



# Domestic and Sexual Violence in Nevada: Challenges and Trends

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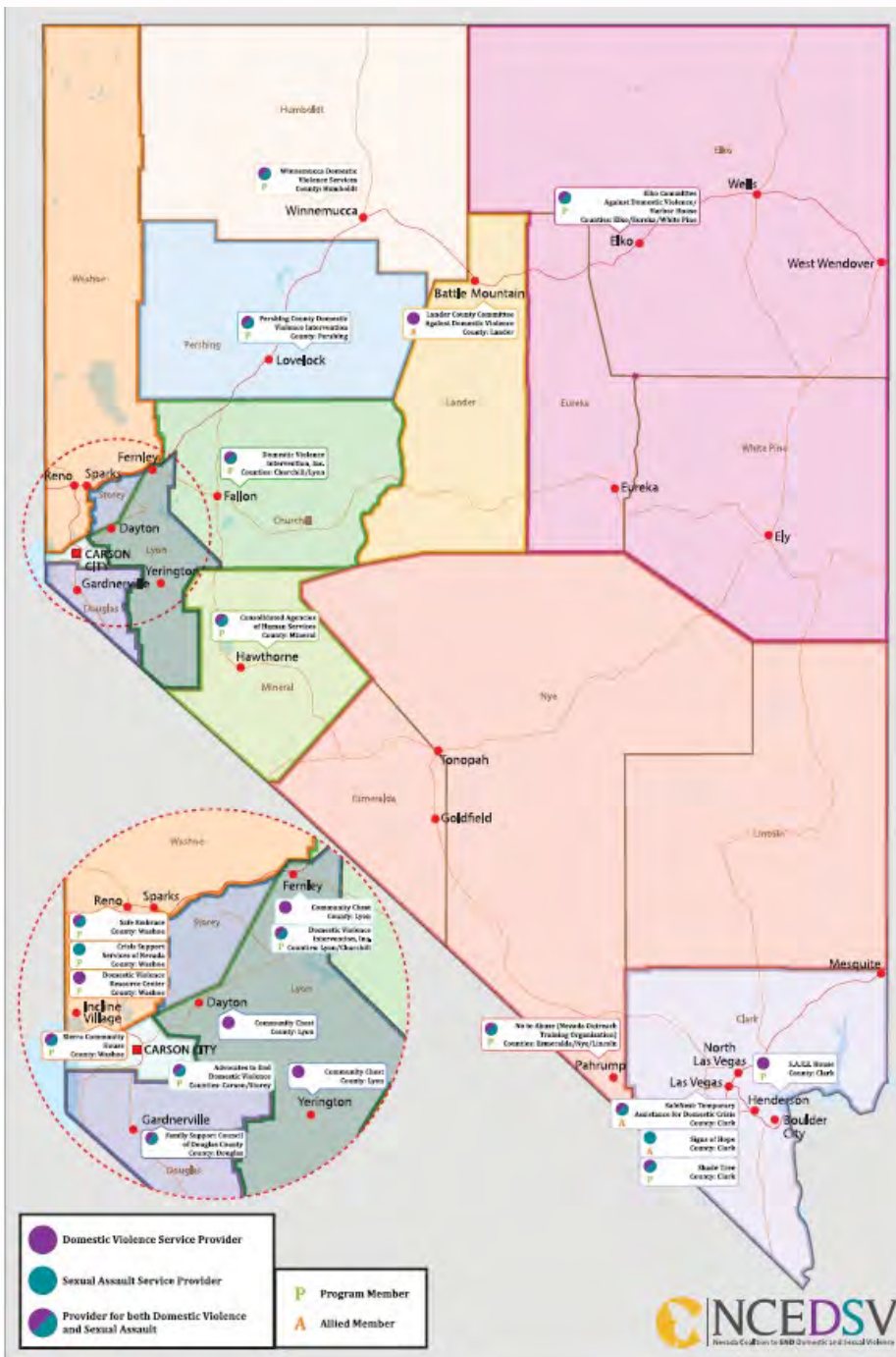
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# Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

NCEDSV is a statewide coalition made up of direct service providers, collaborators, victim-survivors and individuals that work for the prevention and elimination of power-based violence across the state.

<b>Support</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Advocacy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical assistance for direct service providers</li> <li>• Development of programs and services for victim-survivors</li> <li>• Best practices</li> <li>• Weaving Communities/Tribal Collaboration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robust training for direct service providers and community partners and systems that intersect with victim-survivors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systemic advocacy</li> <li>• State and federal policy advocacy</li> <li>• Community engagement and partnerships</li> <li>• Grassroots engagement</li> </ul>

# Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Direct Service Providers Across Nevada



# Nevada Statistics

- Nevada currently ranks **fifth** in the country for most rapes per capita at 67 rapes per 100,000 residents. <sup>1</sup>
- Nevada ranks **second** in the country for rates of domestic violence, <sup>2</sup> with 44% of women and 33% of men experience intimate partner violence. <sup>3</sup>
- The Violence Policy Center reported that NV has ranked in the top ten states with the highest rates of women killed by men in 23 years out of the past 25 years. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> World Population Review. *Rape Statistics by State 2023*. Retrieved from: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/rape-statistics-by-state>

