



New York Human Trafficking Statistics

NEW YORK HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Human trafficking investigation experts consider New York a gateway for human trafficking.
- ❖ According to US Department of Justice, the \$9.5 billion human trafficking trade is among the top three criminal markets worldwide alongside illegal drug and arms dealing. Up to 200,000 victims are reportedly US citizens, in addition to more than 17,000 Hispanic, Asian, and Eastern European immigrants.
- ❖ The New York State Office of Children and Family Services reported in 2007 that an estimated 2,253 domestically sex trafficked youth are in New York Cities on an annual basis, and 399 in the upstate counties.
- ❖ In 2015, NY reported 281 cases of human trafficking; 924 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM NEW YORK

[NYC Hotels Raided In Prostitution & Human Trafficking Bust](http://gothamist.com/2015/10/16/prostitution_hotel_raid.php) (Gothamist, October 16, 2015) - Police, FBI agents and Homeland Security raided two hotels yesterday afternoon—one each in Sunset Park and Flushing—that are currently under investigation as fronts for prostitution and human trafficking. http://gothamist.com/2015/10/16/prostitution_hotel_raid.php

[Photographing Human Trafficking in New York](http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/09/14/photographing-human-trafficking-in-new-york/?_r=0) (The New York Times, September 14, 2015) - With help from nonprofits like the Damayan Migrant Workers Association, a Filipino domestic workers rights group based in New York and New Jersey, Ms. Bacani spent three months documenting several survivors of labor trafficking. She lived with her subjects, sleeping on their couches, learning their daily routines. When her six-week fellowship term at N.Y.U. was up, she stuck around another six weeks to continue her project, shuttling from Jersey City to Brooklyn to Queens. These stories revealing the hidden bottom of the nation's 99 percent are all about fortitude. Among Ms. Bacani's subjects, we meet Daisy Benin Santos, a single mother who works as a nanny on the Upper East Side. Lured from the Philippines by a job agency, she was forced into debt bondage and became undocumented when her trafficker, now in jail, let her visa expire.

http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/09/14/photographing-human-trafficking-in-new-york/?_r=0

[Is your boss exploiting you? NY has a new hotline to investigate workplace crimes](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2015/07/is_your_boss_exploiting_you_ny_has_a_new_hotline_to_take_complaints.html) (Syracuse.com, July 16, 2015)

Gov. Andrew Cuomo set up a new, free hotline to take anonymous complaints about worker exploitation. The hotline allows people to report instances of worker abuse. That could include wage theft, human trafficking, retaliation, unsafe or unsanitary working conditions, unstable or unscheduled hours and illegal deductions for supplies, training or uniforms. The hotline is part of a new effort launched to crack down on crimes and abuse in the workplace. Now the governor has created a task force to root out other exploitative work conditions in other industries, where workers more often might feel intimidated to report wrongdoings. The target industries include nail salons, farming, childcare, cleaning, home health care, laundry, restaurants, retail, construction, landscaping, and truck and waste disposal drivers.

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2015/07/is_your_boss_exploiting_you_ny_has_a_new_hotline_to_take_complaints.html

State Grade **D**

*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 **13 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. 13 of the 15 flash points are found in New York.

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 2 indicates the state has made nominal laws to combat human trafficking and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws. New York meets 8 of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking.

www.warinternational.org - info@warinternational.org - 616-855-0796

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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Human trafficking fugitive on ICE's top 10 list arrested in Mexico (*ICE News Release*, April 30, 2015)

Paulino Ramirez-Granados, who had been on the most wanted list since 2010, was charged in the Eastern District of New York with sex trafficking, alien smuggling, money laundering and conspiracy to import aliens. Members of the Granados family would befriend or romance young, uneducated women before pressuring them or coercing them into prostitution in Mexico and then smuggling their victims into the United States and transporting them to the New York City area to work as prostitutes. Granados family members would take all money earned by the victims and maintain control over the victims through physical and sexual abuse and threats of harm to the victims' families. To date, 12 members of the Granados organization have been arrested.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/human-trafficking-fugitive-ice-top-10-list-arrested-mexico>

7-Eleven locations part of human trafficking bust (*New York Business Journal*, June 17, 2013)

According to the New York Times, twelve Long Island 7-Elevens were raided this morning by the Department of Homeland Security, on the heels of nine proprietors and managers being accused of human trafficking, identity theft and money laundering. It is believed that the franchises were being staffed by illegal-immigrant Pakistani workers, Fox News reported. Fourteen stores in total were raided, including locations in Virginia, the Times said.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/newyork/news/2013/06/17/7-eleven-locations-part-of-human.html>

New campaign aims to help local victims of human trafficking (*The Buffalo News*, June 13, 2013)

Eager to find those who have slipped through the cracks, local experts are embarking on an effort to raise awareness about human trafficking. Billboards and bus shelter posters with photos of young girls and messages such as "I am not for sale" and "Modern day slavery. Still just as barbaric" have started popping up across the region. Signs also will go up in shelters, emergency rooms and anywhere else a human-trafficking victim is likely to end up in need of assistance. It's all part of a campaign designed to improve how law enforcement and social service agencies find and assist the hundreds, maybe thousands, of victims still out there. The campaign is geared, not only to victims and the people who know them, but also to law enforcement officers who might not be trained in what or who to look for.

http://www.buffalonews.com/20130613/new_campaign_aims_to_help_local_victims_of_human_trafficking.html

Former Long Island bar owner receives 60-year sentence for sex trafficking (*ICE News Release*, June 12, 2013)

The government's evidence at trial established that the defendants and others recruited, hired and harbored in the United States scores of undocumented Latin American immigrants to work as waitresses in Rivera's bars. After the women agreed to work as waitresses, Rivera directed them to solicit patrons to buy them alcoholic beverages, which the women were required to consume. He eventually forced them to engage in sexual acts with the patrons in exchange for money, which Rivera kept.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1306/130612newyork.htm>

New York Pimp Convicted in Maryland for Sex Trafficking and Gun Crimes (*FBI Press Release*, May 9, 2013)

"Jeremy Naughton held young women against their will and used violence, sexual abuse, and threats to compel them to work for him as prostitutes," said U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein. According to evidence presented at the 14-day trial, from January 2009 to the fall of 2010, Naughton and his long-time friend, Charles Anderson, targeted female prostitutes between the ages of 19 and 28 who were working without a pimp to force and coerce the women to work for them. They contacted women who posted ads on websites for prostitution services and arranged to meet them in hotel rooms, masquerading as a prospective client. Naughton and Anderson then assaulted and threatened the victims with a handgun and/or physical violence to force them to work for them. T

<http://www.fbi.gov/lasvegas/press-releases/2013/new-york-pimp-convicted-in-maryland-for-sex-trafficking-and-gun-crimes>

HSI special agents arrest 13 in connection with an alleged international sex trafficking and prostitution network (*ICE News Release*, May 1, 2013)

Since at least 2008, nine of the defendants charged in the complaint have been engaged in a criminal prostitution and sex trafficking enterprise. The enterprise is part of a larger network of sex traffickers who generally operate between Tenancingo, Mexico, and New York, among other places. The typical pattern and practice of this network is to lure women to the United States by, among other things, engaging them in romantic relationships and promising a better life in New York. After the women are smuggled from Mexico to New York, they are forced to begin working as prostitutes against their will under abhorrent conditions.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1305/130501newyork.htm>