Ohio: 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 Ohio. 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 significant red shading throughout the state and most of it is concentrated in central Ohio. 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 Persons Trafficked:

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<td>Foreign National</td>
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<td>Gender Minorities: 7</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 Ohio, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/ohio.

TOP 5 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES

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

TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES

1. Traveling Sales Crews
2. Restaurants/Food Service
3. Domestic Work
4. Health and Beauty Services
5. Agriculture

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

- Tip: 30%
- General Info: 11%
- Crisis: 17%
- High Risk: 22%
- Referral: 18%
- Training & Technical Assistance: 3%

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

- Kidnapping | § 2905.01
- Mandatory Prison Term: Furtherance of Human Trafficking | § 2941.1422
- Penalties and Sentencing: General Definitions | § 2929.01
- Trafficking in Persons | § 2905.32

Ohio Statewide Efforts

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

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Governor’s Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Report
- Domestic Sex Trafficking in Ohio
- Human Trafficking and Civil Rights in Ohio
- Human Trafficking Training
- Toolkit for Serving Victims of Trafficking in Ohio

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds
- STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant Program

Twenty victim service agencies are listed in the National Human Trafficking Referral Directory in Ohio. 
https://humantraffickinghotline.org/training-resources/referral-directory

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 Central Ohio Hotline provides referrals for survivors of trafficking 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Central Ohio 24-Hour Human Trafficking Hotline.................................................614–285–4357

Greater Cincinnati Human Trafficking Hotline....................................................513–800–1863

If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking in the Cincinnati area, please contact this hotline for assistance.

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