Pennsylvania: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in Pennsylvania. 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 southeast, central, and western Pennsylvania 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.

586 Cases Reported
1,127 Potential Persons Trafficked

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

Citizenship
U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 201
Foreign National: 139

Gender
Female: 466
Male: 89
Gender Minorities: 3

Age
Adult: 392
Minor: 151

*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 Pennsylvania, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/pennsylvania.

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

TOP 5
LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Domestic Work
2. Restaurants/Food Service
3. Traveling Sales Crews
4. Health/Beauty Services
5. Agriculture

Types of Calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016

Tip 30%
General Info 14%
Crisis 8%
High Risk 35%
Referral 11%
Training & Technical Assistance 2%

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

- Crime Victims Act | 18 P.S. § 11.101
- Human Trafficking | § 3011
- Human Trafficking Awareness Curriculum | HB 1389
- Patronizing a Victim of Sexual Servitude | § 3013
- Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children | SB 915
- Sexual Exploitation of Children | § 6320

Pennsylvania Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Pennsylvania Coalitions by County
- Philadelphia Anti-Trafficking Task Force

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Report on Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Pennsylvania Spring 2017

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

CAMPAIGNS
- PennDOT Training Campaign

Pennsylvania 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.

888–373–7888

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