<sup>2</sup> World Population Review. *Domestic Violence by States 2024*. Retrieved from: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/domestic-violence-by-state>

<sup>3</sup> National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. *Domestic Violence in Nevada*. Retrieved from: [https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2497/ncadv\\_nevada\\_fact\\_sheet\\_2020.pdf](https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2497/ncadv_nevada_fact_sheet_2020.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Violence Policy Center. *When Men Murder Women: A review of 25 Years of Female Homicide Victimization in the United State*. Retrieved from: <https://www.vpc.org/studies/wmmw2023.pdf>

# Nevada Crime Statistics

## Domestic Violence Reported to Law Enforcement <sup>1</sup>

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
30,373	27,892	30,457	29,392	28,447

## Rapes Reported to Law Enforcement <sup>2</sup>

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2,146	1,940	1,916	1,908	1,603

<sup>1</sup> Nevada Crime Statistics. *Domestic and Elderly Crimes 2019-2023*. Retrieved from: <https://nevadacrimestats.nv.gov/tops/report/domestic-and-elderly-crimes/nevada/2023>

<sup>2</sup> Nevada Crime Statistics. *Violent Crime 2019-2023*. Retrieved from: <https://nevadacrimestats.nv.gov/tops/report/violent-crimes/nevada/2023>

# Direct Service Numbers

- On September 6, 2023, in one 24-hour period, domestic violence programs across Nevada: <sup>1</sup>
  - Served 692 victims
  - Answered 292 hotline calls
- Yet, there were sadly 40 unmet requests for services
  - Approximately 85% of these unmet requests were for emergency shelter and housing.

## Victims Served by NCEDSV Program Members

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
44,673	38,719	46,716	57,721	46,242

# Protection Orders in Nevada

- The number of protection orders issued has been decreasing at an alarming rate.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>TPO</b>	6,177	6,833	5,784	6,455	12,251	13,677	16,199
<b>EPO</b>	1,742	2,345	2,234	2,496	2,961	3,166	4,525

# 2023 Domestic Violence Homicide Report

**2023 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE REPORT**

NCEDSV's Domestic Violence Homicide Report is compiled using publicly available resources and archives. Knowing that domestic violence is nuanced and not every incident is publicized, we recognize that there may be deaths not accounted for in this report. However, this report is intended to acknowledge and highlight the tragedy and lethality of domestic violence in Nevada and to raise awareness of its prevalence.

Homicide incidences used in this report were determined as domestic violence related based on Nevada's legal definition of domestic violence defined under NRS 33.018.

**Domestic violence affects more than just victims. This report includes the deaths of bystanders in the total number of lives lost as they were directly involved in an incident of domestic violence.**

TOTAL HOMICIDES

## 72

TOTAL INCIDENTS\*

## 50

16 Incidents were murder-suicides

2 additional perpetrators were killed by law enforcement's use of deadly force

\*An "incident" is defined as an occurrence of domestic violence that turned lethal, some of which resulted in multiple lives lost.

### MEANS OF DEATH

Means of Death	Count
BATTERY	1
STRANGULATION	5
STABBING	10
FIREARM	56

**76% OF NEVADA'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATHS WERE COMMITTED BY FIREARM**

### RELATIONSHIP TO PERPETRATOR

Relationship to Perpetrator	Count
STEPCHILDREN	1
PARENT	5
ROMANTIC RIVALS*	10
FORMER PARTNERS	15
UNSPECIFIED**	1
CURRENT PARTNERS	25

\*Romantic Rival refers to the new partner of the primary victim that had a previous personal relationship with the perpetrator.  
\*\*Publicly available data often does not list this information.

### HOMICIDES BY COUNTY

### AGE

Age of the victim was not specified in every incident. This chart only reflects the known data.

### HOMICIDES BY MONTH

### LIVES LOST DUE TO HOMICIDE

#### VICTIM VS. PERPETRATOR LIVES LOST

Victim	56
Perpetrator	17

#### GENDER BREAKDOWN OF LIVES LOST

Female	44
Male	28

- Most public record documents use gender binaries, we acknowledge there may have been victims that identified out of the binary.
- Of victims killed, 80% were women and 20% were male.
- One victim killed her perpetrator in an act of self-defense. She lived.
- There were three additional attempted murder-suicides where the victim died and the perpetrator survived.
- The two perpetrator deaths via law enforcement's use of deadly force were not included in this total as they were not domestic violence homicides.

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# SANE Exams in Nevada

- There are currently only six locations in Nevada to receive a SANE forensic medical exam, and one mobile SANE unit in Elko serving rural communities.
- Depending on their location and availability of SANE nurses, victim-survivors are sometimes forced to travel upwards of 4+ hours to receive a SANE exam following a sexual assault.



# Most Pressing Challenges

- Funding!!
- Scarcity of services
- Distrust in the system
- Protection order denials and service to adverse party
- Community education/prevention



Questions??