

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERSECTIONS WITH TRANSPORTATION

### United States Cases: 1/1/2011 – 3/31/2017

#### INTRODUCTION

The Transportation Industry intersects with human trafficking in the United States in a number of different ways. A number of these intersections are reflected in the reports of human trafficking made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. This report includes information about the calls and cases reported to have intersections with taxis and other commercial driving services; buses and bus stations; and airlines and airports.

This is not a comprehensive report on the scale or scope of the intersection of the transportation industry and human trafficking in the United States. It represents only cases reported to the National Hotline from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2017.

#### TAXIS AND COMMERCIAL DRIVING SERVICES

The following information is based only on cases which referenced intersections with taxis or other commercial driving services. Intersections are broadly categorized and include, but are not limited to, situations where commercial driving services were used as a means of controlling or transporting potential victims; cases where potential victims utilized these services as a means of escaping their trafficking; and cases where commercial driving companies or drivers were complicit or actively involved in the trafficking situation.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline received reports of **118 cases of human trafficking** which referenced intersections with taxis or other commercial driving services from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2017. Each case represents a situation of trafficking which could include one or multiple potential victims.

PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTACTING THE NATIONAL HOTLINE	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Report a Trafficking Tip	85	72.03%
Request Crisis Assistance	22	18.64%
Access Service Referrals	11	9.32%
<b>TOTAL # OF CASES</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

VENUE/INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
<b>Sex</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61.02%</b>
Escort/Delivery Service	17	23.61%
Residence-Based	14	19.44%
Hotel/Motel-Based	8	11.11%
Bar/Club-Based	5	6.94%
Strip Club-Based	3	4.17%
Illicit Massage Business	3	4.17%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>1</sup>	8	11.11%
Venue Not Specified	14	19.44%
<b>Labor</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32.20%</b>
Domestic Work	17	44.74%
Transportation	4	10.53%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>1</sup>	12	31.58%

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Industry Not Specified	5	13.16%
<b>Sex and Labor</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.39%</b>
<b>Trafficking Type Not Specified<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.39%</b>
<b>TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<sup>1</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues or industries referenced fewer than three times.

<sup>2</sup>Cases where trafficking type is not specified typically occur when a law enforcement agent or service provider contacts the National Hotline for resources and referrals but does not disclose details about the trafficking situation due to confidentiality. This category also includes cases in which the person reporting the information references human trafficking but does not provide further detail regarding the presence of labor or commercial sex. These cases are often submitted to the National Hotline through anonymous online tip reports.

The victim demographic information below indicates the number of cases involving potential victims of each demographic, not the number of potential victims. Cases can involve more than one potential victim, and in some situations, incomplete or no information about potential victims' age, gender identity, or immigration status is reported to the National Hotline. Consequently, the demographic data below is non-cumulative.

VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS (SEX TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Adults	48	40.68%
Minors	35	29.66%
Females	70	59.32%
Males	4	3.39%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>3</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>3</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming	Fewer than Three <sup>3</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	21	17.80%
Foreign Nationals <sup>4</sup>	24	20.34%
<b>NON-CUMULATIVE</b>		

<sup>3</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to victim information referenced fewer than three times.

<sup>4</sup>A Foreign National in this data set is defined as any individual who is not currently a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident.

VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS (LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Adults	34	28.81%
Minors	4	3.39%
Females	24	20.34%
Males	15	12.71%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>5</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>5</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming	Fewer than Three <sup>5</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	7	5.93%
Foreign Nationals <sup>6</sup>	27	22.88%
<b>NON-CUMULATIVE</b>		

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### BUSES AND BUS STATIONS

The following information is based only on cases which referenced intersections with buses or bus stations including both city and long distance travel buses. Intersections are broadly categorized and include, but are not limited to, situations where buses or bus stops were locations used by potential traffickers to recruit potential victims; cases where potential victims utilized buses as a means of escaping their trafficking; and cases where buses or bus drivers were used to transport potential victims to and from location of the potential trafficking.

From January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2017 the National Human Trafficking Hotline received reports of 320 cases of human trafficking which referenced intersections with buses or bus stations. Each case represents a situation of trafficking which could include one or multiple potential victims.

PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTACTING THE NATIONAL HOTLINE	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Report a Trafficking Tip	165	51.56%
Request Crisis Assistance	93	29.06%
Access Service Referrals	58	18.13%
Request General Information or T&TA <sup>7</sup>	4	1.25%
<b>TOTAL # OF CASES</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<sup>7</sup>Requests for general information are situations in which an individual who is aware of a specific situation of potential trafficking may contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline for general information about human trafficking or to learn more about services available to trafficking victims. Requests for T&TA (Training and Technical Assistance) are situations in which service providers or law enforcement working with a victim of trafficking contact the National Hotline for technical assistance.

