

Data UNODC - Metadata Information



Trafficking in Persons

The tables include figures on detected trafficking victims and persons convicted of trafficking in persons at national, regional and global level. National data are submitted by Member States to UNODC through the United Nations Questionnaire for the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (GLOTIP) or other means.

Dataset characteristics

Access link: <https://dataunodc.un.org/dp-trafficking-persons>

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Base period: Calendar Year

Data source(s): National data on trafficking in persons collected through the GLOTIP. Please see below for National data collection sources.

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Statistical concepts and definitions

The [International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes \(ICCS\)](#) is the source of the definition of trafficking in persons.

Trafficking in persons (ICCS 0204): Recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

Persons convicted: Persons found guilty by any legal body authorized to pronounce a conviction under national criminal law, whether or not the conviction was later upheld. Persons receiving a sentence after plea-bargaining, or in an abbreviated court procedure, should be counted as persons convicted.

Indicator definitions, statistical and measurement units

Detected trafficking victims:

Number of persons identified by national authorities as having experienced the “recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual

exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.”

An individual may experience various types of exploitation in one trafficking event. For example, in the case of forced marriage, it is common for women to endure sexual and domestic exploitation, or forced labour.

Detected trafficking victims by citizenship:

Number of persons identified by national authorities as victims of trafficking in persons in a given country, listed by their citizenship.

Detected victims trafficked domestically

Number of persons identified by national authorities as victims of trafficking in persons in a given country, who are citizens of the reporting country.

Persons convicted for trafficking in persons:

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons and related offenses in a given year. Preferably in a court of first instance.

Persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons:

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons and related offenses in a given year.

Persons suspected, or arrested, or cautioned for trafficking in person

Number of persons brought into contact, suspected, arrested, investigated or cautioned for trafficking in persons and related offenses in a given year.

Offences of trafficking in persons

Number of offences of trafficking in persons reported in a given year in a given country.

Use and interpretation of data

Data on trafficking victims only capture those individuals who were officially identified as victims of trafficking according to national legislation and policy and reported to UNODC. These figures shall not be considered representative of the prevalence of the crime in a given territory, but are rather meant to offer an insight into detection capacity, patterns, and trends.

Data on persons suspected, prosecuted, and convicted and data on offences only include information on cases and offenders that were officially reported to UNODC the United Nations Questionnaire for the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (GLOTIP), or were published on official websites of national authorities and governments’ reports.

Data sources and method of collection

National data on victims

The data are sourced from the designated authorities for the identification of victims of trafficking, including law enforcement, criminal justice system, and National Referral Mechanisms (NRMs) when available.

These data are collected from national authorities with the annual Questionnaire for the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (GLOTIP). National focal points working in national agencies



responsible for trafficking in persons, statistics on crime and/or the criminal justice system and nominated by the Permanent Mission to UNODC are responsible for compiling the data from the other relevant agencies before transmitting the GLOTIP questionnaire to UNODC. Following the submission, UNODC checks for consistency and coherence with other data sources. Member States which are also part of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association, or candidate or potential candidate to the European Union channel their responses through Eurostat. Data submitted by Member States through other means or taken from other sources, namely official websites of national authorities or governments' reports are added to the dataset after review by Member States.

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