

# Human Trafficking Facts

## What is Human Trafficking?

A human trafficking situation includes at least *one* of the elements within *each* of the three criteria below.

| Process   | +                    | Way/Means   | +                    | Goal  |
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| Recruitment<br><i>or</i><br>Transportation<br><i>or</i><br>Transferring<br><i>or</i><br>Harboring<br><i>or</i><br>Receiving | <b>A<br/>N<br/>D</b> | Threat<br><i>or</i><br>Coercion<br><i>or</i><br>Abduction<br><i>or</i><br>Fraud<br><i>or</i><br>Deceit<br><i>or</i><br>Deception<br><i>or</i><br>Abuse of Power | <b>A<br/>N<br/>D</b> | Prostitution<br><i>or</i><br>Pornography<br><i>or</i><br>Violence/Sexual<br>Exploitation<br><i>or</i><br>Forced Labor<br><i>or</i><br>Involuntary Servitude<br><i>or</i><br>Debt Bondage<br><i>or</i><br>Slavery/Similar<br>Practices |

(Chart developed by the Solidarity Center and International Catholic Migration Commission – extrapolated from the 2000 UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons.)

**Exception:** Under U.S. law, a child under the age of 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is a victim of human trafficking even if no force, fraud or coercion is used by the trafficker.

## Human Trafficking is a Global Reality

- It is hard to get an accurate count because of the nature of human trafficking—these are estimates
- 600,000 to 800,000 persons trafficked across borders (U.S. Government)
- 20.9 Million in forced labor/sexual servitude (UN International Labor Organization)
- 27 Million persons trafficked worldwide (Free the Slaves)

## Human Trafficking is a National & Local Reality

- U.S. is a source, destination and transit country for human trafficking (U.S. State Department)
- Human trafficking is present in every community—both labor and sex trafficking
- Washington was the first state to pass an anti-trafficking law in 2003. First Washington state prosecution under State law occurred in 2009. Oregon passed its anti-trafficking law in 2007.

## Human Trafficking is a Criminal Industry Fueled by Our Demand

- Human Trafficking is the fastest growing source of income for organized crime—second only to drug trafficking—with an estimated \$32 billion annual profit.
- Society’s demand—both for commercial sex and cheap products and services—contributes to a system in which human beings are treated like commodities and human trafficking thrives.



# Human Trafficking General Resources

Visit the IPJC website for more resources—[www.ipjc.org/links/trafficking.htm](http://www.ipjc.org/links/trafficking.htm)

## Take Action

- **IPJC Legislative Action Center** [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org)  
Write to Federal Legislators in support of programs that protect victims, prosecute traffickers and prevent trafficking
- **Create Demand for Slave-Free Products:**  
Ask your favorite brands to ensure their supply chain is slavery-free at [www.chainstorereaction.com](http://www.chainstorereaction.com)
- **Human Trafficking Vigil** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
Join us at Westlake Center, Seattle 1:30 to 2:00 PM the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month to pray for an end to trafficking. Other locations at [www.ipjc.org](http://www.ipjc.org).
- **School Presentations** Invite IPJC to your school or ask your 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to sign up for IPJC's Human Trafficking Webinar for their class
- **National Hotline:** (888) 373-7888

## Websites

- **Blue Heart Campaign** [www.unodc.org/blueheart](http://www.unodc.org/blueheart)
- **Campaign to Rescue & Restore**  
[www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking)
- **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women**  
[www.catwinternational.org](http://www.catwinternational.org)
- **ECPAT-USA** [www.ecpatusa.org](http://www.ecpatusa.org)
- **End Slavery Now** [www.endslaverynow.com](http://www.endslaverynow.com)
- **Free the Slaves** [www.freetheslaves.net](http://www.freetheslaves.net)
- **Global Initiative to Fight Trafficking**  
[www.ungift.org](http://www.ungift.org)
- **International Justice Mission** [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)
- **Not For Sale** [www.notforsalecampaign.org](http://www.notforsalecampaign.org)
- **Polaris Project** [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)
- **Shared Hope International** [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)
- **UNANIMA International** – Stop the Demand  
[www.unanima-international.org](http://www.unanima-international.org)

## Consumer Resources

- **Conflict Minerals** [www.raisehopeforcongo.org](http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org)
- **Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment**  
[www.ipjc.org/programs/nwcri.htm](http://www.ipjc.org/programs/nwcri.htm)
- **Products of Slavery** [www.productsosslavery.org](http://www.productsosslavery.org)
- **Slavery Footprint** [www.slaveryfootprint.org](http://www.slaveryfootprint.org)
- **Fair Trade USA** [www.fairtradeusa.org](http://www.fairtradeusa.org)
- **Made By Survivors** [www.madebysurvivors.com](http://www.madebysurvivors.com)

## Print Materials

- *A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery.* Skinner, E. Benjamin. 2009.
- *Breaking the Snares Parish Packet*  
[www.sdssisters.org/slavery/](http://www.sdssisters.org/slavery/)
- *Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade – and How We Can Fight It.* Batstone, David. 2007.
- *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today.* Bales, Kevin. 2009.
- *Stop Trafficking Newsletter*  
[www.stopenslavement.org](http://www.stopenslavement.org)
- *US Trafficking in Persons Report*  
[www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt](http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt)

## DVDs (Available on loan from IPJC)

- **Dark Side of Chocolate** – Exposes the ongoing use of child, forced and trafficked labor in the West African cocoa industry. 47 min.
- **The Day My God Died**—Young girls whose lives have been shattered by the child sex trade in Nepal and India. \$30. Andrew Levine Productions. 70 min.
- **DEMAND.** —Investigative footage of the dark and hidden world of sex traffickers in US and 3 other countries. [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org). 45 min.
- **Dreams Die Hard: Survivors of Slavery in America Tell Their Stories**—Documentary profiling several people trapped in different kinds of human slavery across the U.S. \$10. Free the Slaves. 36 min.
- **Lives for Sale**—A joint production of Maryknoll, Lightfoot Films, Inc. and PBS. \$19.95. Orbis Books. 60 min.
- **Slavery 101** – A powerful, succinct introduction to modern day slavery. Good for middle/high school. \$8. [freetheslaves.net](http://freetheslaves.net). 12 min.
- **What I Have Been Through is Not Who I am** – Through the testimony of a survivor and interviews with experts, looks at the reality of commercial sexual exploitation of children. [ecpatusa.org](http://ecpatusa.org) 20 min.

*Other Books & DVDs available on loan from IPJC*

