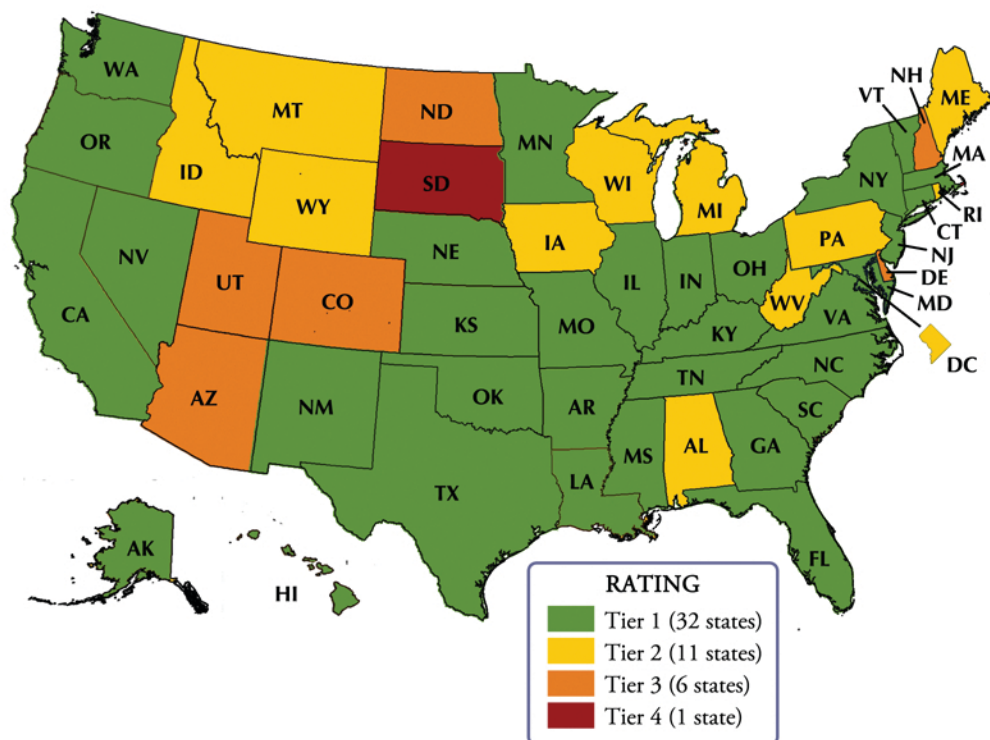


2013 STATE RATINGS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS



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Perfect Score

All 10 categories passed



New Jersey



Washington

Most Improved



Arkansas (+8.5)



Wyoming (+8)



Mississippi (+8)



New Jersey (+6)

Polaris Project has rated all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on 10 categories of laws that are critical to a basic legal framework that combats human trafficking, punishes traffickers, and supports survivors. These ratings are based on statutes enacted by July 31, 2013.

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TIER 1

32 STATES
(7+ categories): State has passed significant laws to combat human trafficking, and should continue to take additional steps to improve and implement its laws.

	TOTAL POINTS	Sex Trafficking Provision	Labor Trafficking Provision	Asset Forfeiture (AF) and/or Investigative Tools (IT)	Training (TR) and/or Human Trafficking Task Force (TF)	Posting Human Trafficking Hotline	Safe Harbor: Protecting Minors	Lower Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors	Victim Assistance	Access to Civil Damages	Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims	NEGATIVE POINTS
Alaska	7	\$			TR							
Arkansas	10.5	\$.5			*		
California	9	\$			TR		*					
Connecticut	10.5	\$.5					
Florida	9.5	\$			TR		.5					
Georgia	8	\$			TR							
Hawaii	8	\$										
Illinois	9	\$										
Indiana	8	\$			TR							
Kansas	9.5	\$.5			*		
Kentucky	9	\$			TR							
Louisiana	10	\$			TF				*			
Maryland	7	\$										
Massachusetts	10	\$										
Minnesota	10	\$			TR							
Mississippi	11	\$					*					
Missouri	7	\$		AF	TR							
Nebraska	9	\$		IT								
Nevada	9	\$			TR							
New Jersey	12	\$										
New Mexico	7	\$							*			
New York	8	\$		IT								
North Carolina	10	\$										
Ohio	9	\$			TR				*			
Oklahoma	8	\$					*			*		
Oregon	7	\$			TR				*			
South Carolina	8	\$		AF								
Tennessee	9.5	\$			TF		.5					
Texas	10	\$					*					
Vermont	9	\$		*	TF							
Virginia	7	\$		IT	TR							
Washington	12	\$										

LEGEND:

Asset Forfeiture - State has an asset forfeiture statute, but does not have key investigative tools.

Investigative Tools - State has authorized key investigative tools, but does not have an asset forfeiture statute.

State has passed a law that meets partial requirements of the category.

