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SEARCH KC

Search KC 2021

Volunteer Registration

Purpose of Search KC

To build and lead a powerful alliance with the local community, businesses, law enforcement and media to educate and raise awareness of the issue of missing persons, resulting in locating missing persons and connecting them with restorative services.

What is human trafficking?

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Where does it happen?

Definition

Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by **force, fraud, or coercion**, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of *force, fraud, or coercion* for the purpose of subjection to **involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.**

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act 2000

What human trafficking looks like



Less like this



More like this

Indicators of Trafficking

Sex Trafficking Indicators:

- Moved between brothels, sometimes from city to city
- Sleeping on work premises
- Display a limited amount of clothing, of which a large proportion is sexual
- Display substance misuse
- Forced, intimidated or coerced into providing sexual services
- Subjected to abduction, assault or rape
- Unable to travel freely e.g. picked up and dropped off at work location by another person
- Have money for their services provided collected by another person

General Indicators:

- Fearful of police/authorities
- Fearful of the trafficker, believing their lives or family members' lives are at risk if they escape
- Exhibit signs of physical and psychological trauma e.g. anxiety, lack of memory of recent events, bruising, untreated conditions
- Fearful of telling others about their situation
- Unaware they have been trafficked and believe they are simply in a bad job
- Limited freedom of movement
- Unpaid or paid very little
- Limited access to medical care
- Seem to be in debt to someone
- Have no passport or mention that someone else is holding their passport
- Regularly moved to avoid detection

Trafficking Worldwide

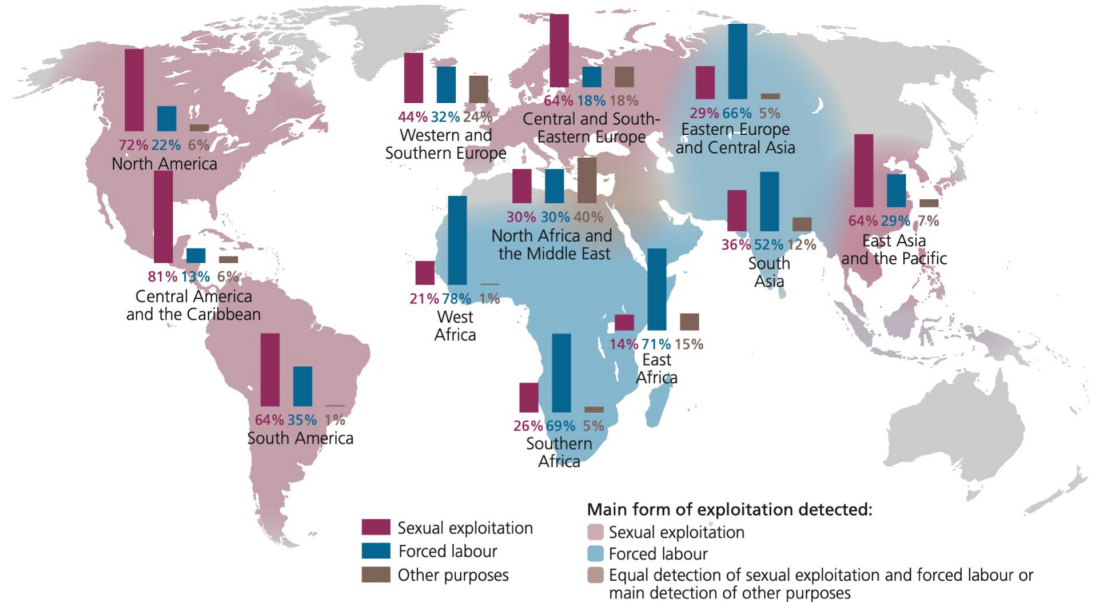
40.3 million enslaved

\$150 Billion in Revenue

38% Forced Labor

50% Sex Trafficking

12% Other forms of exploitation



*Among detected victims -

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/data-and-analysis/glotip.html>

