

# Housing and Domestic Violence in Rhode Island

Without safe, stable, and affordable housing, survivors of domestic violence have to choose between homelessness and violence. Ninety-two percent of women experiencing homelessness report having experienced severe physical or sexual violence at some point in their lives, and over 50% cite domestic violence as the direct cause of their homelessness. Lack of alternative housing contributes to nearly half of domestic violence survivors staying in unsafe situations. Housing instability and domestic violence also increase the likelihood that children will enter the foster care system.

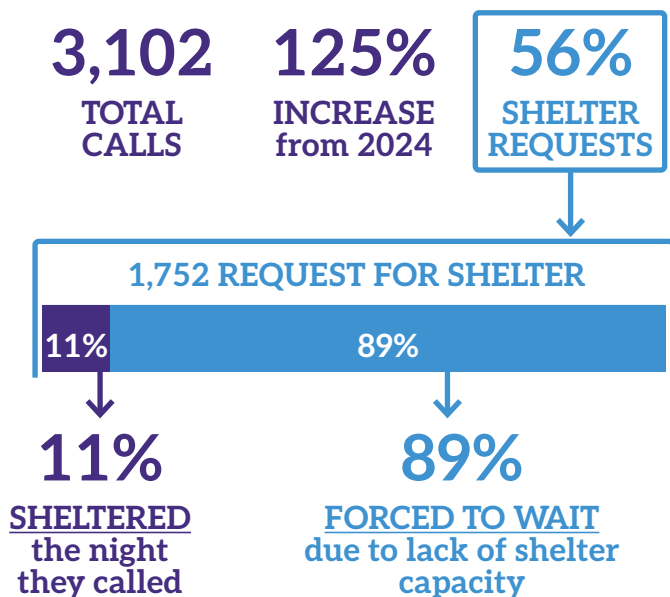
## Sojourner House Clients in 2025



## Only 11% of Calls for Shelter Are Met Day Of

There is not enough shelter availability to meet the current housing needs of domestic violence survivors.

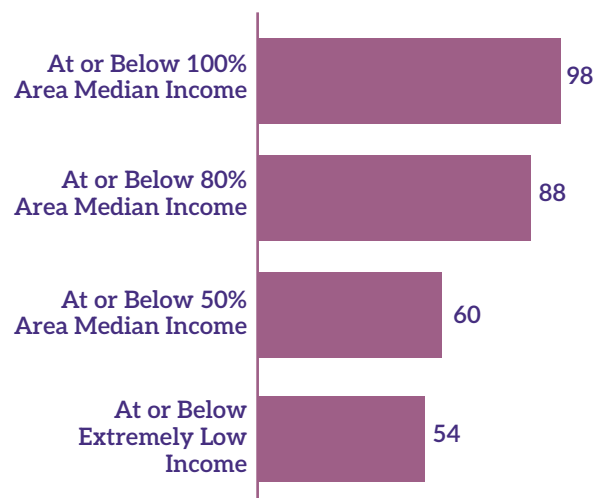
### Sojourner House Hotline Calls in 2025









## Rhode Island's Housing Crisis Leaves Survivors Without Avenues to Safety

All Rhode Islanders need affordable housing, but especially those earning below 50% of the area median income or extremely low incomes, like over 90% of Sojourner House clients.

### Affordable and Available Homes per 100 Renter Households



**Long-term, consistent housing enables domestic violence survivors to meet their needs and keep their families together.** Sojourner House provides culturally-sensitive, specialized services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking; including housing, rental assistance, and specialized wraparound services.

	SHELTER	HOUSING
<b>RHODE ISLANDERS SERVED</b> by Sojourner House through its shelter and housing programs in 2025	 <b>130</b> Adults  <b>57</b> Children	 <b>592</b> Adults  <b>316</b> Children
<b>AVERAGE STAYS</b> for clients who exited Sojourner House's shelter and housing programs in 2025	 <b>3.5</b> MONTHS (99 Days)	 <b>15.5</b> MONTHS (472 Days)
<b>EXIT TO PERMANENT HOUSING</b> after Sojourner House	<b>70%</b>	<b>89%</b>

## WHAT YOU CAN DO



### SUPPORT FUNDING

housing, shelter, and client services through donations, sponsorships, or legislative appropriations. To donate, visit [www.sojournerri.org](http://www.sojournerri.org).



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USE YOUR VOICE to draw awareness to current housing issues for domestic violence survivors and advocate for policies that would support housing and services .



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