

# Human Trafficking WORLDWIDE

**27 million** Men, women and children in our world are modern-day slaves.<sup>1</sup>

**800,000** Humans are bought, sold, or forced across international borders every year.<sup>2</sup>

**2 million** Children exploited by the global commercial sex trade.<sup>3</sup>

**\$32 billion** Total yearly profits generated by the human trafficking industry.<sup>4</sup>

» **\$15.5 billion** is made in industrialized countries.

## Human Trafficking in the UNITED STATES

\*Statistics on human trafficking of U.S. citizens are particularly limited. Identification and awareness is scarce. We must be trained to recognize these victims when they enter our care. One thing is certain, trafficking is happening in your city.\*

**100,000 – 300,000** Number of prostituted children in the U.S.<sup>5</sup>

**12-14** Average age girls enter domestic minor sex trafficking (or prostitution).<sup>6</sup>

**11-13** Average age boys enter domestic minor sex trafficking (or prostitution).<sup>6</sup>

**14,500 - 17,500** Foreign nationals are trafficked into the U.S. each year.<sup>7</sup>

**28%** of trafficking survivors came in contact with a health care provider during their trafficking situation and were **not** recognized.<sup>8</sup>

### More Facts

- The problem exists **everywhere**.
- Movement is not required for a sex trafficking crime to occur.
- Prostituted youth are controlled by a pimp who systematically and manipulatively lures them into sex trafficking, often posing as a boyfriend and/or caretaker.
- Trafficking in persons can occur in many licit and illicit industries or markets, including in brothels, massage parlors, street prostitution, hotel services, hospitality, agriculture, manufacturing, janitorial services, construction, health and elder care, and domestic service, among others.<sup>9</sup>
- **Human trafficking is a global public health issue.** Brutal working/living conditions and no healthcare results in many serious conditions including: STIs, HIV/AIDS, reproductive damage; drug addictions; chronic back, hearing and vision problems; long-term untreated issues such as cardiovascular or respiratory problems, diabetes or cancer; bruises, scars, physical abuse and torture; scabies, tuberculosis, infectious diseases; malnourishment, dental issues; psychological trauma, such as anxiety, depression, sleep disorders, PTSD, disorientation, confusion, phobias and panic attacks.<sup>10</sup>

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*Statistics are difficult to solidify due to the covert nature of the crime, the invisibility of victims and the inconsistent reporting and gathering of facts. Resources for focused data collection are limited. Numbers are best estimates.*

\*\* Most statistics were found at PolarisProject.org or SharedHopeInternational.org

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