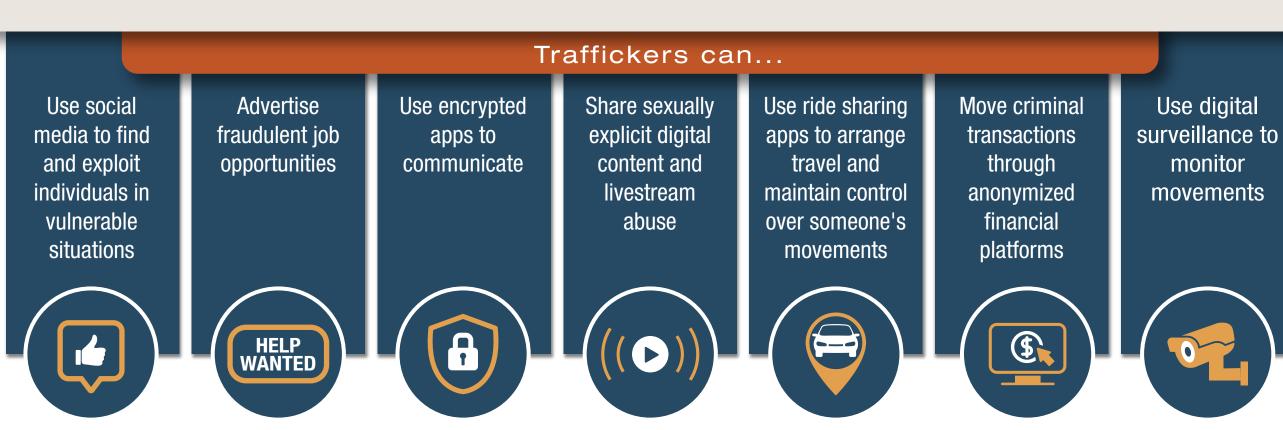


Traffickers leverage technology to exploit individuals for human trafficking.



Traffickers recruit children and adults into labor and sex trafficking through promises of:



employment











transportation



friendship



love



other forms of support

The National Human Trafficking Hotline¹

monitors the intersection of online abuse and human trafficking.

The Hotline identified

remote interactive sexual acts and sexually explicit digital content as

2 of 25

types of human trafficking experienced by individuals in the U.S.²

The Hotline has identified cases where individuals have been made to create sexually explicit digital content or child sexual abuse material.



Of the 616 cases reported to the Hotline between 2007 and 2016

61%

of individuals exploited were minors.

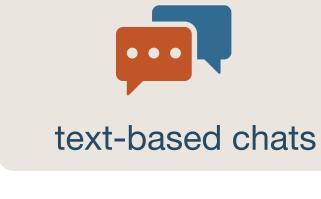
Recent analysis of hotline data shows a

22% 1

increase in online recruitment in 2020³ as compared to the previous year.

Remote interactive sexual acts are live commercial sex acts simulated through technologies such as:





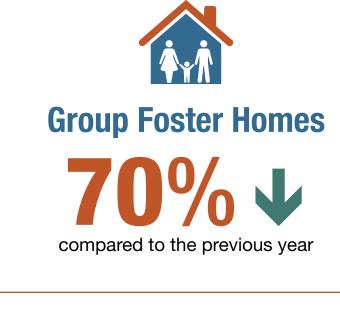


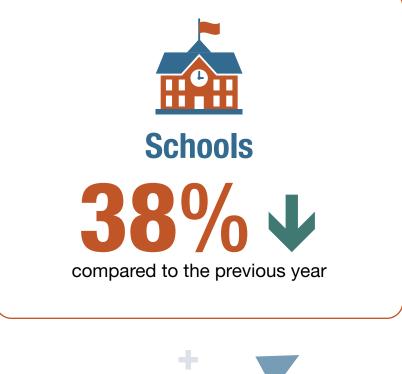
Individuals may also be recruited by intimate partners or others who feign romantic interest in order to gain their trust.



Public health measures implemented in response to the SARS-COV-2 pandemic may have made it more difficult for traffickers to recruit in person. Recruitment in certain locations decreased in 2020.

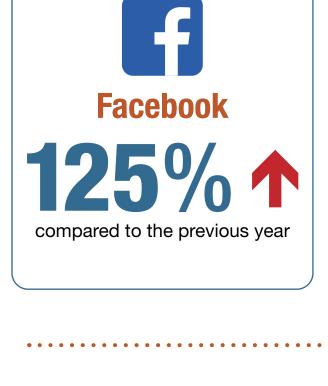






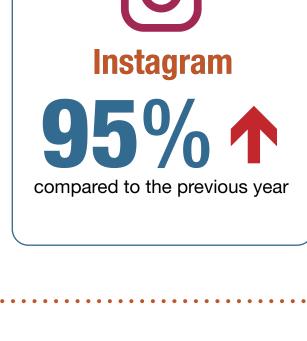
Traffickers turned to the **Internet**, resulting in online platforms being reported as the top recruitment location for labor and sex trafficking in 2020.

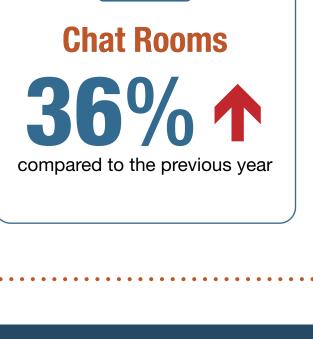


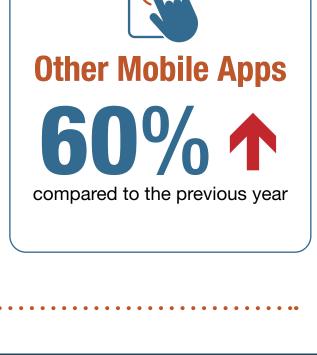


Child Eligibility Data

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among foreign national children in the United States.

OTIP is also assessing technology-facilitated trafficking trends

trafficking cases involving foreign

tech-facilitated exploitation.4 These cases implicate social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as communication platforms

national children and



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⁴ Preliminary analysis of child eligibility case data from FY 2001 to March 2022.