



21st Annual Domestic Violence Counts Survey

NNEDV.org/DVCounts

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026
(from 8:00 a.m. EDT on 9/9/2026 to 7:59 a.m. EDT on 9/10/2026)

All survey materials are available at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026.
The survey link will be live beginning at 8:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Survey Packet and Instructions

The National Network to End Domestic Violence's 21st Annual Domestic Violence Counts (DV Counts) Survey is an initiative to better count the individuals served by local domestic violence programs in a single 24-hour survey period. Please try to answer the questions as accurately as possible.

Your program's individual results will **not** be reported separately. DV Counts is **not** a federally funded project, and this survey is **not** tied to your program's funding, federal or otherwise.

Informational Webinars for Participating Programs

You do **not** need to attend the webinars nor watch a recording of them to participate in the DV Counts survey. They are informational overviews of the survey questions and the survey platform. However, it is recommended that each program attend a webinar or watch the recording.

We will hold two IDENTICAL webinars on **Thursday, July 30, 2026**, from **12:30-2:00 p.m. EDT** and **3:00-4:30 p.m. EDT**. The same content will be shared on both webinars; you do not need to attend both.

The link to watch the webinar recordings will be emailed to DVCountsInfo@Lists.NNEDV.org. To subscribe to this listserv, please email DVCounts@NNEDV.org.

Webinar Registration:

- ★ [This is the registration for webinar #1 at 12:30 PM EDT on Thursday, July 30.](#)

- ★ [This is the registration for webinar #2 at 3:00 PM EDT on Thursday, July 30.](#)

Meet with the DV Counts Team

If you have questions after attending/watching the webinar and reading the survey materials, we invite you to sign up to meet with the DV Counts Team. You can find an open time and schedule a 30-minute call using our Calendly: <https://calendly.com/aslye/connect-w-dv-counts>

Instructions for Participating Programs

What is the Domestic Violence Counts survey?

- ★ The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is working with state and territorial domestic violence coalitions to create a snapshot of domestic violence services provided across the U.S. in a 24-hour period. This is our 21st Annual Domestic Violence Counts Survey!
- ★ This snapshot count offers both a state- and territory-wide and national picture of the number of people seeking services, the number of unmet requests because of a lack of resources, and the overall scope of services that local programs provided.

Who should participate?

- ★ **For a local program to qualify for participation in the Domestic Violence Counts survey, one of its primary purposes must be the provision of domestic violence services.** The purpose of DV Counts is to gather an unduplicated count of people accessing non-profit domestic violence services. It is not intended to count the number of victims who may visit an emergency room, police department, government agency, or criminal justice agency on that day.

How will participating in DV Counts benefit my program?

- ★ NNEDV develops a national report and state and territory summaries of the survivors served, the services that programs provided, and the unmet requests for services, which will be provided to participating programs. Your organization can use this information in a number of different ways. Use the DV Counts Report to:
 - Pursue state and territorial legislative reforms;

- Increase funding by showing your program's benefits and the impact of limited resources;
- Create compelling grant reports or applications to funders and potential funders; and/or
- Inform community outreach, training, and volunteer support.

What do I need to do BEFORE the survey day?

- ★ **Read** this survey packet (and other materials available at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026) and contact DVCounts@NNEDV.org with questions.
- ★ **Identify** which staff member will be responsible for collecting the information during the 24-hour period and who will enter the information online.
- ★ **Discuss** how you will count the number of people served and the number of requests that your program was unable to meet.
- ★ **Ask** your colleagues for answers to questions to which you may not know the answer.

What do I need to do ON the survey day?

- ★ Throughout the survey day, keep track of the questions that you need to answer and tally the data that you will eventually enter online (for example, the number of people served and what types of services were provided).

What do we do if our agency has more than one site or location?

