

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
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Human trafficking is often a hidden crime that knows no moral boundaries. It is an affront to human dignity, freedom, and justice. In the beauty industry we are introduced and get to know people from all backgrounds, races, social status and professions. Our goal is to give you real statistics, how to identify, protect, and get involved with ending these criminal acts of physical, mental, and sexual abuse!

The most important step is being able to answer the question what is “Human Trafficking?” U.S. law defines trafficking as the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor or services against his or her will. The one exception involves minors and commercial sex. Inducing a minor into commercial sex is considered human trafficking regardless of the presence of force, fraud, or coercion. Human trafficking is the business of stealing freedom for profit. In some cases traffickers trick, defraud or physically force victims into providing commercial sex. In others, victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal or otherwise unacceptable conditions. It is a multi-billion dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to 24.9 million people around the world.

As we see a rise in the numbers all across the globe, we are also seeing the number of awareness rise as well.

27% of trafficking victims are children

Most American’s consider “Trafficking” as sex abuse and crimes, which they are, although the majority of human trafficking victims are involved in forced labor. Labor trafficking involves the use of fraud, coercion, or force in order to get a victim to provide labor or services. More than two-thirds of trafficking victims fall into this category, including more than 10 million adults and nearly 4 million children.

The International Labor Organization reports that forced labor generated USD \$150 billion in illegal profits per year. “Specifically, \$51.8 billion USD in forced labor profits come from the Asia-Pacific region, including India.” (IBLA 2019)

Children are 4 times more likely to be trafficked for labor rather than sex

Though millions of children are trafficked, there is a much larger number of children involved in child labor that is not considered trafficking.

There are an estimated 168 million child laborers around the world, with around half of them participating in what is known as “hazardous work” – work that endangers the child’s physical, emotional, or social well-being.

66% of child trafficking victims are girls (Save the Children, 2020)

Often, girls around the world are forced to drop out of school or denied access to income-generating opportunities. The resulting social exclusion can trap girls in a cycle of extreme poverty, as well as increased vulnerability to trafficking and exploitation. (Save the Children, 2020)

This lack of education ultimately limits the lifetime earning potential for girls, thus perpetuating the cycle of poverty for their own children.

99% of victims trafficked for sexual exploitation are women and girls

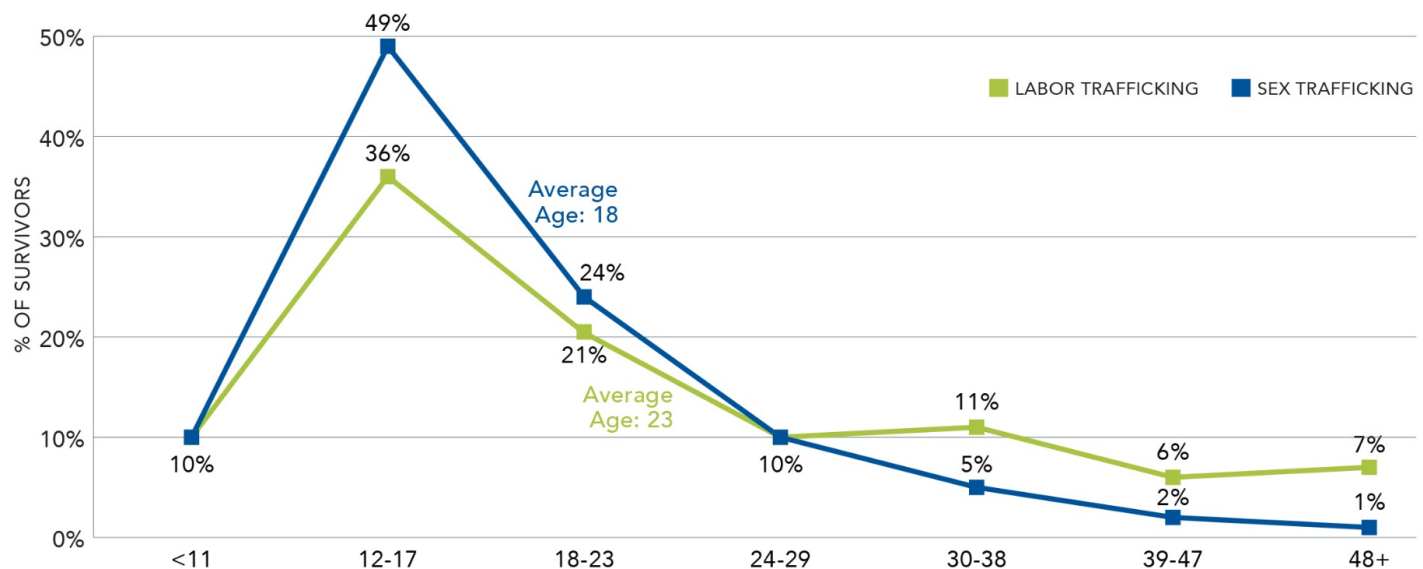
The number of 10-17 year olds involved in commercial sexual exploitation in the United States each year likely exceeds 250,000 with 60% of these victims being runaway, thrown away, or homeless youth.

