

Polaris Analysis of 2021 Data *from the* National Human Trafficking Hotline

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2021 Data Tables Summary

This report presents 2021 data from the Polaris operated National Human Trafficking Hotline. Please refer to the relevant tables for more detailed information on a particular topic or to explore changes from 2020.

Scale and Scope

From 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021, there were 10,359 trafficking situations reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. In those situations, a total of 16,554 likely victims of trafficking were identified. The top three types of trafficking reported in 2021 were Escort Services (10%), Pornography (8%), and Illicit Massage, Health & Beauty (8%).

Recruitment

Our data shows that trafficking victims are generally recruited by someone they know - such as a family member or caregiver (33%), an intimate partner (28%), or an employer (22%). As a whole, the internet remained the top reported recruitment location. Recent Migration/Relocation remained the most frequently reported risk factor or vulnerability identified, applying to just over half (54%) of all likely victims with a known risk factor/vulnerability; this also applied to 93% of likely victims of labor trafficking.

Total Trafficking Situations 10359

Total Likely Victims 16554

Top 5 Types of Trafficking

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Escort Services | 10% |
| Pornography | 8% |
| Illicit Massage, Health, & Beauty | 6% |
| Residential-Based Commercial Sex | 5% |
| Personal Sexual Servitude | 2% |

Top 3 Recruiter Types

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Family Member/Caregiver | 33% |
| Intimate Partner | 28% |
| Employer | 22% |

Top 3 Recruitment Locations

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Internet - Dating Site | 13% |
| Street | 11% |
| Internet - Facebook | 10% |

Top 5 Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Recent Migration/Relocation | 54% |
| Mental or Physical Health Concern | 10% |
| Substance Use Concern | 9% |
| Unstable Housing | 8% |
| Runaway/Homeless Youth | 7% |

2021 Data Tables Summary, *continued*

Exploitation

Similar to what was seen in recruitment, the top types of exploiters identified in 2021 were employers (43%), those with a familial relationship to the victim (26%), and intimate partners (22%). Emotional abuse (28%), economic abuse (26%), and threats (23%) remained the most frequently reported methods of force, fraud, and coercion experienced by likely victims. Interaction with friends and family was the top reported access point; in 2021, friends and family were the access point for help for 43% of victims with an identified access point (3,317).

Top 3 Exploiter Types

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Employer | 43% |
| Familial Relationship to Victim(s) | 26% |
| Intimate Partner of Victim(s) | 22% |

Top 5 Force, Fraud and Coercion (FFC)

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Emotional Abuse | 28% |
| Economic Abuse | 26% |
| Threats | 23% |
| Isolation | 20% |
| Withholds/Denies Needs or Wants | 14% |

Top 5 Access Points

| | |
|--|-----|
| Interaction with Friends/Family | 43% |
| Interaction w LE/Criminal Justice System | 23% |
| Access to Health Services | 20% |
| Access to Mobile Apps/Social Media | 14% |
| Access to General Social Services | 11% |

To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues, industries, victim information or signaler information referenced fewer than three times.





Form & Typology

| 2021 Form of Trafficking | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| | # of Situations | % of Situations | # of Situations | % of Situations | |
| Labor | 1040 | 10% | 1066 | 10% | 4% |
| Sex | 7629 | 72% | 7498 | 72% | -0% |
| Sex & Labor | 339 | 3% | 400 | 4% | 20% |
| Sex + Sex & Labor | 7968 | 76% | 7898 | 76% | 1% |
| Other/Not Specified ¹ | 1516 | 14% | 1395 | 13% | -7% |
| Total Trafficking Situations | 10524 | | 10359 | | |

| 2021 Form of Trafficking | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | # of Likely Victims | % of Likely Victims | # of Likely Victims | % of Likely Victims | |
| Labor | 3553 | 21% | 3785 | 23% | 7% |
| Sex | 10834 | 65% | 10571 | 64% | -2% |
| Sex & Labor | 659 | 4% | 707 | 4% | 8% |
| Sex + Sex & Labor | 11493 | 69% | 11278 | 68% | -2% |
| Other/Not Specified ¹ | 1586 | 10% | 1515 | 9% | -4% |
| Total Unique Victims | 16610 | | 16554 | | |

¹ Situations where form of trafficking is "Other/Not Specified" typically occur when a law enforcement agent or service provider contacts the Trafficking Hotline for resources and referrals but does not disclose details about the trafficking situation due to confidentiality. This category also includes incidents in which the person reporting the information references human trafficking but does not provide further detail regarding the presence of labor or commercial sex. These cases are often submitted to the Trafficking Hotline through anonymous online tip reports.

Form & Typology, *continued*

This table shows a breakdown of incidents by their type as defined in Polaris's report, Typology of Modern Slavery: Defining Sex & Labor Trafficking in the United States. Note that while Type of trafficking is similar to the Venue/Industry values on the Trafficking Hotline website, there are some differences and so values may not perfectly match.

| 2021 Typology | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| | # of Situations | % of Situations | # of Situations | % of Situations | |
| Agriculture & Animal Husbandry | 84 | 1% | 117 | 1% | 42% |
| Arts & Entertainment | 18 | 0% | 19 | 0% | 7% |
| Bars, Strip Clubs, and Cantinas | 128 | 1% | 116 | 1% | -8% |
| Carnivals | 4 | 0% | 7 | 0% | 78% |
| Commercial Cleaning Services | 17 | 0% | 16 | 0% | -4% |
| Construction | 64 | 1% | 65 | 1% | 3% |
| Domestic Work | 201 | 2% | 185 | 2% | -6% |
| Emerging Types | 131 | 1% | 128 | 1% | -1% |
| Escort Services | 1117 | 11% | 1082 | 10% | -2% |
| Factories & Manufacturing | 15 | 0% | 24 | 0% | 63% |
| Forestry & Logging | 6 | 0% | 5 | 0% | -15% |
| Health & Beauty Services | 19 | 0% | 16 | 0% | -14% |
| Health Care | 10 | 0% | 16 | 0% | 63% |
| Hotels & Hospitality | 23 | 0% | 36 | 0% | 59% |
| Illicit Activities | 122 | 1% | 108 | 1% | -10% |
| Illicit Massage, Health, & Beauty | 625 | 6% | 626 | 6% | 2% |
| Landscaping | 18 | 0% | 20 | 0% | 13% |
| Outdoor Solicitation | 210 | 2% | 221 | 2% | 7% |
| Peddling & Begging | 37 | 0% | 45 | 0% | 24% |
| Personal Sexual Servitude | 294 | 3% | 228 | 2% | -21% |
| Pornography | 938 | 9% | 807 | 8% | -13% |
| Recreational Facilities | 4 | 0% | 2 | 0% | -49% |
| Remote Interactive Sexual Acts | 67 | 1% | 69 | 1% | 5% |
| Residential-Based Commercial Sex | 462 | 4% | 525 | 5% | 15% |
| Restaurants & Food Service | 49 | 0% | 66 | 1% | 37% |
| Traveling Sales Crews | 59 | 1% | 22 | 0% | -62% |
| No Type ² | 5802 | 55% | 5788 | 56% | 1% |
| Total Trafficking Situations | 10524 | | 10359 | | |

² Situations where the trafficking type is No Type typically occur when the person reporting the information references either a specific form of trafficking but does not provide further detail regarding the business structure or operation of the trafficking situation, or does not provide any information regarding the form of trafficking information due to confidentiality.



