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 2018. The information was gathered by phone conversation and email between the author and housing authority employees March 8th, 2018.

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

Housing Authority	Number of units or	Comments
	vouchers	
Nevada Rural Housing	0 vouchers, 0 units	NRHA hopes to have a program in place by the end
Authority (NRHA)		of the year.
Reno Housing Authority	10 vouchers, 0 units	None of the 10 vouchers are currently in use.
(RHA)		
Southern Nevada Regional	0 vouchers, 0 units	SNRHA had a memorandum of understanding with
Housing Authority (SNRHA)		local agencies that included domestic violence
		survivors under a voucher set-aside for homeless but
		the MOU has expired. They are working with Clark
		Co. Continuum of Care to build criteria for a new
		program.

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. 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 <u>implementation in HUD housing programs</u>.