



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW:

- Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery.
- Human trafficking is a **global** and **local** problem.
- Human trafficking cases have been reported in every state in the U.S.
- Human trafficking is the second largest criminal activity in the world with \$32 billion dollars in profit every year and is the fastest growing.

DEFINITION:

- Human trafficking is **recruiting, harboring, obtaining or transporting** a person
- by means of **force, fraud or coercion**
- for the purpose of **sexual exploitation, commercial sex acts or labor exploitation.**

- **Child** sex trafficking does not require the use of force, fraud or coercion to induce minor victims into commercial sex acts.
- **Labor Trafficking** includes such things as involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

LAW:

- Human Trafficking is a crime under International, U.S., and Wisconsin law.
- The “Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children” – **UN Human Trafficking Protocol** – is the main International Law.
- The **Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000** is the main U.S. law. It has been reauthorized in 2003, 2005, and 2008.
- **Wisconsin Act 116** is Wisconsin’s law on trafficking and took effect in 2008.

STATISTICS:

- The true number of trafficked victims is unknown and most numbers are estimates.
- **27 million** people are enslaved around the world today according to conservative estimates.
- **600,000-800,000** victims are trafficked across international borders every year.
- Annual profits from human trafficking - **\$32 billion**, it's the second largest criminal enterprise after drug trafficking.
- A victim is trafficked in the world every **60 seconds**.
- The present rate of child trafficking is **10 times** higher than all the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade in the 16th - 18th century.
- **1 million** children are exploited by global commercial sex trade every year.
- **14,500-17,500** victims (child and adult) are trafficked into the U.S. every year.
- Over **300,000** U.S. children are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation.
- Every **10 minutes** a woman or child is trafficked in the U.S.
- Over **200** victims of trafficking have been identified in Wisconsin; to date four Wisconsin cases have been prosecuted under federal law and two under state law – additional cases are pending.
- Dane County has been identified as the source of both sex and labor trafficking.

MYTHS: It is important to dispel certain myths about trafficking-

- Trafficking is **not smuggling or forced movement**.
- Trafficking does **not require transportation or border crossing**.
- Trafficking does **not only happen to foreign nationals or undocumented immigrants**.
- Trafficking does **not require physical force, physical abuse or physical restraint**.
- Traffickers are **not solely strangers or members of organized crime groups**.
- Sex Trafficking is **not the only type of Trafficking where Sexual Violence is present**.

RESOURCES:

- NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER – 1-888-3737-888
- Rescue & Restore – www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking
- Polaris Project – www.polarisproject.org
- Wisconsin Coalition against Sexual Assault – www.wcasa.org
- Wisconsin Coalition against Domestic Violence – www.wcadv.org
- SlaveFree Madison- www.slavefreemadison.org