



Nevada Human Trafficking Statistics

NEVADA HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Potentially as many as 30% of domestically trafficked minors who receive services through West Care Nevada were exploited by family members.
- ❖ In Las Vegas, statistics indicate that from January 2004 through December 2006, nearly 41% of juveniles suspected of being involved in prostitution-related offenses had been victims of sexual assault. Additionally, 21% were victims of familial molestation.
- ❖ Las Vegas is now considered one of the top ten human trafficking locations in the world.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 133 human trafficking cases; 277 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM NEVADA

One View: Human trafficking and exploitation a major issue in Nevada (Reno Gazette-Journal, January 13, 2016) - The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges works extensively with courts to improve their response to domestic child sex trafficking (DCST) and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). DCST and CSEC cases are among the most difficult and challenging cases for juvenile courts to handle. Victims may suffer from complex trauma and require therapeutic services beyond the capacity of local jurisdictions. Child trafficking victims may exhibit delinquent conduct such as substance abuse, truancy, physical aggression or larceny fueled by trauma.
<http://www.rgj.com/story/opinion/voices/2016/01/13/one-view-human-trafficking-and-exploitation-major-issue-nevada/78761788/>

Good News: Nevada Legal Services honored for pro bono work (Reno Gazette-Journal, December 21, 2015) - The American Bar Association awarded Nevada Legal Services the top prize for pro bono work done by legal aid programs during National Pro Bono week as part of its Day of Service Campaign to encourage private attorneys to provide free legal help to low-income people. "We're very pleased that the ABA has recognized the depth and breadth of our work to bring legal services to poor and vulnerable Nevadans across the state," Anna Marie Johnson, the executive director of Nevada Legal Services, said in a release.
<http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2015/12/22/good-news-nevada-legal-services-honored-pro-bono-work/77664710/>

Lamar Odom, Nevada Brothels, and Human Trafficking (The Jeffery S. Moorad, October 27, 2015) - On October 13, Lamar Odom joined the ranks of many other well-known athletes who have solicited prostitutes. However, his actions are distinguishable from a majority of those cases because his four-day, \$75,000 patronization of the "Love Ranch," a licensed Nevada brothel, was legal.
<http://lawweb2009.law.villanova.edu/sportslaw/?p=3332>

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 **12 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. 12 of the 15 flash points are found in Nevada.

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. Nevada meets 6 of 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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FBI human trafficking operation rescues 9 kids in Nevada (3 News Las Vegas, October 15, 2015) - LAS VEGAS - A major operation that has rescued underage minors from human trafficking, with nine of the 150 young people rescued coming in Nevada. Operation Cross County IX involved teamwork with the FBI, state and local law enforcement agencies. As so many children were recovered, so were as many pimps. This effort targets operations that use children and teens in sex trafficking. In this particular operation, the youngest victim was just 12 years old. <http://news3lv.com/archive/fbi-human-trafficking-operation-rescues-9-kids-in-nevada>

Sex traffickers arrested after bringing women from Las Vegas to Everett (My Everett News, July 14, 2015) – Two brothers were arrested for suspicion of human trafficking. In response to citizen complaints, police were conducting undercover anti-prostitution operations. After confirming prostitution activity, Everett Police uncovered an operation where two brothers, aged 22 and 25, brought two women directly to Everett from Las Vegas. They'd been working the two women on the streets of Everett since the beginning of July. <http://myeverettnews.com/2015/07/14/sex-traffickers-arrested-after-bringing-women-from-las-vegas-to-everett/>

Two in custody in connection to raid of suspected Las Vegas brothels (KVVU-TV 5, July 2, 2015) – The Las Vegas Metro Police Department reported that the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Force, along with a Metro SWAT team, served warrants at two suspected brothels. Police received info indicating two brothels were operating in private homes in Las Vegas. Police took 42 year old Javier Garcia-Rodelas and 41 year old Edelmira Beltran-Blanco into custody in connection with the investigation. Garcia faces charges of pandering an adult for prostitution and accepting/receiving earnings of a prostitute. Beltran-Blanco is facing both of those charges, as well as sex trafficking. <http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/29466759/2-in-custody-in-connection-to-raid-of-suspected-las-vegas-brothels>

Governor signs sex trafficking bill aimed at pimps (*Las Vegas Review-Journal*, June 6, 2013)
Gov. Brian Sandoval on Thursday signed Assembly Bill 67 to create the new crime of sex trafficking. The bill, championed by state Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, is directed at pimps who take over the lives of young people, often homeless and runaway children, and turn them into prostitutes. "This bill will protect so many people for generations to come," said Masto, adding it was one of the most important bills with which she has been associated in two terms as attorney general. <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/nevada-legislature/governor-signs-sex-trafficking-bill-aimed-pimps>

Nevada movement draws the line on human trafficking (*Las Vegas Review-Journal*, May 26, 2013)
For the most part, if it is out of sight, it is out of mind. Against that backdrop, the Metropolitan Police Department last year painted a grim picture of Las Vegas in a pitch for a federal grant to combat human trafficking: "Trafficking of minor girls to Las Vegas from other states for the purposes of prostitution, has and continues to be a highly desired destination for pimps," the grant application reads. "Las Vegas has become a prime target state for sex trafficking due to the highly sexualized Las Vegas landscape catering to tourists hoping to partake in some of 'Sin City's' lifestyle." <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas/nevada-movement-draws-line-human-trafficking>

Sex trafficking victims plead with lawmakers to strengthen law (*Las Vegas Sun*, February 20, 2013)
Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto is pushing a bill that would ease prosecution of sex trafficking and increase punishment for pimps convicted of sex trafficking. Her argument is that punishment under current law does not fit the crime, which she said proliferates in Nevada in part because the law isn't strong enough to dissuade sex trafficking and involuntary servitude. <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2013/feb/20/sex-trafficking-victims-plead-lawmakers-strengthen/#axzz2YC5xWj8E>