

Her childhood was stolen
for profit...
then she was thrown away.



Facts About Human Trafficking

From a U.S. State Department
Report on Human Trafficking



Fact:

Millions of people around the world suffer in silence in slave-like situations of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation from which they cannot free themselves.

Trafficking in persons is one of the greatest human rights challenges of our time.

What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Prevalent even in the United States, it's one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world, and homeless youth are especially vulnerable.

Victims are often subjected to violence, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation, such as stripping or prostitution, or forced labor, such as agricultural, factory, or domestic work. No matter the purpose — or even if they consented up front and are paid — they all share the loss of a cherished human right: their freedom.





Fact:

The U.S. State Department estimates that 17,000-20,000 people are brought to the United States against their will every year. About half are children, and many are raped and forced into prostitution and sexual slavery.

What is Human Trafficking? (continued)

This unthinkable crime takes place all over the world. In some countries, victims are promised a better life abroad, traveling thousands of miles only to become slaves. Here in the U.S., the number of victims is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands, which includes up to 17,500 foreign nationals and scores of internally trafficked minors involved in prostitution.

Rich or poor, male or female, adult or child — there is no consistent face of a trafficking victim. But, homeless kids are easy prey — and a favorite target for criminal operators.





Fact:

Covenant House has the largest system of shelters (21 in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America) and spends more money caring for street children and those who have escaped from slavery than any other organization in America.

Fight Human Trafficking

Our nation's schoolyards should be a place where our kids are safe.

Parents, teachers, school administrators, and kids themselves can fight back against human traffickers by disseminating essential information to their communities and bringing this dark subject to light.

The Covenant House Eyes Open poster on human trafficking outlines the warning signs kids and parents need to know about, and provides our Neline hotline number. To learn more, visit voice.covenanthouse.org

It's crucial that we teach our kids to watch out for criminals who might be lurking nearby!



End Child Trafficking



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