

# Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts. 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 Massachusetts which can help put traffickers out of business and help survivors find the services they need.

Victims Identified

207

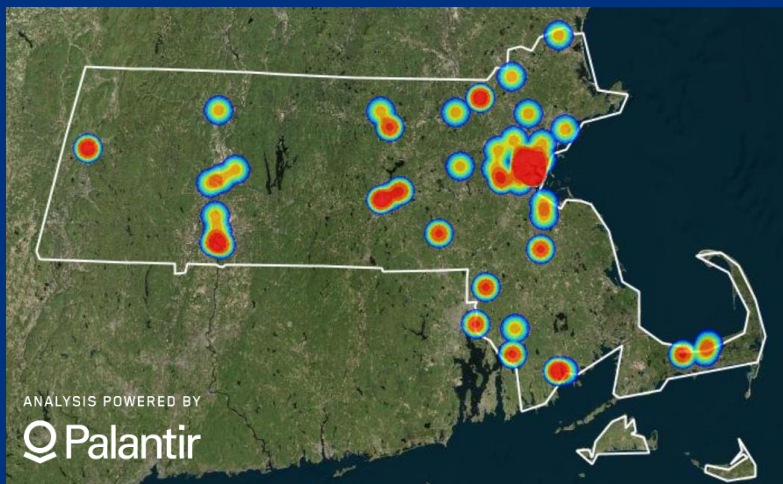
Traffickers Identified

59

Trafficking Businesses

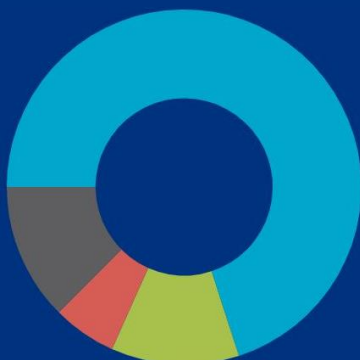
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### Locations of Trafficking<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Some cases may involve multiple locations.

### 120 Trafficking Cases



Sex Trafficking  
84 Cases

Sex & Labor Trafficking  
7 Cases

Labor Trafficking  
14 Cases

Form Not Specified<sup>2</sup>  
15 Cases

### Communication to the National Hotline



Phone Calls  
198



Webforms  
44



Emails  
19



Texts  
17



Webchats  
12



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<sup>2</sup>Cases where trafficking type is not specified are typically a results 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 revealed to the National Hotline over time. Consequently, statistics may be subject to change as new information emerges.