



Idaho Human Trafficking Statistics

IDAHO HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Idaho received a failing grade from a 2012 report released by Shared Hope International. State grades are based on the strength of each state's laws in combating and criminalizing sex trafficking, as well as the tools available to rescue and care for victims, and prosecute the traffickers and johns.
- ❖ Idaho is in the second of four tiers in descending order as it still lacks in laws regarding proper victim assistance, safe harbor, vacating convictions and recompense for victims.
- ❖ As of April 2013, there are 11 strip clubs statewide
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 6 cases of human trafficking; 58 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM IDAHO

OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: RACE RAISES AWARENESS FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING (East Idaho News, September 28, 2015)

REXBURG — More than 100 racers showed up in Rexburg to run in the Operation Underground Railroad Run To Break The Chain Race to bring awareness to human trafficking.

<http://www.eastidahonews.com/2015/09/operation-underground-railroad-race-raises-awareness-for-human-trafficking/>

Idaho man pleads guilty to attempted child sex trafficking (the Bismarck Tribune, April 20, 2015)

An Idaho man arrested in the fall of 2013 as part of a federal sex-trafficking sting pleaded guilty to a charge of luring an underage girl to North Dakota for sex work. Michael Sackett entered his plea to an amended charge, one day before he was scheduled to go to trial. He could receive up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. The original charge, attempted sex trafficking of children, carried a potential life sentence.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/idaho-man-pleads-guilty-to-attempted-child-sex-trafficking/article_29e4777a-d8f1-5cce-a9ae-3348f33d54c4.html

Sex trafficking: a real, serious problem (Idaho Press-Tribune, January 17, 2013)

We are not immune in Idaho. In June, a Boise man was prosecuted for advertising on Internet sites that his 3-year-old daughter was available for sex. Only two months ago, another man pleaded guilty to obstructing an investigation. He had solicited others to destroy evidence of his involvement in transporting a 15-year-old Washington runaway for prostitution. Human trafficking can be difficult to identify and track. The Internet has taken much of the sex trade off the streets and into hotel rooms, out of sight of law enforcement and social services. Websites promoting prostitution make profits by offering anonymity to traffickers and further victimizing children.

http://www.idahopress.com/members/sex-trafficking-a-real-serious-problem/article_6d2c4292-5f76-11e2-a01d-0019bb2963f4.html

2012 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 **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 Idaho.

2013 Tier **2 of 4 (Yellow)**

*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 significant laws to combat human trafficking and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws. Idaho meets 6 parts of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking, for a score out of a possible 12.

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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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Two Charged with transporting minors in interstate commerce (Not for Sale, Jan 30, 2012)

Wayne Allen Ginnis, 28, of Seattle, Washington, was arraigned January 11, 2012 in United States District Court in Pocatello, Idaho on a charge of transporting a minor in interstate commerce with intent to have sexual activity with the minor, U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson announced. Ginnis entered a not guilty plea. Ginnis and co-defendant James Russell Ashley were indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2011. Ashley, 47, of Augusta, Georgia, was arraigned on August 24, 2011.

<http://www.slaverymap.org/>

State and Federal Agencies Combat Child Sexual Exploitation (FBI Press Release, Aug. 2, 2010)

1. Frank Wolaver, 51, of Twin Falls, Idaho, was sentenced on April 8, 2010, to 120 months in federal prison, for two counts of possession of sexually explicit images of minors. The investigation began when ICE HSI agents developed information that Wolaver had purchased access to a commercial child pornography website. They recovered computer media containing over 600 sexually explicit images of minors, including scores of videos. Wolaver entered a guilty plea on November 9, 2009. Three days later, during a home visit by a U.S. Probation Officer, the officer discovered a laptop computer with Internet access, and hundreds of sexually explicit images of minors on the laptop. This new violation resulted in an additional charge of possession of child pornography, to which Wolaver pled guilty on April 8, 2010.

2. David Brechbiel, 42, of Weiser, Idaho, entered a guilty plea on April 26, 2010, to Interstate Transportation of a Minor to Engage in Unlawful Sexual Activity. The investigation showed that Brechbiel, who is a long-haul trucker, took an 11-year-old female with him on a trip to Utah during the summer of 2009. Brechbiel admitted that he engaged in sexual contact with the child during that trip. Brechbiel also admitted having engaged in sexual contact with the same child on previous occasions in Idaho before the trip. The federal charge carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of at least ten years imprisonment, without parole, and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000.

Sentencing is set for September 9, 2010. The case was prosecuted by AUSA James Peters and was investigated by the Ada County Sheriff's Department, Cascade Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. Timothy Anderson, 30, of Meridian, Idaho, entered a guilty plea on April 27, 2010, to Attempted Sexual Exploitation of Children. This prosecution arose as the result of an ongoing Internet child exploitation investigation, conducted by the Ada County Sheriff's Department. In late September 2009, Anderson made contact over the Internet, via an Idaho romance chat room, with a person who he believed to be a 15-year-old girl, but who was actually an Ada County Sheriff's detective. Over the next five weeks, the online chats included dialogue that was explicitly sexual in nature. Anderson was arrested when he showed up to meet the purported girl. He had a digital camera and memory cards with him. Anderson admitted that he had intended to take pictures of the girl in various sexual poses. A search of Anderson's home computers revealed child pornography images and video files. The federal charge carries a mandatory minimum prison sentence of at least 15 years' imprisonment, without parole, and a maximum sentence of 30 years, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentencing is set for September 10, 2010. The case was prosecuted by AUSA James Peters and was investigated by the Ada County Sheriff's Department and members of Idaho's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

4. Edward Vance, 52, of Meridian, Idaho, was sentenced on July 22, 2010, to 51 months in federal prison for possession of sexually explicit images of minors. Vance pleaded guilty to the charge in May 2010. In April 2006, the ICE Cyber Crime Center began investigating a criminal organization operating a commercial child pornography website. The investigation showed that Vance had purchased memberships to several websites known to be selling child pornography. On September 18, 2007, ICE HSI agents served a search warrant at Vance's home in Meridian. Vance admitted possessing child pornography and led agents to several electronic discs, hidden behind some books. Vance admitted purchasing approximately ten to 12 memberships to illegal child pornography websites over the past seven or eight years. In addition to the discs, agents seized six computers and four hard drives. Vance stated he would take the hard drives and laptop computers on trips to Montana to view child pornography. Agents recovered computer media containing approximately 6,537 sexually explicit images and 555 child pornography videos.