Form & Typology, *continued*

This table shows a breakdown of the number of likely victims by the type of trafficking they experienced, as defined in Polaris's report, Typology of Modern Slavery: Defining Sex & Labor Trafficking in the United States. Note that while Type of trafficking is similar to the Venue/Industry values on the Trafficking Hotline website, there are some differences and so values may not perfectly match.

| 2021 Typology | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | # of Likely Victims | % of Likely Victims | # of Likely Victims | % of Likely Victims | |
| Agriculture & Animal Husbandry | 1095 | 10% | 1377 | 8% | -20% |
| Arts & Entertainment | 36 | 0% | 41 | 0% | -28% |
| Bars, Strip Clubs, and Cantinas | 277 | 3% | 269 | 2% | -38% |
| Carnivals | 10 | 0% | 80 | 0% | 409% |
| Commercial Cleaning Services | 111 | 1% | 24 | 0% | -86% |
| Construction | 240 | 2% | 374 | 2% | -1% |
| Domestic Work | 248 | 2% | 302 | 2% | -23% |
| Emerging Types | 616 | 6% | 281 | 2% | -71% |
| Escort Services | 1801 | 17% | 1734 | 10% | -39% |
| Factories & Manufacturing | 189 | 2% | 206 | 1% | -31% |
| Forestry & Logging | 70 | 1% | 74 | 0% | -33% |
| Health & Beauty Services | 32 | 0% | 27 | 0% | -46% |
| Health Care | 24 | 0% | 32 | 0% | -15% |
| Hotels & Hospitality | 37 | 0% | 106 | 1% | 82% |
| Illicit Activities | 256 | 2% | 234 | 1% | -42% |
| Illicit Massage, Health, & Beauty | 959 | 9% | 1055 | 6% | -30% |
| Landscaping | 166 | 2% | 48 | 0% | -82% |
| Outdoor Solicitation | 345 | 3% | 324 | 2% | -40% |
| Peddling & Begging | 66 | 1% | 135 | 1% | 30% |
| Personal Sexual Servitude | 419 | 4% | 276 | 2% | -58% |
| Pornography | 1472 | 14% | 1262 | 8% | -45% |
| Recreational Facilities | 12 | 0% | 7 | 0% | -63% |
| Remote Interactive Sexual Acts | 90 | 1% | 123 | 1% | -13% |
| Residential-Based Commercial Sex | 928 | 9% | 979 | 6% | -33% |
| Restaurants & Food Service | 105 | 1% | 198 | 1% | 20% |
| Traveling Sales Crews | 150 | 1% | 71 | 0% | -70% |
| No Type ² | 6917 | 66% | 6988 | 42% | -36% |
| Total Trafficking Situations | 16610 | | 16554 | | |

² Situations where the trafficking type is No Type typically occur when the person reporting the information references either a specific form of trafficking but does not provide further detail regarding the business structure or operation of the trafficking situation, or does not provide any information regarding the form of trafficking information due to confidentiality.



Demographics



| 2021 Gender of Likely Victims by Form | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Form of Trafficking | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | | Total Unique Victims | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Female | 844 | 22% | 8397 | 79% | 454 | 64% | 8851 | 78% | 1016 | 67% | 10690 | 65% |
| Gender Minorities ³ | 9 | 0% | 107 | 1% | 4 | 1% | 111 | 1% | 17 | 1% | 137 | 1% |
| Male | 1814 | 48% | 699 | 7% | 103 | 15% | 802 | 7% | 134 | 9% | 2747 | 17% |
| Unknown | 1118 | 30% | 1368 | 13% | 146 | 21% | 1514 | 13% | 348 | 23% | 2980 | 18% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3785 | | 10571 | | 707 | | 11278 | | 1515 | | 16554 | |

| Gender of Likely Victims by Form - Labor ONLY | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Female | 988 | 28% | 844 | 22% | -20% |
| Gender Minorities* & Unknown ⁴ | 1197 | 34% | 1127 | 30% | -12% |
| Male | 1368 | 39% | 1814 | 48% | 24% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3553 | | 3785 | | |

⁴ The value Gender Minorities includes transgender males, transgender females, and non-binary or gender non-conforming individuals. Situations where the likely victims' gender was unstated or unclear due to conflicting information are recorded as Unknown. These values have been combined here to protect the privacy of those served.

| Gender of Likely Victims by Form - Sex + Sex & Labor | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Female | 9217 | 259% | 8851 | 234% | -10% |
| Gender Minorities ³ | 73 | 2% | 111 | 3% | 43% |
| Male | 874 | 25% | 802 | 21% | -14% |
| Unknown | 1329 | 37% | 1514 | 40% | 7% |
| Total Unique Victims | 11493 | | 11278 | | |

³ The value Gender Minorities includes transgender males, transgender females, and non-binary or gender non-conforming individuals. Situations where the likely victims' gender was unstated or unclear due to conflicting information are recorded as Unknown.

Demographics, *continued*



| 2021 Immigration Status of Likely Victims | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Form of Trafficking | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | | Total Unique Victims | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Domestic (USC/LPR) | 100 | 3% | 507 | 5% | 40 | 6% | 547 | 5% | 55 | 4% | 699 | 4% |
| Foreign National | 2754 | 73% | 372 | 4% | 119 | 17% | 491 | 4% | 135 | 9% | 3380 | 20% |
| Unknown | 931 | 25% | 9692 | 92% | 548 | 78% | 10240 | 91% | 1325 | 87% | 12475 | 75% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3785 | | 10571 | | 707 | | 11278 | | 1515 | | 16554 | |

| Immigration Status of Likely Victims - Labor ONLY | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| Form of Trafficking | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Domestic (USC/LPR) | 86 | 2% | 100 | 3% | 9% |
| Foreign National | 2510 | 71% | 2754 | 73% | 3% |
| Unknown | 957 | 27% | 931 | 25% | -9% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3553 | | 3785 | | |

| Immigration Status of Likely Victims - Sex + Sex & Labor | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|----------|
| Form of Trafficking | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Domestic (USC/LPR) | 605 | 5% | 547 | 5% | -8% |
| Foreign National | 560 | 5% | 491 | 4% | -11% |
| Unknown | 10328 | 90% | 10240 | 91% | 1% |
| Total Unique Victims | 11493 | | 11278 | | |

