

# modernDAY slavery

also known as HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**Slavery:** The topic of slavery, often mentioned only in history books, is a major issue that still exists today. Known as human trafficking in today's society, it exists in our world, country, state, and city. The business of human trafficking where mainly women and children are trafficked. Across the world there are estimated to be 27 million victims who are trafficked; however it is hard to pin point an exact number as many of these victims are kept secret. So who are these victims? From where do they come? What are the signs of human trafficking? How can we help?





# AN EVIL IN OUR BACKYARDS

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States with North Carolina among the most affected states. Major interstate highways, a large and transient military population surrounded by sexually oriented businesses, numerous rural agricultural areas with a high demand for cheap labor, and an increasing number of gangs all contribute to making our state a hotbed for human trafficking.

In 2019, 266 cases of trafficking were reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, ranking North Carolina 11th among the 50 states in cases reported. However, because human trafficking is a crime which hides in the shadows, the true number of cases in North Carolina is likely much, much higher.



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING ENCOMPASSES

- forced labor
- forced child labor
- bonded labor
- debt bondage
- involuntary servitude
- sex trafficking
- child soldiers
- sale of body parts

***“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that enhances the freedom of others.”***

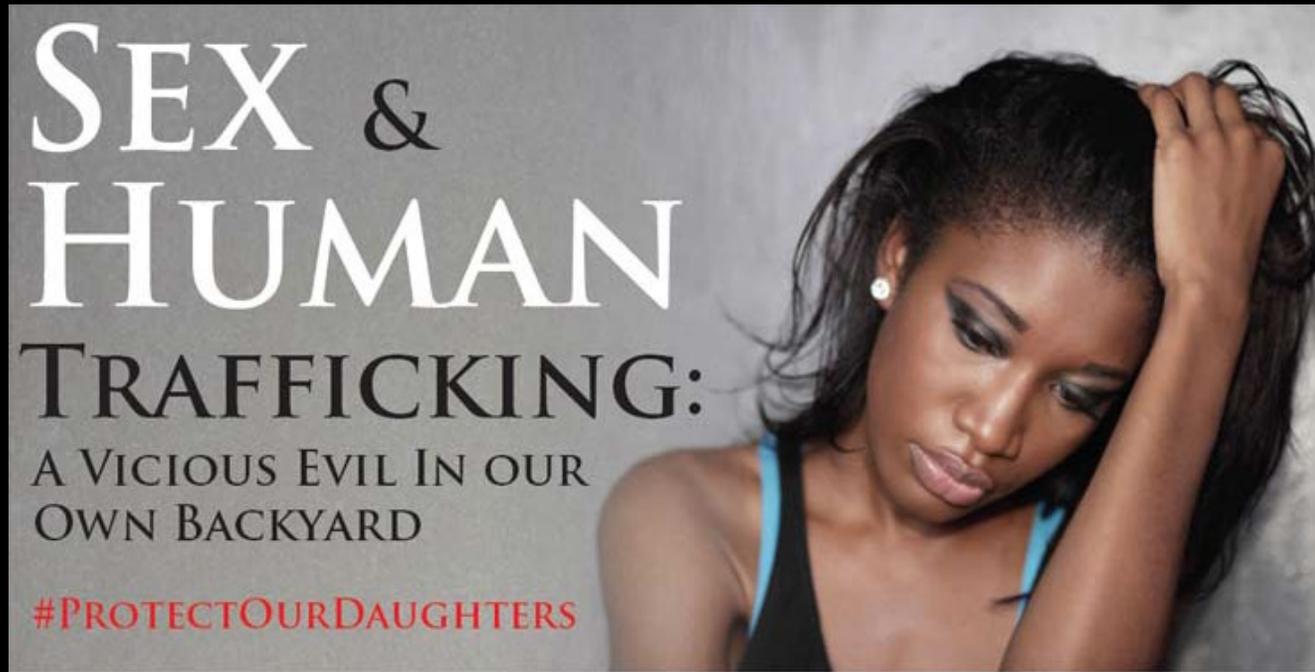
***Nelson Mandela***



# GOALS OF PRESENTATION

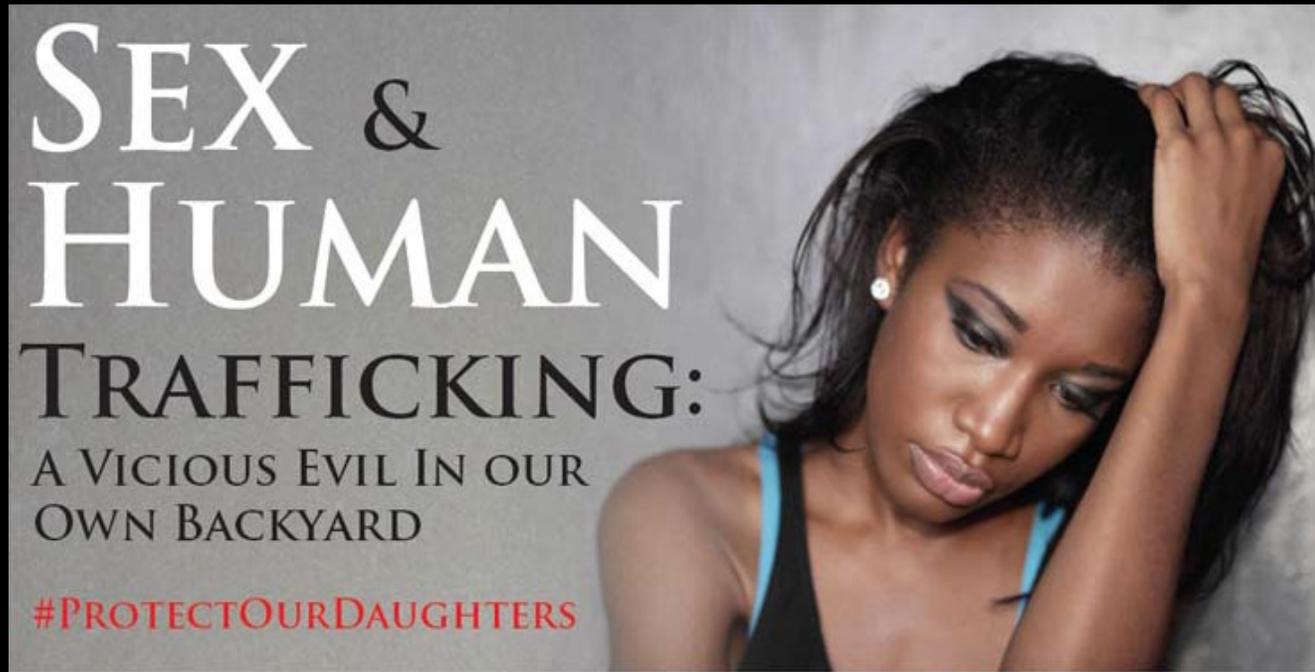
