



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW:

- Human trafficking is a form of **modern day slavery**.
- Human trafficking is a **global** and **local** problem .
- Human trafficking cases have been reported in **every state in the U.S. and every county in Wisconsin**.
- Human trafficking is the **second largest criminal activity in the world** with \$32 billion dollars in profit every year and is the fastest growing.

DEFINITION:

- Human trafficking is **recruiting, harboring, obtaining or transporting** a person by means of **force, fraud** or **coercion** for the purpose of **sexual exploitation, commercial sex acts** or **labor exploitation**.
- **Child sex trafficking** does not require the use of force, fraud or coercion to induce minor victims into commercial sex acts.
- **Labor Trafficking** includes such things as involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

LAWS:

- Human Trafficking is a crime under International, U.S., and Wisconsin law.
- The “Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children” is the main international law.
- The Federal **Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000** (reauthorized in 2003, 2005, 2008 and 2013).
- The Federal **Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2107**
- **2007 Wisconsin Act 116** and **2013 Wisconsin Act 362** collectively comprise the major parts of Wisconsin’s law on human trafficking. Additional legislation modifying and fine-tuning previous legislation occurs regularly.

MYTHS: It is important to dispel certain myths about human trafficking –

- Human trafficking is **not smuggling or illegal immigration**.
- Human trafficking does **not require transportation or border crossing**.
- Human trafficking does **not require physical force, physical abuse or physical restraint**.
- Human trafficking **occurs in cities, suburbs and rural communities**. It has been reported in every WI county.
- Human trafficking **can happen to anyone** – children and adults, males and females, U.S. citizens and documented and undocumented non-citizens, all races, all economic backgrounds.

STATISTICS:

- The true number of trafficked victims is unknown and most numbers are estimates.
- It is estimated there are 21 million human trafficking victims world wide. It is likely that less than 1% of these victims are identified and assisted.
- It is estimated that 100,000 American citizen children are victims of human trafficking.
- 246 million children are forced into child labor worldwide
- Hundreds of thousands of U.S. minor citizens are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation
- Women and girls account for 80% of the sex trafficked victims; 50% of victims are minors.
- Every 10 minutes a woman or child is trafficked in the U.S.
- A victim is trafficked in the world every 60 seconds.
- The present rate of child trafficking is 10 times higher than **ALL** the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade in the 16th - 18th century.
- Every county in Wisconsin has reported cases of human trafficking.
- State and Federal cases of human trafficking have been successfully prosecuted in Wisconsin.

RESOURCES:

- NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE – 1-888-3737-888
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Trafficking in Persons – www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking
- U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons – <https://www.state.gov/j/tip/>
- Homeland Security Blue Campaign – <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/identify-victim>
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Human Trafficking – <https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/human-trafficking>

- WI Department of Justice Human Trafficking – <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/human-trafficking>
- Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Anti-Human Trafficking – <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/aht>
- Wisconsin Coalition against Sexual Assault – www.wcasa.org
- Wisconsin Coalition against Domestic Violence – www.wcadv.org
- Dane County Coordinated Community Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children – <http://www.projectrespectwi.com>

- Polaris Project – www.polarisproject.org
- Shared Hope International – <https://sharedhope.org>
- ECPAT USA – <https://www.ecpatusa.org>
- Freedom Network – <https://freedomnetworkusa.org>
- Free the Slaves – <https://www.freetheslaves.net>
- Not for Sale – <https://www.notforsalecampaign.org>

- SlaveFree Madison – www.slavefreemadison.org
- Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Consortium – <http://stophumantraffickingwi.com>
- 5-Stones Fox Valley, Appleton – <http://5-stones.org>
- Fierce Freedom, Altoona, WI – <http://fiercefreeslaves.org>
- Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee – <http://city.milwaukee.gov/health/staysafe/HTTFGM#.WoTldmaZPow>