



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT

## PENNSYLVANIA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **49** out of **59 (83%)** identified domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). In 2021, frontline advocates continued to navigate unforeseen challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,214 Victims Served in One Day

**1,286** adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**928** non-residential adult and child victims received supportive services including counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

### 625 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, and email. Hotline staff received **625** contacts, averaging more than **26** contacts per hour.

### 152 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **152** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and other support needs—that programs could not provide because they lacked the resources. Approximately **36%** of these unmet requests were for housing and emergency shelter.

There is a tremendous need for increased funding to ensure programs can provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help while working toward preventing violence in their communities.

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/9/21	% of Programs Providing Services
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	73%
Emergency Shelter	59%
Support/Advocacy Related to Mental Health	53%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV program)	53%
Hotel/Motel Stay	45%
Support/Advocacy for LGBTQ+ Victims of Abuse	31%
Support/Advocacy Related to Immigration	16%

✦ **“We acknowledge that anti-racism work is intrinsically connected to anti-violence work and is central to our mission. The power inequities in abusive relationships mirror centuries of white supremacy and racism. We believe it is critical to dismantle all forms of oppression, including racism, in order to end domestic violence.”**

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