

Human Trafficking

Overview

1. **Human Trafficking** is the act of recruiting, harboring, moving, or obtaining a person by force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or sexual exploitation. ¹
2. **Sex Trafficking** occurs when a child under 18 is involved in a commercial sex act, including prostitution, sexually explicit performance or production of pornography in exchange for something of value (money, food, clothing, shelter, drugs, alcohol, etc.). ²
3. **Labor Trafficking** is the exploitation of a person for labor or services through force, fraud, or coercion. Labor trafficking victims are often forced into domestic servitude, agricultural work, restaurant work, or factory work. ³
4. Human Trafficking is one of the most under reported crimes, but according to UNICEF U.S.A., it is also the second largest crime industry in the world. ⁴
5. According to the Polaris Project, there are an estimated 100,000 new escort advertisements every day and many are selling children. ⁵
6. People of all ages, genders, races, and socioeconomic background can fall prey to Human Trafficking. ⁶
7. Traffickers target in both urban and rural settings, in our schools, businesses, and tourist areas. ⁷
8. Children raised in foster care have a greater chance of becoming victims. In 2013, 60% of child victims recovered by the FBI were from foster care. In 2017, 14% of children reported missing were likely victims of sex trafficking, and 88% of those had been in child welfare, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. ⁸

¹ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018. Trafficking Victims Protection Act (2000)

² www.illinois.gov/dcf/safekids/missing/Pages/Human-Trafficking-of-Children.aspx

³ www.illinois.gov/dcf/safekids/missing/Pages/Human-Trafficking-of-Children.aspx

⁴ www.wandtv.com/news/illinois-ranks-among-top-for-human-trafficking-cases/article_cdfc2a7-2fa7-50cf-9d7b-116d3328dc40.html

⁵ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

⁶ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

⁷ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

⁸ Surprising Facts and Statistics About Human Trafficking in the US. <https://www.businessinsider.com/human-trafficking-in-the-us-facts-statistics-2019-7>

9. Globally, an estimated 71% of enslaved people are women and girls, while men and boys account for 29%.⁹
10. Estimates suggest that about 50,000 people are trafficked into the US each year, most often from Mexico and the Philippines.¹⁰
11. Top 3 countries with the highest number of human trafficking reported.¹¹
 - United States
 - Mexico
 - Philippines

Illinois

12. According to a 2018 Human Trafficking Statistical Summary published by the University of Illinois at Chicago Jane Addams School of Social Work, the top venues for sex trafficking in Illinois were hotels, residence based commercial sex, illicit message businesses, escort services, and online ads.¹²
13. The top venues for labor trafficking were traveling sales crews, domestic work, agriculture, retail, and begging rings.¹³
14. In 2005, the FBI designated Chicago as one of thirteen locations of “High Intensity Child Prostitution”.¹⁴
15. Between December 2007 and December 2017, 1,148 human trafficking cases, consisting of 2,832 identified trafficked persons and survivors in Illinois, were reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.¹⁵
16. From January 1 to December 31, 2017 there were 193 identified cases of human trafficking in Illinois reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Of those 193 cases, there were a total of 552 trafficked persons and survivors involved.¹⁶

⁹ www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking; “Trafficking and Slavery Fact Sheet.” Free the Slaves. Accessed July 31, 2019. <https://freetheslaves.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Trafficking-and-Slavery-Fact-Sheet-April-2018.pdf>

¹⁰ www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking; “Human Trafficking Within and Into the United States: A Review of the Literature.” Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Accessed July 31, 2019. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/human-trafficking-and-within-united-states-review-literature#Trafficking>

