

# South Dakota Spotlight

## 2019 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 South Dakota. 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 South Dakota which can help put traffickers out of business and help survivors find the services they need.

Victims Identified

65

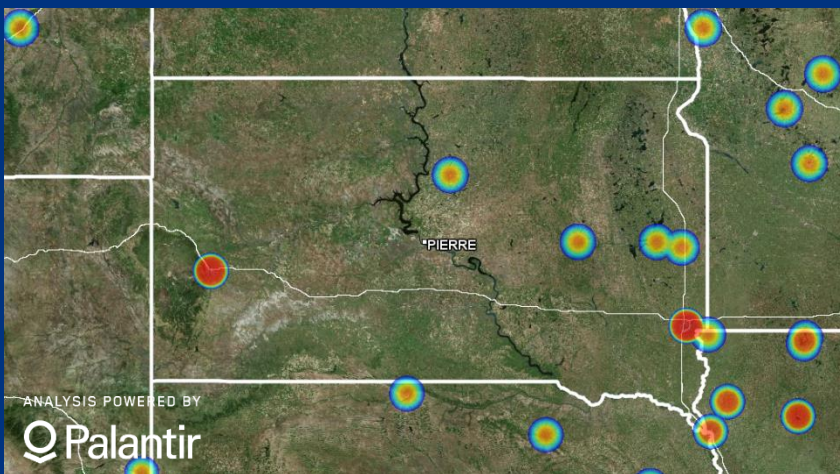
Traffickers Identified

16

Trafficking Businesses

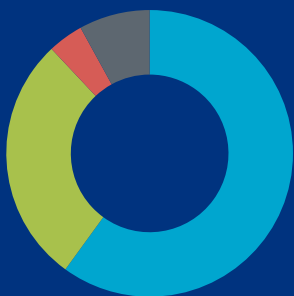
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### Locations of Trafficking<sup>1</sup>



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

### 25 Trafficking Cases



Sex Trafficking  
**15 Cases**

Labor Trafficking  
**7 Cases**

Sex & Labor Trafficking  
**1 Case**

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

<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.

### Communication to the National Hotline



Phone Calls  
**70**



Webforms  
**7**



Emails  
**4**



Texts  
**17**



Webchats  
**3**



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The data in this report represents signals and cases from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and is accurate as of July 30, 2020. 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.