

Illinois Spotlight

2018 National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics

The National Human Trafficking Hotline provides survivors of human trafficking with vital support and a variety of options to get help and stay safe. The data below do not represent the full scope of trafficking in Illinois. Lack of awareness of human trafficking or of the National Hotline can lead to significant underreporting, particularly among labor trafficking populations or by certain racial or ethnic groups. However, this information can shed some light on trafficking in Illinois which can help put traffickers out of business and help survivors find the services they need.

Victims
Identified

583

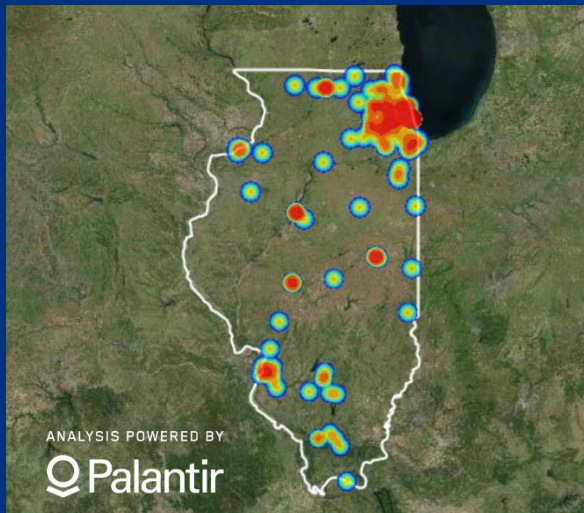
Traffickers
Identified

217

Trafficking
Businesses

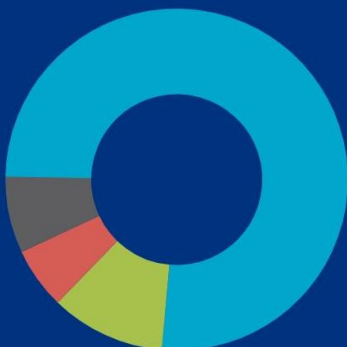
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Locations of Trafficking¹



¹Some cases may involve multiple locations.

296 Trafficking Cases



Sex
Trafficking
226 Cases

Sex & Labor
Trafficking
17 Cases

Labor
Trafficking
32 Cases

Form Not
Specified²
21 Cases

Communication to the National Hotline



Phone Calls
654



Webforms
102



Emails
6



Texts
95



Webchats
27



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²Cases where trafficking type is not specified are typically a result of callers self identifying as victims or service providers or law enforcement seeking referrals for trafficking victims without providing further details about the presence of forced work or forced commercial sex.

The data in this report represents signals and cases from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and is accurate as of July 25, 2019. Cases of trafficking may be ongoing or new information may be revealed to the National Hotline over time. Consequently, statistics may be subject to change as new information emerges.