



Connecticut Human Trafficking Statistics

CONNECTICUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Connecticut has a lack of laws deterring demand, lack of investigative tools to adequately respond to instances of trafficking, and finally, a lack of appropriate measures for the protection of domestic minor victims of trafficking.
- ❖ Connecticut has passed significant laws to combat human trafficking and should continue to take steps to improve and implement those laws.
- ❖ As of April 2013, there are 37 strip clubs statewide.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 39 cases; 120 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT

9 arrested in Hartford in connection with kidnapping, human trafficking of teen (WTNH News 8, January 7, 2016)

HARTFORD, Conn. (WTNH)— Nine people were arrested Wednesday in connection with the alleged kidnapping and human trafficking of a teen outside of Hartford.

<http://wtnh.com/2016/01/07/9-arrested-in-hartford-in-connection-with-kidnapping-human-trafficking-of-teen/>

Connecticut Human Trafficking Task Force formed, Norwalk police taking part (The Hour, November 7, 2015)

NORWALK -- A newly formed task force has been created to combat sexual and labor exploitation in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Human Trafficking Task Force includes representatives from Homeland Security Investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Connecticut State Police and police departments from 14 cities and towns across Connecticut, including the Norwalk and Stamford police departments.

http://www.thehour.com/news/nw-police/connecticut-human-trafficking-task-force-formed-norwalk-police-taking-part/article_82429c4e-5e42-5d08-9151-51797711e5d2.html

Man charged in connection with human trafficking ring (Connecticut Postings, June 29, 2015)

A city man was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond after police arrested him in connection with their investigation of a human trafficking ring. Raymond Jackson, 36, was initially charged with one count of promoting prostitution but police sources said more charges will likely be filed as the investigation continues. During the arraignment hearing Monday, Jackson is alleged to have brought in young women from New York and New Jersey to work as prostitutes in Stratford.

<http://blog.ctnews.com/connecticutpostings/2015/06/29/man-charged-in-connection-with-human-trafficking-ring/>

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 Connecticut.

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. Connecticut meets 10.5 parts of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking, for a score out of 12.

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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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Norwich group works to put spotlight on human trafficking (The Bulletin, July 22, 2015)

A group of 30 community leaders met in Norwich Alliance Church's basement to talk about ending human trafficking in their city. The group hopes to sponsor public events and bring educational materials into schools to build knowledge and erase misconceptions and stigmas around the topic. Human trafficking is a Class B felony in the state, punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

<http://www.norwichbulletin.com/article/20150721/NEWS/150729879>

Yes, White American 'Girls Next Door' can be sold into sex trafficking, too

(The Huffington Post, April 15th, 2014)

Jasmine Marino-Fiandaca, a self-described "girl next door," is challenging stereotypes regarding sex slavery victims in hopes of raising awareness about the dehumanizing industry that changed the trajectory of her life when she was just 19 years old. She explained that she wound up being trafficked in a Hartford, Conn., massage parlor after an abusive man "coerced" her into believing he could provide her with wealth and a family. In total, she spent five years as a sex slave in Connecticut and Maine -- as well as being exploited through Craigslist -- before leaving the man she once considered her "boyfriend."

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/04/15/yes-white-american-girls- n 5154877.html>

Forum discusses scope of child trafficking problem in Connecticut

(New Haven Register, January 29th, 2014)

A prostitution investigation at a Connecticut casino led authorities to a 16-year-old girl, allegedly taken to a hotel last month for pre-arranged sex with a customer. The Rhode Island woman accused of taking her there was charged with human trafficking. The case highlights child sex trafficking that officials say is pervasive across the state and the nation. At a forum Wednesday in Hartford devoted to the issue, officials urged continued collaboration among government branches and agencies to fight a scourge they described as modern-day slavery.

<http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20140129/forum-discusses-scope-of-child-trafficking-problem-in-connecticut>

Connecticut lawmakers advance human trafficking bill (The Stamford Times, May 31, 2013)

The House of Representatives voted 146-0 for a bill that would give courts authority to seize from convicted pimps any assets derived from the sexual exploitation of a minor. The measure now moves to the Senate.

The bill was amended to include several other proposals related to human trafficking. Backers said adding the words "force" and "fraud" to the definition of coercion used in human trafficking will strengthen the hand of prosecutors. The bill would also make it a felony to knowingly solicit prostitution from a minor or a victim of human trafficking.

http://www.thehour.com/stamford_times/news/conn-lawmakers-advance-human-trafficking-bill/article_090bbaac-ca03-11e2-a3f8-0019bb30f31a.html

Sex Trafficking a Rapidly Growing Enterprise, Even in US, and Connecticut (Litchfield County Times, May 5, 2013)

During the day, Shandra Woworuntu was forced to service men at a brothel tucked away in New London. At night, she was driven to hotels in Connecticut and forced to service more men. Woworuntu was brought into the United States from Indonesia under false pretenses. She is now one of countless survivors of human trafficking in the country.

<http://www.countytimes.com/articles/2013/05/05/news/doc51864ddbcee66799964962.txt>

Connecticut man pleads guilty to sex trafficking (News 8, March 4, 2013)

A 35-year-old man accused of taking a girl from Connecticut across state lines for prostitution has pleaded guilty to sex trafficking of a minor. Federal prosecutors say Damico recruited, harbored and transported women and girls to engage in prostitution. He admitted in pleading guilty that he knowingly employed a girl who was under the age of 18, and authorities say he posted pictures of her on the Internet to advertise her prostitution services.

http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/crime/conn-man-pleads-guilty-to-sex-trafficking_43010979

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