1. Define “sex, human and labor trafficking”
2. Identify different types of human trafficking
3. Understand what conditions have contributed to this problem
4. Learn about traffickers and how they operate
5. Know how to guard against becoming a victim
6. Recognize signs of trafficking and report these to parents, educators, and law enforcement
7. Inspire others to take action and work to end human trafficking





Sex trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which individuals perform commercial sex through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Minors under the age of 18 engaging in commercial sex are considered to be victims of human trafficking, regardless of the use of force, fraud, or coercion.





Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, debt bondage, sex acts, sale of body organs, or slavery.





Labor trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which individuals perform labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

Labor trafficking includes situations of debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor. Labor traffickers use violence, threats, lies, and other forms of coercion to force people to work against their will in many industries.



# EXAMPLES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



SEX TRAFFICKING  
&  
LABOR TRAFFICKING

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A \$150  
BILLION PER YEAR BUSINESS

\$99 BILLION IN PROFITS FROM  
SEX TRAFFICKING

\$51 BILLION IN PROFITS FROM  
LABOR TRAFFICKING





# VICTIMS

## Who?

Many people who lack financial stability are likely to become victims; however, human trafficking does include a vast demographic of victims: men and women, adults and children, educated and uneducated people, foreigners and natives, undocumented and documented immigrants.