Trafficking in the US

22,326 victims & survivors in 2019

11,500 cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2019

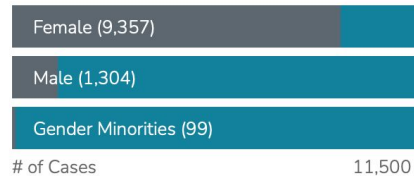
8,248 sex trafficking

1,236 forced labor

505 both

1,511 not specified

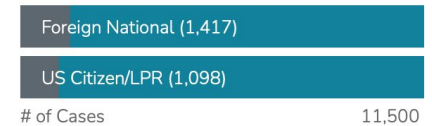
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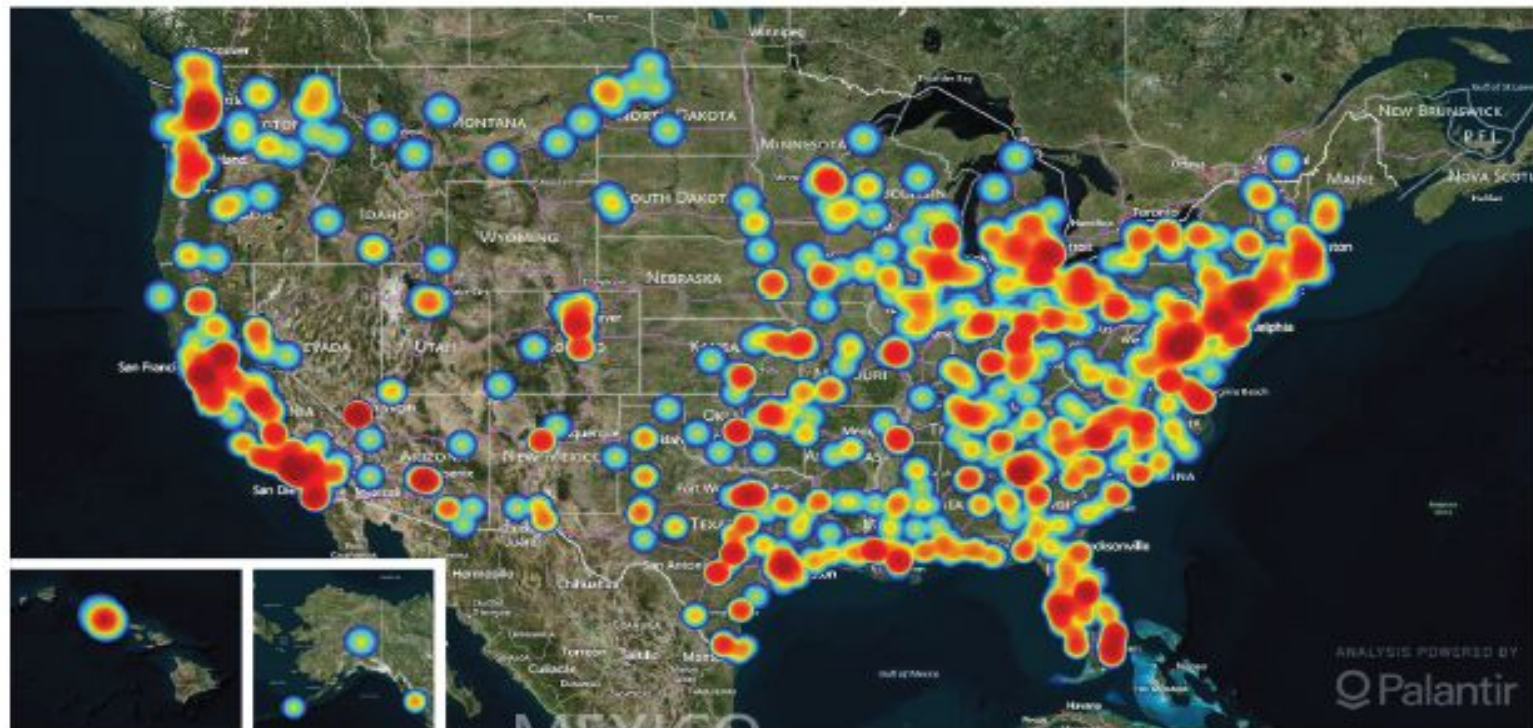
CITIZENSHIP



<https://polarisproject.org/2019-us-national-human-trafficking-hotline-statistics/>

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states>

Location of Potential Human Trafficking Cases in the U.S.



