

### OVERVIEW OF INCOMING SIGNALS

The following information is based on incoming signals to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 about human trafficking cases and issues related to human trafficking in the United States and U.S. territories. Signals can take the form of **phone calls**, **text**, **Webchat**<sup>1</sup>, **online tip reports**<sup>2</sup>, or **emails**. Signals to the Hotline regarding topics unrelated to human trafficking are considered non-substantive and are not summarized in this report. In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received a total of 51,073 substantive<sup>3</sup> phone calls, text, Webchats, emails, or online tip reports nationwide.



<sup>1</sup> Webchats are a means of communicating with NHTH staff directly on the website using the online chat feature.

<sup>2</sup> Online tip reports are standardized forms which can be completed on the website, allowing signalers to provide details without directly interacting with NHTH staff.

<sup>3</sup> Substantive signals excludes hang-ups, wrong numbers, missed signals and signals in which the Hotline could not determine the signaler's reason for contacting the Hotline.

### SUBSTANTIVE SIGNAL DATA

The following statistics are based solely on substantive signals about human trafficking and issues related to human trafficking made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Substantive signals exclude hang-ups, missed calls, wrong numbers, and calls in which the signaler's reason for contacting the Hotline is unknown.

SIGNALER TYPE	# OF SIGNALS	% OF SIGNALS
Victim of Trafficking	13,277	26%
Community Member	9,518	19%
Not Specified	6,732	13%
Victim of Other Crime	5,270	10%
Other <sup>1</sup>	4,789	9%
NGO Representative	3,211	6%
Family Member of Trafficking Victim	1,941	4%
Medical Professional	1,266	3%
Friend of Trafficking Victim	1,029	2%
Victim of Labor Exploitation	711	1%
Law Enforcement	573	1%

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Acquaintance of Trafficker	501	1%
Legal Professional	447	1%
Government Official	306	1%
Business	287	1%
Mental Health Professional	284	1%
Educator/School Personnel	239	1%
Buyer of Commercial Sex	167	0%
Trucker	130	0%
Faith-Based Representative	112	0%
Student	108	0%
Airline/Airport Personnel	59	0%
Potential Trafficker	40	0%
Family/Friend of Potential Victim of Trafficking	36	0%
Press/Media	21	0%
Truck Stop Employee	14	0%
Foreign Government Official	3	0%
Caller Types Referenced Fewer than Three Times <sup>2</sup>	2	0%
<b>TOTAL # OF SUBSTANTIVE SIGNALS</b>	<b>51,073</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Other is selected when the signaler specifies a Signaler Type that is not listed and does not logically fit any of the existing categories.

<sup>2</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues, industries, victim information or caller information referenced fewer than three times.

SIGNALER'S METHOD OF COMMUNICATION	POTENTIAL VICTIMS	OTHER SIGNALERS
Hotline Call	68%	59%
SMS Report	26%	22%
Email Received	4%	7%
Online Report	1%	10%
Webchat	1%	2%
	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

SIGNALS BY SIGNALER'S LOCATION (STATE)	# OF SIGNALS	% OF SIGNALS
Alabama	285	1%
Alaska	81	0%
Arizona	651	1%

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Arkansas	270	1%
California	5,257	10%
Colorado	602	1%
Connecticut	170	0%
Delaware	93	0%
District of Columbia	175	0%
Florida	2,894	6%
Georgia	1,073	2%
Guam	3	0%
Hawaii	90	0%
Idaho	109	0%
Illinois	929	2%
Indiana	467	1%
Iowa	299	1%
Kansas	274	1%
Kentucky	353	1%
Louisiana	375	1%
Maine	175	0%
Maryland	751	1.5%
Massachusetts	339	1%
Michigan	1,186	2%
Minnesota	335	1%
Mississippi	543	1%
Missouri	1,103	2%
Montana	133	0%
Nebraska	240	0.5%
Nevada	571	1%
New Hampshire	68	0%
New Jersey	567	1%
New Mexico	364	1%
New York	1,662	3%
North Carolina	922	2%
North Dakota	100	0%
Northern Mariana Islands	16	0%
Ohio	1,161	2%
Oklahoma	438	1%
Oregon	485	1%
Pennsylvania	1,080	2%
Puerto Rico	34	0%

