

# THE PULSE



Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation from President Obama, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human Trafficking Awareness Month was implemented to raise awareness among Americans specifically because most Americans think human trafficking only happens in other countries. **Human trafficking happen all across the United States.**

Human trafficking is wildly lucrative and is growing at an alarming rate. Between January 2008 and June 2010, the FBI investigated over 2,500 suspected incidents of human trafficking in the U.S. According to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), in fiscal year 2019, the U.S. reported over 420 victims of human trafficking. The International Labour Organization estimates that **over 40 million people are victims of human trafficking, 71% being women and young girls.**

Given the underground nature of trafficking, the consequences of trafficking are hidden and difficult to see. **Trafficked persons often have limited access to basic necessities such as safety, food, sleep, hygiene, and medical care.** All victims of trafficking are typically subject to physical, psychological, and social impacts. In addition, victims may be exposed to serious health risks, such as HIV/AIDS, as well as serious mental health risks. Anxiety, insecurity, fear, and trauma are all products of trafficking. Several studies indicate high levels of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in former trafficked persons. Trafficking can also lead to cognitive impairment, depression, and even suicide.

Since Congress first passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) in 2000 the United States has continued to build a better system of laws to combat trafficking. Policies now address everything from victim protection to ensuring products brought into the U.S. are not made with forced or child labor.

*For more information visit the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) website at [https://dod.defense.gov/News/Special-Reports/0118\\_National-Slavery-Human-Trafficking-Prevention-Month/](https://dod.defense.gov/News/Special-Reports/0118_National-Slavery-Human-Trafficking-Prevention-Month/).*

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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Trafficking in persons is now the **third most profitable business for organized crime**, behind drugs and arms. It is also the fastest growing form of international crime.<sup>[3][4]</sup>



**600,000 to 800,000 people**

are trafficked across international borders every year, according to the U.S. State Department. **80% are female and half are children.**<sup>[1]</sup>



**2 MILLION**

children, the majority of them girls, are sexually exploited in the multibillion-dollar commercial sex industry.<sup>[5]</sup>



**US\$32 billion**

estimated total illicit profits produced in one year by trafficked forced labourers.<sup>[6]</sup>



**148 goods**

identified from 75 countries made by forced and child labor.<sup>[7]</sup>

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES

**80%**

of documented cases of human trafficking, from a UN study, are for the purposes of sexual exploitation.

**The United States was listed as the most common destination for victims.**<sup>[8]</sup>

**Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the United States each year.**<sup>[10]</sup>



California has three of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.<sup>[11]</sup>

**1 in 7**

of the nearly 25,000 runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 2017, were likely victims of child sex trafficking.<sup>[12]</sup>



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