

Coming Together to Address Human Trafficking in Native Communities



Human Trafficking in the United States

Trafficking Victims Protection Act

Sex Trafficking

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, soliciting, or advertising of a person for a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age.

Labor Trafficking

The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.



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A-M-P Model

Action*	Means**	Purpose
Recruits Harbors Transports Provides Obtains	<p>Force Physical assault, sexual assault, confinement</p> <p>Fraud False promises about work/living conditions, withholding promised wages</p> <p>Coercion Threats of harm or deportation, debt bondage, psychological manipulation, confiscation of documents</p>	A Commercial Sex Act Labor or Services

*Additional actions that constitute sex trafficking, but not labor trafficking, include patronizes, solicits, and knowingly advertises.

**Neither force, nor fraud, nor coercion are required to be shown for minors under the age of 18 induced into commercial sex acts.



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Who are the Victims?

Populations Affected


Adults or minors, foreign nationals or U.S. citizens, any gender identity


Demographics

Diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, varied levels of education, documented or undocumented

Vulnerabilities

Homelessness, prior abuse or violence, temporary status, substance use, poverty





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Who are the Traffickers?

Diverse

- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Socio-economic background

Individuals/networks


- Small business owners
- Family members
- Labor brokers
- Intimate partners
- Pimps
- Gangs
- Diplomats


Manipulators

- Force
- Threats
- Lies
- Document
- Confiscation
- Psychological coercion

Exploiters

Compel people into forced labor and commercial sex.





Where does Sex Trafficking Occur?

Commercial Front Brothels

Hotels and Motels

Internet-Based Commercial Sex

Residential Brothels

Street-Based Commercial Sex

Escort Services

Pornography

Casinos

Bars and Clubs



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Where Does Labor Trafficking Occur?

Domestic Work

Agriculture

Traveling Sales Crews

Restaurants/Food Service

Peddling/Begging Rings

Illicit Activity

Retail/Small Business

Construction

Landscaping



Health & Beauty





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Indicators of Human Trafficking

<h3>Labor Trafficking</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Workplace restrictions and abuse<input type="checkbox"/> Debt bondage<input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment fraud<input type="checkbox"/> Document confiscation<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of payment<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored movement/communication<input type="checkbox"/> Physical or sexual abuse	<h3>Sex Trafficking</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Controlling/dominating relationships<input type="checkbox"/> Child under the age of 18 is providing commercial sex acts<input type="checkbox"/> Engaged in commercial sex under a "manager"<input type="checkbox"/> Document confiscation<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of control of personal finances<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored movement/communication<input type="checkbox"/> Physical or sexual abuse
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Sex Trafficking of Native People Historical and Cultural Context



Framework

- Human and Sex Trafficking is not new to Indigenous Peoples of “Turtle Island”
- Prostitution is not the oldest profession, it is the oldest oppression



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Before colonization

- Women were held in high regard, as life bearers and the future of our people
- Women were political, spiritual, ceremonial leaders
- Most Indigenous languages have no words for rape, prostitution
- Concepts of “property” and ownership” did not exist in our language or culture
- Violence against women was forbidden



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In their writings, colonial men defined Native women as:

- Over sexed
- Without morality
- Exotic & sexually interesting
- Lacking “appropriate” male control
- A major threat to civilized society



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Colonists' treatment of Native women

- Targets for men's sexual “entertainment”
- No moral or legal consequences for sexual harassment, rape and sexual exploitation
- European men sold & traded Native women and girls for alcohol
- Major efforts took place to convert Indian men to patriarchal attitudes and beliefs



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What sex trafficking looks like today in tribal communities

- Family
- “Boyfriend” pimping
- Trafficking operations
- Foster care



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Barriers and Challenges for Native Victims

- FEAR, shame, “Don’t Talk”
- Awareness/education
- Stigma/stereotypes
- Myths/misconceptions
- Jurisdiction
- Resources



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Polaris Operated Anti-Human Trafficking Hotlines

NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE

1-888-373-7888

What is the NHTH?

