



Kansas Human Trafficking Statistics

KANSAS HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Kansas has gone from tier 3 to tier 1 since 2011, passing significant laws to protect victims of human trafficking but still lacking in safe harbor protections and vacating convictions for minors as well as access to civil damages for victims.
- ❖ The FBI has called Wichita, Kansas one of the top originating cities for human trafficking.
- ❖ In 2001, there were 28 sex slaves cited in Wichita, and a total of 69 over the last five years.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 43 human trafficking cases; 126 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM KANSAS

Human trafficking cases soar in Wichita (The Wichita Eagle, November 29, 2015) - 2015 cases up more than 50 percent over last year; Increase reflects greater awareness, officials say; Prevention efforts increasing
<http://www.kansas.com/news/local/crime/article47100755.html>

Wichita teens kidnapped; 2 men arrested for human trafficking (KAKE, November 9, 2015)

WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita police say two teenage girls are safe after they were reportedly kidnapped and raped.

On Friday, November 6, Wichita officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of East 25th Street. There, they found a frantic 15-year-old girl who told them that she had just gotten away after being kidnapped days before.

<http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Wichita-teens-kidnapped-2-men-arrested-for-human-trafficking-343805342.html>

Kansas man faces charges in human trafficking case (Salina Post, July 23, 2015) – After dropping charges on technical grounds, the state refiled charges against a Kansas man. Steven Beranek made another court appearance. He faces charges of human trafficking, aggravated battery, criminal threat, domestic battery, criminal restraint, and misdemeanor battery. The adult, female victim in the case was allegedly held against her will on a farmstead in Reno County from May 2011 to June 2013. She escaped and showed up at a Hutchinson area business. Police and sheriff officials then began the investigation that was made more difficult because of her inability to speak English. Beranek is also alleged to have battered a 14 month old in this case. A new preliminary hearing is scheduled, Beranek remains free on bond.
<http://salinapost.com/2015/07/23/kansas-man-faces-charges-in-human-trafficking-case/>

Crime fight: New strategies help in effort to counter human trafficking (GC Telegram, July 8, 2015) – A recent law targeted human trafficking. It's based on best practices in other states allows victims of human trafficking to bring civil lawsuits against traffickers, and order a person convicted of human trafficking to pay restitution to the victim.
http://www.gctelegram.com/opinion/crime-fight-new-strategies-help-in-effort-to-counter-human/article_aae6db6d-64e9-50ba-90b1-fa20f729373f.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 Kansas.

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. Kansas scores 9.5 parts, out of a possible score of 12, 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

Last updated: March, 2016

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM KANSAS

Kansas on brink of enacting human trafficking law inspired by Wichita programs (*The Wichita Eagle*, April 5, 2013)

Kansas is poised to crack down on human trafficking, create new programs to better train law enforcement officials and help children and others coerced into the sex trade. The proposed law, which drew heavily on evolving practices in Wichita, creates a new category of crime called commercial sexual exploitation of a child. That could lead to 25-year minimum sentences for those convicted of luring kids younger than 14 into the sex trade or those who accommodate the trafficking. It also sets up treatment and education programs for victims.

<http://www.kansas.com/2013/04/05/2748859/kansas-on-brink-of-enacting-human.html>

Trafficking children for sex (KCTV 5 News, February 28, 2013)

Elam is the coalition director for Oklahomans Against Human Trafficking. This is a group working closely with federal and state law enforcement agencies to expose child sex traffickers who are using major U.S. highways as pipelines to supply pimps with underage girls. According to Elam, a growing number of those girls are being forced to prostitution at truck stops and roadside lodging establishments. Many of those places sit within plain sight of the same interstates used to traffic child sex slaves. "Pimps will drop a girl off at a truck stop," said Elam. "Then tell her to go make money, putting her through 15 to 20 customers a night to make her quota."

<http://www.kctv5.com/story/17039834/trafficking-kids-for-sex>

Human trafficking increasing in Kansas (*McPherson Sentinel*, January 15, 2013)

Although none of the Kansas cases during the last two years were reported in McPherson County, McPherson's proximity to Interstate 135 means that human traffickers are likely moving victims of human slavery through McPherson County, Vanderhoof said.

The rate of human trafficking cases in Kansas increased by about 69 percent from 2011 to 2012. The Kansas cases increased from 26 cases in 2011 to 44 cases in 2012.

<http://www.mcphersonsentinel.com/article/20130115/NEWS/130119412#axzz2VvWTFw00>

Kansas City Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Sex Trafficking Charge (US Attorney's Office, March 26, 2012)

CC described physical, verbal, and psychological abuse she endured at the hands of Stinson. She said she met Stinson in July 2010 and they had a romantic relationship. She and Stinson worked for a female pimp/prostitute who called herself "Baby Doll" and is identified in court papers as TJ. TJ taught Stinson how to use Internet to advertise for prostitution. When CC began working for Stinson as a prostitute, he would split the money with her. She sometimes had sex with as many as 11 "johns" in a day. One time when she tried to run away from him, Stinson held a gun to her head and said he would kill her if she tried again. She described several incidents in which he beat her and took her across state lines to engage in prostitution.

<http://www.fbi.gov/kansascity/press-releases/2012/kansas-city-man-pleads-guilty-to-federal-sex-trafficking-charge>

Sex trafficking becoming problematic in Kansas (*Kansas State Collegian*, October 18, 2011)

According to Countryman-Roswurm, DMST is much closer to home than many Kansans think. In fact, Countryman-Roswurm said that just recently, a K-State sorority member was trafficked by her sorority sister, an occurrence that she said is not as rare as some think. "Kansas is actually the favorite recruiting ground for the New York City sex trade," Countryman-Roswurm said. "Over a five year period, 33 of the 262 children identified in New York City reported that they were from Kansas." Children who are trafficked are lured into the sex trade through a variety of channels and are sold by pimps, who use outlets such as strip clubs, pornography, commercial sex shops and night clubs to make thousands of dollars off of soliciting the sexual services of their victims.

<http://www.kstatecollegian.com/news/sex-trafficking-becoming-problematic-in-kansas-1.2655034>

Two men set for trial in teen trafficking case (*The Wichita Eagle*, July 21, 2011)

WICHITA - Tears rolled down the teenager's face as she talked about taking money for sex.

The girl twisted uncomfortably in the witness chair Wednesday as a prosecutor asked her questions about the man she said paid for her Internet ads, gave her rides to motels to sell herself and had sex with her. Two weeks after her 15th birthday, police picked the girl up at a motel in east Wichita, after she testified a man gave her a \$100 bill for sex. After hearing the girl's testimony during a preliminary hearing, Sedgwick County District Judge David Kaufman ordered the two men accused of buying and selling her to face trial in Wichita's latest human trafficking case.

<http://www.kansas.com/2011/07/20/1940581/two-men-set-for-trial-in-teen.html>