



HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101

What is Human Trafficking?

The HTC defines human trafficking as the recruitment and/or movement of someone within or across borders, through the abuse of power/position with the intention of forced exploitation, commercial or otherwise.

What are the Types of Trafficking?

Forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation are the two primary categories of trafficking. Specific types of trafficking include:

- Domestic servitude
- Forced marriage
- Forced criminal activity
- Child soldiering
- Forced begging
- Forced prostitution

Who is Vulnerable to Trafficking?

- Displaced persons, minorities, and other marginalized groups
- Impoverished populations
- People experiencing interpersonal violence and homelessness
- Children, who make up about 25% of those victimized according to the ILO

How Many People are Trafficked?

While it is impossible to know the exact number of trafficking victims worldwide, the ILO estimates provide the clearest explanation of how they got their number: 20.9 million. Other estimates range as high as 37 million. The ILO breakdown is:

- Forced Labor Exploitation 67.9%
- Forced Sexual Exploitation 21.5%
- State Imposed Forced Labor 10.5%

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- The International Organization of Labor; "Statistics and indicators on forced labour and trafficking." www.ilo.org/global/topics/, 2016.