West Virginia: 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 West Virginia. 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 northwest and central West Virginia. 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 West Virginia, visit https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/west-virginia.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF POTENTIAL PERSONS TRAFFICKED:

**Citizenship**
- U.S. Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident: 22
- Foreign National: 12

**Gender**
- Female: 51
- Male: 8
- Gender Minorities: 0

**Age**
- Adult: 40
- Minor: 12

*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.

TOP 4 SEX TRAFFICKING VENUES
1. Other Venues
2. Commercial-Front Brothels
3. Hotel-/Motel-Based
4. Truck Stop-Based

TOP LABOR TRAFFICKING VENUES
All labor trafficking venues reported fewer than three times.
West Virginia Human Trafficking Laws
(Sex Trafficking, Labor Trafficking, Safe Harbor, Vacating Convictions, etc.)

- Human Trafficking, Criminal Penalties | § 61-2-17
- Kidnapping, Penalty | § 61-2-14a

West Virginia Statewide Efforts

COLLABORATIONS (Coalitions, Task Forces, Working Groups)
- West Virginia Children’s Justice Center: Human Trafficking Project
- Human Trafficking/Civil Rights Task Force of West Virginia

RESOURCES (State Research, Publications, Trainings)
- Best Practices for Combating Human Trafficking in West Virginia

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

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