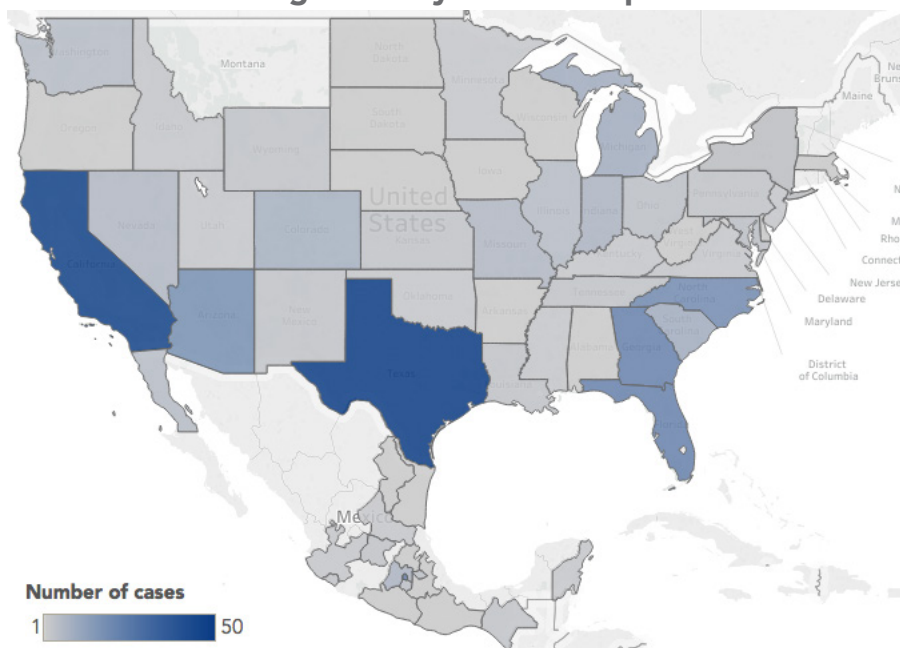


# Fighting Human Trafficking Across the U.S.-Mexico Border

Every day, powerful criminal networks and individual traffickers on both sides of the border recruit people for labor or sexual exploitation. To stop traffickers and support survivors, it is critical that civil society, governments, and law enforcement also collaborate internationally. That's why Polaris has partnered with Consejo Ciudadano to support Mexico's first national human trafficking hotline. Between Consejo's *Línea Nacional Contra la Trata de Personas* and the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), operated by Polaris, survivors on either side of the border can seek and receive help.

The following statistics are based on calls related to Mexico that both organizations received from Sept. 30, 2015 - Aug. 31, 2016.

## Number of Trafficking Cases by State of Exploitation



## Type of Trafficking\*

Sex trafficking <b>233</b> (46%)	Sex and labor trafficking <b>20</b> (4%)
Labor trafficking <b>248</b> (49%)	Other/Not Specified <b>7</b> (1%)

\*By number of victims

## Top 3 Labor Industries

1. Agriculture/Farms/Animal Husbandry
2. Domestic Work
3. Landscaping/Gardening

## Top 3 Locations of Sexual Exploitation

1. Residence
2. Hotel/Motel
3. Bar/Club/Cantina/Strip Club



Total number of victims

**508**

Polaris **410**

Consejo Cuidadano **98**

## Victim Demographics

Gender

Male (185)
Female (296)
Gender Minority (8)
Unknown (19)

Age\*

Adult (310)
Minor (118)
Unknown (80)

Nationality\*\*

Mexico (249)
U.S.A. (51)
Honduras (16)

\*Age at time of contact with agency.

\*\*Top three nationalities only.

To report a tip or seek help:

Call Polaris (U.S.A.):  
**1-888-373-7888**

Call Consejo (MEX):  
**01800-5533-000**



Number of substantive calls on human trafficking

**882**



Polaris **821**

Consejo Cuidadano **61**



Total number of traffickers

**559**



Polaris **430**

Consejo Cuidadano **129**

### Trafficker Demographics

Gender	Age*	Nationality**
Male (422)	Adult (431)	Mexico (138)
Female (124)	Minor (7)	U.S.A. (54)
Unknown (13)	Unknown (121)	Honduras (13)

\*Age at time of contact with agency.

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### HOTLINE CASE STUDY

A woman called Consejo Ciudadano's *Línea Nacional contra la Trata de Personas* to report being forced into commercial sex in Mexico City. Consejo's team of legal and psychosocial advisors provided her with support and advice on how to access services. A few days later, Consejo also received an email from someone concerned that his friend was missing. Consejo's staff realized he was seeking help for the same victim. With the information received from both people, the Attorney General agreed to investigate the case. As a result, the trafficker was arrested and the survivor and her child received assistance to escape and rebuild their lives.

### Top 3 Types of Relationships Between Trafficker and Victim

1. Formal Employer
2. No Relationship
3. Family Member

In September 2015, Polaris partnered with Consejo Ciudadano to support Mexico's first national human trafficking hotline. Through a data-sharing agreement and collaboration across the border, the two organizations can coordinate the response to human trafficking in either country and exchange key insights. The above statistics include information from the calls, emails, and webforms received by the NHTRC hotline, from texts received by Polaris's BeFree Textline, and from calls received by Consejo's *Línea Nacional Contra la Trata de Personas*. The statistics only reference those cases related to Mexico, and may include recruitment and/or exploitation in either country. The data are not intended to represent the full scope of human trafficking across the U.S.-Mexico border.