

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

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## Launch Toolkit

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The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)'s [20<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report](#) (“DV Counts”) is instrumental in raising awareness about domestic violence and the incredible work local domestic violence programs do every day, providing lifesaving services to survivors and their families.

DV Counts is a one-day, unduplicated count of adults and children seeking domestic violence services in the United States. This annual survey documents the number of people who sought services in a single 24-hour period, as well as the types of services requested, the number of service requests that went unmet due to a lack of resources, and the issues and barriers domestic violence programs face in providing services to victims.

Policymakers, journalists, national experts, and advocates at every level rely on Domestic Violence Counts to understand survivors' urgent needs, the issues and barriers domestic violence programs face, and the funding and policy changes that can make a difference.

**Thank you for helping us bring attention to these stories.**

- ★ Please **DO NOT SHARE** any of this content **BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026**. The report **WILL NOT** be live and the links **WILL NOT** work before this date!
- ★ Please use the sample press release and social content below, 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 social media platforms so we can amplify what you're sharing.
- ★ We encourage you to use **alt text** and **image descriptions** (included below) to make social media content more accessible.
- ★ If you have trouble with the [NNEDV.org/DVCounts](#) URL, please use <https://nnedv.org/content/domestic-violence-counts-20th-annual-report/> instead.
- ★ Please reach out to [Communications@NNEDV.org](mailto:Communications@NNEDV.org) with any questions.

**Sample Press Release – PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH BEFORE MARCH 25, 2026**

**Find your state or territory data [HERE](#) (beginning March 25) to fill in the blanks.**

**Over [Number] Survivors Served in a Single Day: [State/Territory] Data from NNEDV's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report Reveals Volume of Services and Unmet Needs**

**March 25, 2026**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:** [your coalition or program contact information]

**[City, State/Territory]** – On September 10, 2025, [number] domestic violence programs across [State/Territory] served [number] adult and child victims of domestic violence, answered [number] hotline contacts, and provided [number] educational sessions and trainings to their communities, according to the [National Network to End Domestic Violence \(NNEDV\)](#)'s new [20<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report](#).

On that same day, alarmingly, [number] requests for help went unmet due to a lack of resources, funding, and/or staffing, highlighting the importance of prioritizing funding for these essential services.

[Coalition/Program Name] joins NNEDV in launching the report. [If applicable, you can add that your program was proud to participate, that your coalition was proud to have [number] member programs participate... etc.] For twenty years, Domestic Violence Counts has been the premier trusted source of data on the lifesaving services domestic violence advocates provide to survivors every day.

[Insert a quote from your leadership about the importance of the services, and the impact of the unmet needs.]

On the survey day, participating programs in [State/Territory]:

- Served [number] **adults and children** with critical services and support.
- Received [number] **hotline contacts**, sharing essential information and resources.
- Provided [number] **educational sessions** and trainings to [number] **members of the public**.

Tragically, on that same day, victims in [State/Territory] made [number] **requests for services** that programs could not provide because they lacked sufficient resources.

Programs in [State/Territory] and nationwide need increased funding to support all survivors seeking help while also working toward preventing violence in our communities. The lack of adequate resources has devastating consequences for victims and survivors. Funding for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants are essential for programs, advocates, and survivors.

Additional resources must be provided, system-wide responses must be improved, and barriers to safety and justice must be eliminated to ensure that survivors are not left without resources and that no program is ever forced to turn away survivors or close their doors when faced with a decrease in funding.



Learn more in NNEDV's [20<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report](#).

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[insert your coalition or program's boilerplate language]

**Sample Social Media – PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH BEFORE MARCH 25, 2026**

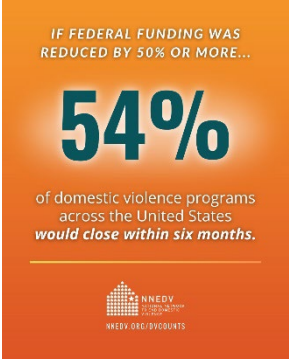

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 <p>IN JUST ONE DAY...</p> <p>domestic violence hotlines across the United States received</p> <h1>23,747</h1> <p>calls, chats, texts, and other urgent requests for help.</p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</p>	<p>In just one day, domestic violence hotlines across the United States received 23,000+ calls, chats, texts, and other requests for help. These hotlines are lifelines for survivors in need. Learn more in @nnedv's 20th Annual #DVCounts Report: NNEDV.org/DVCounts</p>	<p>Over an orange background, white and teal text reads: "In just one day... domestic violence hotlines across the United States received 23,747 calls, chats, texts, and other urgent requests for help." The NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: "NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence."</p>	<p>In just one day... domestic violence hotlines across the United States received 23,747 calls, chats, texts, and other urgent requests for help. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.</p>

