



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## SOUTH DAKOTA SUMMARY

On September 10, 2025, **22 out of 27 (81%)** identified domestic violence programs in South Dakota participated in NNEDV’s Domestic Violence Counts Survey: a one-day, unduplicated count of adults and children seeking domestic violence services. Participating programs shared the following figures about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 384 Victims Served

**267** adults and children found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing provided by local programs.

**117** adults and children received non-residential supportive services like transportation, housing support, legal support, therapy, and more.

### 98 Hotline Contacts Received

Programs’ hotlines received **98** contacts, averaging **more than 4** contacts per hour. Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, email, and more.

### 55 People Educated

Programs provided **5** educational sessions and trainings to **55** members of the public, addressing topics like domestic violence prevention and early intervention. Community education is essential to raising awareness and promoting resources.

### 19 Unmet Requests for Services

Programs were unable to meet **19** requests for help because they lacked sufficient resources, funding, and/or staffing. Approximately **79%** of these unmet requests were for emergency shelter, hotels, motels, transitional housing, and other housing.

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/10/25	% of Programs Providing Services
Transportation	45%
Culturally Specific Services to Native American Survivors	32%
Support Related to Mental Health	32%
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	18%
Support Related to Substance Use	18%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults	18%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Support	14%
Therapy/Counseling for Children or Youth	14%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	9%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	0%

✘ “Victims service providers like us are deeply affected by the federal budget cuts, which means fewer services and less support for the vulnerable populations we serve. **Without the assistance of providers like us, this presents many concerns for victims, like being safe, securing resources, and staying alive.**” - South Dakota advocate

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