Rhode Island: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in Rhode Island. 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 northwest and central Rhode Island 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 Persons Trafficked:**

**Citizenship**
- U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 12
- Foreign National: 5

**Gender**
- Female: 28
- Male: 3
- Gender Minorities: < 3

**Age**
- Adult: 27
- Minor: 5

*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 Rhode Island, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/rhode-island.

**Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016**

- **Tip**: 46%
- **High Risk**: 41%
- **General Info**: 5%
- **Referral**: 8%

**Top 3 Sex Trafficking Venues**
1. Commercial-Front Brothels
2. Hotel-/Motel-Based
3. Online Ad. Venue Unknown

**Top Labor Trafficking Venues**
All labor trafficking venues reported fewer than three times.

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

- Exploitation for Commercial or Immoral Purposes | § 11-9-1
- Forfeitures | § 11-67-5
- Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons Created - Composition, Duties, and Responsibilities | § 11-67-7
- Reporting | § 11-67-8
- Sex Trafficking of a Minor | § 11-67-6
- Trafficking of Persons for Forced Labor or Commercial Sexual Activity | § 11-67-3
- Trafficking of Persons and Involuntary Servitude: Definitions | § 11-67

Rhode Island Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Rhode Island Human Trafficking Task Force
- Sex Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Analysis of Human Trafficking Cases in Rhode Island: 2009–2013
- Gender Crimes as an Indicator of Public Safety in Rhode Island
- Sex Trafficking Assessment and Resources (STAR) for Pediatric Attendings in Rhode Island
- Uniform Response Protocol for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

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

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