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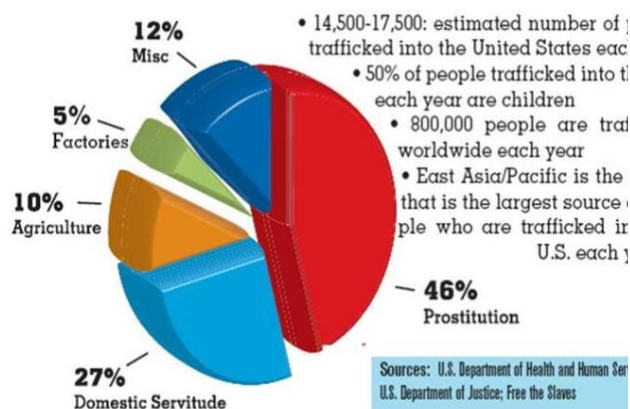
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What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is a situation where a person is relocated illegally (without consent) for labor use in order for someone to make profit (UNODC, 2018). In other words, these situations start with a kidnapping or by coercion and the transportation of a person, and then the person is forced to do labor (manual or sexual) (UNODC, 2018).

The category of the issue is non-communicable because it cannot be transmitted like a disease, it is an issue that is caused by people in vulnerable situations. Situations such as leaving a place of poverty for a wealthier lifestyle, leaving home because of political stances/conditions, places of war, or social and cultural practices (5 of the Worst Countries for Human Trafficking, 2018).

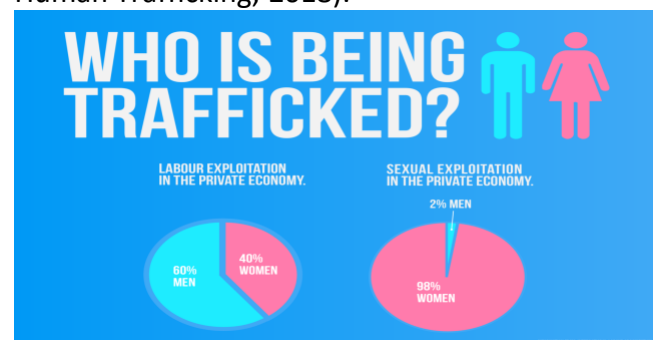


The above pie chart is explaining that there are about 800,000 people trafficked worldwide and 14,500- 17,500 of those people trafficked into the U.S (50 percent of these people trafficked are children).

Where does it Happen/who is affected?

Unfortunately, there are an estimated 20.9 million victims of human trafficking. (Ahn & Burke, 2012) 68% of these people are trapped in forced labor, 26% of the 20.9 million are children, and 55% are

women and girls (About the Problem at Home, 2016). When reading the women and girls statistic, it is easy to think it would be higher because of sex trafficking, but males are primarily used for work slaves and war participants trafficking (About the Problem at Home, 2016). A shocking fact is most human trafficking culprits are known to look and find victims of their own nationality. With all of this in mind, human sex trafficking is a \$150 billion industry (About the Problem at Home, 2016). Human Trafficking is a huge world-wide problem. Twenty-three countries world-wide were rated a level three tier (the lowest concern but still some concern tier), but there are five main countries known for their highly problematic human trafficking rate (5 of the Worst Countries for Human Trafficking, 2018). Russia, China, Iran, Belarus, and Venezuela are the most dangerous places for human trafficking and with the previous situations it is clear as to why; most of these places are a war zone, have political conflict, as well as a high poverty rate just to start (5 of the Worst Countries for Human Trafficking, 2018).



This chart is explaining the difference with genders in the trafficking world. When speaking about labor exploitation trafficking about 60 percent of those trafficked are men, 40 percent women. When talking about sexual exploitation 98 percent of those trafficked are women, 2 percent are men (About the Problem Home, 2016).

What are some of the effects of those who have been trafficked?

Most human trafficking victims are extremely malnourished and are expected to put out an unrealistic amount of work (Clawson & Dutch, 2008). Also, human trafficking leads to PTSD and other psychological cases. Some survivors escape, others are let go after paying off their debts, and there are some that are rescued by the FBI from tips given to them (Impact Human Trafficking Research, 2018).

Where to go for help if you have been trafficked or think you know someone who has/information?

If you have been trafficked or think you have a tip on trafficking there is multiple ways to report it. There is the *National Trafficking Hotline Toll Free Number* 1-888-373-7888 or submit an anonymous tip online at <http://humantraffickinghotline.org/report-trafficking> (Report Trafficking, 2016).

Interventions?

There are interventions started by brave survivors and their supporters. There is: CCR– Community Coordinated Response teams, Human Trafficking, PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act, SATF – Survivors & Allies Task Force, SANE – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, SART – Sexual Assault Response Team, SAVAS– Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy School (Interventions, 2018).

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