



Kentucky Human Trafficking Statistics

KENTUCKY HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ The child sex trafficking law provides serious penalties for offenders but fails to prohibit age mistake and consent of the minor as available defenses, making prosecution more challenging.
- ❖ Kentucky is still lacking a human trafficking task force, and adequate posting of the national hotline and vacating convictions of minor victims.
- ❖ In 2012 the national anti-trafficking hotline received 202 calls from Kentucky; 35 of these cases indicated moderate to high for potential trafficking; 27 potential victims were referenced.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 63 human trafficking cases; 257 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM KENTUCKY

UMW Open Umbrellas to Bring Awareness to Human Trafficking (The Kentucky Annual Conference, February 2, 2015) – CRESTWOOD, KY - On Sunday, February 7, 2016, the Super Bowl will take place at Levi's® Stadium in Santa Clara, California. And like any big sporting event, a game like this intensifies the space where human trafficking can occur. That's why United Methodist Women has asked members to join the Intercept the Traffickers photo campaign and open your umbrellas to raise awareness of human trafficking. Thousands will travel to the San Francisco Bay Area to take part in Super Bowl festivities. Among the travelers will be those arriving by force, fraud, or coercion—they will not be there of their own free will but as victims of human trafficking.

<http://www.kyumc.org/newsdetail/umw-open-umbrellas-3792449>

Summit: Human trafficking common, widespread (Courier-Journal, October 21, 2015) - And police attitudes are changing as officers understand that traffickers often control sex workers with drugs, violence and intimidation, said Louisville Metro Police Chief Steven Conrad. "The truth is they are victims," Conrad said. "These victims need justice, they need our support." Two speakers provided a startling glimpse of commercial sex trade in Louisville through a project at the University of Louisville where researchers monitored the Internet site backpage.com for 15 months and tracked ads that appeared to be selling sexual encounters in its adult section.

<http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/crime/2015/10/20/summit-human-trafficking-common-widespread/74281766/>

Sex trafficking, the dirty side of the Kentucky Derby (WKYT, May 1, 2015) - The Kentucky Derby brings in millions of viewers and thousands of people travel to Churchill Downs to watch the race, but it also brings in traffickers. There is an underground sex trade, where children and women are sold for sex that gains in popularity during big events like the Kentucky Derby. Sex ads have been on the rise the last couple of years during this event, as well. During a 15-month study, there were 53 advertisements. On Derby Day, the number of ads more than doubled to 120 ads.

<http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/WKYT-Investigates--The-dirty-side-of-the-Derby-sex-trafficking-increases-301983841.html>

State Grade **B**

*Shared Hope Report Cards grade each state on 6 key principles which set a national standard of protection against domestic minor sex trafficking. Graded from A-F: 'A' being most protected, 'F' being least protected.

Flash Points **10 out of 15**

*Trafficking is a complex issue influenced by several underlying factors, such as transportation, entertainment, or tourism. Each state is assessed based on the 15 major factors that contribute to trafficking. These determine the influences present in each state that increase residents' risk of being trafficked. 10 of the 15 flash points are found in Kentucky.

Tier **1 of 4 (Green)**

*Polaris Project rates all 50 states on a 4 tier scale based on 10 categories of laws which are critical to a basic legal framework that combats human trafficking, punishes traffickers and supports survivors. Tier 1 meets the most categories while tier 4 meets the least. Tier 1 indicates the state has made significant laws to combat human trafficking and should continue to take steps to improve and implement its laws. Kentucky scores 9 points out of 12, within the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking.

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Trafficking Tip Line: 1.877.END.SLAVERY

National Trafficking Hotline 1.888.373.7888

U.S. Dept. of Justice Trafficking and Workers' Exploitation Hotline 1.888.428.7581

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Modern day slavery: Breaking free from human trafficking (WLKY 32, May 13, 2015) – Researchers have found that Kentucky's youngest victim of human trafficking is just 2 months old. Grace United Methodist Church sits in the shadow of Churchill Downs. During Derby weekend, the pastor and his congregation sold parking spots in their lot. They said they witnessed modern-day slavery as girl after girl got into and out of cars, sold for sex. Officials say at any given time, there are at least 100,000 children in the sex trade in the U.S.

<http://www.wlky.com/news/modern-day-slavery-breaking-free-from-human-trafficking/32964492>

Kentucky Derby Triggers Spike in Human Trafficking (CBN News, May 4, 2013) - "These pimps or handlers look at it as a way of making fast money in a one-day or two-day event, and they are going to double or triple what they normally make, so they'll bring these girls in from all over," Sgt. Andre Bottoms said. Louisville metro police and victims' rights groups monitor websites known for advertising adult escorts. They estimate postings on these sites have tripled for Louisville this week leading up to the Kentucky Derby. "And before Keeneland's Spring Meet and before the Derby, women -- and what we believe to be are children -- are advertised as 'fillies' and 'mustangs,'" Hunt said.

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2013/May/Kentucky-Derby-Triggers-Spike-in-Human-Trafficking/>

Escort service owner charged with human trafficking (WHAS11, April 25, 2013)

A Louisville couple faces serious charges-- accused of human trafficking and promoting prostitution from their ten acre estate in Fisherville in eastern Jefferson County. They allegedly threatened a woman who lived in their home on Bradbe road -- forcing her into prostitution and keeping all the money. The victim lived in the home and told police she was forced to turn tricks, then give the money to the Hulls. "From what she advised us, they were keeping 100 percent of the money," said Bottoms.

<http://www.whas11.com/news/crimetracker/Louisville-man-arrested-for-human-trafficking-204706731.html>

Kentucky Passes Stronger Human Trafficking Bill (WBKO, March 12, 2013)

The General Assembly is sending Gov. Steve Beshear a bill that would strengthen Kentucky's human trafficking law, by increasing punishments for offenders and bolstering protections for victims. The measure saw final passage in the House Tuesday afternoon on a 97-0 vote. The Senate approved the bill on Thursday. Beshear called for the legislation in this year's State of the Commonwealth speech.

<http://www.wbko.com/home/headlines/KY-Passes-Stronger-Human-Trafficking-Bill-197534181.html>

Human Trafficking Awareness (FBI Stories, January 11, 2013) - Last month, a Kentucky cardiologist and his ex-wife [pled guilty](#) to recruiting a Bolivian woman to work as their domestic servant and holding her unlawfully for nearly 15 years. The couple took her passport, threatened her with deportation, and falsely promised that her wages were being put in a bank account. Trafficking in persons is a widespread form of modern-day slavery, and as we observe National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we'd like to update you on what the FBI— with its partners—is doing to go after the traffickers and help the victims.

<http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2013/january/targeting-human-traffickers-helping-victims>

Kentucky illegal alien pleads guilty, is sentenced for sex trafficking of minors (ICE News Release, December 18, 2012) - Adolfo De Aquino-Cancino, age 28, a resident of Taylor County, Ky., pleaded guilty Dec. 18 to conspiring to benefit financially from a prostitution venture that recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided and obtained by any means two minors. De Aquino-Cancino pleaded guilty and will serve 84 months in prison and up to a lifetime of supervised release. As part of the plea agreement, the United States agreed to dismiss counts 2, 3 and 4 of the grand jury indictment.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1212/121218owensboro.htm>