Maine: 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 Maine. 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 southwest Maine 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: 26
  - Foreign National: 7
- Gender:
  - Female: 48
  - Male: 5
  - Gender Minorities: 0
- Age:
  - Adult: 43
  - Minor: 10

*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 Maine, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/maine.

Top 4 Sex Trafficking Venues
1. Other Venues
2. Online Ad. Venue Unknown
3. Residential Brothels
4. Commercial-Front Brothels

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

- An Act to Adopt the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking | **LD 951, SP 306**
- An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Inform Commercial Drivers About Human Trafficking Prevention | **Title 29-A, § 1253**
- Aggravated Sex Trafficking | **Title 17-A, § 852**
- Asset Forfeiture: Subject Property and Assets in Human Trafficking Offenses | **Title 15, § 5821**
- Remedies for Human Trafficking | **Title 5, § 4701**

Maine Statewide Efforts

**COLLABORATIONS** (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- **Maine Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Work Group**
- **Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network**
- Greater Portland Coalition Against Sex Trafficking and Exploitation
- **Preble Street Anti-Trafficking Coalition**
- Penquis Sex Trafficking Action Response Team
- York County Coalition Against Trafficking
- Somerset/Kennebec Coalition Against Sex and Labor Trafficking and Exploitation
- Lewiston/Auburn Human Trafficking Collaborative

**RESOURCES** (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- **Human Trafficking in Maine**
- 2015 Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Media Guide
- Maine Human Trafficking Needs Assessment
- **Human Trafficking in Maine: Protection, Prevention, and Prosecution: The Need for a Stand-Alone Statute**
- Maine Criminal Justice Academy
- 2015 Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Media Guide
- Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

**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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