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 <p>IF FEDERAL FUNDING WAS REDUCED BY 50% OR MORE...</p> <p><b>77%</b></p> <p>of domestic violence programs across the United States would close within one year.</p> <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.ORG/DVCounts</p>	<p>Federal funding is the backbone of our nation’s response to domestic violence. If federal funding was reduced by 50% or more, more than three-quarters of domestic violence programs in the United States would close their doors within a year. Survivors, advocates, and programs deserve better. Learn more in @nnedv’s 20th Annual #DVCOUNTS Report: <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCounts">NNEDV.org/DVCounts</a></p>	<p>Over an orange background, white and teal text reads: “If federal funding was reduced by 50% or more... 77% of domestic violence programs across the United States would close within one year.” The NNEDV logo and <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCounts">NNEDV.org/DVCounts</a> are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: “NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence.”</p>	<p>If federal funding was reduced by 50% or more... 77% of domestic violence programs across the United States would close within one year. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCounts">NNEDV.org/DVCounts</a>.</p>



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	<p>All domestic violence programs need and deserve adequate funding and resources to meet survivors' needs. Anything less is unacceptable and puts victims' lives in danger. Learn more in @nnedv's 20th Annual #DVCounts Report: <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCounts">NNEDV.org/DVCounts</a></p>	<p><i>Over a teal background, white text reads: "Additional resources must be provided, system-wide responses must be improved, and barriers to safety and justice must be eliminated to ensure that all domestic violence survivors can access resources and that no program is ever forced to turn away a victim in need." The NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: "NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence."</i></p>	<p><i>Additional resources must be provided, system-wide responses must be improved, and barriers to safety and justice must be eliminated to ensure that all domestic violence survivors can access resources and that no program is ever forced to turn away a victim in need. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCounts">NNEDV.org/DVCounts</a>.</i></p>



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	<p>When domestic violence victims can't access services, they are left with few or no real options – forcing many to stay with abusers or risk homelessness. The lack of adequate resources and funding for domestic violence programs puts lives at risk. Learn more in @nnedv's 20th Annual #DVCOUNTS Report: <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS">NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS</a></p>	<p>Over a teal background, white text reads: "A lack of resources and funding has devastating consequences for domestic violence victims and their children, forcing many to stay in abusive situations or risk homelessness." The NNEDV logo and <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS">NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS</a> are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: "NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence."</p>	<p>A lack of resources and funding has devastating consequences for domestic violence victims and their children, forcing many to stay in abusive situations or risk homelessness. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS">NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS</a>.</p>
	<p>Despite their tireless efforts, domestic violence advocates and programs simply do not have enough resources. Programs urgently need more resources at the federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local levels to provide the services that survivors depend on. Learn more in @nnedv's 20th Annual #DVCOUNTS Report: <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS">NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS</a></p>	<p>Over a teal background, white text reads: "Despite their tireless efforts, domestic violence advocates and programs simply do not have enough resources." The NNEDV logo and <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS">NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS</a> are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: "NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence."</p>	<p>Despite their tireless efforts, domestic violence advocates and programs simply do not have enough resources. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS">NNEDV.org/DVCOUNTS</a>.</p>

