



Victim Assistance Programs – FY 2019

Human trafficking is a violent crime and public health issue involving the exploitation of a person for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sex. In FY 2019, **OTIP issued 1,203 certification and eligibility letters** to foreign national survivors of human trafficking, providing eligibility for refugee benefits and services. **OTIP victim assistance grantees assisted 2,398 individuals across two programs.**

Victim Assistance Programs

Certification Letters

OTIP issues Certification Letters to foreign national adult victims of trafficking with Continued Presence, T visa, or bona fide T visa application.¹

311

Letters issued

37

Average Age of Recipients

Type of trafficking: **22%** sex **68%** labor **7%** sex and labor **4%** unknown

Eligibility Letters

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act requires Federal, State, or local officials to notify HHS within 24 hours after discovering a foreign national minor may have experienced human trafficking to facilitate the provision of assistance.²

892

Letters issued

16

Average Age of Recipients

Type of trafficking: **28%** sex **69%** labor **3%** sex and labor

Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP)

OTIP funds comprehensive case management services and assistance (e.g., food, clothing, housing, health care, and legal services) for foreign national victims of trafficking, potential victims seeking HHS certification, and certain family members through a network of providers in the U.S. and its territories.

968

Victims served by

82

Providers

Type of trafficking: **20%** sex **66%** labor **12%** sex and labor **2%** unknown

¹ For more information, see [Certification for Adult Victims of Human Trafficking Fact Sheet](#) and [Certification for Adult Victims of Human Trafficking, FY 2001 – 2018 Data Fact Sheet](#) on the [Certification for Adult Victims of Human Trafficking: Information and Data resource webpage](#).

² For more information, see [Assistance for Child Victims of Human Trafficking Fact Sheet](#) on the [Eligibility for Child Victims of Human Trafficking: Information and Data resource webpage](#).

Domestic Victims of Trafficking Assistance Program

OTIP funds comprehensive case management services for U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents who are victims or potential victims of trafficking.

825
Victims served
by

12
Grantees

Type of trafficking: **87%** sex **2%** labor **2%** sex and labor **9%** unknown

National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH)

NHTH is a 24/7, confidential, multilingual hotline providing crisis intervention, urgent and non-urgent referrals, options for support, and tip reporting.

25,597
Potential victims
identified

10,362
Signals from victims
directly contacting
the NHTH

Online Case Management System

In FY 2019, OTIP modernized its [case management system](#) to streamline requests for assistance for individuals seeking HHS Certification and Eligibility Letters. Case requesters can now submit electronic Requests for Assistance (RFAs) on behalf of foreign national minors who may be victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons. HHS Certification process integration will be released in 2020. Shepherd enables faster case processing and strengthens data security.

Program Evaluation and Data

- Evaluation of Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking (DVHT) Demonstration Projects
 - [Final Report from the First Cohort of Projects](#)
 - [Final Report from the Second Cohort of Projects](#)
- DVHT Demonstration Projects
 - [Service Models of the First Cohort of Projects](#)
 - [Service Models of the Second Cohort of Projects](#)
- [Trafficking Victim Assistance Program \(TVAP\): Information and Data](#)
- [Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program \(DVHT\): Information and Data](#)
- [Certification for Adult Victims of Human Trafficking: Information and Data](#)
- [Eligibility for Child Victims of Human Trafficking: Information and Data](#)

Resources

- The [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) assists victims in crisis through safety planning, emotional support, and connection to local resources. Call 1-888-373-7888, text “BeFree” (233733), or live chat at [humantraffickinghotline.org](https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org).
- OTIP’s [victim assistance webpage](#)
- [Contact information for State Refugee Coordinators](#)
- [Map of OTIP, Office for Victims of Crime, and Children’s Bureau grantees](#)