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## Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 493 Victims Served in One Day

202 domestic violence victims (117 children and 85 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

291 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including 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. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	80%
Emergency Shelter	73%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	60%
Transportation	60%
Group Support or Advocacy	53%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	47%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%

### 168 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, local and state hotlines answered 168 calls, averaging 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 55 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 55 individuals in communities across Nevada attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 79 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 42% (33) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 75 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by counseling and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 47% reported reduced government funding.
- 40% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 27% reported reduced individual donations.
- 27% reported not enough staff.

Across Nevada, 17 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (78%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-six individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"I attended a hearing to extend a temporary protection order with a survivor. I sat next to her during the hearing. We had police reports and text messages from the perpetrator as well as pictures of him driving by her house. The perpetrator was in the courtroom trying to intimidate her with looks and gestures. After hearing her testimony, the judge granted the survivor an extension of her protection order."

— Advocate

