

'09 Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 15, 2009, 11 out of 15, or 73%, of identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2009 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by the 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

333 Victims Served in One Day

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

134 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
Emergency Shelter	73%
Individual Support or Advocacy	64%
Transitional Housing	55%
Advocacy Related to Public Benefits/TANF/Welfare	36%
Children's Support or Advocacy	36%
Group Support or Advocacy	27%
Court Accompaniment/Advocacy	36%
Transportation	36%

84 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, domestic violence programs answered approximately 3 hotline calls every hour.

55 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 55 individuals in communities across Nevada attended 8 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

15 Unmet Requests for Services

Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services, such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 9 (60%) were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Programs were unable to provide services for many reasons, as reported below.

- 🏠 36% reported not enough funding for needed programs and services.
- 🏠 27% reported not enough staff.
- 🏠 27% reported not enough specialized services.
- 🏠 9% reported no available beds or funding for hotels.
- 🏠 9% reported limited funding for translators, bilingual staff, or accessible equipment.

"More victims request shelter than we have beds available. We need more programs to help victims, we need to hold abusers accountable, and we need more education about domestic violence."

"Victims of domestic violence are losing custody of their children to their abusers because they can't afford an attorney. Limited financial and housing resources also affect their ability to provide for their children, which is another reason why abusers get custody."