

Colorado Domestic Violence Data Sources and Research Projects – Updated October 2016

This is a compilation of Colorado-specific domestic violence data as well as organizations that have domestic violence data related to Colorado available online. It's intended to offer a single source that summarizes Colorado data available. This information may be useful to individuals who wish to learn more about the problem of domestic violence in Colorado.

This information has been compiled by the State Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC). The DVCC is a diverse group of individuals representing agencies that work on statewide issues pertaining to domestic violence. The mission of the DVCC is to assess state level systems and promote improvement strategies.

Colorado State Agencies

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment publishes *Health Watch*. Issue No. 99 – March 2016, "Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Adult Health in Colorado," shows the prevalence of domestic violence as an adverse childhood experience. CDPHE also publishes the Colorado Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, which looks at assault in Colorado caused by an intimate partner. Both reports can be accessed from the link below.

Link: http://www.chd.dphe.state.co.us/topics.aspx?q=Health_Statistics_Publications#HW

Colorado's Injury, Suicide and Violence Prevention Unit created a Teen Dating Violence Prevention Team (TDVPT) and conducted an assessment of current teen dating violence prevention programming being implemented in the community and a scan of state and local-level policies impacting the health of youth ages 10-19 and organized the results into a final report.

Link: http://wp.safehousealliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/CO_TDV-CDC-FINAL-REPORT.pdf

Colorado Department of Public Safety

The Domestic Violence Offender Management Board has several publications that relate to domestic violence offenders in Colorado. Available reports can be found with the link below.

Link: <http://dcj.dvomb.state.co.us/home/research-and-reports>

The Office for Victims Programs publishes numerous reports and publications throughout the year including, Victim of Crime Act funding report, Violence Against Women Act funding report, Sexual Assault Response Program report, Victim Compensation Report, and the local Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement fund report. All reports can be accessed from the link below:

Link: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/dcj-victim-program/home/additional-information/reports-and-publications>

The office of Research and Statistics published a report in April 2016, “Domestic Violence Case Processing in Colorado.” This report is an exploratory study to better understand the process by which misdemeanor and felony domestic violence cases are “flagged” in the state court administrative record data set, to profile those cases, and to compare recidivism rates of those who received domestic violence offender treatment with those who did not.

Link: http://cdpsdocs.state.co.us/ors/docs/reports/2016_Domestic-Violence-CaseProcessing.pdf

The Crime Information Unit at the Colorado Bureau of Investigation publishes annual data called, Crime in Colorado. The Domestic Violence Supplemental Report contains information on the number of domestic violence incidents and victims reported to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation by Colorado law enforcement agencies. These incidents include aggravated assault, forcible sex offenses, homicide, intimidation, kidnapping, robbery, and simple assault. They are listed by the number of reported victims.

Link: <http://crimeinco.cbi.state.co.us/cic2k14/index.html>

Colorado Department of Human Services

The Domestic Violence Program provides funding for community-based domestic violence programs throughout the state of Colorado. DVP data counts the annual number of crisis calls, adult and child domestic violence victims served, residential shelter clients served, nights of shelter, victim demographics, and community education presentations and events.

Link: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdhs-dvp/who-we-are-1/annual-reports>

The Administrative Review Division leads the Child Fatality Review Team, which reviews all child maltreatment-related fatalities, near fatalities and egregious incidents when the incident was substantiated for abuse or neglect, the child or family had previous involvement within two years prior to the incident with a county human services agency. The Annual Reports are available via the link below.

Link: <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdhs-ard/child-fatality-review-team>

Colorado Judicial Department

The Colorado Judicial Department publishes a document called, “Judicial Branch – Annual Statistical Report.” This report documents the number and type of cases filed and resolved in Colorado’s courts during each State Fiscal Year (July – June). The domestic violence data includes county court civil domestic abuse protection orders, county court misdemeanors, Colorado State Adult Probation – domestic violence caseload by risk level. Municipal court data is not included in this report.

Link: <https://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm?Unit=annrep>

Other Colorado Data:

Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee

The Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee maintains the only statewide tally of domestic violence-related deaths. They also have reports summarizing the findings from the data collected from these deaths.

Link: <http://www.denverdvcouncil.org/fatality-review/>

Healthy Kids Colorado

The Healthy Kids Colorado Survey collects health information every odd year from Colorado public school students. In this survey, youth are asked about experiences with violence.

Link: <http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/community/CEPEG/UnifYouth/Pages/HealthyKidsSurvey.aspx>

University of Denver School of Psychology – Traumatic Stress Studies Group

The Traumatic Stress Studies (TSS) Group, directed by Anne P. DePrince, Ph.D., is part of the Psychology Department at the University of Denver. Their research seeks to understand the consequences of trauma, particularly violence exposure. Basic research findings are applied to intervention and prevention work.

Link: <http://www.du.edu/tssgroup/index.html>

National Domestic Violence Organizations:

National Network to End Domestic Violence – Annual Domestic Violence Census

NNEDV conducts a one-day unduplicated count of adults and children seeking domestic violence service in each state. This annual census, conducted in Colorado, documents the number of individuals who sought services in a single 24-hour period, as well as the types of services requested, the number of service requests that went unmet due to a lack of resources, and the issues and barriers that domestic violence programs face as they strive to provide services to victims of domestic violence. This report is instrumental in raising awareness about domestic violence and the incredible work that local domestic violence programs do every day. The Colorado data counted participation from approximately 40 domestic violence programs.

Link: <http://nnedv.org/resources/census.html>

Break the Cycle – Colorado Report Card

Break the Cycle created State Law Report Cards, which survey the civil domestic violence protection order laws of all fifty states, assessing their impact on teens seeking protection from abusive relationships.

Link: <http://www.breakthecycle.org/state-law-report-cards>

Justice Research and Statistics Association

The Justice Research and Statistics Association maintains a website for each state listing various reports available related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Link: <http://www.jrsa.org/dvsa-drc/colorado/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducts the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS). Lifetime prevalence data for women and men is available for each state for rape, sexual violence other than rape, stalking victimization, and physical violence by intimate partners and other perpetrators.

Link: http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/state_tables.html