Demographics, *continued*



| 2021 Race/Ethnicity of Likely Victims | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Form of Trafficking | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | | Total Unique Victims | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| African | 37 | 1% | 22 | 0% | | 0% | 22 | 0% | | 0% | 61 | 0% |
| African American or Black | 35 | 1% | 442 | 4% | 16 | 2% | 458 | 4% | 8 | 1% | 499 | 3% |
| American Indian/Alaska Native/ Indigenous American | | 0% | 43 | 0% | 7 | 1% | 50 | 0% | 4 | 0% | 55 | 0% |
| Asian | 248 | 7% | 497 | 5% | 38 | 5% | 535 | 5% | 12 | 1% | 795 | 5% |
| Caribbean | 59 | 2% | 9 | 0% | | 0% | 10 | 0% | | 0% | 69 | 0% |
| Caucasian or White | 32 | 1% | 643 | 6% | 21 | 3% | 664 | 6% | 19 | 1% | 714 | 4% |
| Latinx | 1785 | 47% | 395 | 4% | 138 | 20% | 533 | 5% | 53 | 3% | 2370 | 14% |
| Middle Eastern | 9 | 0% | 11 | 0% | 3 | 0% | 14 | 0% | | 0% | 24 | 0% |
| Multi-racial/Multi-ethnic | 7 | 0% | 122 | 1% | 8 | 1% | 130 | 1% | | 0% | 138 | 1% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | | 0% | 4 | 0% | | 0% | 4 | 0% | | 0% | 6 | 0% |
| Other | 12 | 0% | 17 | 0% | | 0% | 18 | 0% | | 0% | 31 | 0% |
| Unknown | 1567 | 41% | 8538 | 81% | 497 | 70% | 9035 | 80% | 1413 | 93% | 11996 | 72% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3785 | | 10571 | | 707 | | 11278 | | 1515 | | 16554 | |

Demographics, *continued*



| Race/Ethnicity of Likely Victims - Labor ONLY (NO 'Other' or 'Unknown') | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| African | 42 | 2% | 37 | 2% | -20% |
| African American or Black | 63 | 3% | 35 | 2% | -49% |
| American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous American | 5 | 0% | | 0% | |
| Asian | 119 | 6% | 248 | 11% | 90% |
| Caribbean | 10 | 0% | 59 | 3% | 438% |
| Caucasian or White | 32 | 2% | 32 | 1% | -9% |
| Latinx | 1711 | 85% | 1785 | 81% | -5% |
| Middle Eastern | 29 | 1% | 9 | 0% | -72% |
| Multi-racial/Multi-ethnic | 4 | 0% | 7 | 0% | 60% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | | 0% | | 0% | N/A |
| Total Unique Victims | 2015 | | 2208 | | |

| Race/Ethnicity of Likely Victims - Sex + Sex & Labor (NO 'Other' or 'Unknown') | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| African | 43 | 2% | 22 | 1% | -53% |
| African American or Black | 405 | 20% | 458 | 21% | 4% |
| American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous American | 47 | 2% | 50 | 2% | -2% |
| Asian | 562 | 27% | 535 | 24% | -12% |
| Caribbean | 9 | 0% | 10 | 0% | 2% |
| Caucasian or White | 578 | 28% | 664 | 30% | 6% |
| Latinx | 390 | 19% | 533 | 24% | 26% |
| Middle Eastern | 13 | 1% | 14 | 1% | -1% |
| Multi-racial/Multi-ethnic | 95 | 5% | 130 | 6% | 26% |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 6 | 0% | 4 | 0% | -39% |
| Total Unique Victims | 2049 | | 2227 | | |



Demographics, *continued*

These tables show the age of likely victims at the time of their first contact with the Trafficking Hotline, which is not necessarily at the age when the exploitative situation began (see Age at Entry into Exploitation). Polaris uses the federal standard of 18 as the age of majority for all situations regardless of the laws in specific jurisdictions. All likely victims included as minors were reported by individuals with a high degree of confidence regarding the likely victim's age. Given the significance of whether a likely victim is an adult or minor, if the actual age is unknown and the apparent age is close to the adult/minor boundary (ex. a likely victim is described as being 16-20), Unknown is selected.

| 2021 - Age at First Contact with Polaris | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | | Total Unique Victims | |
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Adult | 2894 | 76% | 5484 | 52% | 480 | 68% | 5964 | 53% | 874 | 58% | 9709 | 59% |
| Minor | 310 | 8% | 3242 | 31% | 124 | 18% | 3366 | 30% | 101 | 7% | 3777 | 23% |
| Unknown | 581 | 15% | 1844 | 17% | 103 | 15% | 1947 | 17% | 540 | 36% | 3067 | 19% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3785 | | 10570 | | 707 | | 11277 | | 1515 | | 16553 | |

| Age at First Contact with Polaris - Labor ONLY | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Adult | 2955 | 83% | 2894 | 76% | -8% |
| Minor | 223 | 6% | 310 | 8% | 30% |
| Unknown | 375 | 11% | 581 | 15% | 45% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3553 | | 3785 | | |

| Age at First Contact with Polaris - Sex + Sex & Labor | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|----------|
| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Adult | 5644 | 49% | 5964 | 53% | 8% |
| Minor | 3427 | 30% | 3366 | 30% | 0% |
| Unknown | 2421 | 21% | 1947 | 17% | -18% |
| Total Unique Victims | 11492 | | 11277 | | |



Age at Entry into Exploitation

“Age at Entry into Exploitation” refers to the age of likely victims when the first commercial sex act or the first time initiating labor/services occurred. This should not be confused with the age the likely victim was when they first contacted the Trafficking Hotline (Age at First Contact with Polaris).

| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Adult | 1466 | 9% | 1856 | 11% | 27% |
| Minor | 4588 | 28% | 4708 | 28% | 3% |
| Unknown | 10596 | 64% | 10028 | 61% | -5% |
| Total Unique Victims | 16610 | | 16554 | | |

| 2021 Only | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Adult | 1073 | 28% | 693 | 7% | 60 | 8% | 753 | 7% | 33 | 2% |
| Minor | 376 | 10% | 4014 | 38% | 181 | 26% | 4195 | 37% | 139 | 9% |
| Unknown | 2337 | 62% | 5894 | 56% | 466 | 66% | 6360 | 56% | 1343 | 89% |
| Total Unique Victims | 3785 | | 10571 | | 707 | | 11278 | | 1515 | |



Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities

Risk factors and vulnerabilities that applied to the likely victims immediately prior to or at the time of entry into the trafficking situation

| Reported Year | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|--|--------------|------|--------------|------|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Adult with Legal Guardian/Conservator | 15 | 0% | 25 | 1% | 59% |
| Caretaker Involvement in Sexualized Industry | 49 | 1% | 83 | 2% | 62% |
| Caretaker Substance Use Concern | 131 | 3% | 130 | 3% | -5% |
| Child Welfare System Involvement | 236 | 5% | 188 | 4% | -24% |
| Criminal Record/Criminal History | 111 | 2% | 146 | 3% | 26% |
| Experienced Abuse/Violence (Non-Sexual) | 140 | 3% | 120 | 2% | -18% |
| Experienced Sexual Abuse/Violence | 243 | 5% | 206 | 4% | -19% |
| Foster Care | 113 | 2% | 126 | 3% | 7% |
| Gang Involvement | 29 | 1% | 50 | 1% | 65% |
| Gender/Romantic/Sexual Minority | 167 | 4% | 207 | 4% | 19% |
| Illiterate or Semiliterate | | | 3 | 0% | |
| Intellectual/Developmental Disability | 101 | 2% | 141 | 3% | 34% |
| Juvenile Justice System Involvement | 35 | 1% | 25 | 1% | -32% |
| Mental Health Concern | 351 | 7% | 341 | 7% | -7% |
| Negligent/Absent Caretaker | 65 | 1% | 65 | 1% | -4% |
| Physical Health Concern | 155 | 3% | 178 | 4% | 10% |
| Prior Involvement in Sexualized Industry | 181 | 4% | 120 | 2% | -37% |
| Recent Financial Debt | 4 | 0% | 31 | 1% | 642% |
| Recent Loss of Economic Provider | 20 | 0% | 21 | 0% | 0% |
| Recent Migration/Relocation | 2484 | 52% | 2685 | 54% | 3% |
| Recent Unemployment/Underemployment | 12 | 0.3% | 14 | 0.3% | 12% |
| Runaway/Homeless Youth | 398 | 8% | 354 | 7% | -15% |
| Self-Reported Economic Hardship | 135 | 3% | 51 | 1% | -64% |
| Substance Use Concern | 449 | 9% | 463 | 9% | -1% |
| Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) | 17 | 0% | 133 | 3% | 649% |
| Unstable Housing | 422 | 9% | 398 | 8% | -10% |
| Welfare System Involvement | 4 | 0% | 5 | 0% | 20% |
| Witnessed Abuse/Violence | 22 | 0% | 9 | 0% | -61% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities | 4,734 | | 4,947 | | |



Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities, *continued*

| 2020 Only | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Adult with Legal Guardian/Conservator | 3 | 0% | 18 | 1% | | | 20 | 1% | | |
| Caretaker Involvement in Sexualized Industry | | | 80 | 4% | 3 | 1% | 83 | 3% | | |
| Caretaker Substance Use Concern | 3 | 0% | 121 | 6% | 5 | 2% | 126 | 5% | | |
| Child Welfare System Involvement | 5 | 0% | 169 | 8% | 10 | 4% | 179 | 7% | 4 | 3% |
| Criminal Record/Criminal History | 15 | 1% | 116 | 5% | 8 | 3% | 124 | 5% | 7 | 5% |
| Experienced Abuse/Violence (Non-Sexual) | 13 | 1% | 94 | 4% | 4 | 2% | 98 | 4% | 9 | 6% |
| Experienced Sexual Abuse/Violence | 15 | 1% | 177 | 8% | 12 | 5% | 189 | 8% | 3 | 2% |
| Foster Care | 5 | 0% | 108 | 5% | 7 | 3% | 115 | 5% | 6 | 4% |
| Gang Involvement | | | 47 | 2% | 3 | 1% | 50 | 2% | | |
| Gender/Romantic/Sexual Minority | 9 | 0% | 171 | 8% | 9 | 4% | 180 | 8% | 18 | 12% |
| Illiterate or Semiliterate | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intellectual/Developmental Disability | 19 | 1% | 100 | 5% | 14 | 6% | 114 | 5% | 9 | 6% |
| Juvenile Justice System Involvement | | | 23 | 1% | | | 25 | 1% | | |
| Mental Health Concern | 27 | 1% | 275 | 13% | 20 | 8% | 295 | 12% | 20 | 13% |
| Negligent/Absent Caretaker | 4 | 0% | 56 | 3% | 3 | 1% | 59 | 2% | | |
| Physical Health Concern | 26 | 1% | 123 | 6% | 14 | 6% | 137 | 6% | 16 | 10% |
| Prior Involvement in Sexualized Industry | 5 | 0% | 108 | 5% | 6 | 2% | 114 | 5% | | |
| Recent Financial Debt | 23 | 1% | 5 | 0% | 3 | 1% | 8 | 0% | | |
| Recent Loss of Economic Provider | 4 | 0% | 16 | 1% | | | 17 | 1% | | |
| Recent Migration/Relocation | 2227 | 93% | 311 | 14% | 118 | 49% | 429 | 18% | 30 | 19% |
| Recent Unemployment/Underemployment | 6 | 0% | 8 | 0% | | | 8 | 0% | | |
| Runaway/Homeless Youth | 16 | 1% | 320 | 15% | 15 | 6% | 335 | 14% | 3 | 2% |
| Self-Reported Economic Hardship | 17 | 1% | 27 | 1% | 4 | 2% | 31 | 1% | 3 | 2% |
| Substance Use Concern | 24 | 1% | 386 | 18% | 38 | 16% | 424 | 18% | 18 | 12% |
| Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) | 126 | 5% | 5 | 0% | | | 5 | 0% | | |
| Unstable Housing | 43 | 2% | 310 | 14% | 20 | 8% | 330 | 14% | 25 | 16% |
| Welfare System Involvement | | | 5 | 0% | | | 5 | 0% | | |
| Witnessed Abuse/Violence | | | 7 | 0% | | | 7 | 0% | | |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities | 2401 | | 2155 | | 243 | | 2398 | | 154 | |

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Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities (Grouped)

Risk factors and vulnerabilities that applied to the likely victims immediately prior to or at the time of entry into the trafficking situation. These tables group more specific risk factors and vulnerabilities into their overarching categories for ease of analysis:

- **Caretaker Concerns includes:** Caretaker Involvement in Sexualized Industry, Caretaker Substance Use Concern, Negligent/Absent Caretaker
- **Child Welfare System Involvement and Foster Care includes:** Child Welfare System Involvement, Foster Care
- **Economic Hardship includes:** Recent Unemployment/Underemployment, Self-Reported Economic Hardship
- **Experienced Abuse or Violence (both sexual and non-sexual) includes:** Experienced Abuse/Violence (Non-Sexual), Experienced Sexual Abuse/Violence
- **Intellectual or Developmental Disability includes:** Adult with Legal Guardian/Conservator, Intellectual/Developmental Disability
- **Mental or Physical Health Concern includes:** Mental Health Concern, Physical Health Concern”

| Reported Year | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|--|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Caretaker Concerns | 229 | 5% | 244 | 5% | 2% |
| Child Welfare System Involvement and Foster Care | 291 | 6% | 261 | 5% | -14% |
| Criminal Record/Criminal History | 111 | 2% | 146 | 3% | 26% |
| Economic Hardship | 143 | 3% | 64 | 1% | -57% |
| Experienced Abuse or Violence (both sexual and non-sexual) | 329 | 7% | 298 | 6% | -13% |
| Gang Involvement | 29 | 1% | 50 | 1% | 65% |
| Gender/Romantic/Sexual Minority | 167 | 4% | 207 | 4% | 19% |
| Illiterate or Semiliterate | | | 3 | 0% | |
| Intellectual or Developmental Disability | 116 | 2% | 157 | 3% | 30% |
| Juvenile Justice System Involvement | 35 | 1% | 25 | 1% | -32% |
| Mental or Physical Health Concern | 473 | 10% | 485 | 10% | -2% |
| Prior Involvement in Sexualized Industry | 181 | 4% | 120 | 2% | -37% |
| Recent Financial Debt | 4 | 0% | 31 | 1% | 642% |
| Recent Loss of Economic Provider | 20 | 0% | 21 | 0% | 0% |
| Recent Migration/Relocation | 2484 | 52% | 2685 | 54% | 3% |
| Runaway/Homeless Youth | 398 | 8% | 354 | 7% | -15% |
| Substance Use Concern | 449 | 9% | 463 | 9% | -1% |
| Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) | 17 | 0% | 133 | 3% | 649% |
| Unstable Housing | 422 | 9% | 398 | 8% | -10% |
| Welfare System Involvement | 4 | 0% | 5 | 0% | 20% |
| Witnessed Abuse/Violence | 22 | 0% | 9 | 0% | -61% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities | 4,734 | | 4,947 | | |

