

Puerto Rico: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in Puerto Rico. 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 on the northern section of the island. The island of Vieques also had significant 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 PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

Citizenship

U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 15
Foreign National: 3

Gender

Female: 20
Male: 3
Gender Minorities: <3

Age

Adult: 11
Minor: 8

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

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

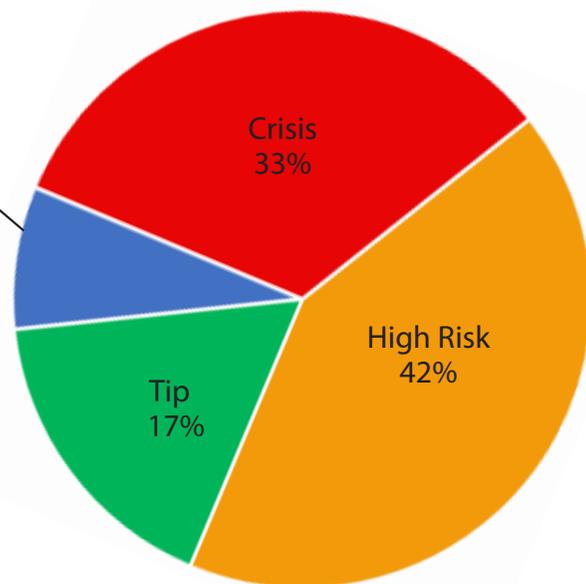
TOP SEX TRAFFICKING VENUE

1. Residential Brothels

TOP LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES

All labor trafficking venues reported fewer than three times.

Training & Technical Assistance
8%



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.



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

- Aggravated Proxenetism, Pandering, and Human Trafficking | [§ 142](#)
- Assistance to Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking | [§ 8-2015](#)
- Human Trafficking | [§ 160](#)
- Proxenetism, Pandering, and Human Trafficking | [§ 141](#)
- Production and Distribution of Child Pornography | [§ 147](#)
- Prostitution | [§ 138](#)
- Safety, Welfare, and Protection of Children | [§ 246-2011](#)

To access these statutes in English, visit <https://www.victimlaw.org/victimlaw/> and search by citation.



Puerto Rico Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)

- [Puerto Rico Crimes Against Children Task Force](#)
- [Puerto Rico Alliance Against Human Trafficking](#)

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)

- [Human Trafficking in Puerto Rico: An Invisible Challenge](#)
- [Ricky Martin Foundation Research](#)
- [Comisión de Derechos Civiles: Trata Humana](#)
- [Human Trafficking: An Invisible Crime on the Isla del Encanto](#)
- [Uncharted Migration: OAS Rapid Assessment Report of Trafficking in Persons from the Dominican Republic into Puerto Rico](#)

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.