

Human Trafficking

The federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) defines **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** as "sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age" or "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery."^D Multiple U.S. agencies are charged with investigating and prosecuting human trafficking cases at both the federal and state level, and their record-keeping systems do not allow for cross-referencing. The extent of domestic trafficking is also largely unknown due to the hidden nature of the crime. In addition, many sex trafficking victims are misidentified as offenders; minors involved in commercial sexual exploitation are of particular concern because their age by definition qualifies them as victims of human trafficking.

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U.S. Department of Justice (FY2014)

1,083 investigations^D

through 14 Enhanced Collaborative Model anti-trafficking task forces involving federal, state, and local law enforcement, victim service providers, and others

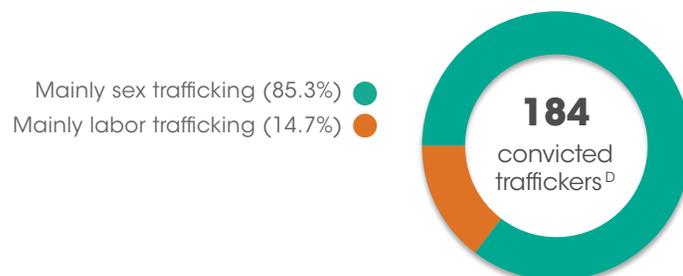
Through **94** U.S. Attorney's Offices and **2** special units, DOJ secured at the federal level:



*Doesn't include child sex trafficking charges brought under non-trafficking statutes

335 defendants^D

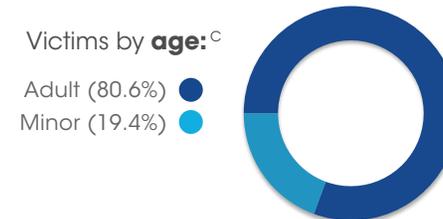
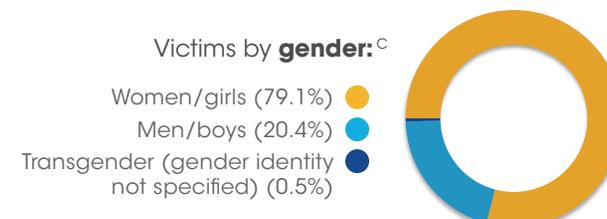
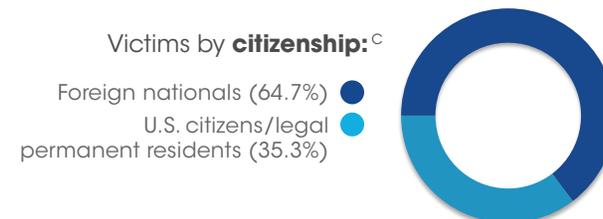
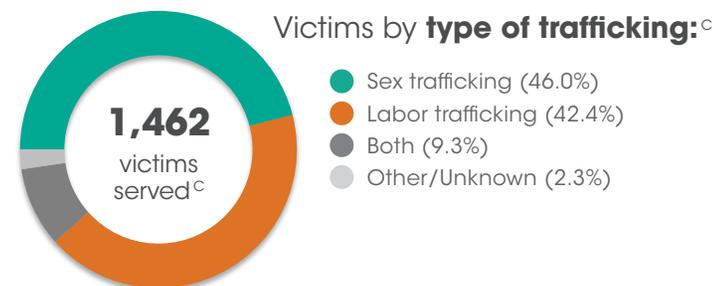
were formally charged



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Trafficking Information Management System (TIMS, 2012)

TIMS captures data on human trafficking victims served by victim service providers through funding from the Office for Victims of Crime^D



National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)

The NHTRC, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides 24-hour services to trafficking victims and service providers, and tracks tips from the general public.



In 2015, the NHTRC received:^B

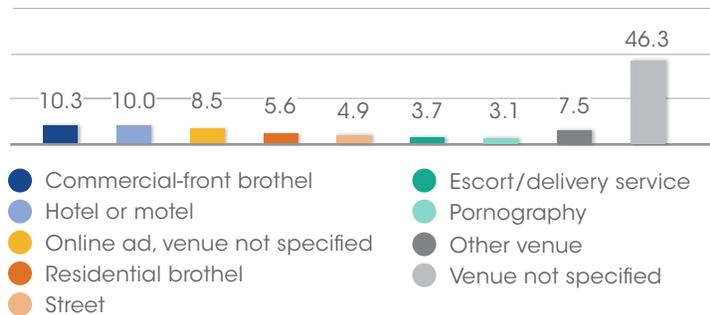
- Phone calls (88.6%)
- Online tips (6.2%)
- Emails (5.2%)

Resulting in:^B

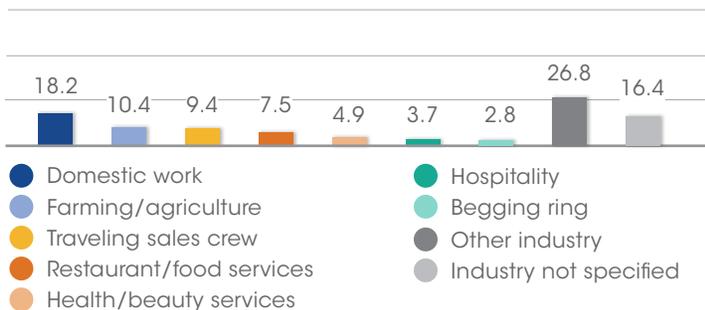
- Sex trafficking (74.6%)
- Labor trafficking (13.0%)
- Sex and labor trafficking (3.2%)
- Trafficking type, not specified (9.2%)



Percentage of potential **sex trafficking** cases by **venue or industry**^B



Percentage of potential **labor trafficking** cases by **industry**^B



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (FY2014)



HHS certification letters allow trafficking victims who are not U.S. citizens to receive assistance from government programs^D

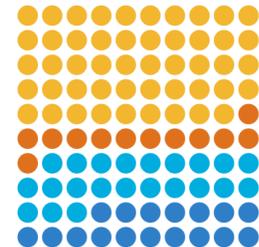
- Sex trafficking (19.0%)
- Labor trafficking (74.0%)
- Both (7.0%)

Including:^A

- Mainly sex trafficking (31%)
- Mainly labor trafficking (66%)
- Both (3%)



Certification letter recipients by **sex and age**:^A



- Women (49%)
- Girls (12%)
- Men (22%)
- Boys (17%)

SOURCES

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