Rhode Island	38	0%
South Carolina	488	1%
South Dakota	100	0%
Tennessee	525	1%
Texas	3,534	7%
U.S. Virgin Islands	4	0%
Utah	319	1%
Vermont	32	0%
Virginia	583	1%
Washington	955	2%
West Virginia	112	0%
Wisconsin	390	1%
Wyoming	68	0%
Not Specified	16,815	33%
International Location	387	1%
<b>TOTAL # OF SUBSTANTIVE SIGNALS</b>	<b>51,073</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### DATA ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS

Each request submitted to the Hotline is evaluated for evidence of potential human trafficking. **In the United States, a total of 10,360 unique cases (incidents) of potential human trafficking were reported to the Hotline in 2021.** A single human trafficking situation may involve a single potential victim or many potential victims. Additionally, while National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) staff use detailed protocols to assess indicators of trafficking, advocates adapt their phrasing and scope of questions in response to the individual's answers and the circumstances of the signal. Beyond this trafficking assessment, victims and third parties reporting these situations are not asked a set of standardized questions and only provide information that they felt comfortable sharing with NHTH staff to get the help they needed. As such, the data points in this document represent only what those contacting the National Human Trafficking Hotline chose to disclose. The number of survivors with a particular attribute would likely have been higher if NHTH staff had systematically asked a standardized set of questions to each individual contacting the Hotline.

PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTACTING THE NATIONAL HOTLINE <sup>1</sup>	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
Access Service Referrals	3,284	32%
Report a Trafficking Tip	6,546	63%
Request Crisis Assistance	528	5%
Request General Information	2	0%
<b>TOTAL # OF TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS</b>	<b>10,360</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Requests unrelated to human trafficking, including situations that are high risk for trafficking are not listed as this report focuses only on human trafficking situations.

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<sup>2</sup>Requests for general information are situations in which an individual who is aware of a specific situation of potential trafficking may contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline for general information about human trafficking or to learn more about services available to trafficking victims.

<sup>3</sup>Training and Technical Assistance are situations in which service providers or law enforcement working with a victim of trafficking contact the Hotline for technical assistance.

VENUE/INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING <sup>4</sup>	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
<b>Sex</b>	<b>7,499</b>	<b>72%</b>
Pornography	807	11%
Illicit Massage/Spa Business	596	8%
Hotel/Motel-Based	579	8%
Residence-Based Commercial Sex	525	7%
Online Ad, Venue Unknown	369	5%
Other Venue	323	4%
Street-Based	178	2%
Escort/Delivery Service	134	2%
Hostess/Strip Club-Based	47	1%
Truck Stop-Based	43	1%
Bar/Club-Based	33	0%
Legalized Brothel	3	0%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>5</sup>	1	0%
Venue Not Specified	3861	51%
<b>Labor</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>10%</b>
Domestic Work	185	17%
Agriculture/Farms	117	11%
Construction	65	6%
Retail/Other Small Business	61	6%
Restaurant/Food Service	60	6%
Illicit Activity	59	6%
Hospitality	36	3%
Factory	24	2%
Begging Ring	24	2%
Traveling Sales Crew	22	2%
Peddling Ring	21	2%
Landscaping Service	20	2%
Housekeeping/Cleaning Service	16	1.5%
Health Care	16	1.5%
Other Industry	16	1.5%
Health & Beauty Services	14	1%
Hostess/Strip Club	10	1%
Professional/Scientific/Tech Services	10	1%
Transportation	9	1%

Arts & Entertainment	9	1%
Traveling Carnival	7	1%
Bar/Club	6	1%
Forestry/Reforestation	5	0.5%
Aquafarming/Fishing	3	0%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>5</sup>	5	0.5%
Industry Not Specified	246	23%
<b>Sex and Labor</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>4%</b>
Domestic Work	59	15%
Illicit Activities	49	12%
Illicit Massage/Spa Business	30	7%
Hostess/Strip Club	27	7%
Restaurant/Food Service	11	3%
Bar/Club/Cantina	9	2%
Other	9	2%
Construction	7	2%
Retail/Other Small Business	7	2%
Housekeeping	5	1%
Arts and Entertainment	5	1%
Begging Rings	4	1%
Pornography	4	1%
Hospitality	3	1%
Agriculture/Farms	3	1%
Hotel/Motel	3	1%
Venue/Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>5</sup>	17	4%
Venue/Industry Not Specified	148	37%
<b>Trafficking Type Not Specified<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>TOTAL # OF TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS</b>	<b>10,360</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>4</sup>Venue industry is representative of the type of labor or commercial sex which victims and survivors were forced to engage in as a part of their trafficking situation.

<sup>5</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues, industries, victim information or signaler information referenced fewer than three times.