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Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities (Grouped), *continued*

| 2021 Only | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Caretaker Concerns | 7 | 0% | 223 | 10% | 11 | 5% | 234 | 10% | 3 | 2% |
| Child Welfare System Involvement and Foster Care | 8 | 0% | 233 | 11% | 13 | 5% | 246 | 10% | 7 | 5% |
| Criminal Record/Criminal History | 15 | 1% | 116 | 5% | 8 | 3% | 124 | 5% | 7 | 5% |
| Economic Hardship | 22 | 1% | 35 | 2% | 4 | 2% | 39 | 2% | 3 | 2% |
| Experienced Abuse or Violence (both sexual and non-sexual) | 25 | 1% | 248 | 12% | 15 | 6% | 263 | 11% | 11 | 7% |
| Gang Involvement | | | 47 | 2% | 3 | 1% | 50 | 2% | | |
| Gender/Romantic/Sexual Minority | 9 | 0% | 171 | 8% | 9 | 4% | 180 | 8% | 18 | 12% |
| Illiterate or Semiliterate | 2 | 0% | 1 | 0% | | | | | | |
| Intellectual or Developmental Disability | 21 | 1% | 112 | 5% | 14 | 6% | 126 | 5% | 11 | 7% |
| Juvenile Justice System Involvement | | | 23 | 1% | | | 25 | 1% | | |
| Mental or Physical Health Concern | 49 | 2% | 370 | 17% | 33 | 14% | 403 | 17% | 35 | 23% |
| Prior Involvement in Sexualized Industry | 5 | 0% | 108 | 5% | 6 | 2% | 114 | 5% | | |
| Recent Financial Debt | 23 | 1% | 5 | 0% | 3 | 1% | 8 | 0% | | |
| Recent Loss of Economic Provider | 4 | 0% | 16 | 1% | | | 17 | 1% | | |
| Recent Migration/Relocation | 2227 | 93% | 311 | 14% | 118 | 49% | 429 | 18% | 30 | 19% |
| Runaway/Homeless Youth | 16 | 1% | 320 | 15% | 15 | 6% | 335 | 14% | 3 | 2% |
| Substance Use Concern | 24 | 1% | 386 | 18% | 38 | 16% | 424 | 18% | 18 | 12% |
| Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) | 126 | 5% | 5 | 0% | | | 5 | 0% | | |
| Unstable Housing | 43 | 2% | 310 | 14% | 20 | 8% | 330 | 14% | 25 | 16% |
| Welfare System Involvement | | | 5 | 0% | | | 5 | 0% | | |
| Witnessed Abuse/Violence | | | 7 | 0% | | | 7 | 0% | | |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Risk Factors/Vulnerabilities | 2401 | | 2155 | | 243 | | 2398 | | 154 | |

● 1st (top reported) ● 2nd ● 3rd





Recruitment Location

Noteworthy or common types of locations that the recruitment of exploitative commercial sex or labor is known to occur.

| Reported Year | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|--|------------|-----|------------|-----|----------|
| Notable Recruitment Location Type | # | % | # | % | |
| Detention Facility | 26 | 3% | 25 | 4% | 16% |
| Detention Facility - Adult | 17 | 2% | 19 | 3% | 34% |
| Detention Facility - Immigration | | | | | |
| Detention Facility - Juvenile | 5 | 1% | | 0% | |
| Detention Facility - Other | | | | | |
| Group & Foster Home | 17 | 2% | 14 | 2% | -1% |
| Group Home | 12 | 1% | 8 | 1% | -20% |
| Private Foster Home | 5 | 1% | 6 | 1% | 44% |
| Internet | 606 | 72% | 458 | 65% | -9% |
| Internet - Dating Site | 64 | 8% | 94 | 13% | 77% |
| Internet - Facebook | 162 | 19% | 69 | 10% | -49% |
| Internet - Instagram | 109 | 13% | 49 | 7% | -46% |
| Internet - Misc. Chat Rooms | 28 | 3% | 29 | 4% | 24% |
| Internet - Other Mobile Apps | 104 | 12% | 60 | 9% | -31% |
| Internet - Other/Not Specified | 172 | 20% | 168 | 24% | 17% |
| School | 40 | 5% | 38 | 5% | 14% |
| Elementary School (Grades K-5) | 3 | 0% | 5 | 1% | 100% |
| High School (Grades 9-12) | 12 | 1% | 13 | 2% | 30% |
| Middle School (Grades 6-8) | 7 | 1% | 3 | 0% | -48% |
| School - Other/Not Specified | 18 | 2% | 17 | 2% | 13% |
| Other Location Type | 164 | 19% | 169 | 24% | 24% |
| Behavioral/Mental Health Facility | 7 | 1% | 26 | 4% | 346% |
| Bus Station/Train Station | 3 | 0% | 6 | 1% | 140% |
| Drug Rehabilitation Facility | 15 | 2% | 11 | 2% | -12% |
| Institutional Shelter | 22 | 3% | 27 | 4% | 47% |
| Street | 90 | 11% | 74 | 11% | -1% |
| Strip Club | 27 | 3% | 28 | 4% | 25% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Recruitment Location | 846 | | 704 | | |