¹¹ 2019 Trafficking Persons Report. www.thecollegeconservative.com

¹² Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

¹³ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

¹⁴ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

¹⁵ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

¹⁶ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

17. Out of the 193 cases identified, 150 involved sex trafficking, 26 were cases of labor trafficking, 10 cases of sex and labor, and 7 unspecified cases.¹⁷
18. According to an Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report, from 2011-2017:¹⁸
 - 970 children were trafficked
 - The average age of trafficked children is 13.89
 - 87% are female children
 - 53% are African American
 - 42% are White
19. As of 2017, Illinois ranks 11th in the nation for number of cases of Human Trafficking.¹⁹
20. Traffickers consist of pimps, family members, peers, and “significant others”. Traffickers often recruit those who are emotionally and financially vulnerable, making them easier to fool and manipulate, by offering basic means of survival, like food, shelter, money, or offering a “loving presence”.²⁰
21. The Human Trafficking Hotline reports there have been 4,460 cases reported in the states for the first half of 2017. Among those cases, 3,698 of those affected were female, 607 were male, and 53 were identified as gender minorities.²¹
22. According to the hotline, Illinois ranks 10th for the number of reported cases in the states for the first half of 2017 with 100 cases, following Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Of those 100 cases, 83 of those affected were female.²²
23. Based on incoming communication to the National Human Trafficking Hotline via phone, email, and online tips reported from December 7, 2007 – December 31, 2016, Chicago ranked number five in cases related to human trafficking in the United States and U.S. territories, with a total number of 2,098 calls and 507 cases.²³
24. As of June 30, 2019, in Illinois, there was 404 contacts to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and 127 human trafficking cases reported in 2018. 102 calls came from victims and survivors.²⁴

¹⁷ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

¹⁸ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

¹⁹ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

²⁰ Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force Report. July 2018.

²¹ www.wandtv.com/news/illinois-ranks-among-top-for-human-trafficking-cases/article_cfd9c2a7-2fa7-50cf-9d7b-116d3328dc40.html

²² www.wandtv.com/news/illinois-ranks-among-top-for-human-trafficking-cases/article_cfd9c2a7-2fa7-50cf-9d7b-116d3328dc40.html

²³ National Human Trafficking Hotline. *Ranking of the 100 Most Populous U.S. Cities 12/7/2007-12/31/2016*

²⁴ National Human Trafficking Hotline. <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/illinois>

25. In 2018, there was a total number of 882 and from January 1 to July 30, 2019, 405 substantive cases in Illinois.²⁵

United States

26. In FY2016, Department of Justice initiated 241 federal human trafficking prosecutions and charged 531 defendants. Nearly 95% were predominantly related to sex trafficking.²⁶
27. Organizations and agencies funded by Office for Victims of Crime to provide trafficking victims with services reported a total of 8,003 clients between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, including 4,349 new client cases, an increase from 5,655 total clients and 3,195 new clients during the previous reporting period.²⁷
28. Of all the clients served during the 2016-2017 reporting period, 78% were adults, 22% minors, approximately 82% were female, 16% were male, and 2% identified as transgender.²⁸
29. Since 2007, more than 49,000 cases of human trafficking in the US have been reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, which receives an average of 150 calls per day.²⁹
30. A 2014 study of sex trafficking by the Urban Institute, found 71% of labor trafficking victims entered the U.S. legally.³⁰
31. In 2016, US Immigration and Customs arrested 2,000 human traffickers and identified 400 victims.³¹
32. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children said 73% of 10,000 child sex trafficking reports it received per year involved ads from Backpage.³²

²⁵ 2019 Trafficking Persons Report. www.thecollegeconservative.com

²⁶ U.S. Department of State, *2017 Trafficking in Persons Report*, www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2017/index.htm

²⁷ Office for Victims of Crime, 2016-2017 *unpublished data*

²⁸ Office for Victims of Crime, 2016-2017 *unpublished data*; Office for Victims of Crime, *TIMS Snapshot Report, July 2015-June 2016: Specialized Services for Victims of Human Trafficking Program*, <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/pdf/TIMS-Specialized-Services-508.pdf>

²⁹ Surprising Facts and Statistics About Human Trafficking in the US. <https://www.businessinsider.com/human-trafficking-in-the-us-facts-statistics-2019-7>

