

2008

Domestic Violence Counts The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

Nevada Summary

On September 17, 2008, 9 out of 15, or 60%, of identified domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 9 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

214 Victims Served In One Day

156 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

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

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

89%	Individual Support or Advocacy
78%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
56%	Group Support or Advocacy
44%	Transitional Housing
44%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
44%	Transportation
33%	Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare
33%	Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord

126 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

"Because we don't have transitional housing available, we put two families in a hotel. One of the victims returned to the abuser because she had nowhere else to go and the other family just disappeared after three days. We're very worried about both families."

17 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 13 were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 89% of programs have less than 20 paid staff, including 56% of programs that have less than 10 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$24,673.

56%	Fewer than 10 Staff
33%	10-20 Staff
11%	21-40 Staff

"We serve a 45,000-square mile area, and because of the current economic situation and recent budget cuts, we haven't been able to provide the outreach services this area requires. In addition, the number of service requests from victims have actually increased. We can no longer provide emergency shelter through motels in the outlying areas because of budget shortfalls."