● 1st (top reported) ● 2nd ● 3rd



Recruitment Location, *continued*

| 2021 Only Notable Recruitment Location Type | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|--|-----------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Detention Facility | 5 | 6% | 20 | 3% | | | 20 | 3% | | |
| Detention Facility - Adult | | | 18 | 3% | | | 18 | 3% | | |
| Detention Facility - Immigration | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detention Facility - Juvenile | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detention Facility - Other | | | | | | | | | | |
| Group & Foster Home | | | 9 | 2% | 3 | 10% | 12 | 2% | | |
| Group Home | | | 8 | 1% | | | 8 | 1% | | |
| Private Foster Home | | | | | 3 | 10% | 4 | 1% | | |
| Internet | 44 | 54% | 391 | 67% | 14 | 45% | 405 | 66% | 9 | 100% |
| Internet - Dating Site | 6 | 7% | 79 | 14% | 7 | 23% | 86 | 14% | | |
| Internet - Facebook | 23 | 28% | 44 | 8% | | | 45 | 7% | | |
| Internet - Instagram | | | 48 | 8% | | | 48 | 8% | | |
| Internet - Misc. Chat Rooms | | | 28 | 5% | | | 29 | 5% | | |
| Internet - Other Mobile Apps | | | 60 | 10% | | | 60 | 10% | | |
| Internet - Other/Not Specified | 15 | 19% | 143 | 25% | 5 | 16% | 148 | 24% | 5 | 56% |
| School | 6 | 7% | 28 | 5% | 4 | 13% | 32 | 5% | | |
| Elementary School (Grades K-5) | | | 5 | 1% | | | 5 | 1% | | |
| High School (Grades 9-12) | | | 10 | 2% | 3 | 10% | 13 | 2% | | |
| Middle School (Grades 6-8) | | | | | | | 3 | 0% | | |
| School - Other/Not Specified | 6 | 7% | 11 | 2% | | | 11 | 2% | | |
| Other Location Type | 24 | 30% | 135 | 23% | 10 | 32% | 145 | 24% | | |
| Behavioral/Mental Health Facility | 3 | 4% | 23 | 4% | | | 23 | 4% | | |
| Bus Station/Train Station | | | 6 | 1% | | | 6 | 1% | | |
| Drug Rehabilitation Facility | 4 | 5% | 7 | 1% | | | 7 | 1% | | 0% |
| Institutional Shelter | 8 | 10% | 16 | 3% | 3 | 10% | 19 | 3% | | |
| Street | 5 | 6% | 63 | 11% | 6 | 19% | 69 | 11% | | |
| Strip Club | 4 | 5% | 23 | 4% | | | 24 | 4% | | |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Recruitment Location | 81 | | 583 | | 31 | | 614 | | 9 | |

● 1st (top reported) ● 2nd ● 3rd



Recruiter Type

The relationship(s) described between likely victims and their recruiter(s).

| Reported Year | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Dealer/Illicit Substance Provider | 121 | 3% | 128 | 3% | 9% |
| Employer | 1172 | 28% | 863 | 22% | -24% |
| Family Member/Caregiver | 1296 | 31% | 1323 | 33% | 5% |
| Friend/Acquaintance/Coworker | 270 | 7% | 310 | 8% | 19% |
| International Marriage Broker | | | | | |
| Intimate Partner | 1107 | 27% | 1139 | 28% | 6% |
| Labor Recruiter/Contractor | 150 | 4% | 127 | 3% | -13% |
| Landlord | 67 | 2% | 40 | 1% | -38% |
| Smuggler | 65 | 2% | 185 | 5% | 194% |
| Other Potential Victim | 39 | 1% | 38 | 1% | 1% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Recruiter Type | 4139 | | 4010 | | |

| 2021 Only | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Dealer/Illicit Substance Provider | 8 | 1% | 99 | 4% | 18 | 9% | 117 | 5% | 3 | 3% |
| Employer | 757 | 57% | 76 | 3% | 29 | 15% | 105 | 4% | 1 | 1% |
| Family Member/Caregiver | 144 | 11% | 1085 | 45% | 59 | 30% | 1144 | 44% | 36 | 37% |
| Friend/Acquaintance/Coworker | 131 | 10% | 161 | 7% | 11 | 6% | 172 | 7% | 7 | 7% |
| International Marriage Broker | | | 1 | 0% | | | 1 | 0% | | |
| Intimate Partner | 73 | 5% | 953 | 40% | 60 | 31% | 1013 | 39% | 53 | 55% |
| Labor Recruiter/Contractor | 127 | 10% | | | | | | | | |
| Landlord | 13 | 1% | 25 | 1% | 2 | 1% | 27 | 1% | | |
| Smuggler | 143 | 11% | 22 | 1% | 20 | 10% | 42 | 2% | | |
| Other Potential Victim | 1 | 0% | 31 | 1% | 6 | 3% | 37 | 1% | | |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Recruiter Type | 1335 | | 2388 | | 195 | | 2583 | | 97 | |

● 1st (top reported) ● 2nd ● 3rd



Recruitment Tactics

The behaviors employed by potential recruiters and/or exploiters/traffickers to initially entice a likely victim into commercial sex or labor or services.

| Reported Year | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|---|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Abduction | 282 | 6% | 288 | 6% | 4% |
| Coercion (Threats, Blackmail, etc.) | 190 | 4% | 110 | 2% | -41% |
| False Promises/Fraud | 312 | 6% | 374 | 8% | 23% |
| Familial | 1204 | 25% | 1313 | 28% | 12% |
| Intimate Partner/Marriage Proposition | 1111 | 23% | 1143 | 24% | 5% |
| Job Offer/Advertisement | 1713 | 35% | 1462 | 31% | -13% |
| Posing as Benefactor | 452 | 9% | 414 | 9% | -6% |
| Smuggling-Related | 109 | 2% | 189 | 4% | 77% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Recruitment Tactics | 4863 | | 4756 | | |

| 2021 Only | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|---|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Abduction | 37 | 2% | 222 | 8% | 17 | 7% | 239 | 8% | 12 | 12% |
| Coercion (Threats, Blackmail, etc.) | 21 | 1% | 84 | 3% | 5 | 2% | 89 | 3% | | |
| False Promises/Fraud | 242 | 14% | 86 | 3% | 44 | 18% | 130 | 4% | 2 | 2% |
| Familial | 137 | 8% | 1085 | 40% | 57 | 23% | 1142 | 39% | 35 | 35% |
| Intimate Partner/Marriage Proposition | 77 | 5% | 956 | 35% | 60 | 25% | 1016 | 34% | 50 | 50% |
| Job Offer/Advertisement | 1235 | 72% | 157 | 6% | 68 | 28% | 225 | 8% | 3 | 3% |
| Posing as Benefactor | 73 | 4% | 305 | 11% | 32 | 13% | 337 | 11% | 4 | 4% |
| Smuggling-Related | 145 | 9% | 24 | 1% | 20 | 8% | 44 | 1% | | |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Recruitment Tactics | 1704 | | 2715 | | 243 | | 2958 | | 100 | |



Access Points

The systems, institutions, or people the likely victim of trafficking interacted with or had access to during the exploitative situation or immediately after/upon escape. Access Points are recorded even if the likely victim did not utilize them as a means of escape from their situation.

| Reported Year | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|---|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Access to Education | 190 | 5% | 171 | 5% | 11% |
| Access to General Social Services | 516 | 13% | 364 | 11% | -13% |
| Access to Health Services | 765 | 19% | 659 | 20% | 6% |
| Access to Mobile Apps/Social Media | 439 | 11% | 459 | 14% | 29% |
| Access to Shelter | 274 | 7% | 157 | 5% | -29% |
| Access to Transportation | 130 | 3% | 111 | 3% | 5% |
| Interaction w Civil Justice/Legal Help | 117 | 3% | 91 | 3% | -4% |
| Interaction w LE/Criminal Justice System | 961 | 23% | 775 | 23% | 0% |
| Interaction with Child Welfare System | 330 | 8% | 306 | 9% | 14% |
| Interaction with Financial Institutions | 9 | 0% | 32 | 1% | 339% |
| Interaction with Friends/Family | 1626 | 40% | 1416 | 43% | 7% |
| Interaction with Religious Community | 73 | 2% | 42 | 1% | -29% |
| Potential Buyer of Commercial Sex | 157 | 4% | 91 | 3% | -28% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Access Points | 4093 | | 3317 | | |

