

HUMAN TRAFFICKING STATISTICS

Human trafficking is a criminal business that profits from enslaving people for sexual servitude and forced labor. It is the most common form of modern-day slavery. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the world today (second only to drug trafficking)

1. There are 27 million people in modern-day slavery around the world.
2. 161 countries are identified as affected by human trafficking.
3. There are 2 million children exploited by the global commercial sex trade.
4. 32 billion dollars is the total yearly profits in us dollars, generated by the human trafficking industry.
5. The number of people trafficked across international borders every year, as of 2007 is 800,000 (yes, every year)

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1. The average age of American minors,(boys or girls) into the sex trade is 11-14 years old.
2. Many victims are runaway girls who have already suffered sexual abuse as children.
3. 100,000 – 300,000 is the number of prostituted children in the U.S.
4. As many as 2.8 million children run away each year in the U.S. within 48 hours of hitting the streets, one-third of these children are lured of recruited into the underground world of prostitution and pornography. (The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children)
5. The prevalence and anonymity of the internet has fueled the rapid growth of sex trafficking, making the trade of women and children easier than ever.

Source: Unless otherwise noted these Statistics are from the Polaris Project.