As many as one third of teen runaway or thrown away youth will be approached by a trafficker within 48 hours of leaving home. Sometimes these minors are from good and stable homes, but the majority comes from these vulnerabilities:

- Lack of a support network, including a trustworthy adult.
- History of involvement in child welfare, or juvenile justice.
- Disabilities and special needs
- Low self esteem, low self-confidence and lack of self worth.
- Maturity issues
- History of family alcohol and drug abuse
- LGBT
 - 39% of youth sex trafficked were LGBT with highest percentage being transgendered.
- Homelessness/runaway
 - 1 in 6 homeless youth are sex trafficked. 1 in 3 homeless have engaged in a sex trade for “survival sex “as they call it.
 - *91% of homeless youth are approached for some type of labor trafficking.
 - *95% experience physical or sexual abuse.

The Bureau of Investigations has the average age at which girls first become victims of prostitution is 12-14 years of age!

Age at Time Sex or Labor Trafficking Began*



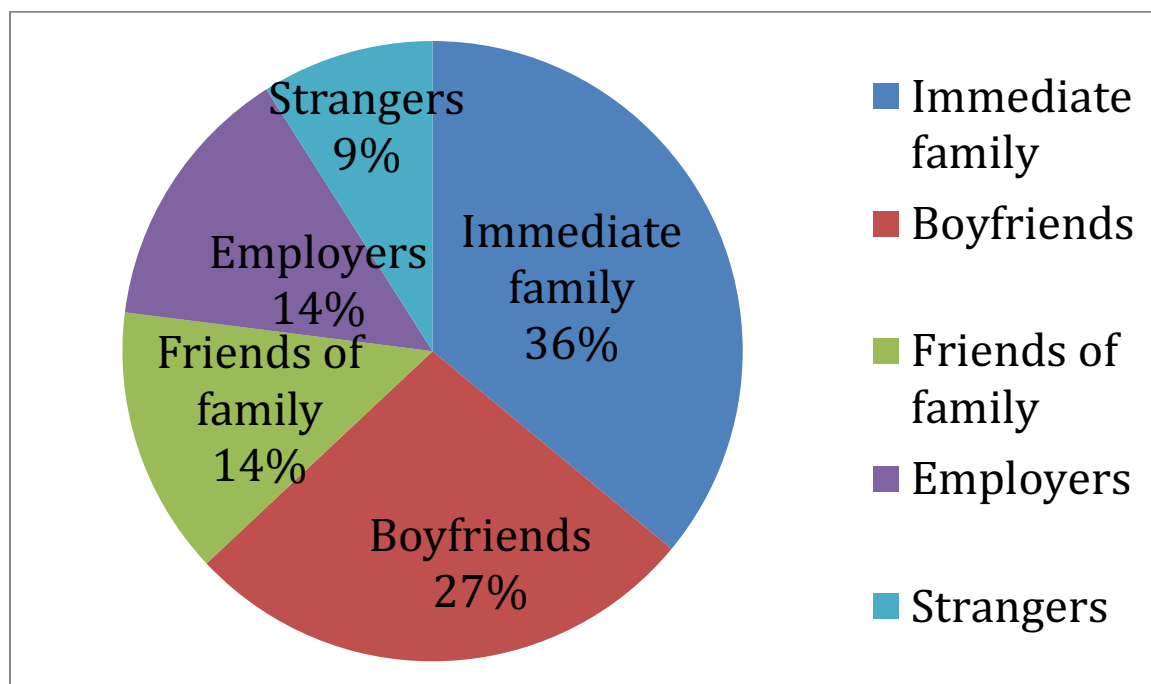
*Percentages are based on the 1,164 sex trafficking survivors and 238 labor trafficking survivors whose exact age information was disclosed. This information is only recorded when volunteered during communication with Polaris-operated hotlines. It is not representative of all trafficking victims, nor of all victims of trafficking identified on the hotline.

The average age for a boy and transgender first to become a victim of prostitution is 11 to 13 years old.

Who are these traffickers and where do they come from? Asking that question is great, finding out that 36% of the time it is immediate family and 27% boyfriends. With only 9% being a stranger. Alyssa Currier Wheeler, associate legal counsel at the Human Trafficking Institute, says that in recent years there's been a noticeable growth of recruitment on social media, stating that "30% were recruited online — at least 30%". Whether it is on dating apps, match apps, gaming, shopping and even offering house rentals. The predators haven't lost their touch, contacting and making personal relationships with their "target prey" using (but not limited to) the following: Fake massage and spa business, fake acting and modeling business, escort services, truck stops, concerts, and picking them up off the street.

Covenant House

<http://www.covenanthouse.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Covenant-House-trafficking-study.pdf>



As we welcome our clients in our chair or in the community, here are some great signs to look for in children/teens.