Access Points, *continued*



| 2021 Only | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|---|------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Access to Education | 19 | 4% | 139 | 6% | 11 | 8% | 150 | 6% | | |
| Access to General Social Services | 141 | 27% | 118 | 5% | 6 | 5% | 124 | 5% | 99 | 32% |
| Access to Health Services | 58 | 11% | 507 | 22% | 16 | 12% | 523 | 21% | 79 | 25% |
| Access to Mobile Apps/Social Media | 27 | 5% | 398 | 17% | 16 | 12% | 414 | 17% | 18 | 6% |
| Access to Shelter | 28 | 5% | 97 | 4% | 3 | 2% | 100 | 4% | 29 | 9% |
| Access to Transportation | 14 | 3% | 65 | 3% | 5 | 4% | 70 | 3% | 27 | 9% |
| Interaction w Civil Justice/Legal Help | 22 | 4% | 52 | 2% | | | 54 | 2% | 15 | 5% |
| Interaction w LE/Criminal Justice System | 109 | 21% | 575 | 24% | 31 | 24% | 606 | 24% | 60 | 19% |
| Interaction with Child Welfare System | 17 | 3% | 274 | 12% | 8 | 6% | 282 | 11% | 7 | 2% |
| Interaction with Financial Institutions | 7 | 1% | 24 | 1% | | | 25 | 1% | | |
| Interaction with Friends/Family | 201 | 38% | 1099 | 47% | 65 | 50% | 1164 | 47% | 55 | 18% |
| Interaction with Religious Community | 9 | 2% | 25 | 1% | 4 | 3% | 29 | 1% | 4 | 1% |
| Potential Buyer of Commercial Sex | | | 83 | 4% | 4 | 3% | 87 | 4% | 4 | 1% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Access Points | 530 | | 2347 | | 131 | | 2478 | | 314 | |



Exploiter Relationship to Victim

The relationship(s) described between likely victims and their exploiter; relationships are defined by how the likely victim defined or would likely define their relationship with their exploiter.

| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| CSEC: No Controller ⁵ | 110 | 2% | 48 | 1% | -56% |
| Dealer/Illicit Substance Provider | 178 | 3% | 157 | 3% | -11% |
| Employer | 2370 | 46% | 2200 | 43% | -6% |
| Familial Relationship to Victim(s) | 1199 | 23% | 1345 | 26% | 14% |
| Foster Parent of Victim(s) | 30 | 1% | 14 | 0% | -53% |
| Intimate Partner of Victim(s) | 1152 | 22% | 1134 | 22% | 0% |
| Landlord | 77 | 1% | 59 | 1% | -22% |
| Recruiter (Non-Employer) | 75 | 1% | 102 | 2% | 38% |
| Smuggler | 57 | 1% | 160 | 3% | 184% |
| No Other Relationship ⁶ | 75 | 1% | 65 | 1% | -12% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Exploiter Relationship | 5195 | | 5126 | | |

⁵ “Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC): No Controller” is selected when a minor is independently engaged in commercial sex activity, and there is no evidence of a third party facilitator/trafficker. Even if there is no third party facilitator/trafficker involved, a minor engaging in commercial sexual activity is always considered to be trafficking.

⁶ “No Other Relationship” is selected when survivors have identified their trafficker’s role solely as an individual who trafficked/exploited them and did not experience any alternative form of attachment to the potential trafficker (i.e. not a family member, employer, intimate partner, etc).

Exploiter Relationship to Victim, *continued*

| | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| CSEC: No Controller | | | 47 | 2% | | | 48 | 2% | | |
| Dealer/Illicit Substance Provider | 10 | 0% | 124 | 5% | 22 | 9% | 146 | 5% | | |
| Employer | 1982 | 83% | 128 | 5% | 88 | 35% | 216 | 8% | | |
| Familial Relationship to Victim(s) | 144 | 6% | 1106 | 46% | 59 | 23% | 1165 | 44% | 37 | 41% |
| Foster Parent of Victim(s) | 6 | 0% | 7 | 0% | | | 7 | 0% | | |
| Intimate Partner of Victim(s) | 78 | 3% | 945 | 39% | 59 | 23% | 1004 | 38% | 52 | 58% |
| Landlord | 29 | 1% | 28 | 1% | | | 30 | 1% | | |
| Recruiter (Non-Employer) | 96 | 4% | 4 | 0% | | | 6 | 0% | | |
| Smuggler | 117 | 5% | 22 | 1% | 20 | 8% | 42 | 2% | | |
| No Other Relationship ⁵ | | | 58 | 2% | 6 | 2% | 64 | 2% | | |
| Total Number of Victims with Known Exploiter Relationship | 2378 | | 2412 | | 252 | | 2664 | | 90 | |

⁵ "No Other Relationship" is selected when survivors have identified their trafficker's role solely as an individual who trafficked/exploited them and did not experience any alternative form of attachment to the potential trafficker (i.e. not a family member, employer, intimate partner, etc).

Force, Fraud, and Coercion

“Force, Fraud, and Coercion” refers to the methods of control and abuse frequently employed by traffickers to compel a likely victim to remain in the trafficking situation. These tables group more specific methods of FFC into their overarching categories for ease of analysis:

- **Economic Abuse** includes, but is not limited to: taking/withholding earnings, limiting access to finances, blacklisting (or threatening to), and debts/quotas.
- **Emotional Abuse** includes, but is not limited to: verbal abuse or manipulation, familial-based emotional abuse, and intimate partner-based emotional abuse.
- **Intimidation** includes, but is not limited to: destruction of property, harming others or animals, and displaying weapons.
- **Isolation** includes, but is not limited to: limiting access to support systems, controlling in public, confinement, and limiting access to medical services.
- **Threats** include, but are not limited to: threats to harm the likely victim, their family, or others, threats to expose or shame the likely victim, threats to report to immigration/threats of deportation, and threats to report to law enforcement.

| | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|--|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Economic Abuse | 2990 | 25% | 3006 | 26% | 5% |
| Emotional Abuse | 3283 | 27% | 3170 | 28% | 1% |
| Excessive Working Hours | 1440 | 12% | 1230 | 11% | -10% |
| Fraud/Misrepresentation of Job | 951 | 8% | 908 | 8% | 0% |
| Induces/Exploits Substance Abuse Issues | 1539 | 13% | 1317 | 11% | -10% |
| Intimidation | 1460 | 12% | 1205 | 10% | -13% |
| Isolation | 2547 | 21% | 2262 | 20% | -7% |
| Manipulation of Language Barrier | 167 | 1% | 53 | 0% | -67% |
| Monitoring/Stalking | 1100 | 9% | 800 | 7% | -24% |
| Physical Abuse | 1748 | 15% | 1586 | 14% | -5% |
| Potential Minor in Commercial Sex ⁶ | 5123 | 43% | 4878 | 42% | 0% |
| Reproductive Coercion | 57 | 0% | 44 | 0% | -19% |
| Restricts Access to/Manipulates Children | 93 | 1% | 88 | 1% | -1% |
| Sexual Abuse | 1126 | 9% | 761 | 7% | -29% |
| Threats | 2964 | 25% | 2680 | 23% | -5% |
| Withholds/Denies Needs or Wants | 1568 | 13% | 1592 | 14% | 6% |
| Withholds/Destroys Important Documents | 565 | 5% | 1246 | 11% | 131% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known FFC | 12045 | | 11490 | | |

⁶ “Potential Minor in Commercial Sex” is selected even when the potential victim’s age or commercial element of the sexual exploitation cannot be definitively determined, but indicators of both are present.



