



Indiana Human Trafficking Statistics

INDIANA HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Indiana has increased its anti-trafficking laws to better protect minors and make it easier to prosecute traffickers, but it still needs to improve its laws both prosecuting traffickers and protecting victims.
- ❖ Indiana has passed significant laws to address trafficking but still needs to work at improving and implementing those laws.
- ❖ In 2012, the National Trafficking Hotline received a total of 193 calls from Indiana. Of these calls, 28 were crisis-related, and 48 were tips of trafficking situations.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 53 cases of human trafficking; 243 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM INDIANA

Indiana reserve officer accused of rape, human trafficking (Yahoo! News, November 15, 2015)

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — A longtime reserve officer with a central Indiana police department who is accused of sexually and physically assaulting a juvenile girl and coercing her into having sex with other men faces preliminary charges of rape, human trafficking and battery.

<http://news.yahoo.com/indiana-officer-accused-rape-human-trafficking-185822686.html>

New Campaign looks to end human trafficking (WISHTV8, July 26, 2015) - Indianapolis – big sporting events are peak times for commercial sex and exploitation. One Indiana official is working to put an end to human trafficking in the Hoosier state. Indiana Attorney, General Greg Zoeller has a new campaign called, “Not Buying It.” Several sport figures like the Pacers’ Donnie Walsh and the Colts’ Matt Hasselbeck have lent their time and talents to the campaign to help put an end to human trafficking in Indiana.

<http://wishtv.com/2015/07/26/new-campaign-looks-to-end-human-trafficking/>

FBI focused on decreasing human trafficking in Indiana (FOX 59, July 2, 2015) – Trafficking is happening in Central Indiana. The FBI in Indiana works alongside local law enforcement and with the State’s Attorney General’s Office to investigate human trafficking.

<http://fox59.com/2015/07/02/newspoint-exclusive-fbi-focused-on-decreasing-human-trafficking-in-indiana/>

Claims of human traffickers going door-to-door causing concern amongst parents (WTHITV10, July 22, 2015) – A social media message gone viral is causing concern amongst Wabash Valley parents. If they come to your door, don’t let them in – that’s the warning of a message that’s spreading like wildfire. “We don’t want panic with the public,” said Clay County Sheriff Paul Harden. The message claims a group of Russians are posing as door-to-door book sellers, with the intention of finding out which houses have children suitable for later abduction. The Brazil Police Department in Indiana issued a statement saying they have received complaints of rude and aggressive solicitors. Police took the permit to solicit from the group.

<http://wthitv.com/2015/07/22/claims-of-human-traffickers-going-door-to-door-causing-concern-amongst-parents/>

State Grade C

*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 Indiana.

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.. Indiana meets 8 parts of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking, for a score out of a possible 12.

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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Law meant to help with human trafficking (*The Herald Times*, June 10, 2013)

The first human trafficking bill was passed last year in time for the Super Bowl, which was held in Indianapolis. Because the Super Bowl cast a huge spotlight on the city and state and brought many people from across the country to the city, lawmakers felt inclined to pass a bill to prevent the crime from happening in Indiana. Lawmakers found when implementing the previous law, it needed to be stronger to protect 16 and 17-year-olds.
<http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/stories/2013/06/10/statenews.857480.sto>

Cyclist pedals issue of human trafficking (*The State Journal-Register*, June 6, 2013)

Garrett Zambrows plans to cross the Rocky Mountains twice before November as part of a 12,000-mile bicycle trip around the country to raise awareness of human trafficking. "I wanted to do something to have an impact on the world," he said. "My theology on what God wants us to do is to love one another. Human trafficking is exactly the opposite of that."

He said trafficking for the sex trade or for manual labor is a global problem. Any donations he receives along his "Riding Against Traffic" trek will go to support the work of two American Baptist International Ministries missionaries — Debbie Kelsey and Mylinda Baits — and to support the Court Appointed Special Advocate program for kids.

<http://www.sj-r.com/top-stories/x793334824/Cyclist-pedals-issue-of-human-trafficking#axzz2Vui1QKny>

Attorney general cracking down on sex trafficking of underage girls ahead of Indy 500 (FOX 59, May 10, 2013)

With the Indy 500 festivities fast approaching, people from all over the World are expected to flock to Indianapolis including the people who are trafficking underage girls for sex. It is such a big issue, that is difficult to tackle, so the Indiana Attorney General's Office is ramping up efforts to reach the public to raise awareness about the issue and the girls who will be brought to the Circle City. They are about to start handing out flyers and pamphlets at truck stops, motels, hotels and convenience stores, among other businesses to get some extra eyes on girls who are out in public and do not even look like they are 19, the age they are often advertised as to potential 'John's.'

<http://fox59.com/2013/05/10/attorney-general-cracking-down-on-sex-trafficking-of-underage-girls-ahead-of-indy-500/#axzz2VuoEGngZ>

Purdue students stand against human trafficking (*The Exponent*, March 7, 2013)

Across the globe, humans are being sold into slavery for an average of \$90 per person – that's much less than the average price of selling a cow here in the U.S. At Purdue, some students are standing up for those who are forced to stand down because of human trafficking. At 10 a.m. Wednesday, a group of students began a 27-hour stand in recognition of the 27 million people currently enslaved around the world. Some of the students will be standing the entire 27 hours, while others will stand only when they are not in class. They also attended the game at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Mackey Arena, and stood Wednesday night at Campus House. The group plans to continue standing until 12:00 p.m. Thursday, rain, shine, hail or snow.

http://www.purdueexponent.org/features/article_b10aedd5-24e9-587b-a781-cae04bec6ce0.html

Child Sex Trafficking Challenges Indiana (Indiana Public Media, February 21, 2013)

Bill Stanczykiewicz, president and CEO of the Indiana Youth Institute, describes the problem as clandestine modern slavery. Although it is difficult to determine the number of Indiana children who fall victim to sex trafficking, say Indiana Youth Institute staff, there were 58 investigations by Indiana authorities into the issue in the last four years. Stanczykiewicz says that the best measure Hoosiers can take to address the problem is to simply get involved in children's lives. For those children that fall through the cracks, however, Shay's Abolition International is there to provide relief and support for those that emerge as survivors.

<http://indianapublicmedia.org/news/child-sex-trafficking-challenges-indiana-45314/>