Illinois: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

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

720 Cases Reported
1,802 Potential Persons Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

Citizenship
- U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 286
- Foreign National: 174

Gender
- Female: 608
- Male: 85
- Gender Minorities: 5

Age
- Adult: 460
- Minor: 228

*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.

For more statistics on human trafficking in Illinois, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/illinois.

TOP 5 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Commercial-Front Brothels
2. Residential Brothels
3. Hotel-/Motel-Based
4. Escort Services
5. Other Venues

TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Traveling Sales Crews
2. Domestic Work
3. Health and Beauty Services
4. Landscaping Services
5. Peddling Rings

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

- Access to Civil Damages | § 740 ILCS 128/5
- Human Trafficking Definitions | § 720 ILCS 5/10-9(a)
- Illinois Trafficking of Persons and Involuntary Servitude Act | § 5 Art. 10A
- Motion to Vacate Prostitution Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims | § 725 ILCS 5/116-2.1

Illinois Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force
- Illinois Task Force on Human Trafficking
- Chicago Regional Human Trafficking Task Force
- The Intersystem Assessment Work Group
- Stop Human Trafficking–Eastern MO, Southern Illinois Network
- Partnership to Rescue our Minors from Sexual Exploitation (PROMISE)
- The Illinois Rescue & Restore Coalition

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Legal Services Assessment for Trafficked Children
- Human Trafficking in Illinois Fact Sheet
- Domestic Sex Trafficking of Chicago Women and Girls

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

CAMPAIGNS
- End Demand Illinois

Human Trafficking Hotlines

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.

888–373–7888

The Salvation Army STOP-IT hotline is a 24/7 emergency service for victims in the Chicagoland area.

877–606–3158

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