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	<p>For many victims, accessing domestic violence services is not just about support. It can be a matter of life and death. Every survivor deserves immediate, comprehensive help when they reach out. Domestic violence services must be fully funded. Any delay or reduction – especially in vital federal funding – puts lives at risk. Learn more in @nnedv’s 20th Annual #DVCounts Report: <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCounts">NNEDV.org/DVCounts</a></p>	<p><i>Over a teal background, white text reads: “Any delay or reduction to federal funding jeopardizes vital services and risks the lives of domestic violence victims and their children.” The NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: “NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence.”</i></p>	<p><i>Any delay or reduction to federal funding jeopardizes vital services and risks the lives of domestic violence victims and their children. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.</i></p>
	<p>Domestic violence programs save survivors’ lives and help move our country toward a better, safer future. But programs and advocates can’t do this essential work without funding and resources. Learn more in @nnedv’s 20th Annual #DVCounts Report: <a href="http://NNEDV.org/DVCounts">NNEDV.org/DVCounts</a></p>	<p><i>Over a teal background, white text reads: “Domestic violence programs need increased funding to provide shelter, housing, safety planning, and other services to all survivors seeking help.” The NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: “NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence.”</i></p>	<p><i>Domestic violence programs need increased funding to provide shelter, housing, safety planning, and other services to all survivors seeking help. Funding helps make this future possible. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.</i></p>

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**Sample Social Media (Quotes) – PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH BEFORE MARCH 25, 2026**

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We are excited to have quotes from advocates and survivors in all 56 states and territories! **We encourage you to share a graphic from your state or territory and explain why it matters** – why services helped save a victim’s life, or why a victim’s life was in danger when they were turned away.

**Suggested Image Descriptions for Quote Graphics:**

Over *[an orange / a teal]* background, white text reads: *[insert text on the graphic]*. The NNEDV logo and NNEDV.org/DVCounts are below the text. The NNEDV logo consists of 66 small house shapes arranged in a large house shape, and text reading: "NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence."

**Suggested Alt Text for Quote Graphics:**

*[insert text on the graphic]*. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.

Here are just some of the powerful quotes you’ll find at the link above:

<p>FROM AN ALABAMA ADVOCATE:</p> <p><b>“Federal funding cuts directly impact our capacity to provide comprehensive victim services.</b> We were forced to close our counseling centers, eliminating 21 advocates’ jobs and greatly reducing local resources. Survivors who are trying to mitigate the lasting impact of domestic violence no longer have access to these vital services.”</p>  <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.ORG/DVCOUNTS</p>	<p>FROM A SURVIVOR: (AS TOLD TO A SOUTH CAROLINA ADVOCATE)</p> <p>“Your program gave me my life back. I was provided with a safe place, food, clothing, counseling, and great advice. I learned that I do matter and that love does not hurt. For the last ten years, I’ve been homeless due to abuse, and you helped me secure housing. I’ve never had my own apartment before. <b>If not for your program, I’m sure I would not be alive.”</b></p>  <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.ORG/DVCOUNTS</p>	<p>FROM A PENNSYLVANIA ADVOCATE:</p> <p>“With the budget impasse in Pennsylvania, we are really struggling to provide victims and their families with the support they need and deserve. State and federal funding have been reduced over the last few years. <b>We fear, if this continues, programs are not going to be able to stay open.”</b></p>  <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.ORG/DVCOUNTS</p>
<p>FROM A WISCONSIN ADVOCATE:</p> <p>“Our culturally specific organization serves as a necessary bridge to mainstream services, making them accessible in ways that other agencies cannot. We have been able to coordinate support and care for hundreds of victims of domestic abuse who would otherwise believe that help didn’t exist or was out of reach. <b>Culturally specific services are essential in our communities.”</b></p>  <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.ORG/DVCOUNTS</p>	<p>FROM AN ARKANSAS ADVOCATE:</p> <p>“We received a call from a woman fleeing domestic violence with her children. Heartbreakingly, our shelter was at full capacity. Due to ongoing funding cuts, this happens far too often, leaving families in crisis with nowhere to turn. <b>Every denied request is a painful reminder that the need for safety far exceeds available resources.</b> Increased funding is critical to ensure that no survivor is ever turned away.”</p>  <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.ORG/DVCOUNTS</p>	<p>FROM A SURVIVOR: (AS TOLD TO A VERMONT ADVOCATE)</p> <p>“I can’t believe I’m safe in my own apartment: a place where I’m not walking on eggshells, where I don’t have to worry about being controlled or trapped. That feeling of peace and safety is something I didn’t think I’d have again, and it means everything to me. I truly don’t have the words to fully express what your kindness, guidance, and encouragement have meant. <b>Every step of the way, you’ve helped me believe in a future beyond survival.”</b></p>  <p>NNEDV NATIONAL NETWORK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NNEDV.ORG/DVCOUNTS</p>