- ★ Please have all of the sites send the numbers to **one** contact person.
- ★ Total the numbers, and submit only **one** form for the entire agency.
- ★ For example, if there are only 23 domestic violence agencies in the state or territory and one of those agencies has four locations, there should only be 23 forms submitted online (not 26 if one agency submits four different forms for four different locations).

What do I need to do AFTER the survey day?

- ★ By **11:59 PM EDT on Friday, October 23, 2026**, enter your results online at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026. You can enter your responses as early as 8:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, September 10, 2026.
- ★ If you do not have access to the online survey, you may email your responses to DVCounts@NNEDV.org. **Please try to complete the survey online first.** (Please note that we are no longer able to receive surveys via fax.)
- ★ If you have any questions about how to complete the form or if you experience technical difficulties, please contact us at DVCounts@NNEDV.org.

Submission Instructions

We strongly prefer that you submit your data online, as this allows us to more quickly analyze the results. Please email your submission to DVCounts@NNEDV.org **only** if you have no access to the online survey. (Please note that we are no longer able to receive surveys via fax.)

If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact NNEDV at DVCounts@NNEDV.org.

You can best prepare yourself to enter your data online by following these three easy steps:

Step 1

Throughout the survey day, keep track of the questions that you need to answer and tally the data that you will eventually enter online as soon as you have provided the services. Compiling the data in the moment or at certain points throughout the 24-hour period will allow you to quickly enter the results online.

Please double-check your time zone's starting time (page 5) to ensure that your count starts at the right time for your state or territory. Find your time zone using [this link](#).

Step 2

At the end of the survey day, please complete the rest of the survey. **If your agency has several sites/locations, please combine your numbers and answers and only submit one form for the agency.** You will not be able to enter data into the website until the day **after** the survey

day. The online survey includes only the **exact** questions that appear on pages 7-19 of this packet.

Step 3

After the survey day, please go to NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026 and enter your data. The online form is identical to the questionnaire included in this packet. Simply enter your answers in the designated spots. If you have trouble viewing the webpage, please contact DVCounts@NNEDV.org. Responses are due by **11:59 PM EDT on Friday, October 23, 2026**.

That's it! Many previous participants reported that entering the information online took as little as 15 minutes.

If you are unable to access the online survey, you can email us a photo or PDF of the filled-out survey at DVCounts@NNEDV.org. (Please note that we are no longer able to receive surveys via fax.)

Survey Information at a Glance

Survey Period:

Begins Wednesday, September 9, 2026

8:00 AM Eastern/Atlantic
7:00 AM Central
6:00 AM Mountain
5:00 AM Pacific
4:00 AM Alaska
2:00 AM Hawaii
1:00 AM American Samoa
10:00 PM Guam/Northern Mariana Islands

Ends Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:59 AM Eastern/Atlantic
6:59 AM Central
5:59 AM Mountain
4:59 AM Pacific
3:59 AM Alaska
1:59 AM Hawaii
12:59 AM American Samoa
9:59 PM Guam/Northern Mariana Islands

Filling out the survey: Fill out the survey online at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026 (**preferred method**). The survey link will be live beginning at 8:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

If you do not have access to the online survey, email your survey to DVCounts@NNEDV.org. **Please ONLY email your survey if you absolutely do not have access to the online survey.** (Please note that we are no longer able to receive surveys via fax.)

If you have questions, contact NNEDV at DVCounts@NNEDV.org.

Responses are due by 11:59 PM EDT on Friday, October 23, 2026.

2026 Survey Form

This is the beginning of the actual survey.

Once completed, please enter your data online by following the link at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026. The survey link will be live beginning at 8:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday, September 10, 2026.

If you do not have access to the online survey, email your survey to DVCounts@NNEDV.org. (Please note that we are no longer able to receive surveys via fax.)

The survey period is Wednesday, September 9, 2026, starting at 8:00 a.m. EDT through Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 7:59 a.m. EDT. See page 5 for the start and end times in all time zones.

