

21st Annual Domestic Violence Counts Survey

NNEDV.org/DVCounts

Survey Day Toolkit

We are excited for you to participate in the National Network to End Domestic Violence's **21st Annual Domestic Violence Counts (DV Counts) Survey** on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026!** Sharing this content through your website, emails, and social media helps spread the word about why #DVCounts is critical and why your organization has chosen to participate.

NNEDV's [Domestic Violence Counts](#) Survey is an annual, noninvasive, unduplicated count of adults and children who seek services from U.S. domestic violence shelter programs during a single 24-hour survey period. Conducted annually by NNEDV since 2006, #DVCounts takes into account the dangerous nature of domestic violence by using a survey designed to protect the confidentiality and safety of victims.

- ★ Please share the content below leading up to – and especially during – the survey day (**Wednesday, September 9, 2026**).
- ★ 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** and **image descriptions** (included below) to make content more accessible.
- ★ If you have trouble with the [NNEDV.org/DVCounts](#) URL, please use <https://nnedv.org/content/domestic-violence-counts-21st-annual-report/> instead.
- ★ Please find more information about the survey and report [here](#).
- ★ Please reach out to DVCounts@NNEDV.org with any questions.

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Sample Press Release

Every Survivor Counts: **[Your Organization Name]** Proudly Participates in the National Network to End Domestic Violence's 21st Annual Domestic Violence Counts Survey

September 9, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

[City, State/Territory] – Today, **[your organization name]** will join approximately 2,000 domestic violence programs across the country for the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)'s 21st Annual Domestic Violence Counts survey day.

Conducted annually by NNEDV since 2006, the Domestic Violence Counts Survey is a one-day, unduplicated count of adults and children seeking domestic violence services in the United States. Each year, the Domestic Violence Counts Report summarizes this data and shares stories of both hope and heartbreak – from advocates connecting survivors and their children with lifesaving assistance, to programs being forced to turn away victims who urgently need help.

[Insert a quote from your leadership about the importance of the services you provide, why it's important for your program to participate in DV Counts, etc.]

Programs in **[your state or 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.

Federal support, in particular, is vital for survivors of domestic violence and the programs that support them. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and other federal funding form the backbone of our nation's response to violence and our commitment to survivors' safety, stability,

and recovery. These dollars save millions of lives each year by funding shelters, legal support, housing, counseling, prevention, and other essential services.

Any delay or reduction in federal funding jeopardizes vital services and risks the lives of victims and their children. Without access to services, victims struggle to find safety, regain their independence, and rebuild their lives.

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 its doors when faced with a decrease in funding.

[your organization name] is proud to participate in the Domestic Violence Counts Survey and to share more about the essential services we provide. Learn more at NNEDV.org/DVCounts.

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[insert your coalition or program's boilerplate language]

Suggested Generic Captions

Please feel free to mix and match these captions with any images on [pages 5-12](#).

Suggested Generic Captions
Every year, advocates across the country participate in @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey day. This count of survivors seeking domestic violence services across the country helps us spotlight their needs and bring their stories to lawmakers. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
We're excited to participate in @NNEDV's 21st #DVCounts survey day. This one-of-a-kind annual count shows the services domestic violence survivors seek in a 24-hour period as well as the needs that can't be met due to a lack of resources. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
Each year, @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey captures the urgent needs and heartbreaking stories of domestic violence survivors, along with the lifesaving work of advocates and programs that support them. We're proud to participate. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
The #DVCounts survey is instrumental in raising awareness about domestic violence and the incredible work advocates and programs undertake every single day of the year. We're proud to join @NNEDV and participate. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts

Every day, thousands of domestic violence survivors access essential programs and services. Every survivor has a story to tell. @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey helps us tell the stories behind the numbers, and we're so proud to participate. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
Today and every day, domestic violence advocates and programs make a difference for the survivors who are counting on them. We're honored to participate in @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey and help tell their stories. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
The @NNEDV #DVCounts survey tells the stories behind the statistics: of the domestic violence survivors who reached out, and of the advocates who were there to support them. We're participating to help ensure every story is told. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
Every year, @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey sheds light on the needs of domestic violence survivors and the work of advocates and local programs supporting them. We're participating in the survey to help spotlight these stories. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
Every domestic violence survivor counts. We're honored to participate in @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey day and make sure everyone knows how resourceful, resilient, and brave these survivors are. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
We're joining @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey to share the needs of domestic violence survivors, advocates, and programs. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
Funding (especially federal funding) is essential for domestic violence programs like ours. We're participating in @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey to show the services and the lives that are in danger when funding is delayed or cut. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts

Suggested State- and Territory-Specific Captions

Did you know #DVCounts provides annual summaries for each participating state and territory? Find your summary [here](#) to fill in the blanks and create captions specific to your location. Please feel free to mix and match these captions with any images on [pages 5-12](#).

Suggested State- and Territory-Specific Captions
Advocates in [state/territory] served [number] adult and child domestic violence victims in just one day in 2025. @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey helps us tell the stories behind the numbers, and we're proud to participate this year. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts
On September 10, 2025, domestic violence advocates in [state/territory] received [number] hotline contacts from victims in need — that's [number] per hour! We're participating in @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey this year to spotlight these needs. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts

In just one day last year, domestic violence advocates in **[state/territory]** were unable to meet **[number]** requests for help due to a lack of resources. We're joining @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey this year to spotlight these urgent needs. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts.

