

Number of Housing Units or Vouchers Available to Domestic Violence Survivors

The Housing Division is required to create and maintain a statewide low-income housing database. The database must provide the number of housing units available to a victim of domestic violence from any housing authority and from participation in the Housing Choice Voucher program. The following table gives updates for 2020. The information was gathered by email between the author and housing authority employees during the summer of 2020. Reno Housing Authority and Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority reported that there were no changes to their 2019 report.

Table 1. Number of housing units or vouchers available to domestic violence survivors

Housing Authority	Number of units or vouchers	Comments
Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA)	60 vouchers, 0 units	Three MOUs with three agencies and each may use up to 20 vouchers. There are thirteen current participants; and an additional eight applicants are being reviewed for eligibility.
Reno Housing Authority (RHA)	10 vouchers, 0 units	None of the 10 vouchers are currently in use. A preference for graduates of transitional housing programs may contain graduates of domestic violence transitional housing programs but no system exists to formally track the number.
Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA)	0 vouchers, 0 units	No priorities for domestic violence survivors reported.

The database must also provide the number of terminations of Housing Choice Voucher assistance for victims of domestic violence in Nevada. The concern motivating the collection of this data is that a victim of domestic violence might have rental assistance terminated because of the criminal behavior of a member of their household or the breakup of the household due to domestic violence. None of the three housing authorities track this data. However, all three authorities report having protocols in place to prevent such terminations. For example, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority reports, “We do not terminate housing assistance for survivors and attempt to help domestic violence survivors as much as we can to ensure their safety and well-being.” The 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act has helped strengthen protections for such victims. More on these VAWA protections may be found on this page about its [implementation in HUD housing programs](#).