

Human Trafficking

Human (Sex) Trafficking Definition:

- **The Department of Justice (DOJ)** states human trafficking is a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts.
- **The United Nations (UN)** defines human trafficking as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of persons by improper means (such as force, abduction, fraud, or coercion) for an improper purpose including forced labor or sexual exploitation.

FYI:





- **On October 28, 2000**, the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) became the first comprehensive federal law to address the issue and provided a three-pronged approach: *prevention, protection, and prosecution*.
- **On November 15, 2000**, the United Nations General Assembly passed the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

Ten of the primary causes of human trafficking: (SDoH Tie-In!)

1. Poverty
2. A lack of education
3. The demand for cheap labor/sex
4. A lack of human rights protections
5. A lack of legitimate economic opportunities
6. Cultural factors
7. Conflict and natural disasters
8. A lack of safe migration options
9. Women and children are targets
10. Human trafficking generates a huge profit.

National Resources:

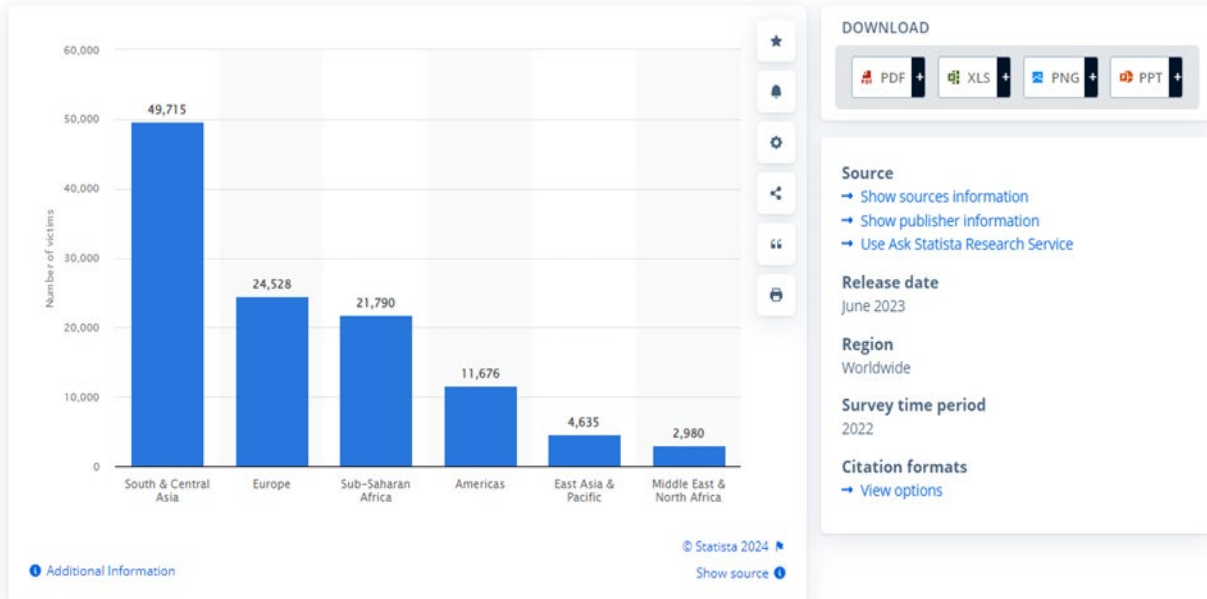
- **Blue Campaign:** [Blue Campaign | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)
 - Available in English and Spanish
 - Gives education on recognizing the indicators of human trafficking and how to appropriately respond to possible cases.
 - Offers a tip sheet for identification of potential trafficking: [Indicator Card | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

 <p>To report suspected human trafficking to Federal law enforcement:</p> <p>1-866-347-2423</p>	 <p>Para reportar un posible caso de trata de personas:</p> <p>1-866-347-2423</p>
 <p>To get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline:</p> <p>1-888-373-7888</p> <p>or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)</p>	 <p>Obtenga ayuda de la Línea Directa Nacional de Trata de Personas:</p> <p>1-888-373-7888</p> <p>o enviando un mensaje de texto con HELP o INFO a BeFree (233733)</p>