- Unusual attachment to their device.
- Lack of identification and money.
- Signs of distress such as but not limited to:
 - Physiological, depression, anxiety, paranoia, or even suicidal.
- Inability to speak for themselves
- Signs of physical abuse:
 - Bruises, burns, branding, or scars
- Travels with an older man that is not her guardian
- Substance abuse or addictions
- Inappropriate dress

According to the Attorney General Ken Paxton of Texas, “Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. It is the exploitation of men, women, and children for forced labor or sex by a third-party for profit or gain.”

Texas is on the forefront of combating this hideous crime. In 2016 — in one of his first major initiatives — Attorney General Paxton formed the Human Trafficking and Transnational/Organized Crime Section (HTTOC), tasked with combating human trafficking across our state.

As designated by the Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 72, the Office of the Attorney General also leads the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council, which is tasked with creating a strategic plan to halt and prevent human trafficking in Texas.

25 million people are enslaved around the world!

In 2023, **109,216 victims of human trafficking were identified worldwide**. This is almost ten thousand less than in the previous year, but the number of human trafficking victims has significantly increased in the past decade

RANKING BY TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES		
RANK	LOCATION	TOTAL # OF CASES
1	Houston, Texas	1,021
2	Los Angeles, California	884
3	New York, New York	759
4	Washington, District of Columbia	596
5	Chicago, Illinois	507
6	Las Vegas, Nevada	499
7	Atlanta, Georgia	399
8	Dallas, Texas	370
9	Miami, Florida	364
10	Columbus, Ohio	356

The United States Department of Justice Guide
Federal Law On Child Sex Trafficking

18 U.S.C § 1591- Sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion

18 U.S.C. § 2421- Transportation generally

18 U.S.C. § 2422- Coercion and enticement

18 U.S.C. § 2423- Transportation of minors

18 U.S.C. § 2425- Use of interstate facilities to transmit information about a minor

Child Sex Trafficking is prohibited by 18 U.S.C. § 1591. This statute makes it a federal offense to knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain, or maintain a minor (defined as someone under 18 years of age) knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that the victim is a minor and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

“Commercial sex act” is defined very broadly to include “any sex act, on account of which anything of value is given to or received by any person.” In other words, it is illegal both to offer and to obtain a child, and cause that child to engage in any kind of sexual activity in exchange for anything of value, whether it be money, goods, personal benefit, in-kind favors, or some other kind of benefit. Section 1591 also makes it a crime for individuals to participate in a business venture that obtains minors and causes them to engage in commercial sex acts.

Section 1591 is called “Sex trafficking of children or by force, fraud, or coercion.” Most people think of “trafficking” as involving movement across state or international borders. However, Section 1591 does not require proof that either the defendant or victim crossed state or international lines.

When the victim is a minor, Section 1591 does not require proof that the defendant used force, threats of force, fraud, or coercion, or any combination of those means, to cause the minor to engage in a commercial sex act.

Section 1591 applies equally to American children (U.S. citizens or residents) who are prostituted within the United States, as well as foreign nationals (persons not a U.S. citizen or resident) who are brought into the United States and are then caused to engage in prostitution. The law also criminalizes any person who conspires or attempts to commit this crime.

If the victim was under the age of 14 or if force, fraud, or coercion were used, the penalty is not less than 15 years in prison up to life. If the victim was aged 14-17, the penalty shall not be less than 10 years in prison up to life. Anyone who obstructs or attempts to obstruct the enforcement of this statute faces as many as 20 years imprisonment. Defendants who are convicted under this statute are also required to pay restitution to their victims for any losses they caused.

In addition, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2421 – 2423 criminalize a variety of activities pertaining to the prostitution of children. For example, Section 2421 and 2423(a) make it a crime to transport an individual or a minor across state lines for the purpose of prostitution or any other illegal sexual activity. Unlike 18 U.S.C. § 1591, both of those statutes do require proof that the victim crossed a state line. If a minor is transported across state lines in violation of Section 2423(a), the penalty is not less than 10 years in prison, up to life.

Section 2422(b) makes it a crime to use the U.S. Mail or certain technology, such as the Internet or the telephone (whether mobile or a land line), to persuade, induce, entice, or coerce a minor to engage in prostitution or any other illegal sexual activity. For example, it is a federal crime for an adult to use the mail, a chat room, email, or text messages to persuade a child to meet him or her to engage that child in prostitution or other illegal sexual activity. Under this statute, it is not necessary to prove that either the defendant or the victim crossed state lines. The penalty for this offense is not less than ten years in prison, up to life. Finally, 18 U.S.C § 2425 makes it illegal for any person to use the mail, telephones, or the Internet, to knowingly transmit the name, address, telephone number, social security number, or email address of a child under the age of 16 with intent to entice, encourage, offer, or solicit any person to engage in criminal sexual activity. This offense is punishable by up to five years in prison.