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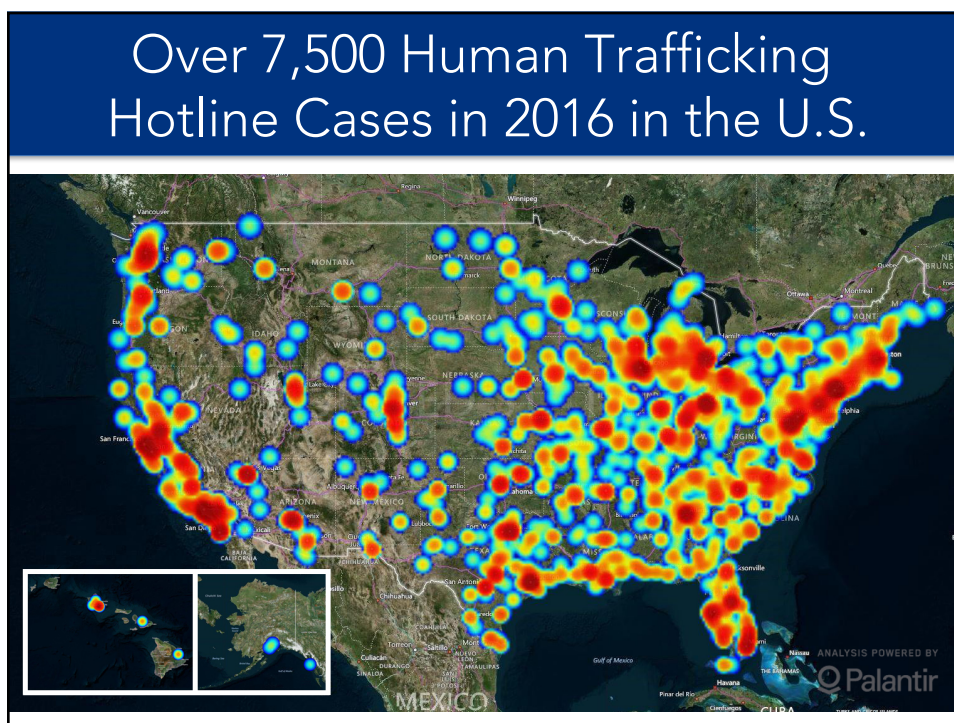
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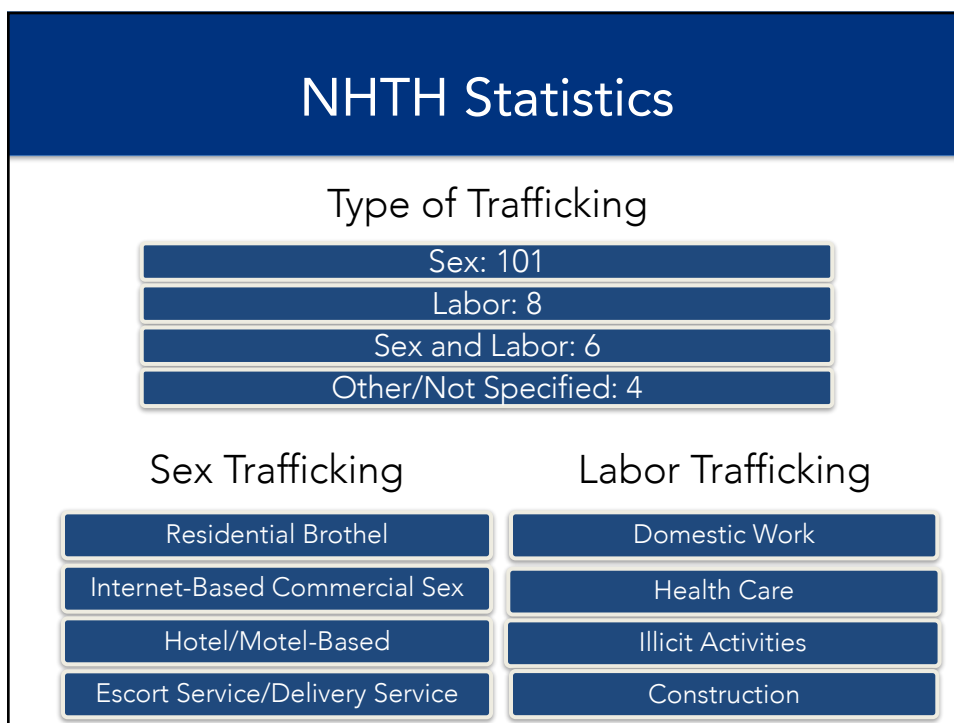
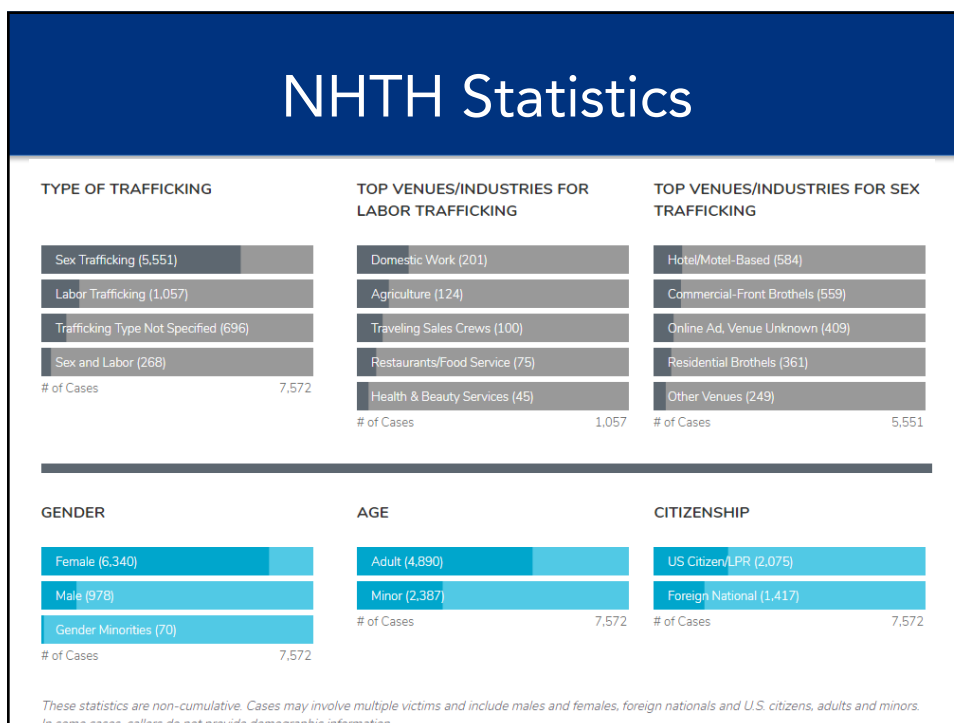


