2015 Statistics

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National Human Trafficking Resource Center

- **Calls**: 21,947
- **Webforms**: 1,535
- **Emails**: 1,275

Cases of Human Trafficking: 5,544

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<th>Type of Trafficking</th>
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<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Sex Trafficking</td>
<td>4,136</td>
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<td>Labor Trafficking</td>
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<td>Sex and Labor</td>
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Location of Potential Human Trafficking Cases in the U.S.

This map only reflects cases where the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.

BeFree Textline

- **Texts**: 1,472
  - Sex Trafficking: 146 (82%)
  - Labor Trafficking: 11 (6%)
  - Not-Specified Trafficking: 17 (10%)

Cases occurring Overseas

- **Cases**: 252
  - Sex Trafficking: 142 (56%)
  - Labor Trafficking: 69 (27%)
  - Not-Specified Trafficking: 13 (5%)

Finding Help Around the World

Nadine,* a young woman from Southern Africa, traveled to the Middle East for a promising new housekeeping job. But when Nadine arrived, she quickly realized that it wasn’t what she had hoped for. Her employers forced her to work extremely long hours with no pay. After seeing a TV program advertising the NHTRC, she decided to reach out for help. The NHTRC and Polaris’ Global team were ready to respond. Through the help of international organizations and key contacts from the Global Modern Slavery Directory, we were able to intervene and help Nadine get home, and connect her with support services in her home country. Nadine has reached out to say that she is extremely grateful for our work—and hopeful about the future.

*To protect the identities of those we serve, Polaris has changed the name of the survivor in this story.

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Cases of Human Trafficking

25,696

Survivors Identified*

High Indicators 24,920
Moderate Indicators 27,533

*Cases categorized as “High” contain a high level of indicators of human trafficking. Cases coded as “Moderate” contain several indicators of human trafficking or resemble common trafficking scenarios, but may lack core details of force, fraud, or coercion.

Demographics

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These statistics are based on 25,696 total cases of human trafficking and are non-cumulative. Callers do not always provide demographic information.

TOP 3 Sex Trafficking Venues

1. Commercial Front Brothel
2. Hotel/Motel-Based
3. Residential Brothel

TOP 3 Labor Trafficking Industries

1. Domestic Work
2. Traveling Sales Crews
3. Restaurant/Food Service

TOP 5 Trafficking Locations Referenced in Overseas Cases

1. Mexico
2. Canada
3. Philippines
4. Thailand
5. United Kingdom

24% more survivors reached out to the NHTRC and BeFree Textline for help in 2015 over 2014.

More than 1,600 survivors called, emailed, or texted in 2015 compared to just over 1,300 in 2014.


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