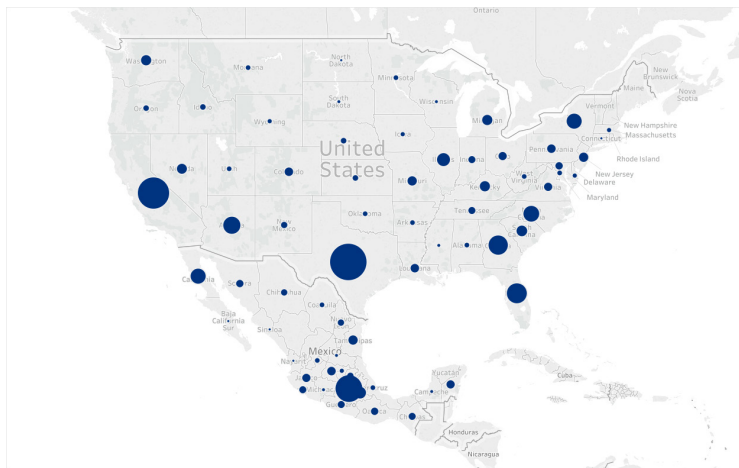


Fighting Human Trafficking Across the U.S. – Mexico Border

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 (LNCTP) and the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH), operated by Polaris, survivors on either side of the border can seek and receive help.

The following statistics are based on signals related to Mexico received by Consejo from September 30, 2015 - July 31, 2018 and by Polaris between September 30, 2015 and May 31, 2018

Number of Trafficking Cases by State of Exploitation



Form of Trafficking*

Sex trafficking
509 (40%)

Labor trafficking
651 (52%)

Sex and labor trafficking
76 (6%)

Other/Not Specified
27 (2%)



Total number of victims
2,552

Polaris **2,323**

Consejo Ciudadano **229**

Victim Demographics

Gender

Male (896)

Female (1,060)

Gender Minority (13)

Unknown (583)

Age*

Adult (1,625)

Minor (393)

Unknown (534)

Nationality**

Mexico (1,535)

US (151)

Honduras (82)

Guatemala (76)

India – tied (33)

El Salvador – tied (33)

*Age at time of contact with agency.

**Top five nationalities only. Some victims held multiple nationalities.

*By number of cases. Some cases referenced multiple victims. In certain cases, substantive details about victims was not provided.

To report a tip or seek help:

Call the NHTH (U.S.A.):

1-888-373-7888

Call LNCTP (MEX):

01800-5533-000



Total number of traffickers
1,782

Polaris
1,302

Consejo Ciudadano
480

Trafficker Demographics

Gender

Male (1,302)

Female (417)

Gender Minority/
Unknown (63)

Age*

Adult (1,562)

Minor (11)

Unknown (209)

Nationality**

Mexico (380)

U.S.A. (132)

Honduras (29)

Guatemala (20)

India (13)

*Age at time of contact with agency.

**Top five nationalities only. Some traffickers held multiple nationalities. The nationality of potential trafficker's reported to Consejo Ciudadano is not included

Call for help from Mexico leads to freedom in California

Maria's family in Mexico was worried about her. She contacted them from where she was living in California and told them she needed help getting out of a violent sex trafficking situation but that it was too dangerous to contact her directly. Her brother-in-law in Mexico contacted the Linea Nacional contra la Trata operated by Consejo Ciudadano who received his permission to connect him with National Human Trafficking Hotline in the United States. The U.S. National Hotline worked with him to get Maria the information she needed to contact her at a time when she could safely provide information. Maria then texted the U.S. Hotline, whose team helped coordinate with law enforcement to extract her from danger. She is now safe and getting the help she needs to rebuild her life.

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, texts, chats and webforms received by the National Hotline 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.