If you are unclear about any of the questions asked or terms used, please refer to the Definitions of Terms and Frequently Asked Questions available at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026. If this document does not answer your questions, email us at DVCounts@NNEDV.org.

Please complete as much of the survey as you possibly can, in order to make DV Counts data as comprehensive as possible. We recognize that many programs face constraints related to time, capacity, and safety that prevent them from fully answering every question. If you have questions or concerns about your program's ability to complete the survey, please contact DVCounts@NNEDV.org.

(* = required question)

Program Information:

1. ZIP Code (of administrative office): *

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2. Program Name *(will be kept confidential): **

3. Please give us your first name *(and last initial if someone at your agency has the same name)*
so we can contact you if we have any questions about the data you submitted: *

**4. Please give us your email address so we can contact you if we have any questions
about the data you submitted: ***

5. Please check the category below that best describes your program: *(Select only one.)*

- ☐ Domestic violence program (DV program)
- ☐ Dual domestic and sexual violence program
- ☐ Dual domestic violence and homeless shelter
- ☐ Domestic violence and crime victims' services program
- ☐ DV program housed within a larger social service program
- ☐ DV program led by and for Native survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for immigrant survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for African American/Black survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for Asian or Pacific Islander survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for Latina/o/x survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for Deaf survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for older/elder survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for survivors with disabilities
- ☐ DV program led by and for LGBTQ+ survivors
- ☐ DV program led by and for religious or faith-based communities
- ☐ DV program led by and for another community *(please specify):* _____
- ☐ Other *(please specify):* _____

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**Services Provided on the Survey Day:
Totals for One Day Only (Not Monthly/Yearly Total)**

6. Check the box if your organization provided the following services to children or adults during the 24-hour survey period. *

	EMERGENCY SHELTER	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING or OTHER HOUSING	HOTEL or MOTEL	N/A
Check if you provided services:	☐	☐	☐	☐

7. Please provide the number of people served in the following capacities during the 24-hour survey period. Please *do not* include individuals served through batterer intervention programs. Please do not enter any words, letters, symbols, or number ranges in the boxes below. The boxes are only able to accept whole numbers (numbers without decimal points). *

	IN EMERGENCY SHELTER	IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING or OTHER HOUSING	IN HOTEL or MOTEL	IN NON- RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	Total
Adults					
Children					
Total					

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8. Which communication methods does your organization use for hotline contacts?

*(Select all that apply.) **

- ☐ Phone
- ☐ Text
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Chat
- ☐ Other *(please specify):* _____
- ☐ N/A; we do not have a hotline.

9. Please provide the total number of hotline contacts received in the 24-hour survey period. *(If your organization operates text, chat, email, and/or other hotlines, please include that data here as well. A text/email/chat thread with one person counts as one contact.) **

10. Please provide the number of public training sessions your organization provided during the 24-hour period. These are educational sessions provided **to the public** (e.g., for high school students, community partners), **not services/training to staff members or survivors** (e.g., financial literacy workshop). This **does not** include media appearances on the day of the count. *(The number of trainings and number of individuals trained should include both in-person and virtual trainings provided during the survey period.) **

Public training sessions conducted by your program in the 24-hour survey period.	Individuals who attended a public training session conducted by your program in the 24-hour survey period.

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11. Please share a “success story” which demonstrates the assistance and support your organization provided to a survivor on the survey day. For tips on sharing a compelling story, please see the “Tips on Telling a Compelling Story” one-pager available at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026. You can also share information about your agency’s innovative/successful initiatives. *(Please use fake names and anonymize the information, including using “several” children rather than the number, no personally identifying information, etc. Please use complete sentences so these quotes can be used in the published report.)* **1,000 characters max**

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Unmet Requests on the Survey Day:
Totals for One Day Only (Not Monthly/Yearly Total)

12. Please provide the number of requested services that you were unable to meet on the survey day due to a lack of resources. This **should** include requests for services your program could not provide, even if you did provide a different service or made a referral to another agency. This **should not** include requests that are outside the scope of the domestic violence-related services that your program provides– in other words, do not include requests for services that you would not have provided regardless of the availability of resources. For additional guidance, please see the “Survey FAQs and Definitions of Terms” available at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026. (Please do not enter any words, letters, symbols, or number ranges in the boxes below. The boxes are only able to accept whole numbers (numbers without decimal points).)