This map only reflects cases where the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.

Why we do this

As many as 2.8 million children are reported missing each year in the United States.

According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC),

1 out of every 6

endangered runaways reported to NCMEC is likely a sex trafficking victim

Registration & Check-In

The following slides are related to completing your volunteer registration, what to expect when you arrive for your volunteer shift, and other requirements for safety and confidentiality.

Waiver

All volunteers are required to sign a waiver confirming liability, confidentiality, and media consent.

You will sign the waiver when you arrive for your shift during check-in.



Search KC 2021 Volunteer Waiver

I assume all risks associated with volunteering with Search KC 2021, including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, high heat and humidity, extreme cold and winter weather, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my volunteer assistance, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Veronica's Voice, its partnering organizations, all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of participation in this event. I grant permission to all forgoing to use any information that I provide to them as a result of my participation, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

I understand that through these activities I may become aware of sensitive information and agree to hold such information confidential.

Furthermore, I will not put myself or anyone around in an unsafe situation due to my volunteering efforts.

We will retain a copy of your identification in a locked drawer for the duration of one calendar year for our records and back up.

I grant permission to all forgoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature verifying 18 years of age or older: _____

ID & Photo Upload

Due to the sensitive nature of the work of Search KC and our coordination with law enforcement, we ask that you provide the last 4 digits of your state issued ID and upload a recent photo of yourself. This is to ensure safety and allow for law enforcement to follow up on information if necessary.

Please provide this information on the sign up form in section 4, and prepare to bring your current state issued photo ID to check in for your shift at the Search KC Command Center.

When you arrive

- Have ID ready
- Check in and fill out waiver
- Command Center staff will assign a badge to you
- Receive missing persons booklet to look over & keep
- Go to assigned table to wait for search briefing and team assignment
- Watch the presentation while you are waiting

For those who do not complete online registration

- Will be directed to separate registration table
- Will obtain paper forms to fill out for registration AND
- A Waiver to read and sign
- Watch slideshow
- Upon completion return to the registration table
- Process will take approx. 15-30 minutes
- You may have to wait for an extended period of time to join a team if you choose not to complete the registration process online

Steps of volunteer shift

- Check-in or register
- Receive a briefing on your assignment, including instructions/safety
- Receive missing persons booklets to distribute while on assignment
- Go and complete your search assignment
- Return to Command Center to debrief your assignment (all team members MUST come back for debrief)

Safety

- SAFETY is paramount
- If ill or injured while searching immediately inform team leader.
- No unsafe activities, use caution around environmental hazards.
- Carpool so searchers arrive and return at the outreach site and Command Center at the same time.
- Team stays together AT ALL TIMES. At least two team members must be together at all times, NO ONE should work alone.
- ALL team members MUST return to Command Center at conclusion of search for debriefing.

Privacy & Confidentiality

- Search information and details are confidential and are NEVER revealed to anyone from the media or the public.
- Searchers are NEVER to post any sensitive details regarding a missing person on social media, during or after the search.
- Details from the booklet CAN be shared on social media to spread awareness (i.e. Photo, characteristics, police department info, etc.)
- Stress that NO ONE other than those listed on the Task Assignment Form is allowed to go on the search.

Requirements

- Must wear the ID provided by the Search KC Command Center
- Wear comfortable shoes
- Volunteers must stay in minimum groups of 3, and absolutely no volunteer is allowed to work alone
- Stay in public and well lit areas
- Confine your search only to the mapped areas you received
- All tips should be documented and reported to the Command Center after each shift

Thank you!

Questions & Concerns, Contact:

Volunteer Coordinator

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