VENUE/INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
<b>Sex</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>59.38%</b>
Street-Based	27	14.21%
Hotel/Motel-Based	26	13.68%
Escort/Delivery Service	14	7.37%
Residence-Based	13	6.84%
Online Ad, Venue Unknown <sup>8</sup>	7	3.68%
Strip Club-Based	3	1.58%
Illicit Massage Business	3	1.58%
Personal Sexual Servitude	3	1.58%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>9</sup>	4	2.11%
Venue Not Specified	89	46.84%
<b>Labor</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>31.88%</b>
Domestic Work	41	40.20%
Traveling Sales Crew	24	23.53%
Restaurant/Food Service	12	11.76%
Illicit Activity	7	6.86%
Agriculture/Farm	4	3.92%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>9</sup>	11	10.78%
Industry Not Specified	3	2.94%
<b>Sex and Labor</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.69%</b>

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Trafficking Type Not Specified <sup>10</sup>	13	4.06%
<b>TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<sup>8</sup>Online Ad, Venue Unknown cases typically involve reports of sex trafficking in which an individual is advertised for commercial sex online but the venue of the sex act is unknown or not specified.

<sup>9</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues or industries referenced fewer than three times.

<sup>10</sup>Cases where trafficking type is not specified typically occur when a law enforcement agent or service provider contacts the National Hotline for resources and referrals but does not disclose details about the trafficking situation due to confidentiality. This category also includes cases in which the person reporting the information references human trafficking but does not provide further detail regarding the presence of labor or commercial sex. These cases are often submitted to the National Hotline through anonymous online tip reports.

The victim demographic information below indicates the number of cases involving potential victims of each demographic, not the number of potential victims. Cases can involve more than one potential victim, and in some situations, incomplete or no information about potential victims' age, gender identity, or immigration status is reported to the National Hotline. Consequently, the demographic data below is non-cumulative.

VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS (SEX TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Adults	146	45.63%
Minors	47	14.69%
Females	186	58.13%
Males	5	1.56%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>11</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>11</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming	Fewer than Three <sup>11</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	103	32.19%
Foreign Nationals <sup>12</sup>	7	2.19%
<b>NON-CUMULATIVE</b>		

<sup>11</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to victim information referenced fewer than three times.

<sup>12</sup>A Foreign National in this data set is defined as any individual who is not currently a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident.

VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS (LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Adults	94	29.38%
Minors	15	4.69%
Females	69	21.56%
Males	52	16.25%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>13</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>13</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming	Fewer than Three <sup>13</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	29	9.06%
Foreign Nationals <sup>14</sup>	60	18.75%
<b>NON-CUMULATIVE</b>		

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### AIRLINES AND AIRPORTS

The following information is based only on cases which referenced intersections with airlines or airports. Intersections are broadly categorized and include, but are not limited to, situations where potential traffickers used air travel to transport potential victims between numerous locations of trafficking and cases where potential victims utilized air travel as a means of entering or escaping their trafficking.

From January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2017 the National Human Trafficking Hotline received reports of 269 cases of human trafficking which referenced intersections with airlines or airports. Each case represents a situation of trafficking which could include one or multiple potential victims.

PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTACTING THE NATIONAL HOTLINE	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Report a Trafficking Tip	172	63.94%
Access Service Referrals	49	18.22%
Request Crisis Assistance	47	17.47%
Request General Information or T&TA <sup>15</sup>	1	0.37%
<b>TOTAL # OF CASES</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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VENUE/INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
<b>Sex</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>34.94%</b>
Escort/Delivery Service	18	19.15%
Hotel/Motel-Based	11	11.70%
Online Ad, Venue Unknown <sup>16</sup>	5	5.32%
Pornography	5	5.32%
Street-Based	4	4.26%
Other	3	3.19%
Personal Sexual Servitude	3	3.19%
Residence-Based	3	3.19%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>17</sup>	9	9.57%
Venue Not Specified	33	35.11%
<b>Labor</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>53.53%</b>
Domestic Work	105	72.92%
Restaurant/Food Service	11	7.64%
Agriculture/Farm	4	2.78%
Pre-School/Child Day Care Service	3	2.08%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>17</sup>	15	10.42%
Industry Not Specified	6	4.17%
<b>Sex and Labor</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.83%</b>
<b>Trafficking Type Not Specified<sup>18</sup></b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6.69%</b>
<b>TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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<sup>16</sup>Online Ad, Venue Unknown cases typically involve reports of sex trafficking in which an individual is advertised for commercial sex online but the venue of the sex act is unknown or not specified.

<sup>17</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues or industries referenced fewer than three times.

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Adults	72	26.77%
Minors	27	10.04%
Females	91	33.83%
Males	3	1.12%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>19</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>19</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming	Fewer than Three <sup>19</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	43	15.99%
Foreign Nationals <sup>20</sup>	33	12.27%
<b>NON-CUMULATIVE</b>		

<sup>19</sup>To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to victim information referenced fewer than three times.

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VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS (LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Adults	133	49.44%
Minors	9	3.35%
Females	117	43.49%
Males	30	11.15%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>21</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>21</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming	Fewer than Three <sup>21</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	16	5.95%
Foreign Nationals <sup>22</sup>	127	47.21%
<b>NON-CUMULATIVE</b>		

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**Important Notes:**

*The data displayed in this report was generated based on information communicated to the National Human Trafficking Hotline via phone, email, and online tip report. Each situation of trafficking reported to the National Hotline was assessed for indicators of human trafficking and was found to have at least moderate- or high-level indicators. Assessment are made based on the information reported to the hotline. The National Human Trafficking Hotline is not able to verify the accuracy of reported information.*

*These statistics are accurate as of September 3, 2017. Situations of trafficking may be ongoing or new information may be revealed to the National Hotline over time so statistics may be subject to change as new information emerges.*