Mississippi: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in Mississippi. 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. Areas in northern, central, and southern Mississippi contain red shading. This map only reflects cases in which the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL VICTIMS:

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<th>Citizenship</th>
<th>Gender</th>
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<td>U.S. Citizen/Legal</td>
<td>Female: 131</td>
<td>Adult: 113</td>
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<td>Permanent Resident</td>
<td>Male: 31</td>
<td>Minor: 58</td>
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*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 Mississippi, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/mississippi.

TOP 5 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES

1. Commercial-Front Brothels
2. Hotel-/Motel-Based
3. Online Ad. Venue Unknown
4. Other Venues
5. Street-Based

TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES

1. Forestry/Reforestation
2. Agriculture
3. Restaurants/Food Service
4. Traveling Sales Crews
5. Domestic Work

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

- Tip: 32%
- High Risk: 39%
- Referral: 11%
- General Info: 6%
- Crisis: 8%
- Training & Technical Assistance: 4%

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.
Mississippi Human Trafficking Laws
(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Human Trafficking Act; Aiding, Abetting, or Conspiring to Violate Anti-Human Trafficking Provisions | § 97-3-54.3
- Human Trafficking Act; Definitions | § 97-3-54.4
- Human Trafficking Act; Destruction, Concealment, or Confiscation of Passport or Other Immigration Document for Purpose of Preventing Person’s Freedom of Movement or Ability to Travel; Penalties | § 97-3-54.2
- Human Trafficking Act; Prohibited Conduct; Penalty | § 97-3-54.1

Mississippi Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Mississippi Human Trafficking Task Force

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Rapid Assessment on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: Mississippi

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.

LOCAL
Office of The Attorney General Human Trafficking Coordinator.............800–829–6766
Call the hotline to report any tips or to ask for help.

Mississippi Department of Human Services.................................800–222–8000
Call to report suspected trafficking of a minor.

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