

11 Facts About Human Trafficking

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- 1. Globally, the average cost of a slave is \$90.
- 2. Trafficking primarily involves exploitation which comes in many forms, including: forcing victims into prostitution, subjecting victims to slavery or involuntary servitude and compelling victims to commit sex acts.



- and compelling victims to commit sex acts for the purpose of creating pornography.
- 3. According to some estimates, approximately 80% of trafficking involves sexual exploitation, and 19% involves labor exploitation.
- 4. There are approximately 20 to 30 million slaves in the world today.
- 5. According to the U.S. State Department, 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders every year, of which 80% are female and half are children.

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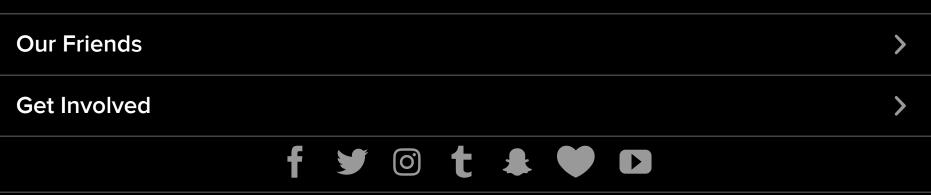
- 6. The average age a teen enters the sex trade in the U.S. is 12 to 14-year-old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children.
- 7. California harbors 3 of the FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas on the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego.
- 8. The National Human Trafficking Hotline receives more calls from Texas than any other state in the US. 15% of those calls are from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
- 9. Between 14,500 and 17,500 people are trafficked into the U.S. each year.
- 10. Human trafficking is the third largest international crime industry (behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking). It reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion every year. Of that number, \$15.5 billion is made in industrialized countries.
- 11. The International Labour Organization estimates that women and girls represent the largest share of forced labor victims with 11.4 million trafficked victims (55%) compared to 9.5 million (45%) men.

Sources

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