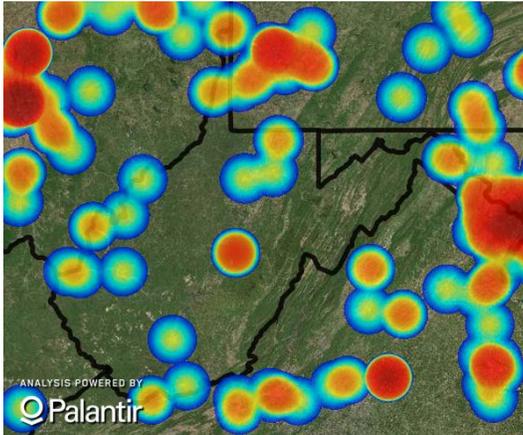


# West Virginia : Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

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



59  
Cases Reported



118  
Potential Persons Trafficked

## DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

### Citizenship

U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 22  
Foreign National: 12

### Gender

Female: 51  
Male: 8  
Gender Minorities: 0

### Age

Adult: 40  
Minor: 12

\*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 West Virginia, visit <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/west-virginia>.

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

### TOP 4

#### SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES

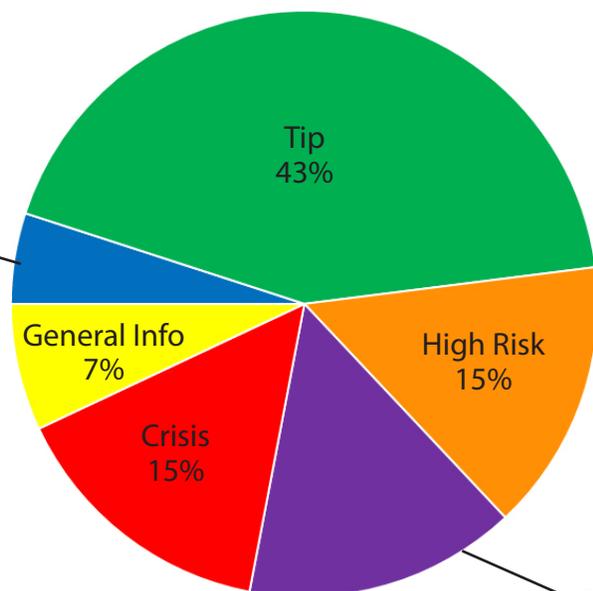
1. Other Venues
2. Commercial-Front Brothels
3. Hotel-/Motel-Based
4. Truck Stop-Based

### TOP

#### LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES

All labor trafficking venues reported fewer than three times.

Training & Technical Assistance  
2%



Referral  
15%

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.



# West Virginia Human Trafficking Laws (Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Human Trafficking, Criminal Penalties | [§ 61-2-17](#)
- Kidnapping, Penalty | [§ 61-2-14a](#)



## West Virginia Statewide Efforts

Two victim service agencies are listed in the National Human Trafficking Referral Directory in West Virginia. <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/training-resources/referral-directory>

### COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)

- [West Virginia Children’s Justice Center: Human Trafficking Project](#)
- Human Trafficking/Civil Rights Task Force of West Virginia

### RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)

- [Best Practices for Combating Human Trafficking in West Virginia](#)

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Victims of Crime Act grants and funds](#)



## Human Trafficking Hotlines



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*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.*