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# Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 15, 2011, 13 out of 15, or 87%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2011 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 476 Victims Served in One Day

272 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs. In addition to a safe place to lay their heads at night, shelter residents were provided with a variety of comprehensive services, some of which are listed in the chart below.

204 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 15
Individual Support or Advocacy	85%
Emergency Shelter (including hotels/safe houses)	77%
Children's Support or Advocacy	77%
Group Support or Advocacy	54%
Bilingual Advocacy (services by someone who is bilingual)	54%
Transitional Housing	46%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF	46%
Transportation	46%

### 141 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, Nevada programs answered more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

### 25 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of housing. Across the nation, many programs also struggled to provide such services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

### 100% of Unmet Requests Were for Housing

With 25 unmet requests, emergency shelter and transitional housing continue to be the most urgent unmet needs.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons:

- 38% reported not enough specialized services.
- 31% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 15% reported not enough staff.
- 15% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 15% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"Transportation is a huge issue for victims in rural areas. In one case a woman attempted to leave five times. She had many barriers, but transportation was the hardest one to overcome. In the end we were able to find her transportation and get her to safety."

