District of Columbia: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region III

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in the District of Columbia. Information was reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from December 2012 to December 2016.

The image above is a heat map that reflects the cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016. Areas in which greater numbers of cases were reported contain more red shading. There is red shading throughout the city. This map only reflects cases in which the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.

368 Cases Reported
732 Potential Persons Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

Citizenship
U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 158
Foreign National: 98

Gender
Female: 306
Male: 53
Gender Minorities: 6

Age
Adult: 227
Minor: 141

*These statistics are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include males and females, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, adults and minors. In some cases, callers do not provide demographic information.


TOP 5 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Street-Based
2. Online Ad. Venue Unknown
3. Hotel-/Motel-Based
4. Escort Services
5. Residential Brothels

TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Peddling Rings
2. Domestic Work
3. Education
4. Begging Rings
5. Traveling Sales Crews

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

- Tip: 23%
- General Info: 14%
- Crisis: 12%
- Referral: 21%
- High Risk: 25%
- Training & Technical Assistance: 5%

The data contained in this document are based on aggregated information learned through signals—phone calls, emails, and online tip reports—received by the National Human Trafficking Hotline. The data do not represent actual numbers of cases identified or processed, nor do they represent the entire scope of human trafficking.

For more information, visit https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/nhtac.
District of Columbia Human Trafficking Laws
(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Benefitting Financially from Human Trafficking | § 22-1836
- Child Neglect and Sex Trafficking Temporary Amendment Act of 2017 | B22-0254
- Civil Action | § 22-1840
- Data Collection and Dissemination | § 22-1841
- Definitions | § 22-1831
- Forfeiture | § 22-1838
- Human Trafficking Counselors | § 14-311
- Penalties | § 22-1837
- Preservation of Civil Actions, Subrogation | § 4-509
- Public Posting of Human Trafficking Hotline | § 22-1843
- Reputation or Opinion Evidence § 22-1839
- Sex Trafficking of Children | § 22-1834
- Trafficking in Labor or Commercial Sex Acts | § 22-1833
- Training Program | § 22-1842
- Unlawful Conduct with Respect to Documents in Furtherance of Human Trafficking. | § 22-1835

District of Columbia Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- D.C. Human Trafficking Task Force

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Human Trafficking Resource Guide

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

Human Trafficking Hotlines

888–373–7888
The National Hotline serves victims and survivors of human trafficking and the anti-trafficking community across the United States and its territories, 24/7, in more than 200 languages. Contact the confidential hotline to report tips, seek services, ask for help, or receive information and statistics related to human trafficking.

888–261–3665
The Courtney’s House hotline is run by local survivors in the D.C. area. The hotline provides referrals for survivors of trafficking.

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