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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TOOLKIT

2026



# PROCLAMATION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**WHEREAS**, Human Trafficking is a crime where people are forced or tricked into work or commercial sex acts; and

**WHEREAS**, this is a serious violation of human rights and is a form of modern slavery that affects people of all ages and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, this crime happens everywhere, including in our own community, and victims need our help; and

**WHEREAS**, we all have a duty to learn the signs of trafficking and to work together to stop it and protect those who are vulnerable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare the month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Kansas, and call on everyone to:

**Look Out** for the signs of human trafficking.

**Speak Up** by reporting suspicious activity and sharing information.

**Support** the groups that help survivors heal and rebuild their lives.

**We commit to fighting this terrible crime and protecting the dignity of all people.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING: END HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

## **CONNECTING THE DOTS:**

Recognizing how human trafficking intersects with other forms of violence and social issues (like domestic violence, poverty, mental health, and online exploitation).

## **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES:**

Building protective factors and resilience at the community level to reduce vulnerabilities.

## **PREVENTING TRAFFICKING:**

Focusing efforts upstream to stop the crime before it happens.

# WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING....

Involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.

**IT CAN HAPPEN IN ANY COMMUNITY AND VICTIMS CAN BE ANY AGE, RACE, GENDER, OR NATIONALITY.**

## HOW?

Traffickers might lure victims into trafficking situations by:

- Violence
- Manipulation
- False promises of well-paying jobs
- Romantic relationships



"What Is Human Trafficking?" Blue Campaign, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, [www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking](http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking). Accessed 21 Oct. 2025.

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# TWO MAIN TYPES: HUMAN TRAFFICKING



## SEX TRAFFICKING

People in sex trafficking situations almost always know and even trust or love their traffickers.

Traffickers come from all genders, races, ethnicities and walks of life.

Anyone can be trafficked, but some people are far more vulnerable than others.

People may face threats against them or their families or violence if they complain or try to leave.

## LABOR TRAFFICKING

When pay or working conditions are abusive and the worker cannot quit or complain.

Kidnapping or physical force are rarely part of how labor trafficking situations begin.

Traffickers can be business owners, bosses or other workers.

Anyone can be victimized by a labor trafficker.

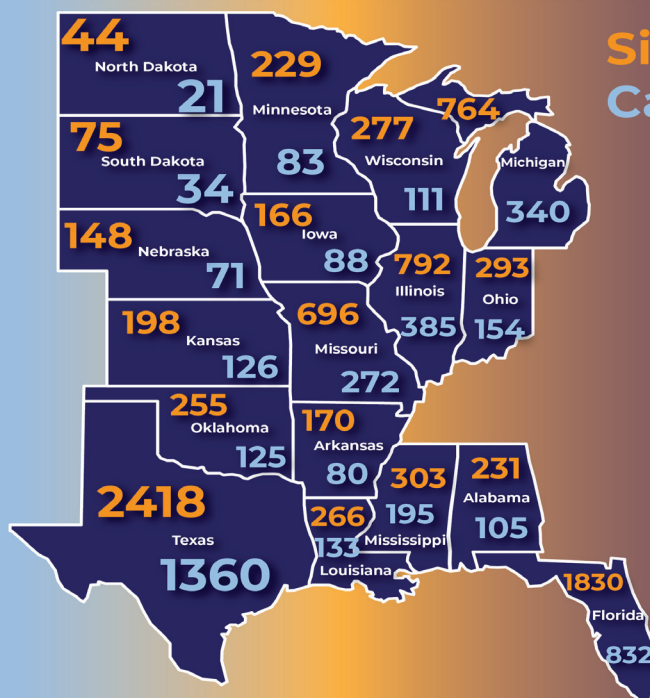
The most common ways traffickers control victims are through threats or economic abuse.



"Understanding Human Trafficking." Polaris Project. [polarisproject.org/understanding-human-trafficking/](https://polarisproject.org/understanding-human-trafficking/). Accessed 21 Oct. 2025.

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## SIGNALS AND CASES BY STATE IN 2024



### Signals received Cases Identified

#### Types of signals occurred

Hotline Call	17,957
SMS Report	4,920
Online Report	4,166
Email Received	2,811
Web Chat	2,455

#### Requests on Human Trafficking Cases

Report a Trafficking Tip	7,656
Access Service Referrals	3,853
Request Crisis Assistance	385
Request General Info.	94
Request T & TA Training & Technical Assistance	11

National. (n.d.). National Human Trafficking Hotline. <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/statistics>

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# WEAR BLUE DAY

JANUARY 11TH, 2026



The goal of **#WEARBLUEDAY** is simple but impactful: To encourage the public to visibly show their support for human trafficking awareness & help share vital information to stop the crime.

How to participate: Wear an article of blue clothing, take a selfie, share the photo on social media using the hashtag **#WEARBLUEDAY!**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "January 11 is #WearBlueDay." Blue Campaign. <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/wearblueday>  
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# JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Share statistics on your tribal organization's page, or your programs social media pages.

## 2024 Statistics on Human Trafficking in the U.S.

- In 2024, it is estimated that approximately **24,000 individuals** fell victim to human trafficking within the United States.
- **About 75% of identified victims were female.**
- **40%** of human trafficking victims in 2024 were **minors**.
- The National Human Trafficking Hotline received approximately **2,000 reports** related to trafficking cases in 2024.
- Law Enforcement efforts in 2024 led to approximately **10,000 arrests** related to human trafficking.
- Human trafficking generates an **estimated \$150 billion globally** each year.

Scully, P. (2025, January 16). Human trafficking statistics in the U.S. for 2024 | Steps to Hope. Steps to Hope.  
<https://www.stepstohope.org/blog/understanding-the-numbers-behind-human-trafficking-in-the-usa>

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