

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE FACTS

FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEVADA

- 36,874 victims of abuse received services from domestic violence programs in Nevada during fiscal year 2009-2010. 17,176 children of these victims also received services from the domestic violence programs.
- 1,326 adults and 1,418 children spent 58,977 bed-nights in shelters, emergency motels, and transitional housing units provided by the domestic violence programs.
- 45% of the victims that sought assistance from a domestic violence program received individual counseling for themselves and their children. The domestic violence programs provided 2,528 support group sessions for victims and their children.
- 43% of victims that received assistance from a domestic violence program reported that they also contacted law enforcement; half (52%) of these contacts resulted in an arrest.
- 32% 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.
- Approximately one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner—a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.
- Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80% more likely to have a stroke, 70% more likely to have heart disease, 60% more likely to have asthma and 70% 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.

The Nevada statistics are excerpts from quarterly reports submitted to NNADV by domestic violence programs in the state. Data from three rural programs (serving Esmeralda, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, and Nye Counties) are absent from these figures. **The national statistics** are excerpts from *Facts on Domestic Violence* by Family Violence Prevention Fund (www.endabuse.org). For more information, please contact NNADV at 775.828.1115 (<http://www.nnadv.org/>).