

Human Trafficking Facts

What is Human Trafficking?

The chart below is a useful tool for analyzing individual cases to determine whether or not they constitute trafficking. In order for a situation to be trafficking, it must have at least *one* of the elements within *each* of the three criteria.

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

Human Trafficking is a Global Reality

There are varying estimates of the number of trafficked persons. It is hard to get an accurate count because of the nature of trafficking

- 600,000 to 800,000 persons trafficked across borders (US Government)
- 12.3 Million persons in forced labor/sexual servitude (UN International Labor Office)
- 27 Million persons trafficked worldwide (Free the Slaves)

Human Trafficking is a National & Local Reality

- 17,500 persons are estimated to be trafficked into the US each year (US Government)
- The number of US citizens trafficked within the country is estimated to be even higher. (Polaris Project)
- Washington was the first state to pass an anti-trafficking law in 2003.
- Oregon passed its anti-trafficking law in 2007

Human Trafficking is a Criminal Industry

- Human Trafficking is the fastest growing source of income for organized crime—second only to drug trafficking
- The large profits are due to high demand and negligible-to-low risk of prosecution



Human Trafficking General Resources

Visit our website for more resources
(www.ipjc.org/links/trafficking.htm)

Websites

- **Anti-Slavery International**
www.antislavery.org
- **Campaign to Rescue & Restore**
www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking
- **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women**
www.catwinternational.org
- **Free the Slaves**
www.freetheslaves.net
- **Polaris Project**
www.polarisproject.org
- **Stop Trafficking Newsletter**
homepage.mac.com/srjeanschafersds/stoptrafficking
- **UNANIMA International - Stop the Demand Campaign Materials**
available
www.unanima-international.org
- **UN Development Fund for Women, Human Trafficking Briefing Kit**
www.unifem.org/attachments/products/traffkit_eng.pdf
- **US Trafficking in Persons Report**
www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt

Print Materials

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DVDs (Available on loan from IPJC)

- **Into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids**—Explores the lives of the sons and daughters of prostitutes in Calcutta, India. 2005 Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. \$20 from www.kids-with-cameras.org. 83 minutes.
- **The Day My God Died**—About young girls whose lives have been shattered by the child sex trade in Nepal and India. \$30 from Andrew Levine Productions. 70 minutes.
- **Dreams Die Hard: Survivors of Slavery in America Tell Their Stories**—Documentary profiling several people trapped in different kinds of human slavery across the United States. \$10 from Free the Slaves. A study guide is available for this movie. 36 minutes.
- **Human Trafficking**—This drama exposes the ugly world of human trafficking. Donald Sutherland and Mira Sorvino received Golden Globe Nominations for their performances in this 2005 Lifetime television mini-series. \$6.99 from Amazon.com. 180 minutes.
- **I Just Keep Quiet: Voices of Human Trafficking**—Produced by the Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) and the Seattle Police Department, 2006. DVD Available for \$20 by calling ReWA: (206) 721-8448. 20 minutes.
- **Lives for Sale**—A joint production between Maryknoll, Lightfoot Films, Inc. and PBS. \$19.95 from Orbis Books. 60 minutes.
- **So Great a Violence: Prostitution, Trafficking and the Global Sex Industry**—Attempts to debunk myths of prostitution and spotlights the men who create the demand for the sexual exploitation of women and girls. \$29.95 from the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women. 29 minutes.