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	EMERGENCY SHELTER	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING or OTHER HOUSING	HOTEL or MOTEL	NON- RESIDENTIAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	Total
Adults					
Children					
Total					

The survey continues on the following page.

13. Please share a brief story about a request on the survey day you were unable to meet. This will help illustrate the demand and need for programs and services. For tips on sharing a compelling story, see “Tips on Telling a Compelling Story” available at NNEDV.org/DVCounts2026. (Please use fake names and anonymize the information, including using “several” children rather than the number, no personally identifying information, etc. Please use complete sentences so these quotes can be used in the published report.) **1,000 characters max**

Services Provided on the Survey Day and throughout the Year

14. Tell us about the services that your program provided on the survey day and throughout the year (in-person and virtual services). The first two columns in the chart indicate whether you provided this service on the survey day and/or offered it throughout the year. The third column tracks whether the particular service has been reduced or eliminated due to staffing challenges or funding cuts.

***** PLEASE AVOID THESE COMMON ERRORS *****

- ★ If you check off *service provided on the survey day* [column 1], please make sure to **also check off** *service offered throughout the past 12 months* [column 2]. When you complete the survey online, the system will automatically check these boxes for you. Please **do not** un-check them if they have been automatically checked.
- ★ If you entered the number of people who were served in emergency shelter, transitional or other housing, or hotel or motel on page 10 (question 7), please **be sure to indicate in columns 1 and 2**, below, that your agency provided those services. When you complete the survey online, the system will automatically check these boxes for you. Please do **not** un-check them if they have been automatically checked.

Services Provided	Service provided on the survey day	Service offered throughout the past 12 months	Service reduced or eliminated due to staffing/funding in the past 12 months
Housing and Shelter Services			
Emergency Shelter	☐	☐	☐
Hotel/Motel Stay	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Address Confidentiality	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Housing/Landlord	☐	☐	☐
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	☐	☐	☐
Services for Marginalized Survivors			
Bilingual Support	☐	☐	☐
Culturally Specific Services to Asian/Pacific Islander Survivors	☐	☐	☐
Culturally Specific Services to Black/African American Survivors	☐	☐	☐
Culturally Specific Services to Immigrant Survivors	☐	☐	☐
Culturally Specific Services to Latino/Latina/Latinx Survivors	☐	☐	☐
Culturally Specific Services to Native American Survivors	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Disability Issues	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Immigration	☐	☐	☐
Support to LGBTQ+ Victims of Abuse	☐	☐	☐
Support to Older/Elder Victims of Abuse	☐	☐	☐
Support to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	☐	☐	☐
Support to Trafficking Victims	☐	☐	☐

Services Provided	Service provided on the survey day	Service offered throughout the past 12 months	Service reduced or eliminated due to staffing/funding in the past 12 months
Third-Party Translation/Interpretation Services	☐	☐	☐
Services for Children			
Childcare/Daycare	☐	☐	☐
Children's Support	☐	☐	☐
Safe Exchange/Visitation	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Child Welfare/Protective Services	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to School Systems	☐	☐	☐
Health Care Services			
HIV/AIDS Information and/or Support	☐	☐	☐
Onsite Medical Services	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Health Care or Health Care Systems	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Mental Health	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Substance Use	☐	☐	☐
Therapy/Counseling for Adults	☐	☐	☐
Therapy/Counseling for Children or Youth	☐	☐	☐
Financial Services			
Direct Cash Assistance	☐	☐	☐
Financial Literacy/Budgeting	☐	☐	☐
Job Training/Employment Assistance	☐	☐	☐
Matched Savings Programs and/or Microloans	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	☐	☐	☐

