New Jersey: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in New Jersey. 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 northeast, central, east, and southwest New Jersey 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.

701 Cases Reported
1,372 Potential Persons Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

Citizenship
- U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 274
- Foreign National: 172

Gender
- Female: 612
- Male: 63
- Gender Minorities: 3

Age
- Adult: 393
- Minor: 292

*These statistics are noncumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include males and females, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, and adults and minors. In some cases, callers do not provide demographic information.

For more statistics on human trafficking in New Jersey, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/new-jersey.

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

TOP 5 LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Domestic Work
2. Restaurants/Food Service
3. Factories
4. Retail/Other Small Businesses
5. Landscaping Service

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

- Tip: 47%
- High Risk: 26%
- General Info: 8%
- Referral: 14%
- Training & Technical Assistance: 2%
- Crisis: 3%

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

- Additional Penalties for Engaging in Prostitution as a Patron | § 2C:34-1.2
- Endangering Welfare of Children | § 2C:24-4
- Expungement | § 2C:44-1.1
- Human Trafficking | § 2C:13-8
- Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection, & Treatment Act | § C.52:17B-237
- Prostitution and Related Offenses | § 2C:34-1

New Jersey Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)

- New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking
- New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force
- Anti-Trafficking Taskforce of Atlantic City

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)

- NJCAHT Community Toolkit
- New Jersey Coalition on Human Trafficking 2014 Annual Report
- NJHTTF Awareness and Educational Resources
- Protected Innocence Challenge: Analysis and Recommendations

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

CAMPAIGNS

- Save Our Adolescents From Prostitution

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

New Jersey Human Trafficking Hotline...855-363-6548

The hotline is a 24-hour crisis, resource, and tipline dedicated to addressing instances of human trafficking.

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