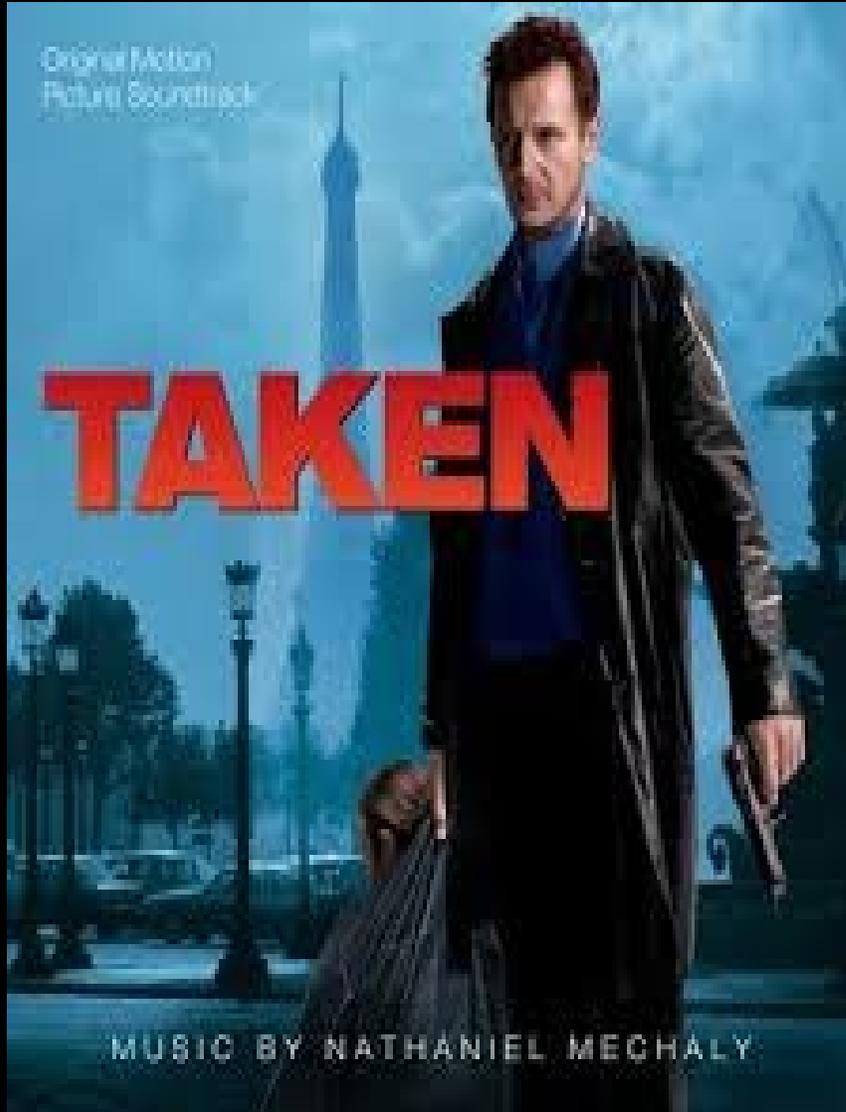
*Anyone can become a victim.*

## Reasons for Becoming Victims:

Victims of human trafficking usually show vulnerability to their perpetrators. Some of these vulnerabilities include: poverty, illiteracy, unstable/abusive family life, unemployment, corruption in government, unstable economy, violent conflicts/wars, health epidemics, natural disasters, high demand for services, and lack of rights.



# HUMAN TRAFFICKERS AND HOW THEY OPERATE



## Sex Traffickers Love Technology Too.

Traffickers use social media to befriend kids and gain their trust. Victims fall into a life of violence, drugs and sex slavery.

Protect against online predators.

[DisruptSexTrafficking.org](http://DisruptSexTrafficking.org)

For help getting out of sexual exploitation, text BEFREE (233733).



## Now Recruiting: Next Gen Sex Buyers.

Porn can make violent and extreme sex seem normal. People are often forced into porn and viewers don't realize they're watching abuse.

Don't be part of the problem.

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## Girlfriend For Sale

"Romeo Pimps" pretend to love their victims so they can sell them. Teens enter a life of sexual abuse at the hands of their traffickers and buyers.

Learn to identify predators.

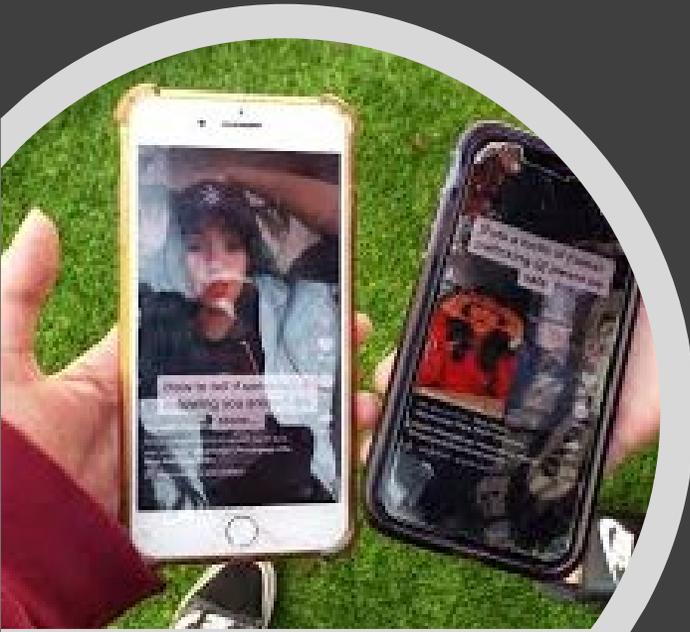
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# WHAT TRAFFICKERS LOOK FOR

Human traffickers search for people who show vulnerabilities that will allow them to control the future victims. The most common vulnerabilities include runaways, dependency on drugs, homelessness, and undocumented status.



