

Domestic violence and sexual harm impact every community in Vermont.

Each year, thousands of people from across the state seek help and support for these issues.

The Vermont Network is a statewide coalition working toward a violence-free world where every person can thrive. We create change through policy advocacy, training, domestic and sexual violence issue expertise, and support for other statewide projects.

Our members are 15 independent non-profit organizations that provide critical services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence across Vermont.

For a list of the member organizations, go to vtnetwork.org/get-help

Services Provided by Member Organizations in 2024

Hotline and Web Chats

22,176
Calls/Chats

Legal Advocacy

2,801
People

Community Outreach and Educational Programs

17,667
Attendees

Economic and Employment Support

1,783
People

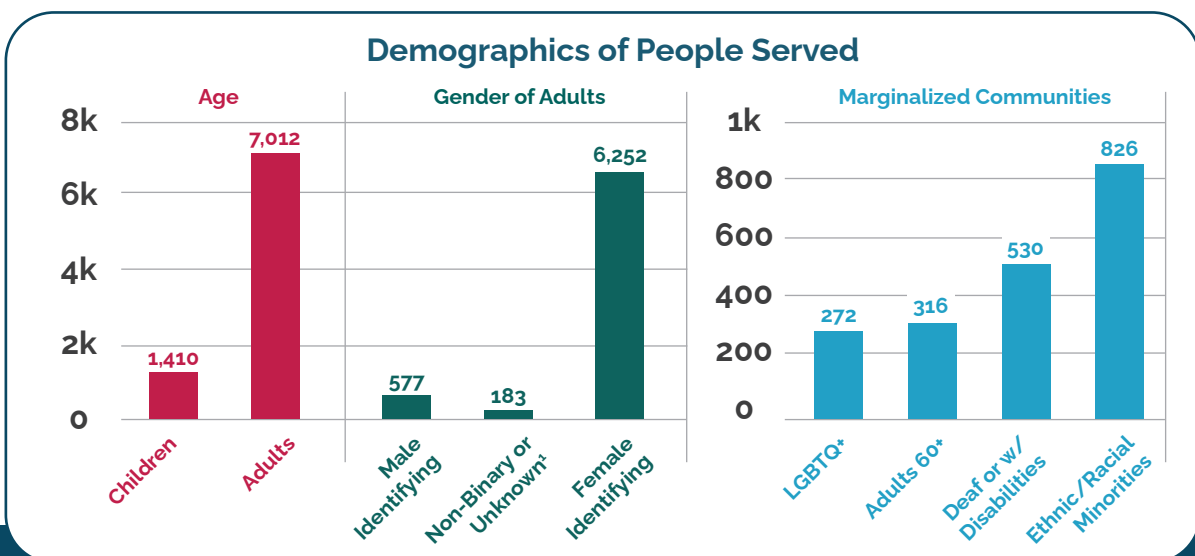
Safety Planning

3,399
People

Emergency Housing

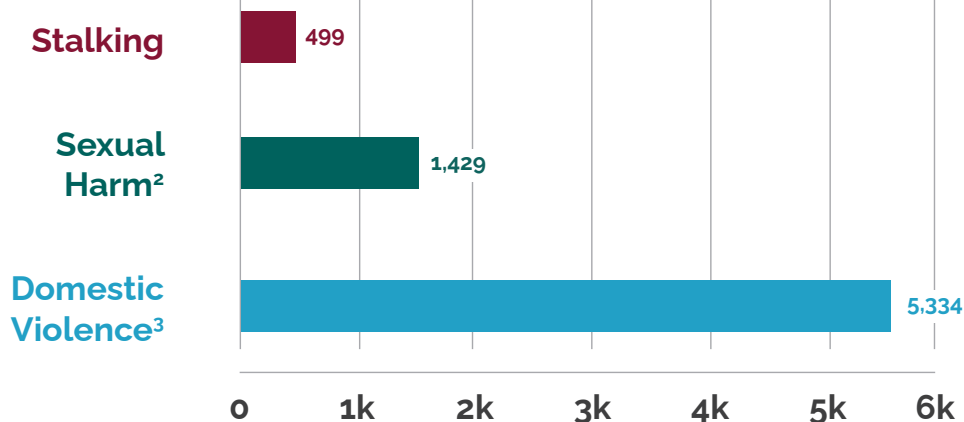
1,128
People

In 2024, the Vermont Network's member organizations helped **8,422** people.

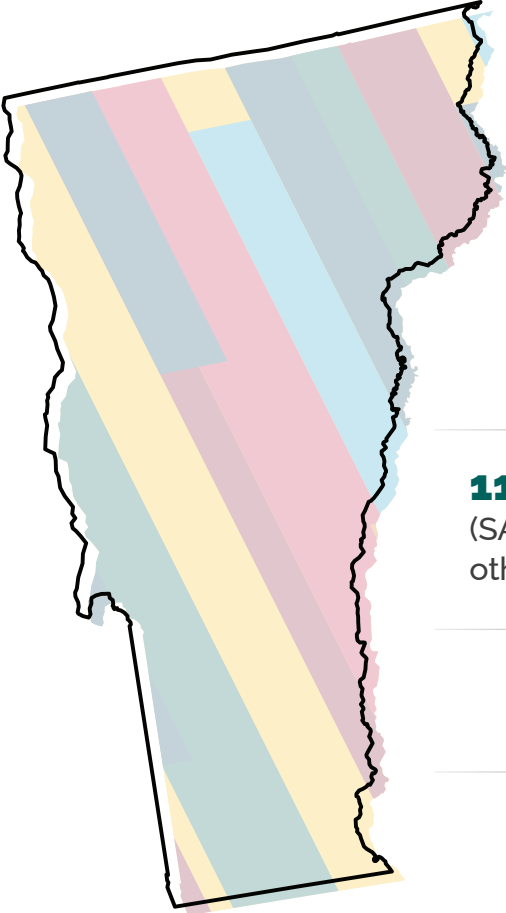


The total number of people served has increased by **13.4%** since 2021.

People Reached Out for Help Due to



Statewide Projects Supported by the Vermont Network



The Vermont Network's **Justice for Victims Legal Clinic** assisted or represented **541** clients, including cases involving domestic violence, sexual harm and/or stalking.

DIVAS, an advocacy program for incarcerated survivors, served **252** people.

116 credentialed **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners** (SANEs) provided care for **406** survivors impact by sexual harm and other violence/abuse — **117** children and youth and **289** adults.

Deaf Vermonters Advocacy Services (DVAS) helped **65** Deaf and hard-of-hearing Vermonters.

485 Vermonters participated in a **Domestic Violence Accountability program**.⁴

The CDC estimates that over their lifetimes, **251,000** Vermonters have experienced intimate partner violence and **259,000** have experienced sexual harm⁵ – more than **40,000** each year. We estimate this violence costs the state well over **\$111 million per year** in public funding alone.⁶

Footnotes:

1. Non-Binary or Unknown includes individuals whose gender was not specified or who identify outside the binary; limitations in Vermont Network's 2024 data aggregation currently prevents further distinction.
2. Sexual harm includes victims of sexual harassment, sex trafficking, child sexual abuse, and sexual violence.
3. Domestic violence includes people abused by an intimate partner as well as children impacted by domestic violence.
4. The Vermont Network coordinates Vermont's Council on Domestic Violence which certifies these programs.
5. The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2016/2017 State Report, published December 2023 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.
6. The Economic Impact of Domestic and Sexual Violence on the State of Vermont (2021); Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.