

Worldwide Human Trafficking Statistics

- An estimated 27 million people are trapped as victims of human trafficking.
<http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/blog/show/4906>
- U.N. estimates that 2.5 million people from 127 countries have been trafficked to 137 countries for purposes such as forced labour, sexual exploitation, the removal of organs and body parts, forced marriages, child adoption and begging.
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=25524&Cr=trafficking&Cr1>
 - But U.N. officials admit that they only see “the tip of the iceberg” regarding human trafficking and say that they need more comprehensive data.
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22786387/>
- International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that there are at least 12.3 million adults and children who are forced into labor, bonded labor and commercial sexual servitude at any given time (p. 7 of TIP 2010 report)
 - Of these, approximately 1.23 million are victims of prostitution (p. 8 of TIP 2010 report)
 - Approximately 56% of all forced labor victims are women and girls (p. 34 of TIP 2010 report)
 - The average victims per inhabitant in Asia and the Pacific is nearly double the average of the rest of the world (p. 7 of TIP 2010 Report)
- According to UNICEF, as many as 2 million children are subjected to prostitution in the global commercial sex trade (p. 12 of TIP 2010 report)
 - At least 100,000 of these children are exploited in the United States (p. 3 of H.R. 5575)
 - The average age of first exploitation through prostitution is 13 (p. 4 of H.R. 5575)
- Approximately 800,000 people are transported between countries, which does not include millions who are transported within their own countries.
 - Approximately 80% of transnational victims are female and 50% are minors (p. 7 of TIP 2008 report)
- Studies indicate that children in prostitution may be victimized by 100 – 1,500 perpetrators per year (p. 14 of TIP 2008 report)
- A 2006 study found that 76% of trafficked women were physically assaulted by their trafficker, 90% were physically forced to engage in sexual acts and 91% were threatened with death, beatings, harm to their families and re-trafficking (p. 21 of TIP 2008 report)
- Recent estimates of profits made by illegal global trafficking are as high as \$32 billion (p. 2 of H.R. 5575)
- Sex trafficking alone is estimated to generate \$7 billion per year, but INTERPOL believes it number to be closer to \$19 billion (p. 34 of TIP 2008 report)
- In 2009, there were only 4,166 successful human trafficking prosecutions worldwide, 335 of which were for forced labor (p. 7 of TIP 2010 Report)
 - Europe and the Western Hemisphere accounts for more than half of those convictions (pp. 51, 54 of TIP 2010 Report)
 - There are 62 countries that have yet to convict a trafficker according to laws under the Palermo Protocol (p. 7 of TIP 2010 Report)
- As of 2010, 13 countries were classified as Tier 3 by the U.S. Department of State. Tier 3 represents countries that do not comply with the minimum standards of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) and are not

making any significant efforts to do so. Other than Cuba and Dominican Republic, all of these countries are located in Africa and Asia (p. 48 of TIP 2010 Report)

Human Trafficking in the USA

- USA is a Tier 1 country, which means the governments fully comply with the TVPA minimum standards (p. 54 of TIP 2010 Report)
- The US spends more money in one day on the war against drugs than they allocate towards fighting human trafficking for one year
- An estimated 100,000 children are sexually exploited in the United States each year
- An estimated 17,500 people are trafficked annually into the US (Polaris Project)
- The Innocence Lost Initiative obtained 151 convictions of child traffickers in 306 prosecutions in state and federal courts (p. 339 of TIP 2010 Report)
- Nearly 92% of law enforcement agencies reported a connection between human trafficking and other criminal enterprises, such as prostitution and drug trafficking (Page 2 of *Understanding and Improving Law Enforcement Responses to Human Trafficking*, June 2008, prepared by The Institute on Race and Justice at Northeastern University under grant # 2005-IJ-CX0045 for the National Institute of Justice)
- In 2009, about 700 foreign victims of trafficking were given government-funded services, 57% of which were men (p. 341 of TIP 2010 Report)

Human Trafficking in Cambodia

- Cambodia is a Tier 2 country, which means the governments do not fully comply with the TVPA minimum standards, but are making significant efforts to do so (p. 50 of TIP 2010 Report)
- In 2009, there were 36 convictions of sex traffickers, all but one of which was for sex trafficking (p. 101 of TIP 2010 Report)
- Law enforcement officials have referred over 1000 cases of sex trafficking to governmental offices over the last two years (p. 102 of TIP 2010 Report)

Human Trafficking in Vietnam

- Vietnam is a Tier 2 Watch List country, which means the governments do not fully comply with the TVPA minimum standards, but are making significant efforts to do so, and the absolute number of victims is high (p. 50 of TIP 2010 Report)
- In 2009, there were no convictions of labor traffickers, but there were fines imposed on 98 different recruiting firms, totaling \$10,900, and at least some convictions of sex traffickers (p. 350 of TIP 2010 Report)
- There are an estimated 500,000 Vietnamese workers in forced labor abroad (p. 351 of TIP 2010 Report)

Links for Statistics Sources

Trafficking in Persons Report (TIP) from 2001 until 2012: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/>
Understanding and Improving Law Enforcement Responses to Human Trafficking, June 2008, prepared by The Institute on Race and Justice at Northeastern University:

http://iris.lib.neu.edu/human_traff_res_tech_rep/1/

In September 2009, the U.S. Department of Labor published a list of 122 goods or products from 58 countries that are produced with forced labor or child labor in violation of international standards:

<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/programs/ocft/PDF/2009TVPRA.pdf>

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Deterrence and Victims Support Act of 2010 (H.R. 5575), prepared by Congresswoman Maloney:

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h111-5575>