Texas: Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

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

This state profile summarizes regionally specific data to help promote collaboration and inform and enhance the response to human trafficking in Texas. 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 to the eastern side of the state from north to south. 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 Texas, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/texas.

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

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

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

- Trafficking of Persons | § 20A.01
- Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force | § 402.035
- Sexual Assault Program Fund | § 420.008
- Liability for Trafficking of Persons | § 98
- Sex Trafficking: Compelling Prostitution | § 43.05
- Deferral of Adjudication and Dismissal of Certain Cases on Completion of Trafficked Persons Program | § 54.0326

Texas Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team
- Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force
- Central Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Austin)
- North Texas Anti-Trafficking Task Force
- Houston Area Council to Combat Human Trafficking
- Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance
- Heart of Human Trafficking Human Trafficking Council
- South Texas Officers and Prosecutors Task Force Against Human Trafficking

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Human Trafficking by the Numbers 2016 Report
- City of Houston, Mayor’s Office Toolkits

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- Victims of Crime Act grants and funds

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

LOCAL

Mosaic Family Services: Dallas

214–823–1911

The Mosaic Hotline is Texas’s only 24-hour crisis, resource, and tipline dedicated to addressing instances of human trafficking.

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