TIER 2

11 STATES AND D.C.
(5-6 categories): State has passed numerous laws that combat human trafficking, and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws.

	TOTAL POINTS	Sex Trafficking Provision	Labor Trafficking Provision	Asset Forfeiture (AF) and/or Investigative Tools (IT)	Training (TR) and/or Human Trafficking Task Force (TF)	Posting Human Trafficking Hotline	Safe Harbor: Protecting Minors	Lower Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors	Victim Assistance	Access to Civil Damages	Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims	NEGATIVE POINTS
Alabama	6	\$		AF								
D.C.	6	\$		AF								
Idaho	6	\$			TR							
Iowa	6	\$		AF	TR							
Maine	5	\$		AF								
Michigan	5.5	\$.5					
Montana	5	\$										
Pennsylvania	5				TF						-1	
Rhode Island	6	\$			TF							
West Virginia	5	\$			TR				*			
Wisconsin	5	\$		IT								
Wyoming	6	\$			TR							

TIER 3

6 STATES
(3-4 categories): State has made nominal efforts to pass laws to combat human trafficking, and should take major steps to improve and implement its laws.

Arizona	4	\$		IT						*		
Colorado	4				TF					-1		
Delaware	4	\$		IT								
New Hampshire	3	\$		AF								
North Dakota	4	\$		IT								
Utah	4	\$		IT	TF							

TIER 4

1 STATE
(0-2 categories): State has not made minimal efforts to enact a basic legal framework to combat human trafficking, and should actively work to improve its laws.

South Dakota	2	\$										
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Total States (per category)	49	51	AF 37	TR 29	22	18	43	33	30	14
			IT 38	TF 20						

Training - State law has mandated or encouraged training for law enforcement, but does not have a statute to create or encourage a dedicated task force or commission.

Human Trafficking Task Force - State law has created or encouraged a dedicated task force or commission, but has not mandated or encouraged training for law enforcement.

Half Point - State law does not provide both services for the child and immunity from prosecution/diversion from juvenile delinquency proceedings.

State Ratings Category Descriptions

- 1. Sex Trafficking:** A statute that criminalizes sex trafficking and includes elements of inducing another through force, fraud, or coercion to engage in a commercial sex act. Some states have related laws in the prostitution code and were given credit if they had the same criminal elements.
- 2. Labor Trafficking:** A statute that creates the crime of labor trafficking or trafficking in persons, in which a person is compelled through force, fraud, or coercion into providing labor or services.
- 3. (a) Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking:** A statute that provides for the forfeiture of assets used in the course of the crime or acquired with proceeds from the crime of human trafficking.
(b) Investigative Tools for Law Enforcement: A statute that amends existing Racketeering (RICO) statutes to include the crime of human trafficking or authorizes the use of wiretapping by law enforcement in human trafficking investigations.
- 4. (a) Training on Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement:** A statute that mandates or encourages law enforcement to be trained in human trafficking issues and the law.
(b) Human Trafficking Commission or Task Force: A statute that creates, establishes, or encourages a task force, commission or advisory committee dedicated to addressing human trafficking.
- 5. Posting a Human Trafficking Hotline:** A statute that mandates or encourages the public posting of a human trafficking hotline, such as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline or a state human trafficking hotline.
- 6. Safe Harbor - Protecting Sexually Exploited Minors:** A statute that recognizes sexually exploited individuals under 18 as victims of a crime in need of protection and services by granting immunity from prosecution or diverting minors from juvenile delinquency proceedings, and instead directing them to child welfare services. In order to receive full credit, the state must have provisions that relate to both immunity or diversion and services for the child.
- 7. Lower Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors:** A statute that ensures that the elements of force, fraud or coercion are not required for a trafficker to be prosecuted for the sex trafficking of a minor. This statute must be under the sex trafficking section in order for the state to receive credit.
- 8. Victim Assistance:** A statute that provides assistance, mandates the creation of a victim services plan, or funds programs to help victims of human trafficking. Victim services and protection may include counseling, job assistance, housing, continuing education, legal services, and/or a human trafficking caseworker privilege.
- 9. Access to Civil Damages:** A statute that provides victims of human trafficking with the ability to seek civil damages from their traffickers.
- 10. Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims:** A statute that permits victims to have convictions for prostitution that were committed as a result of being trafficked vacated from their criminal records.

About Polaris Project's Policy Team

Polaris Project is a nationally recognized leader in advancing laws that increase services for human trafficking survivors, provide new tools for law enforcement and prosecutors, and turn the tables on human traffickers who historically operate in a high-profit, low-risk environment. Since founding our policy program in 2004, our efforts have been instrumental in the passage of over 100 anti-trafficking laws at the state level. Email policy@polarisproject.org or call 202-745-1001 ext 134 for information on how we can help you pass strong anti-trafficking laws in your state.

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