New York: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region II

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in New York. Information was reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from December 2012 to December 2016.

The image above is a heat map that reflects the cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016. Areas in which greater numbers of cases were reported contain more red shading. Areas in southeast, central, and west New York contain red shading. This map only reflects cases in which the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.


1,233 Cases Reported
2,245 Potential Persons Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

- Citizenship
  - U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 404
  - Foreign National: 359

- Gender
  - Female: 1,028
  - Male: 147
  - Gender Minorities: 9

- Age
  - Adult: 824
  - Minor: 363

*These statistics are noncumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include males and females, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, and adults and minors. In some cases, callers do not provide demographic information.

TOP 5 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Commercial-Front Brothels
2. Online Ad. Venue Unknown
3. Hotel-/Motel-Based
4. Residential Brothels
5. Other Venues

TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Domestic Work
2. Restaurants/Food Service
3. Other Industries
4. Health/Beauty Services
5. Retail/Other Small Businesses

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

- Tip: 39%
- Referral: 14%
- General Info: 9%
- Crisis: 11%
- High Risk: 26%
- Training & Technical Assistance: 1%

The data contained in this document are based on aggregated information learned through signals—phone calls, emails, and online tip reports—received by the National Human Trafficking Hotline. The data do not represent actual numbers of cases identified or processed, nor do they represent the entire scope of human trafficking.

For more information, visit https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/nhttac.
New York Human Trafficking Laws
(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Confirmation as a Victim of Human Trafficking | §483-cc
- Labor Trafficking Penal Law | §135.35
- Safe Harbour for Exploited Children Act | §447-A - 447B
- Sex Trafficking | §230.34
- Sex Trafficking: Accomplice Liability | §230.36
- Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act (TVPJA) | 2015 N.Y. SB 7
- Vacatur Statute | §440.10

New York Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Interagency Task Force
- New York State Human Trafficking Intervention Courts
- NY Anti-Trafficking Network (NYATN)
- NY Anti-Trafficking State Coalition
- Central New York Anti-Trafficking Task Force
- North Country Human Trafficking Task Force
- Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force
- Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office Human Trafficking Unit
- Western District of NY Human Trafficking Task Force & Alliance
- ChildRight: New York
- Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking
- Duchess County Task Force Against Human Trafficking
- Long Island Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- NYC: Let’s End Human Trafficking
- Creative Partnerships: Investigating Labor Trafficking
- Lawyer’s Manual on Human Trafficking
- ChildRight: Child Trafficking Rapid Screening Instrument

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds
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CAMPAIGNS
- New York’s New Abolitionists

Human Trafficking Hotlines

The National Hotline serves victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community across the United States and its territories, 24/7, in more than 200 languages. Contact the confidential hotline to report tips, seek services, ask for help, or receive information and statistics related to human trafficking.

888–373–7888

LOCAL

Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office Human Trafficking Unit Hotline....718–250–2770
Call this 24-hour hotline to report incidents of human trafficking in Brooklyn.

New York County District Attorney’s Office Human Trafficking Hotline...................................................................................................................................212–335–3400
Call this hotline if you are a victim of human trafficking or if you suspect that someone you know is the victim of human trafficking.

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