



Human Trafficking

The **Trafficking Victims Protection Act** of 2000 (TVPA) defines “severe forms of trafficking in persons” as:

- **Sex trafficking:** the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; (and)
- **Labor trafficking:** 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. (22 USC § 7102)

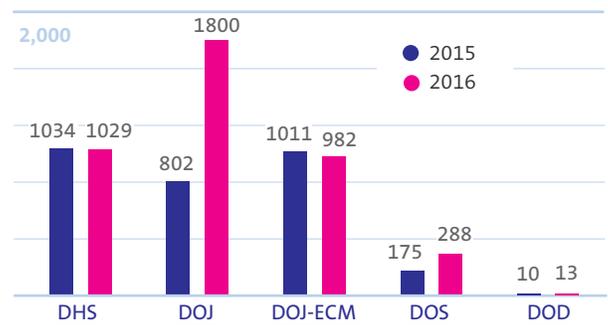
Human trafficking is difficult to measure. Fear of harm to self or others, language barriers, lack of personal freedom, and fear of law enforcement often prevent victims from reporting their victimization or seeking services. Additionally, multiple agencies are charged with investigating and prosecuting human trafficking cases, at both the federal and state level, and providing services to victims. The record-keeping systems across these agencies may not allow for cross-referencing, and some victims may appear in the records of multiple agencies. Because of this, human trafficking reports should not be used to make generalizations about the scale or scope of human trafficking in the United States.

INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTION

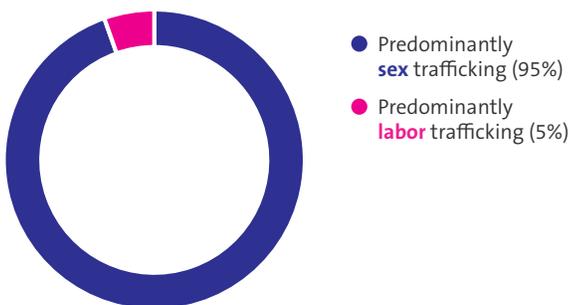
The Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and Department of State (DOS) are the primary investigating agencies for federal trafficking offenses, with federal human trafficking cases prosecuted by DOJ. In FY 2016, DOJ, DOS, and Department of Defense (DOD) each increased the number of human trafficking investigations.^{A1}

In FY 2016, DOJ initiated 241 federal human trafficking prosecutions and charged 531 defendants. Of these prosecutions, nearly 95% were predominantly related to sex trafficking. DOJ also secured convictions against 439 traffickers in FY 2016. Of those convicted, 97% were primarily involved in sex trafficking.^A

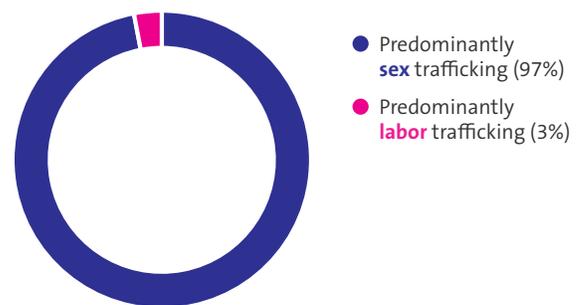
Human Trafficking Investigations^A



Prosecutions by Type of Trafficking^A



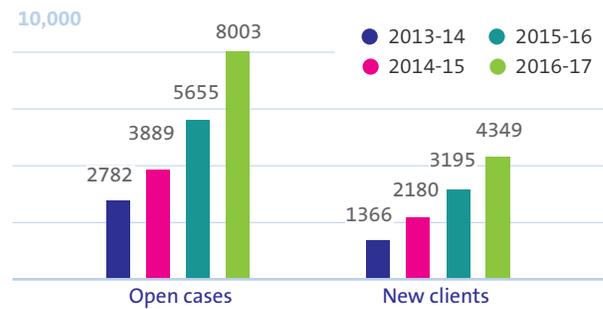
Trafficking Convictions^A



CURRENT DATA ON VICTIM SERVICES

DOJ grantees are identifying and assisting more victims than ever before, with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) managing the **largest amount of federal funding** dedicated to providing direct services to survivors of human trafficking in the United States. Organizations and agencies funded by OVC 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.^{A,B}

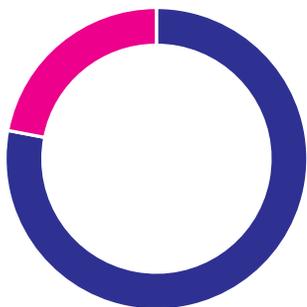
Victims Served by DOJ Grantees^{A,B}



Of all the clients served during the 2016-2017 reporting period, **78% were adults and 22% were minors** or under 18 years of age (the same percentages as clients served during the 2015-2016 reporting period). Approximately 82% of the victims served were female, while 16% were male and 2% identified as transgender.^{B,C}

Clients Served by OVC-funded Human Trafficking Organizations^{B,C}

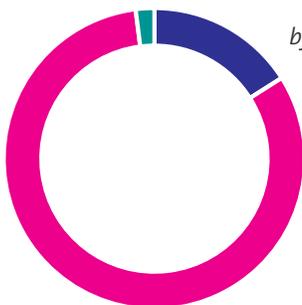
by client age,
for 2015-16 and 2016-17



- Adults (78%)
- Under age 18 (22%)

Human Trafficking Clients Served by OVC Grantees^B

by client gender identification



- Male (16%)
- Female (82%)
- Transgender (2%)

During the 2016-2017 reporting period, the top five **time-based services** provided to clients were:^B

- ongoing case management,
- legal services,
- housing and rental assistance,
- emotional and moral support, and
- mental health and treatment.

The top **incident-based services** were:^B

- personal items,
- housing and shelter advocacy,
- transportation,
- protection and safety planning, and
- medical services.

NOTE

1 DOJ provides funding to law enforcement agencies and victim service providers to operate Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) anti-trafficking task forces in partnership with other federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement entities and community partners. Data from these task forces might also be reported by DHS and DOJ. Therefore, investigations cannot be totaled.

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