

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.

*If under the age of 18, force, fraud, or coercion does not need to be present. ^[1]

40.3 MILLION modern-day slaves

estimated by the International Labour Organization.^[2]



1 in 4 slavery victims are children.



71% of slavery victims are women and girls.

Trafficking in persons is now the **third most profitable business for organized crime**, behind drugs and arms. It is also the fastest growing form of international crime.^{[3][4]}



600,000 to 800,000 people

are trafficked across international borders every year, according to the U.S. State Department.

80% are female and half are children.^[1]



2 MILLION

children, the majority of them girls, are sexually exploited in the multibillion-dollar commercial sex industry.^[5]



US\$32 billion

estimated total illicit profits produced in one year by trafficked forced labourers.^[6]



148 goods

identified from 75 countries made by forced and child labor.^[7]

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES

80%

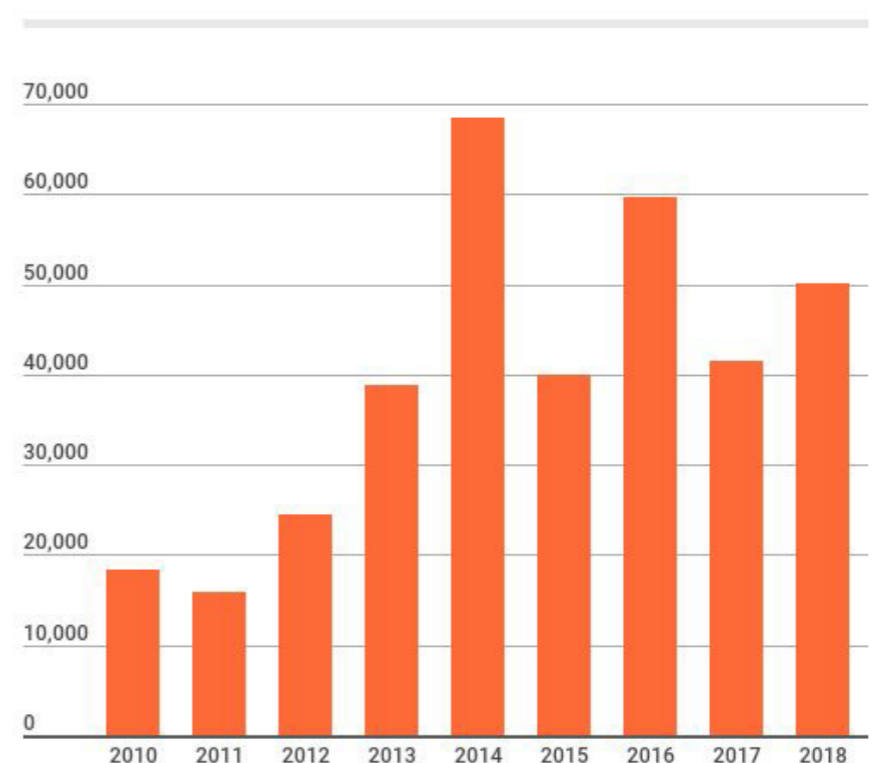
of documented cases of human trafficking, from a UN study, are for the purposes of sexual exploitation.

The United States was listed as the most common destination for victims.^[8]

over
30,000

Reported in 2018, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has averaged over 30,000 apprehensions of unaccompanied minors from 2010 to 2018 along the southern border with Mexico.^[9]

Unaccompanied Children Apprehensions Southwest Border



Data by fiscal year.
Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection



Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the United States each year.^[10]



California has three of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego. ^[11]

1 in 7

of the nearly 25,000 runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 2017, were likely victims of child sex trafficking.^[12]



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