



# Human Trafficking in Houston

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that doesn't discriminate on ethnicity, gender or age. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud and coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation and/or forced labor.



After drug dealing, human trafficking has surpassed the illegal arms industry as the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world.

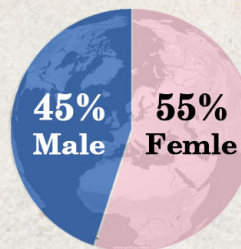
The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) defines "Severe Forms of Trafficking in Persons" as:

- **SEX TRAFFICKING:** The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud or coercion; or when the person forced to perform such an act is under the age of 18 years; **OR**
- **LABOR TRAFFICKING:** 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.

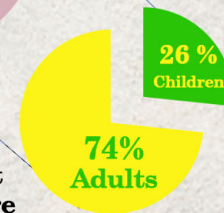
## DEMOGRAPHICS

**83,000 Victims  
Trafficked  
in Texas**

**20,000 Victims  
Trafficked  
in Houston**



Annual Estimated Profit:  
\$150 Billion, 2/3 (\$99 billion)  
are in sexual exploitation.<sup>1</sup>



It is estimated that  
21 million people are  
in forced labor.<sup>1</sup>

The number  
of victims  
identified  
globally  
(44,758)  
reflects only  
0.2% of the  
victims.<sup>2</sup>

Commercial sex includes forced prostitution, stripping and pornography. Trafficking also takes place as labor exploitation, including domestic servitude (maids/nannies), sweatshop factories, traveling sales crews or migrant agricultural work.

## HOW IS THIS HAPPENING?

### **FORCE**

**PHYSICAL METHOD TO MANIPULATE  
AND CONTROL VICTIMS.**

**STARVATION**

**RAPE**

**PHYSICAL & SEXUAL ABUSE**

### **FRAUD**

**FALSE OFFERS THAT INDUCE PEOPLE  
INTO HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS**

**FALSE ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS**

**DEBT BONDAGE**

**PLACED IN A JOB OTHER THAN  
WHAT WAS PROMISED**

### **COERCION**

**THREATS COMPELLING AN INDIVIDUAL  
TO REMAIN IN A SITUATION**

**DEPORTATION THREATS**

**BLACKMAIL**

**CONFISCATION OF I.D.'s**

**THREATS AGAINST FAMILY MEMBERS**

<sup>1</sup> INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, 2012/2014 AND <sup>2</sup>TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT, 2014



## RED FLAGS

- ① Fearful
- ② Lack of Control
- ③ Overly submissive
- ④ Evidence of physical abuse
- ⑤ Accompanied by a controlling person
- ⑥ Debt owed to employer
- ⑦ Inability to leave job or living situation



## QUESTIONS TO ASK TO IDENTIFY A TRAFFICKING VICTIM

- Have you or your family been threatened?
- Can you leave your job if you want to?
- Has your identification or documentation been taken from you?
- What type of work do you do?
- Are you being paid?

# WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

## SEE IT. REPORT IT.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline

**1.888.3737.888**

Call for help.  
Call with questions.  
Call to save a life.



## TAKE ACTION

**JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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