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NHTH Case Trends Cont'd

Age of Trafficking Victim

Adults: 74

Minors: 50

Gender of Trafficking Victim

Female: 108

Male: 12

Transgender: 2

These statistics are based on 119 cases of human trafficking and are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and callers do not always provide demographic information.



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Relevant Statistics

- "...the U.S. Department of Justice [estimates] that Native American and Alaska Native women are more than 2.5 times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted than their non-Native counterparts."
- "...more than one in three American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped during her lifetime."



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Relevant Statistics

- 7.7 out of 1,000 NA victims of SA & Rape
 - 1.1 White
 - 1.5 Black
 - .2 Asian
 - .6 Hispanic
- 25% of Indian children live in poverty
 - 13% national average



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Anecdotal Trends

- Increase in trafficking
 - Oil & gas on tribal lands – man camps
 - Native woman are 40% of sex trafficking victims in SD
 - Technology to recruit reaching natives
 - Lack of resources in tribal communities



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Anecdotal Trends Contd.

- Casinos & hotels on reservations
- Gangs
- Unreported RHY
- Pipelines:
 - I90 & 29 in SD—"Midwest Pipeline"
 - I40 & 25 in NM—"SW Pipeline"
 - Great Lakes—ships in port, Duluth Harbor



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Anecdotal Trends Contd.

- Native girls perceived to be ethnically ambiguous by traffickers and buyers (ie. "exotic appeal")
- Forced drug manufacturing on reservation
- Sales Crews – recruiting disillusioned youth off the reservation
- Glamorous life off reservation



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Current Models

- Native domestic violence/sexual assault coalitions
- National Human Trafficking Hotline
- Strong Hearts Native Helpline
- NM Tribal Task Force on Human Trafficking
- Native Student Engagement Toolkit
- Native Shelter



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Future Ideas/Call to Action

- Tribal coalitions and tribal governments coming together
- Educating native communities



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Resources

National Indigenous Women's Center (NIWRC)

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

Polaris & National Human Trafficking Hotline

<https://polarisproject.org/> ; <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>

- Trauma-Informed Approaches for Supporting Domestic Trafficking Survivors (NIWRC/Resources)
- How Pimps Select Their Victims (NIWRC/Resources)
- Breaking Process and Trauma Bond (NIWRC/Resources)
- Normalizations of DV to Turning Your Wife or Girlfriend Into a Prostitute (NIWRC/Resources)
- Human Trafficking Power & Control Wheel (Polaris/Resources)
- Shattered Hearts: The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of American Indian Women and Girls in Minnesota (NIWRC/Resources)
- Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in MN (NIWRC)
- Human Trafficking & Native Peoples in OR: A Human Rights Report (2014)



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