

Domestic Violence in Colorado

- ◆ In a single day in 2011, 1,317 victims of domestic violence were served by community-based programs in Colorado. Of that number, 622 found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing where they received a wide variety of services to help them maintain their safety and begin to make plans for their future. 695 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups. Source: Domestic Violence Counts: The National Census of Domestic Violence Services, Executive Summary for Colorado. http://nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2011/DVCounts11_StateSummary_CO.pdf
- ◆ On that one day in 2011, there were 235 requests for domestic violence services that were unable to be met by Colorado service providers. Many programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation. Source: Domestic Violence Counts: The National Census of Domestic Violence Services, see above.
- ◆ Throughout 2011, Colorado's 46 domestic violence crisis centers responded to 61,335 crisis phone calls and served a total of 34,685 clients with residential, non-residential, or transitional housing services. Source: Colorado Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Program, “2011 Annual Report.” <http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/dvp>
- ◆ Colorado Crisis centers provided a total of 107,064 nights of shelter in a residential shelter and 74,270 nights of shelter in transitional housing in 2011. Source: Colorado Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Program, “2011 Annual Report,” see above.
- ◆ The more than 61,000 crisis phone calls answered by Colorado domestic violence service providers in 2011 represents a 58% increase over the past five years. Source: Colorado Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Program, “2008 Annual Report,” see above.
- ◆ A total of 6,733 Coloradans were turned away from emergency shelter in 2011 due to lack of space – that’s a 25% increase from 2010. Colorado also lacks transitional housing space, with 509 victim requests for transitional housing were unmet in 2011. Source: Colorado Department of Human Services, Domestic Violence Program, “2008 Annual Report,” see above.
- ◆ In 2011, there were more than 13,384 reports of domestic violence crimes filed with Colorado law enforcement agencies. This number includes 11,381 reports of assault, 905 incidents of kidnapping, 305 forcible sex offenses, and 23 homicides. Due to reporting variances, comparison to past years’ reports is not possible. Source: Crime in Colorado 2011; http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k11/supplemental_reports/domestic.html
- ◆ In Colorado in 2011, at least 38 people died in 28 fatal incidents related to domestic abuse, including suicides and collateral deaths in addition to the homicides reflected in the Crime in Colorado statistics. Source: Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee / Denver Domestic Violence Coordinating Council “2011 Summary”