# WHERE HUMAN TRAFFICKERS OPERATE



# WHO ARE HUMAN TRAFFICKERS?

Men and women of all ages

Family members and friends

People of any ethnicity

People of any financial background



# WHY HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXISTS AND FLOURISHES

- Greed: Human traffickers make millions of dollars in this industry. Human trafficking is the second largest business in the world.
- Power: Human traffickers enjoy having a sense of power and authority over their victims.
- Control: Similar to having power, human traffickers are able to control the lives of their victims through verbal and physical abuse.
- Lust: Human trafficking is driven by the desires of customers. Usually victims are used for men in war, at conventions, and at large sporting events such as the Super Bowl or World Cup.
- Demand: The market of human trafficking is guided by the desire for cheap labor and sex.
- Invisibility: Many victims of human trafficking are “invisible” to the world, meaning that their disappearance will not be noticed by the general public.
- Availability: Especially in the United States, infrastructure such as highways make it easier to transport victims across state and country borders.



# WHY HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXISTS AND FLOURISHES

## Purposes:

- Commercial Sex: pornography, stripping, prostitution, and other exotic services
- Hard Labor: construction, agriculture, landscaping, mining, forestry
- Domestic Service: childcare, home maintenance
- Hospitality Services: hotels, janitorial services, restaurants, nail salons, etc.
- Factory Work: textiles, shoes, furniture, etc.
- Peddling and Begging Networks: roadside vendors, maimed beggars
- Gang recruitment

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**BENEATH  
THE SURFACE**



# SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PREVENTION

## Warning Signs:

- Signs of physical abuse
- Lack of food, water, medical care, and sleep
- Restricted communication
- Numerous occupants in small residency
- Always accompanied with another person when in public
- Outside locks on doors and windows
- Lack of identification documentation



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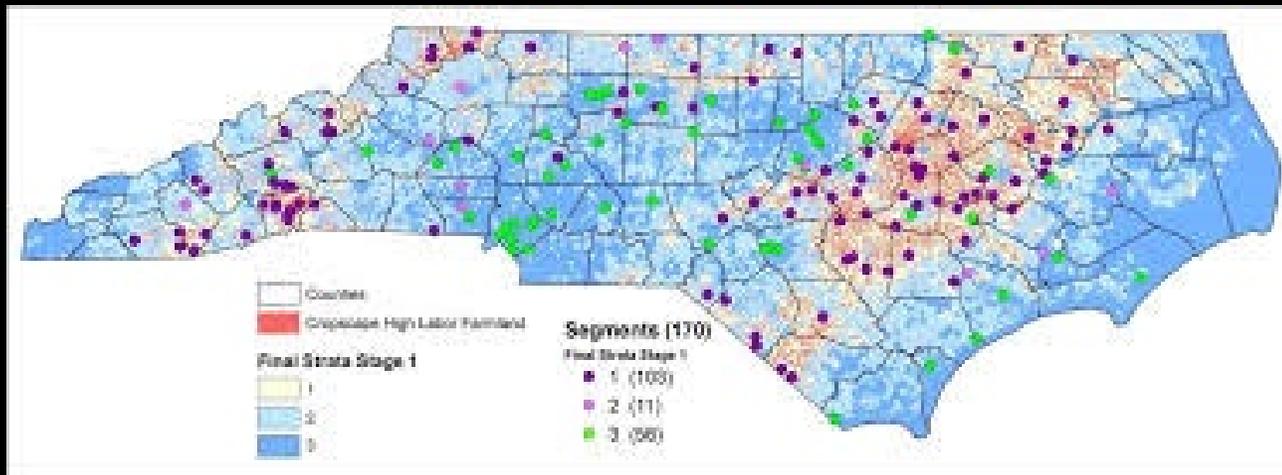
# SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PREVENTION

Report:

United States Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Text: 233733

Immediate Hotline: 911



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# HOW YOU CAN HELP?

In NC, trafficking of children or adults is a felony. One of the best ways for community members to help **eliminate this crime** is to educate themselves on the warning signs.

This includes businesses where employees **arrive and leave work together** by the same means of transportation, working **long hours for little or no pay**, unexplained **injuries or absences**, or individuals **not in possession of personal documents**.

In addition, community members should be aware of the myths and misconceptions surrounding the topic. For example, **victims will not always accept help** they are not always physically constrained *in many cases, imprisonment is financial or psychological*.

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# HOW YOU CAN HELP?

If you want to learn more or get involved, check out these local, state, and national organizations that are fighting to eliminate human trafficking in NC.

- [Project West NC](#)
- [Our VOICE](#)
- [30th Judicial District Alliance](#)
- [The Tote Project](#)
- [The Carolina Women's Center at UNC](#)
- [Project No Rest NC](#)
- [PATH NC](#)
- [NC Stop Human Trafficking](#)
- [NC Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#)
- [NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)
- [The Salvation Army's Project FIGHT](#)
- [The Polaris Project](#)
- [Catholic Relief Services](#)

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