

# Human Trafficking Data Report – Educational Summary (2024)

This educational document summarizes key demographic findings from the 2024 Human Trafficking Data Report published by the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission, along with national research findings regarding trafficker demographics. The purpose of this document is informational and educational.

These are the Faces of Modern Slavery, Traffickers:



## Section 1: 2024 Victim Service Overview

- Total individuals served: 2,328
- Confirmed or suspected victims: 2,275
- 58% were new individuals served in 2024
- 12,466 instances of services were provided
- 34% increase in identified and served individuals compared to 2023
- 32% increase in services provided compared to 2023

## Section 2: Victim Demographics (2024)

Age Distribution:

- 85% ages 17 and under
- 14% ages 18 and over
- Less than 1% unknown

Type of Trafficking:

- 90% sex trafficking
- 2% labor trafficking
- 2% sex and labor trafficking
- 5% unknown

Victim Status:

- 52% suspected victims
- 46% confirmed victims
- 2% unknown

Race:

- 46% African American
- 41% White
- 4% Multi-racial
- 1% Other
- Less than 1% American Indian or Alaska Native
- Less than 1% Asian
- Less than 1% Middle Eastern or North African
- 0% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- 7% Unknown

Ethnicity:

- 77% Not Hispanic or Latino

- 13% Hispanic or Latino
- 10% Unknown

Gender:

- 88% Female
- 11% Male
- Less than 1% Unknown
- Less than 1% Other

### **Section 3: Demographics of Traffickers (U.S. Research Findings)**

Gender of Traffickers:

- Approximately 75% male and 24% female in U.S. child sex trafficking cases.
- Research indicates the majority of traffickers are male, though females play significant roles in recruitment and operational activities.

Key Takeaway: Most traffickers identified by law enforcement are male, but female traffickers are also present and active.

Age of Traffickers:

- Average age: approximately 29 years for males and 26 years for females in certain U.S. analyses.
- Broader federal prosecutions show average defendant age around 40 years.

Age Range: Typically adults from mid-20s to middle age; minors are rarely identified as primary traffickers.

Race & Background:

- In one U.S. sample: approximately 72% African American, 20% Caucasian, and smaller percentages Hispanic or other groups.

Important Context: These figures reflect arrest and prosecution data and may be influenced by reporting patterns and local demographics.

Roles & Relationships:

- Many traffickers are known to victims (acquaintances, partners, prior relationships).

- Some operate alone; others work within networks.
- Most U.S. cases involve individual operators rather than large international syndicates.

#### **Section 4: Overall Observations**

- Majority of identified traffickers are male, though females account for a meaningful share.
- Traffickers are typically adults.
- Individuals involved come from diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

***We have other data analysis located on our website -US.***

This document is intended for educational use and should be interpreted within the broader context of data collection limitations, reporting variability, and systemic factors that influence identification and prosecution.