On September 10, 2025, **[percentage]** of domestic violence victims' unmet needs in **[state/territory]** were for emergency shelter, hotels, motels, and other housing. @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey shows why having a safe place is a lifeline, and we're proud to participate this year. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts

Did you know **[percentage]** of domestic violence programs in **[state/territory]** provided **[service]** in just one day in 2025? This service is essential, and we're participating in @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey this year to show why it must be funded. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts

Our **[program/state/territory]** has faced significant funding cuts, endangering the services that victims rely on. **[Insert details of these cuts if you have them.]** We're joining @NNEDV's #DVCounts survey day to illustrate survivors' urgent needs and the importance of the funding that helps us meet them. Learn more: NNEDV.org/DVCounts

Images, Alt Text, and Image Descriptions

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Graphic	Alt Text	Image Descriptions
	A smiling person wearing a scarf. Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.	On the left, a person with dark hair pulled up, wearing lipstick, earrings, and a chunky knit scarf, smiling widely at the camera. On the right, orange and white text reads: "Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026." NNEDV logo and "NNEDV.org/DVCounts" below. 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."

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	<i>Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts. A smiling child with long, dark braids.</i>	<i>On the left, orange and white text reads: "Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026." NNEDV logo and "NNEDV.org/DVCounts" below. 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." On the right, a child with long, dark braids partially pulled up, wearing a ruffled yellow dress, smiling up at the camera.</i>
	<i>Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts. An adult with a serious expression.</i>	<i>On the left, orange and white text reads: "Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026." NNEDV logo and "NNEDV.org/DVCounts" below. 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." On the right, a person with short hair and a red t-shirt looks straight ahead at the camera with a serious expression.</i>

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	A smiling person with dark hair. Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.	On the left, a person with dark hair pulled up, wearing a necklace and smiling softly at the camera. On the right, orange and white text reads: "Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026." NNEDV logo and "NNEDV.org/DVCounts" below. 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."
	A person with short, curly hair. Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.	On the left, a person with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a necklace and a gray t-shirt, looking at the camera with a serious expression. On the right, orange and white text reads: "Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026." NNEDV logo and "NNEDV.org/DVCounts" below. 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."

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	<i>A person with dark hair and beaded earrings. Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts.</i>	<i>On the left, a person with long, dark hair, wearing long, beaded earrings and a dark-colored, long-sleeved shirt, smiles slightly at the camera. On the right, orange and white text reads: "Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026." NNEDV logo and "NNEDV.org/DVCounts" below. 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>
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	<i>Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026. NNEDV National Network to End Domestic Violence. NNEDV.org/DVCounts. A person with long hair and freckles.</i>	<i>On the left, orange and white text reads: "Domestic Violence Counts. 21st Annual Survey Day. September 9, 2026." NNEDV logo and "NNEDV.org/DVCounts" below. 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." On the right, a person with long hair and freckles, wearing a t-shirt, smiles slightly at the camera.</i>

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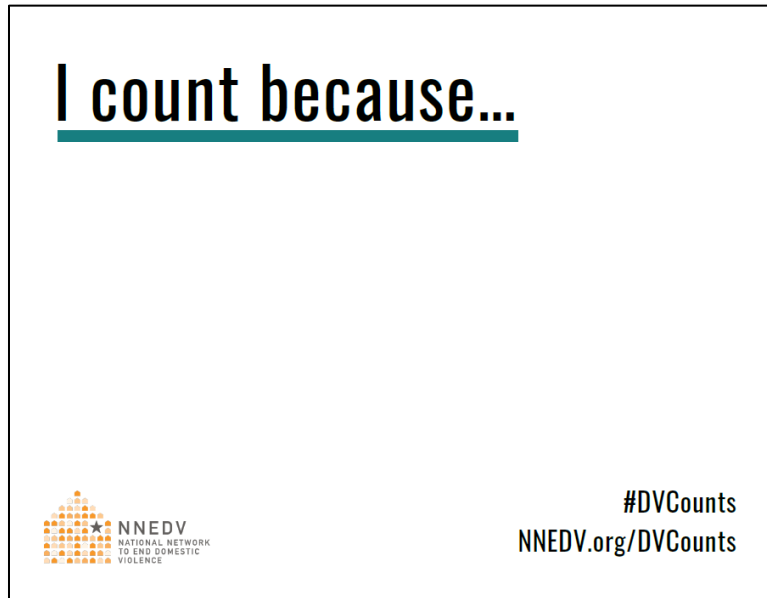
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I Count Because... (Sign)



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Consider filing out this sign and snapping a picture to share why you're participating in #DVCounts. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- ★ ...advocates' work saves lives.
- ★ ...advocates' work changes lives.
- ★ ...survivors' stories deserve to be heard.
- ★ ...domestic violence services desperately need funding.
- ★ ...there's a lot of work yet to do.
- ★ ...we need to tell the stories behind the statistics.
- ★ ...every survivor's story deserves to be told.
- ★ ...I care about survivors.
- ★ ...I am a survivor.
- ★ ...it will make a difference.
- ★ ...together, we can end domestic violence.