Minnesota: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

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

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

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

TOP 4
LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Domestic Work
2. Health and Beauty Services
3. Agriculture
4. Traveling Sales Crews

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016
- High Risk: 40%
- General Info: 13%
- Crisis: 13%
- Referral: 14%
- Training & Technical Assistance: 2%
- Tip: 21%

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/nhttac.
Minnesota Human Trafficking Laws
(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Disposition of Forfeited Property | § 609.5315
- Labor or Sex Trafficking Crimes, Defenses, Civil Liability, Corporate Liability | § 609.284
- Labor Trafficking | § 609.282
- Prostitution and Sex Trafficking, Definitions | § 609.321
- Racketeering | § 609.903
- Trafficking Study | § 299A.785
- Trafficking Victim Assistance | § 299A.795

Minnesota Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force
- Gerald Vick Human Trafficking Task Force
- Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Safe Harbor Report: 2013
- Mapping the Demand: Sex Buyers in the State of Minnesota
- Early Intervention to Avoid Sex Trading and Trafficking of Minnesota’s Female Youth: A Benefit-Cost Analysis
- Human Trafficking in Minnesota: A Report to the Minnesota Legislature
- Statistics about Sex Trafficking in Minnesota and the U.S.A.
- The Prostitution and Trafficking of American Indian/Alaska Native Women in Minnesota

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds
- Human Trafficking Hotlines

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

Day One Crisis Hotline provides 24/7 crisis support to survivors of human trafficking and sexual assault throughout the state of Minnesota.

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