Tennessee: 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 Tennessee. 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 central and eastern Tennessee 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.

360 Cases Reported
965 Potential Persons Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL VICTIMS:

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<th>Citizenship</th>
<th>Gender</th>
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<td>Foreign National: 67</td>
<td>Gender Minorities: 1</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 information, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/tennessee.

TOP 5
SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Hotel-/Motel-Based
2. Online Ad. Venue Unknown
3. Truck-Stop Based
4. Street-Based
5. Commercial-Front Brothels

TOP 4
LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Traveling Sales Crews
2. Agriculture
3. Restaurants/Food Service
4. Domestic Work
5. Begging Rings

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

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

- High Risk: 35%
- Tip: 31%
- Crisis: 17%
- Referral: 9%
- General Info: 7%
- Training & Technical Assistance: 1%

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/nhttaic.
Tennessee Human Trafficking Laws
(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Offense of Human Trafficking | § 39-13-314
- Trafficking for Forced Labor or Services | § 39-13-308
- Trafficking for Sexual Servitude | § 39-13-309
- Soliciting Sexual Exploitation of a Minor | § 39-13-529
- Violations by Corporations | § 39-13-311
- Prostitution Defenses | § 39-13-513

Tennessee Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Tennessee Anti-Slavery Alliance

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- 2013: The Geography of Trafficking in Tennessee
- Tennessee Human Sex Trafficking and its Impact on Children and Youth

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

CAMPAIGNS
- It Has to Stop
- End Slavery Door Hanger Reports

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.

LOCAL

The Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline is Tennessee’s only 24-hour crisis, resource, and tipline dedicated to addressing instances of human trafficking.

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