Legal Services			
Alternatives to the Criminal Legal System (Transformative, Restorative Justice)	☐	☐	☐
Court Accompaniment or Legal Support	☐	☐	☐
Legal Representation by an Attorney	☐	☐	☐
Other Services			
Media/Press Response or Outreach	☐	☐	☐
Prevention and/or Educational Programs	☐	☐	☐
Support for Animals	☐	☐	☐
Support Related to Technology Use	☐	☐	☐
Support to Active Duty or Veteran Victims in U.S. Armed Forces	☐	☐	☐
Transportation	☐	☐	☐

15. In the past 12 months, when your program has been unable to meet survivors' requests for services, which of the following did these survivors experience? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ They returned to their abuser.
- ☐ They became homeless (including living in their car, living on the street, couch-surfing, or otherwise having no fixed residence).
- ☐ They moved away in search of support, leaving behind local jobs, family, and resources.
- ☐ They faced financial ruin and/or bankruptcy.
- ☐ They faced legal challenges (including loss of custody, deportation, etc.)
- ☐ They were severely injured and/or killed by their abuser.
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

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16. In the past 12 months, has your program experienced layoffs or reductions in staff hours, reduced/eliminated services, longer wait times, mergers, and/or closures as a result of federal funding delays and/or federal funding cuts? *(Federal funding can include FVPSA, HUD DV/SA Bonus funds, LAV, the OVV Rural Program, STOP, Transitional Housing, VOCA, etc. Select only one.)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

16A. If you answered “Yes” to question 16, which of the following has your program experienced as a result of federal funding delays and/or federal funding cuts in the past 12 months? *(Select all that apply.)*

- ☐ Layoffs or reductions in staff hours
- ☐ Reduced or eliminated services
- ☐ Longer wait times
- ☐ Mergers
- ☐ Closures
- ☐ Other *(please specify):* _____

17. In the past 12 months, has the passage of [H.R.1](#) (often referred to as the “Big, Beautiful Bill”) impacted access to social services/public benefits in your community? *(This can include reduced or eliminated access to SNAP, TANF, WIC, Section 8/Public Housing, Social Security, Medicaid or your state equivalent, food bank, etc. Select only one.)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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17A. If you answered “Yes” to question 17, how has the passage of H.R.1 impacted your program and/or the survivors you serve in the past 12 months? 1,000 characters max

18. In the past 12 months, has your program seen increased targeting of, or discrimination toward, survivors in historically marginalized communities? *(This can include LGBTQ+ survivors, immigrant survivors, survivors of color, and/or other historically marginalized survivors. Select only one.)*

☐ Yes

☐ No

18A. If you answered “Yes” to question 18, how has this targeting or discrimination impacted these survivors and/or your program’s ability to serve them in the past 12 months? 1,000 characters max

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19. Does your organization have any dedicated funding to help survivors obtain or maintain permanent housing? *(Select only one.)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

19A. If you answered “No” to question 19, which of the following best describes why your organization does not have any dedicated funding to help survivors obtain or maintain permanent housing? *(Select all that apply.)*

- ☐ We have not applied for permanent housing funding.
- ☐ We applied for, but were not awarded, permanent housing funding.
- ☐ We were discouraged from applying for permanent housing funding.
- ☐ Permanent housing funding is not available in our community.
- ☐ We do not currently have the organizational capacity to apply for, or administer, permanent housing funding.
- ☐ The permanent housing funding requirements were incompatible with our organization’s survivor-centered practices, confidentiality requirements, or program model.
- ☐ Other *(please specify)*: _____

20. Is there anything else you would like to share with NNEDV, Congress, the Administration, and/or those who read the DV Counts Report? *(This answer could include any additional challenges your program is facing, any additional positive developments and success stories, outlining innovative programs, and/or anything else not included in your previous answers.)*
1,000 characters max



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