

# CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES

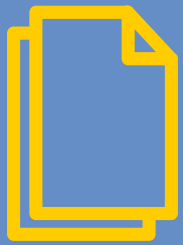
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In the United States, sex trafficking is the second largest illegal industry with hundreds of thousands of Americans trafficked every year.

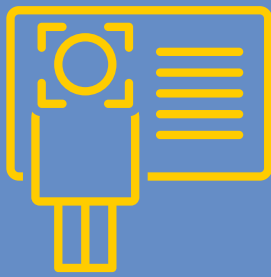


Sex trafficking is the commercial sexual exploitation of an individual through force, fraud, or coercion. Minors under the age of 18 are victims of sex trafficking, regardless of the use of force, fraud, or coercion. There is no such thing as a child prostitute.



**70 MILLION**

In 2003, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reviewed 450K child sexual abuse files, in 2019 they reviewed 70 million files.



**1%**

of victims are identified. To move beyond 1%, everyone needs to be educated on how to spot, report, and prevent trafficking in their community.

Human Trafficking, Tammy J. Toney-Butler; Olivia Mittel, University of Louisville, 2019



## CHILD STATISTICS

- The average age of entry into the commercial sex market is 12 years old.  
By United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- While anyone can be a victim, we know that kids who are homeless or runaways, LGBTQ, African American or Latino, and youth interacting with the child welfare system are more vulnerable to exploitation.  
Thorn (2020)
- 35% of child victims are boys.  
Department of Justice (2019)
- 40% of children served by Safe House Project and its partners have been trafficked by a family member.

During COVID, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children have seen a 90.46% increase of calls to the Cyber Tip Line, and the National Human Trafficking Hotline has seen a 40% increase in calls.

**90%**

**40%**

Educate yourself to spot, report, & prevent trafficking by taking the free. one-hour training at [IAmOnWatch.org](https://www.IAmOnWatch.org)



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