Kentucky: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in Kentucky. 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 north, west, and central Kentucky 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.

288 Cases Reported
645 Potential Persons Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL VICTIMS:

Citizenship
- U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 103
- Foreign National: 69

Gender
- Female: 225
- Male: 70
- Gender Minorities: 0

Age
- Adult: 186
- Minor: 102

*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 Kentucky, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/kentucky.

TOP 5 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Commercial-Front Brothels
2. Hotel-/Motel-Based
3. Other Venues
4. Online Ad. Venue Unknown
5. Residential Brothels

TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Agriculture
2. Traveling Sales Crews
3. Restaurants/Food Service
4. Domestic Work
5. Retail/Other Small Businesses

For more information, visit https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/nhtta.
Kentucky Human Trafficking Laws
(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Definitions | § 529.010 (3)
- Expungement of Records | § 529.160
- Human Trafficking | § 529.100
- Human Trafficking Victims Rights Act | 2013 Ky. HB 3
- Ignorance of a Minor Victim’s Actual Age Is Not a Defense | § 529.180
- Promoting Human Trafficking | § 529.110
- Rights of Trafficking Victims | § 431.063
- Safe Harbor | § 529.120

Kentucky Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force
- Lexington Human Trafficking Task Force
- USAO/KYE Project Safe Childhood
- Partnership Against the Trafficking of Humans in Northern Kentucky
- Nelson County Human Trafficking Task Force

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Human Trafficking in Kentucky
- Youth Experiences Survey

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds
- Funding Opportunities for Child Sex Abuse Prevention Programs

CAMPAIGNS
- Not In My City Campaign-Free2Hope
- H.O.P.E. Children Campaign

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.

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