<sup>6</sup>Cases where trafficking type is not specified typically occur when a law enforcement agent or service provider contacts the Hotline for resources and referrals but does not disclose details about the trafficking situation due to confidentiality. This category also includes cases in which the person reporting the information references human trafficking but does not provide further detail regarding the presence of labor or commercial sex. These cases are often submitted to the Hotline through anonymous online tip reports.

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DEMOGRAPHICS OF VICTIMS IDENTIFIED IN LABOR TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
Adults	864	81%
Minors	136	13%
Females	537	50%
Males	515	48%
Another Gender Identity <sup>7</sup>	8	1%
U.S. Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	76	7%
Foreign Nationals <sup>8</sup>	590	55%
NON-CUMULATIVE <sup>9</sup>		

<sup>7</sup>Other gender identities include any individuals whose gender identified was not cisgender male or female. This would include individuals who identify as transgender male, transgender female, two-spirit, agender, genderfluid, or other specified genders. At times, this information is self-reported. Other times NHTH staff may explicitly ask about gender identity for the purposes of connecting that person with appropriate service provider resources to meet their needs. Situations where the likely victims' gender was unstated or unclear due to conflicting information are recorded as Unknown.

<sup>8</sup>A Foreign National in this data set is defined as any individual who is not currently a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident. At times, this information is self-reported. Other times NHTH staff may explicitly ask about citizenship for the purposes of connecting that person with appropriate service provider resources to meet their needs. Situations where the likely victims' citizenship was unstated or unclear due to conflicting information are recorded as Unknown.

<sup>9</sup>These statistics are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include female, male, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, adults and minors. In some cases, demographic information is not reported. This table shows the number of cases referencing each demographic and not the number of individual victims.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF VICTIMS IDENTIFIED IN SEX TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
Adults	4,621	62%
Minors	2,078	28%
Females	6,296	84%
Males	588	8%
Another Gender Identity	103	1%
U.S. Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	490	7%
Foreign Nationals <sup>10</sup>	306	4%
NON-CUMULATIVE <sup>11</sup>		

<sup>10</sup>A Foreign National in this data set is defined as any individual who is not currently a U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident. At times, this information is self-reported. Other times NHTH staff may explicitly ask about citizenship for the purposes of connecting that person with appropriate service provider resources to meet their needs. Situations where the likely victims' citizenship was unstated or unclear due to conflicting information are recorded as Unknown.

<sup>11</sup>These statistics are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include female, male, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, adults and minors. In some cases, demographic information is not reported. This table shows the number of cases referencing each demographic and not the number of individual victims.

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POTENTIAL VICTIMS(s) COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
United States of America	646	6%
Mexico	219	2%
Honduras	82	1%
Guatemala	69	1%
China	51	1%
Philippines	38	0%
El Salvador	34	0%
Colombia	27	0%
India	24	0%
Russia	21	0%
Vietnam	14	0%
Dominican Republic	14	0%
Brazil	13	0%
Jamaica	10	0%
Canada	10	0%
Nicaragua	9	0%
Ecuador	8	0%
Venezuela	8	0%
Cuba	7	0%
Nigeria	7	0%
South Korea	7	0%
Peru	7	0%
Haiti	7	0%
Bangladesh	6	0%
Indonesia	6	0%
Taiwan	6	0%
Thailand	6	0%
Chile	5	0%
South Africa	5	0%
Japan	5	0%
Romania	5	0%
Ethiopia	4	0%
Pakistan	4	0%
Ukraine	4	0%
Ghana	4	0%
Turkey	4	0%



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Uganda	3	0%
Australia	3	0%
Bahamas	3	0%
Costa Rica	3	0%
Trinidad and Tobago	3	0%
Countries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases	59	0%
Unknown/Not Specified	9,069	88%
NON-CUMULATIVE <sup>12</sup>		

<sup>12</sup> These statistics are non-cumulative. In some cases, demographic information is not reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Other cases may involve multiple victims of varied nationalities. This table shows the number of cases referencing each demographic and not the number of individual victims.

**Important Note:** The data displayed in this report was generated based on information communicated to the National Human Trafficking Hotline via phone, email, and online tip report. The National Human Trafficking Hotline cannot verify the accuracy of the information reported. This is not a comprehensive report on the scale or scope of human trafficking within the state. Data is dynamic and subject to change as the Hotline continues to respond to victims of trafficking. Therefore, the data reported is likely to have minor fluctuations based on when the data for the report was retrieved. The current report is based on data retrieved on November 15, 2022, 5:00 PM.

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