Force, Fraud, and Coercion, *continued*

| | Labor | | Sex | | Sex & Labor | | Sex + Sex & Labor | | Other/Not Specified | |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Economic Abuse | 2218 | 69% | 632 | 8% | 137 | 26% | 769 | 10% | 19 | 7% |
| Emotional Abuse | 731 | 23% | 2181 | 29% | 170 | 32% | 2351 | 29% | 92 | 33% |
| Excessive Working Hours | 1191 | 37% | 16 | 0% | 23 | 4% | 39 | 0% | | |
| Fraud/Misrepresentation of Job | 801 | 25% | 60 | 1% | 46 | 9% | 106 | 1% | | |
| Induces/Exploits Substance Abuse Issues | 63 | 2% | 1141 | 15% | 86 | 16% | 1227 | 15% | 29 | 10% |
| Intimidation | 201 | 6% | 873 | 12% | 108 | 20% | 981 | 12% | 25 | 9% |
| Isolation | 1188 | 37% | 892 | 12% | 105 | 20% | 997 | 12% | 79 | 28% |
| Manipulation of Language Barrier | 49 | 2% | | | | | 4 | 0% | | |
| Monitoring/Stalking | 197 | 6% | 495 | 7% | 51 | 10% | 546 | 7% | 57 | 20% |
| Physical Abuse | 336 | 11% | 1072 | 14% | 134 | 25% | 1206 | 15% | 48 | 17% |
| Potential Minor in Commercial Sex ⁷ | | | 4683 | 63% | 195 | 36% | 4878 | 61% | | |
| Reproductive Coercion | 7 | 0% | 33 | 0% | 4 | 1% | 37 | 0% | | |
| Restricts Access to/Manipulates Children | 20 | 1% | 59 | 1% | 6 | 1% | 65 | 1% | 3 | 1% |
| Sexual Abuse | 70 | 2% | 604 | 8% | 69 | 13% | 673 | 8% | 18 | 6% |
| Threats | 1627 | 51% | 844 | 11% | 172 | 32% | 1016 | 13% | 37 | 13% |
| Withholds/Denies Needs or Wants | 1237 | 39% | 293 | 4% | 50 | 9% | 343 | 4% | 12 | 4% |
| Withholds/Destroys Important Documents | 1036 | 32% | 156 | 2% | 33 | 6% | 189 | 2% | 21 | 8% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known FFC | 3198 | | 7490 | | 536 | | 8026 | | 279 | |

⁷ "Potential Minor in Commercial Sex" is selected even when the potential victim's age or commercial element of the sexual exploitation cannot be definitively determined, but indicators of both are present.

Force, Fraud, and Coercion, *continued*

| Labor ONLY | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|---|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Economic Abuse | 2191 | 67% | 2218 | 69% | 4% |
| Emotional Abuse | 997 | 30% | 731 | 23% | -25% |
| Excessive Working Hours | 1364 | 42% | 1191 | 37% | -11% |
| Fraud/Misrepresentation of Job | 830 | 25% | 801 | 25% | -1% |
| Induces/Exploits Substance Abuse Issues | 39 | 1% | 63 | 2% | 65% |
| Intimidation | 293 | 9% | 201 | 6% | -30% |
| Isolation | 1226 | 37% | 1188 | 37% | -1% |
| Manipulation of Language Barrier | 159 | 5% | 49 | 2% | -68% |
| Monitoring/Stalking | 375 | 11% | 197 | 6% | -46% |
| Physical Abuse | 228 | 7% | 336 | 11% | 51% |
| Reproductive Coercion | 4 | 0% | 7 | 0% | 79% |
| Restricts Access to/Manipulates Children | 15 | 0% | 20 | 1% | 36% |
| Sexual Abuse | 98 | 3% | 70 | 2% | -27% |
| Threats | 1801 | 55% | 1627 | 51% | -8% |
| Withholds/Denies Needs or Wants | 1111 | 34% | 1237 | 39% | 14% |
| Withholds/Destroys Important Documents | 379 | 12% | 1036 | 32% | 180% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known FFC | 3271 | | 3198 | | |

Force, Fraud, and Coercion, *continued*

| Sex + Sex & Labor | 2020 | | 2021 | | % Change |
|--|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|----------|
| | # | % | # | % | |
| Economic Abuse | 786 | 9% | 769 | 10% | 11% |
| Emotional Abuse | 2173 | 26% | 2351 | 29% | 12% |
| Excessive Working Hours | 76 | 1% | 39 | 0% | -100% |
| Fraud/Misrepresentation of Job | 120 | 1% | 106 | 1% | 0% |
| Induces/Exploits Substance Abuse Issues | 1470 | 17% | 1227 | 15% | -12% |
| Intimidation | 1144 | 14% | 981 | 12% | -14% |
| Isolation | 1253 | 15% | 997 | 12% | -20% |
| Manipulation of Language Barrier | 7 | 0% | 4 | 0% | |
| Monitoring/Stalking | 640 | 8% | 546 | 7% | -13% |
| Physical Abuse | 1454 | 17% | 1206 | 15% | -12% |
| Potential Minor in Commercial Sex ⁷ | 5126 | 60% | 4878 | 61% | 2% |
| Reproductive Coercion | 51 | 1% | 37 | 0% | -100% |
| Restricts Access to/Manipulates Children | 71 | 1% | 65 | 1% | 0% |
| Sexual Abuse | 1005 | 12% | 673 | 8% | -33% |
| Threats | 1122 | 13% | 1016 | 13% | 0% |
| Withholds/Denies Needs or Wants | 443 | 5% | 343 | 4% | -20% |
| Withholds/Destroys Important Documents | 164 | 2% | 189 | 2% | 0% |
| Total Number of Victims with Known FFC | 8480 | | 8026 | | |

⁷ "Potential Minor in Commercial Sex" is selected even when the potential victim's age or commercial element of the sexual exploitation cannot be definitively determined, but indicators of both are present.



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Finally, it is important to note that the data is dynamic and subject to change as the Trafficking Hotline continues to respond to victims of trafficking and as new information emerges or as data cleanup occurs. Therefore, the data reported is likely to have minor fluctuations based on when the data for the report was retrieved. The current report is based on data retrieved on November 15, 2022, at 9:30 AM.

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