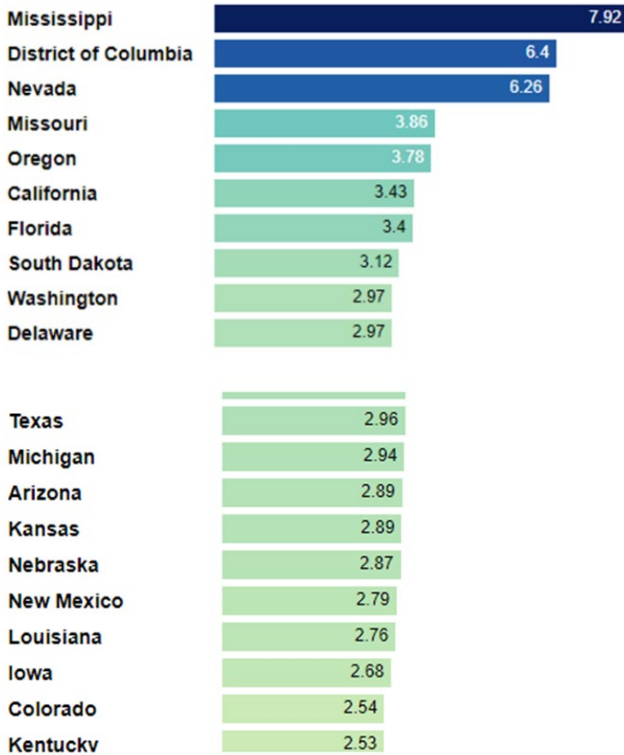
- **SOAR:** Offers FREE education from the government through the Office of Administration of Children and Families that has modules specifically for healthcare on essentially all of the **basic components of recognizing possible indicators of trafficking and response protocols:** [SOAR Online | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- **HEAL Trafficking:** A training module specific to healthcare that actually uses simulation-based training (framework also found on the attached PDF) for **identification, treatment, and referral** of trafficked individuals: [Simulation Based Education Subcommittee | HEAL Trafficking: Health, Education, Advocacy, Linkage](#)
- **The American Hospital Association (AHA):** Offers a great at-a-glance resource regarding the **reporting requirements in each state:** [Human Trafficking and Health Care Providers: Legal Requirements for Reporting and Education \(aha.org\)](#)

National Statistics (2022):

Number of human trafficking victims identified worldwide in 2022, by region



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Kentucky (Local) Statistics:

- In 2021, Kentucky residents sent 353 signals related to human trafficking, with **133 coming** from victims and survivors. Additionally, 155 trafficking cases were identified and confirmed, involving 189 victims. Sex trafficking was prevalent, with 89 cases associated with it.
- It's important to recognize that online grooming has contributed to a growing trend of human trafficking reports.
- In 2021, there were no new criminal human trafficking cases filed in federal courts in Kentucky. However, six defendants were convicted. Most active defendants faced charges related to sex trafficking (91%), while a smaller percentage were charged with forced labor.
- Notably, **females are the most affected**, with 95 victims being women compared to 19 males. The rest were either unidentified or belonged to minority gender groups.

Kentucky Resources:

- Kentucky Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force [Home - Kentucky State Wide Human Trafficking Task Force \(kyhumantraffickingtf.com\)](https://www.kyhumantraffickingtf.com)
Provides:
 - 2024 KY Statewide Data Report
<https://storage.googleapis.com/production-domaincom-v1-0-9/349/1136349/BpTybeBm/e5ca57413a674584b9b7af621d060473?fileName=2024%20Kentucky%20Statewide%20Human%20Trafficking%20Data%20Report.pdf>
 - Policies & Protocols
<https://storage.googleapis.com/production-domaincom-v1-0-9/349/1136349/BpTybeBm/14189502040a4117b68cef2f76f9c635?fileName=FINAL%20Kentucky%20Statewide%20Human%20Trafficking%20Taskforce%20Protocol%20Document.pdf>
 - 2023 Human Trafficking LRC Report
<https://storage.googleapis.com/production-domaincom-v1-0-9/349/1136349/BpTybeBm/435737da03ff4e9ba6afa2dca5dcd6f2?fileName=Human%20Trafficking%20Resource%20Guide.xlsx>
 - Child Sex Trafficking training for Law Enforcement
<https://storage.googleapis.com/production-domaincom-v1-0-9/349/1136349/BpTybeBm/cba416e03814421d9db97d40efc62875?fileName=SexTrafficking%20Juv%20LE%20Training.pdf>
 - Labor Trafficking Protocol Guidelines OVC
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 - Victim Rights Brochure OAG
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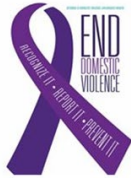
- **The Office of the Attorney General (OAG):** [Welcome - Kentucky Attorney General](#) is the leading agency in Kentucky's fight against human trafficking.
 - **The Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution (TAPP)** handles human trafficking cases and *assists local law enforcement* with resources in an effort to stop human trafficking in the Commonwealth.
 - **Your Eyes Save Lives**-In January of 2021, the Kentucky OAG launched a statewide human trafficking awareness campaign, “*Your Eyes Save Lives.*” The campaign combats human trafficking by raising awareness of the signs of human trafficking and empowers citizens, law enforcement, and community leaders to report suspected trafficking. [Welcome - Your Eyes Save Lives \(ky.gov\)](#)
- **PEOPLE AGAINST TRAFFICKING HUMANS (PATH) COALITION OF KENTUCKY** [PATH Coalition of Kentucky \(pathcoalitionofky.org\)](#)
 - PATH aims to prevent trafficking in three strategic ways: Education, Partnership, and PATHWAY Services
 - EDUCATION
 - In order to eradicate human trafficking, we believe we must equip community members, medical professionals, first responders, and students with the skills to recognize and address the issue. Our free presentations can be given in person or virtually. Interested in learning more? Request a speaker!
 - PATH Coalition of Kentucky is a 501(c)3 that includes passionate advocates and professionals. Led by a Board of Directors, PATH works with academic, community, and faith-based organizations in an effort to foster awareness of the realities of human trafficking and cultivate collaborative efforts with agencies and individuals who provide healing and hope to those affected by human trafficking.
 - Contact at pathcoalitionofky@gmail.com

Kentucky Human Trafficking Shelters and Prevention Organizations List



Barren River Area Safe Space

P. O. Box 1941
Bowling Green, KY - 42102
Phone: (270) 781-9334
Email: mwoosley@barrenriverareasafespace.com



Bethany House Abuse Shelter

P. O. Box 864
Somerset, KY - 42502
Phone: (606) 679-1553
Email: info@bethanyhouseabuseshelter.org



DOVES Moorhead KY

P. O. Box 1012
Morehead, KY - 40351
Phone: (606) 784-6880



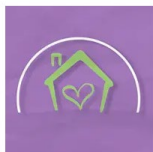
Franklin County Women and Family Shelter

303 East Third Street
Frankfort, KY - 40604
Phone: (502) 223-1128



Healing Place

1020 West Market Street
Louisville, KY - 40202
Phone: (502) 585-4848
Email: betsy@thehealingplace.org



Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center

PO Box 98
Paducah, KY - 42002
Phone: (270) 443-6001
Email: info@merrymanhouse.org



Shelter for Women & Children

PO Box 1617
Henderson, KY - 42420
Phone: (270) 830-8063



Springhaven

P.O. Box 2047
Elizabethtown, KY - 42702
Phone: (270) 765-4057
Email: spring@springhaveninc.org



