

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE FACTS

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEVADA

- 37,495 victims of abuse received services from domestic violence programs in Nevada during fiscal year 2008-2009. 16,148 children of these victims also received services from the domestic violence programs.
- 1,243 adults and 1,387 children spent 51,831 bed-nights in shelters, emergency motels, and transitional housing units provided by the domestic violence programs.
- 47% of the victims that sought assistance from a domestic violence program received individual counseling for themselves and their children. The domestic violence programs provided 2,388 support group sessions for victims and their children.
- 39% of victims that received assistance from a domestic violence program reported that they also contacted law enforcement; half (51%) of these contacts resulted in an arrest.
- 34% of victims served by a domestic violence program received assistance preparing a Protection Order against their batterer.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

- Nearly one in four women report experiencing violence by a current or former spouse or boyfriend at some point in her life.
- Women are much more likely than men to be victimized by a current or former intimate partner. 84% of spouse abuse victims are women. Three-fourths of the persons who commit family violence are male.
- Women experience two million injuries from intimate partner violence each year.
- Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80 percent more likely to have a stroke, 70 percent more likely to have heart disease, 60 percent more likely to have asthma and 70 percent more likely to drink heavily than women who have not experienced intimate partner violence.
- On average more than three women a day are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.
- 3.4 million persons report being victims of stalking in a single year. Technology has become a quick and easy way for stalkers to monitor and harass their victims—more than one in four stalking victims reports that some form of cyberstalking was used against them.