

Human Trafficking Stats Guide



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Human trafficking is a complex problem and it can present itself in many different forms. It is important to make sure that when using statistics, they are coming from a reputable source and the information you are sharing is correct. Check your sources and try to use statistics from governmental or educational institutions that have done extensive amount of research, giving them credibility.

- It is projected that there are about **40.3 million victims** of human trafficking world wide. (United Nations)
- **25%** of human trafficking victims are children. (ILO)
- Human Trafficking is a **\$150 billion industry.** (ILO)
- Human trafficking has been reported in **all 50 U.S. States.** (Human Rights First)
- **71%** of trafficking victims around the world or women and girls and **29%** are men and boys. (ILO)



Types of Human Trafficking

Forced Labor

About 20.9 million people internationally are trapped in forced labor. This means that state authorities, businesses and individuals exploit people in order to gain a profit off of their work. Forced labor is used to produce many products in our global supply chain and is most prominently used in: fishing, textiles, construction and agriculture. Forced labor can include sexual services as well.

Sex Trafficking

It is estimated that there are 4.5 million victims of sex trafficking worldwide. The international definition of sex trafficking is "recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons who under threat, force, coercion, fraud, deception or abuse of power are sexually exploited for financial gain." Victims are usually coerced through false promises of employment or educational opportunities.

Child Labor

More than a quarter of the worlds victims of human trafficking are children. Child labor is defined as "the enslavement (i.e., sale, trafficking, debt bondage, serfdom, compulsory labor) of anyone under the age of 18." When it comes to sex trafficking in the United States, the standard price for sex typically costs **\$30.00**, and a child can see 25-48 customers a day. So, a trafficker can potentially earn up to \$150,000-200,000 per child a year. Child labor can take place in other industries as well such as domestic servitude and working in the global supply chain, especially in the textile industry.



Forced Marriage

The international definition of forced marriage is, “an institution or practice where individuals don’t have the option to refuse or are promised and married to another by their parents, guardians, relatives or other people and groups.” Forced marriage is most prominent in impoverished countries in Africa and South Asia but there are still cases of forced marriage in North America and European countries.

Domestic Servitude

Domestic servitude is a type of human trafficking that occurs in plain sight. It is disguised as “live-in” help and they are normally “working” as maids, nannies or other domestic help. The group that is most susceptible to domestic servitude are people from foreign countries. They are usually promised real employment and then end up in situations where they are not able to leave for reasons such as a large debt or the withholding of their legal documentation.

There is a lot to unpack when it comes to human trafficking, as it is an international, multi-billion dollar industry that comes in many forms. Presenting reliable facts is a great way to get people to listen and open their eyes to the problems we have at hand.

To find out more we recommend the following websites:

The Typology of Modern Slavery by Polaris

<https://polarisproject.org/sites/default/files/Polaris-Typology-of-Modern-Slavery.pdf>

The Global Slavery Index

<https://www.globalslaveryindex.org/>

Council of Foreign Relations Modern Slavery Info Guide:

<https://www.cfr.org/interactives/modern-slavery/>