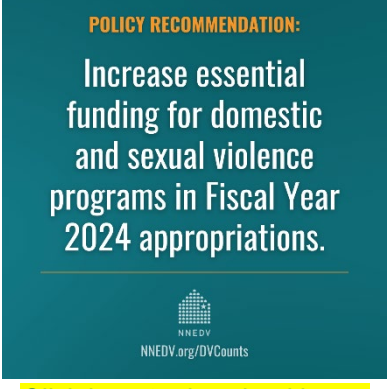

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In just one day, 79,335 adults and children received essential, life-changing services from local programs. These programs need funding to keep the doors open for all survivors in need. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>79,335</p> <p>In just one day, 79,335 adult and child domestic violence victims received essential, life-changing services from local programs.</p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over orange background, teal and white text reads: "79,335. In just one day, 79,335 adult and child domestic violence victims received essential, life-changing services from local programs." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
In just one day, domestic violence hotlines across the country received 23,332 calls, chats, texts, and emails. These hotlines are lifelines for survivors in need. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>23,332</p> <p>In just one day, domestic violence hotlines across the country received 23,332 calls, chats, texts, and emails.</p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over orange background, teal and white text reads: "23,332. In just one day, domestic violence hotlines across the country received 23,332 calls, chats, texts, and emails." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.

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In just one day, local domestic violence programs provided 521 public training sessions to 9,882 community members. Education and awareness help move us toward a world without domestic violence. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>Click here to download image</p>	Over orange background, teal and white text reads: "9,882. In just one day, local domestic violence programs provided 521 public training sessions to 9,882 community members." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
In just one day, domestic violence victims made 12,692 requests for help that local programs did not have the resources to provide. This is unacceptable—victims, advocates, and programs deserve better. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>Click here to download image</p>	Over orange background, teal and white text reads: "12,692. In just one day, domestic violence victims made 12,692 requests for help that local programs did not have the resources to provide." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Among participating programs, the average starting wage for a full-time domestic violence advocate was only \$16.88 per hour. Advocates deserve to earn a living wage for the lifesaving work they do. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>Click here to download image</p>	Over orange background, teal and white text reads: "\$16.88. Among participating programs, the average starting wage for a full-time domestic violence advocate was \$16.88 per hour." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.







## Narrative and Policy Recommendation Graphics

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Since 2006, @nnedv's #DVCounts Report has been the trusted source of data on the needs of domestic violence survivors and the advocates and programs supporting them. We're proud to have participated in this year's report. Read more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>For seventeen years, the Domestic Violence Counts Report has been the <b>premier trusted source of data</b> on the lifesaving services domestic violence advocates provide to survivors every day.</p> <p>NNEDV NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "For seventeen years, the Domestic Violence Counts Report has been the premier trusted source of data on the lifesaving services domestic violence advocates provide to survivors every day." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Domestic violence advocates and programs provide essential services to survivors, and they desperately need funding to support all survivors in need. Read more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>Despite their tireless efforts, domestic violence advocates and programs supporting survivors <b>simply do not have enough resources.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "Despite their tireless efforts, domestic violence advocates and programs supporting survivors simply do not have enough resources." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.
Local domestic violence programs have the power to create change in their communities, but they can't do it without funding. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts	 <p>Local domestic violence programs help make our communities safer and move us closer to a future where everyone can live safely and without fear. <b>We cannot, however, create this future without sufficient funding.</b></p> <p>NNEDV NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	Over teal background, white text reads: "Local domestic violence programs help make our communities safer and move us closer to a future where everyone can live safely and without fear. We cannot, however, create this future without sufficient funding." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.

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<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 1 Launch and implement the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated, whole-of-government approach. More in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Launch and implement the Biden-Harris Administration's National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 2 Restore deposits into the Crime Victims Fund (#CVF) and increase Victims of Crime Act (#VOCA) appropriations. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Restore deposits into the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) and increase Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) appropriations." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 3 Increase essential funding for domestic and sexual violence programs in FY24 appropriations. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Increase essential funding for domestic and sexual violence programs in Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 4 Center the needs of domestic violence survivors of color in all legislation, appropriations, and policymaking, to advance racial equity and reduce barriers. More in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Center the needs of domestic violence survivors from Communities of Color in all legislation, appropriations, and policymaking." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>



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<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation <b>5</b> Reauthorize and improve the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (#FVPSA), bolstering existing funds and increasing culturally specific program funds. More in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Reauthorize and improve the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation <b>6</b> Advance access to safe, affordable housing for domestic violence survivors through enhanced legal protections and bolstered access to housing options. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Advance access to safe, affordable housing for domestic violence survivors." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation <b>7</b> Enact policies that promote economic justice for domestic violence survivors, including unemployment insurance, direct cash assistance, and tax credits. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Enact policies that promote economic justice for domestic violence survivors." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation <b>8</b> Enact workplace protections that promote financial security for domestic violence survivors, including paid sick, safe, and family medical leave. More in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Enact workplace protections that promote financial security." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>

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<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 9 Ensure reproductive justice and access to reproductive health care for survivors, through the Women's Health Protection Act (#WHPA), the #EACHAct, or similar. More in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Ensure reproductive justice and access to reproductive health care for domestic violence survivors who face reproductive coercion." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 10 Strengthen domestic violence survivor-based immigration protections, through legislation like the #WISEAct and through appropriations. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Strengthen domestic violence survivor-based immigration protections." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 11 Close loopholes in gun laws, implement federal firearms protections, reinstate a federal assault weapons ban, and increase resources to keep survivors safe. More in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Close loopholes in gun laws, implement existing federal firearms protections, reinstate a federal assault weapons ban, and increase resources to keep domestic violence survivors safe from abusers' gun violence." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>
<p>#DVCounts Policy Recommendation 12 Expand and implement relief funds and policies to allow communities and local programs to meet survivors' immediate and longer-term needs. Learn more in @nnedv's 17th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	 <p><a href="#">Click here to download image</a></p>	<p>Over teal background, white text reads: "Policy Recommendation: Expand and implement relief funds and policies to allow local domestic violence programs to meet survivors' needs." NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts at bottom.</p>