³⁰ Surprising Facts and Statistics About Human Trafficking in the US. <https://www.businessinsider.com/human-trafficking-in-the-us-facts-statistics-2019-7>

³¹ Surprising Facts and Statistics About Human Trafficking in the US. <https://www.businessinsider.com/human-trafficking-in-the-us-facts-statistics-2019-7>

³² Surprising Facts and Statistics About Human Trafficking in the US. <https://www.businessinsider.com/human-trafficking-in-the-us-facts-statistics-2019-7>

33. In 2018, the US Department of Justice funded 45 victim service providers with \$31 million, almost doubling its budget from 2017, when it provided \$16 million to 18 organizations.³³
34. Estimates suggest that, internationally, only about .04% survivors of human trafficking cases are identified, meaning that the vast majority of cases of human trafficking go undetected.³⁴
35. In 2018, The National Human Trafficking Hotline received more calls from California than any other state in the US, followed by Texas and Florida, respectively.³⁵
36. According to the 2018 US National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics, the hotline has handled 51,919 cases since 2007.³⁶
37. In 2018, 3,218 individual survivors contacted the National Hotline 7,838 times.³⁷
38. In 2018, there were 10,949 human trafficking cases reported to the National Hotline, 23,078 survivors identified, 5,859 potential traffickers, and 1,905 suspicious businesses.³⁸
39. The top 3 types of trafficking cases in 2018:³⁹
 - Sex Trafficking
 - Escort Services – 1,535
 - Residential based – 635
 - Pornography – 537
 - Labor Trafficking
 - Domestic work – 214
 - Agriculture & animal husbandry – 157
 - Traveling sales crew – 138
 - Sex and Labor Trafficking
 - Illicit massage, health, & beauty – 1,011
 - Bars, strip clubs, & cantinas – 214

³³ Surprising Facts and Statistics About Human Trafficking in the US. <https://www.businessinsider.com/human-trafficking-in-the-us-facts-statistics-2019-7>

³⁴ www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking; “What is Human Trafficking?” Californians Against Sexual Exploitation. Accessed July 31, 2019. <https://www.caseact.org/learn/humantrafficking>

³⁵ www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-human-trafficking; “Hotline Statistics.” The National Human Trafficking Hotline. Accessed July 31, 2019. <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states>

³⁶ 2018 U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics

³⁷ 2018 U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline

³⁸ 2018 U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline

³⁹ 2018 U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline

- Illicit activities – 119
40. Out of the 23,078 survivors in 2018: ⁴⁰
- Age (at time of contact with the National Hotline)
 - Adult – 10,731
 - Minor – 4,945
 - Unknown – 7,402
 - Gender
 - Female – 15,042
 - Male – 2,917
 - Gender minorities – 109
 - Unknown – 5,010
 - Top 5 reported race/ethnicity
 - Latinx – 2,348
 - Asian – 1,809
 - African, African American, Black – 1,072
 - White – 989
 - Multi-ethnic, multi-racial – 184
41. As of June 30, 2019, in the United States, there were 23,784 contacts to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and 4,585 cases reported in the first half of 2019. 5,298 calls came from victims and survivors. ⁴¹
42. Top 5 states with the highest number of human trafficking cases reported. ⁴²
- California – 1656
 - Michigan – 383
 - Georgia – 375
 - Nevada – 313
 - Illinois – 296
43. Between January and December 2018, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 31 labor calls, 225 sex calls, 17 sex and labor, and 21 unspecified calls. ⁴³

⁴⁰ 2018 U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline

⁴¹ National Human Trafficking Hotline. <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states>

⁴² www.worldpopulationreview.com/states/human-trafficking-statistics-by-state.com. January 2020.

⁴³ 2019 Trafficking Persons Report. www.thecollegeconservative.com

44. Between January and June 2019, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 14 labor calls, 88 sex calls, 12 sex and labor, and 14 unspecified calls.⁴⁴

⁴⁴ 2019 Trafficking Persons Report. www.thecollegeconservative.com