Montana: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in Montana. Information was reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from December 2012 to December 2016.

![Heat Map of Montana](image)

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 west and south Montana 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:

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<th>Citizenship</th>
<th>Gender</th>
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<td>U.S. Citizen/Legal Resident</td>
<td>Female: 50</td>
<td>Adult: 48</td>
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<td>Permanent Resident: 13</td>
<td>Male: 17</td>
<td>Minor: 8</td>
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<td>Foreign National: 23</td>
<td>Gender Minorities: 0</td>
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*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 Montana, visit [https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/montana](https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/montana).

### TOP 5 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES

1. Commercial-Front Brothels
2. Hotel-/Motel-Based
3. Other Venues
4. Pornography
5. Residential Brothels

### TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES

1. Traveling Sales Crews
2. Agriculture
3. Peddling Rings
4. Traveling Carnivals
5. Domestic Work

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

- Human Trafficking Education Account | § 44-4-1504
- Immunity of Child | § 45-5-709
- Involuntary Servitude | § 45-5-703
- Motion to Vacate Conviction—Human Trafficking Victims | § 46-18-608
- Trafficking of Persons | § 45-5-702

Montana Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)

- Montana Internet Crimes Against Children
- Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force
- Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

CAMPAIGNS

- Soroptimist Whitefish STOP Trafficking

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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