The Center for Women and Families Bullitt County

260 Abbott Street
Shepherdsville, KY - 40165
Phone: (502) 538-0212
Email: info@cwfempower.org



Mountain Comprehensive Care Center

104 South Front Street
Prestonsburg, KY - 41653
Phone: (606) 886-8572
Email: jpaxton@mtcomp.org



Oasis Shelter

P.O. Box 315
Owensboro, KY - 42303
Phone: (541) 247-7600



Sanctuary, Inc. Domestic Violence Program

P.O. Box 1265
Hopkinsville, KY - 42240
Phone: (800) 766-0000

 **women aware**
MOVING BEYOND ABUSE

Women Aware Incorporated
PO Box 98
Paducah, KY - 42002
Phone: (270) 443-6001

 **WOMEN'S
CRISIS CENTER**

Women's Crisis Center Inc
835 Madison Avenue
Covington, KY - 41011
Phone: (859) 491-3335
Email: info@wccky.org

 **WAYSIDE
CHRISTIAN
MISSION**

Wayside Christian Mission
PO Box 7249
Louisville, KY - 40257
Phone: (502) 584-3711
Email: tim@waysidechristianmission.org

 **WELCOME
HOUSE of Northern Kentucky, Inc.**

Welcome House Of Northern Kentucky
205 West Pike Street
Covington, KY - 41011
Phone: (859) 431-8717
Email: kröse@welcomehouseky.org

 **WESTCARE**

Westcare Kentucky Emergency Shelter
173 Redale Rd
Pikeville, KY - 41501
Phone: (606) 432-9442
Email: jerrica.brandenburg@westcare.com

Education:

- Online Tutorials: [Bing Videos](#)
- Healthcare workers:
 - [SOAR Online is designed to educate health care providers, social workers, public health professionals, and behavioral health professionals on how to identify and respond appropriately to individuals who are at risk of or who have experienced trafficking¹.](#)
 - [The H.O.P.E. \(Healthcare Observations for the Prevention & Eradication of Human Trafficking\) is a survivor-informed, trauma-informed, and patient-centered virtual training that equips all healthcare workers to identify potential human trafficking victims, give support, and offer resources](#)

- Sites that offer nursing free CEUs. For Example:
 - <https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=af9715c03a4e9773JmltdHM9MTcxNzAyNzlwMCZpZ3VpZD0yZmRkNzA4Mi0zY2RkLTY2MTktMDM0Mi02MzYzM2Q1NzY3ZjgmaW5zaWQ9NTQ3OQ&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=2fdd7082-3cdd-6619-0342-63633d5767f8&psq=free+nursing+ceus+on+human+trafficking+online&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuY2V1LmFjYWRIbXkvdG9waWNzL2h1bWFWuLXRyYWZmaWNraW5nLWNldXM&ntb=1>
 - <https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=90c1363e45ec9c51JmltdHM9MTcxNzAyNzlwMCZpZ3VpZD0yZmRkNzA4Mi0zY2RkLTY2MTktMDM0Mi02MzYzM2Q1NzY3ZjgmaW5zaWQ9NTQ4MA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=3&fclid=2fdd7082-3cdd-6619-0342-63633d5767f8&psq=free+nursing+ceus+on+human+trafficking+online&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly9jbWUudWZsLmVkdS9odW1hbi10cmFmZmlja2luZy1jbWUv&ntb=1>
1. Inova CME Portal: Inova offers a free CME activity titled “Healthcare Observations for the Prevention and Eradication of Human Trafficking” as part of their Medicine Grand Rounds Enduring Material. [You can find more information on their website here.](#)
 2. University of Michigan: They provide a free online module that meets Michigan’s training standards for healthcare providers. This module specifically focuses on human trafficking. You can access it [here](#).
 3. SOAR Online: This series of CE/CME training modules discusses the SOAR framework and how to apply it in identifying individuals at risk of trafficking. You can complete these modules at your own pace. Learn more on the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center website [Learn more here.](#)
 4. CEU Academy: They offer accredited online CEUs for healthcare professionals specifically related to human trafficking in healthcare. You can explore their courses [Learn more here.](#)
 5. Texas Health and Human Services Commission: Their HHS-approved human trafficking training provides 1.5 hours of free online education. It includes credits for physicians (CME), nurses, and licensed marriage and family therapists. [More details can be found in the training document.](#)