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Every handoff is a child. Don't drop one.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline identified 15,085 trafficking cases in 2025, up 26% in a year, and signals jumped 63%. This briefing maps where cases concentrate, documents enforcement in every state, and shows how The Shield Project and ATRC keep survivors from falling through the gaps between agencies.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY · HOT-SPOT MAP

Where trafficking cases concentrate

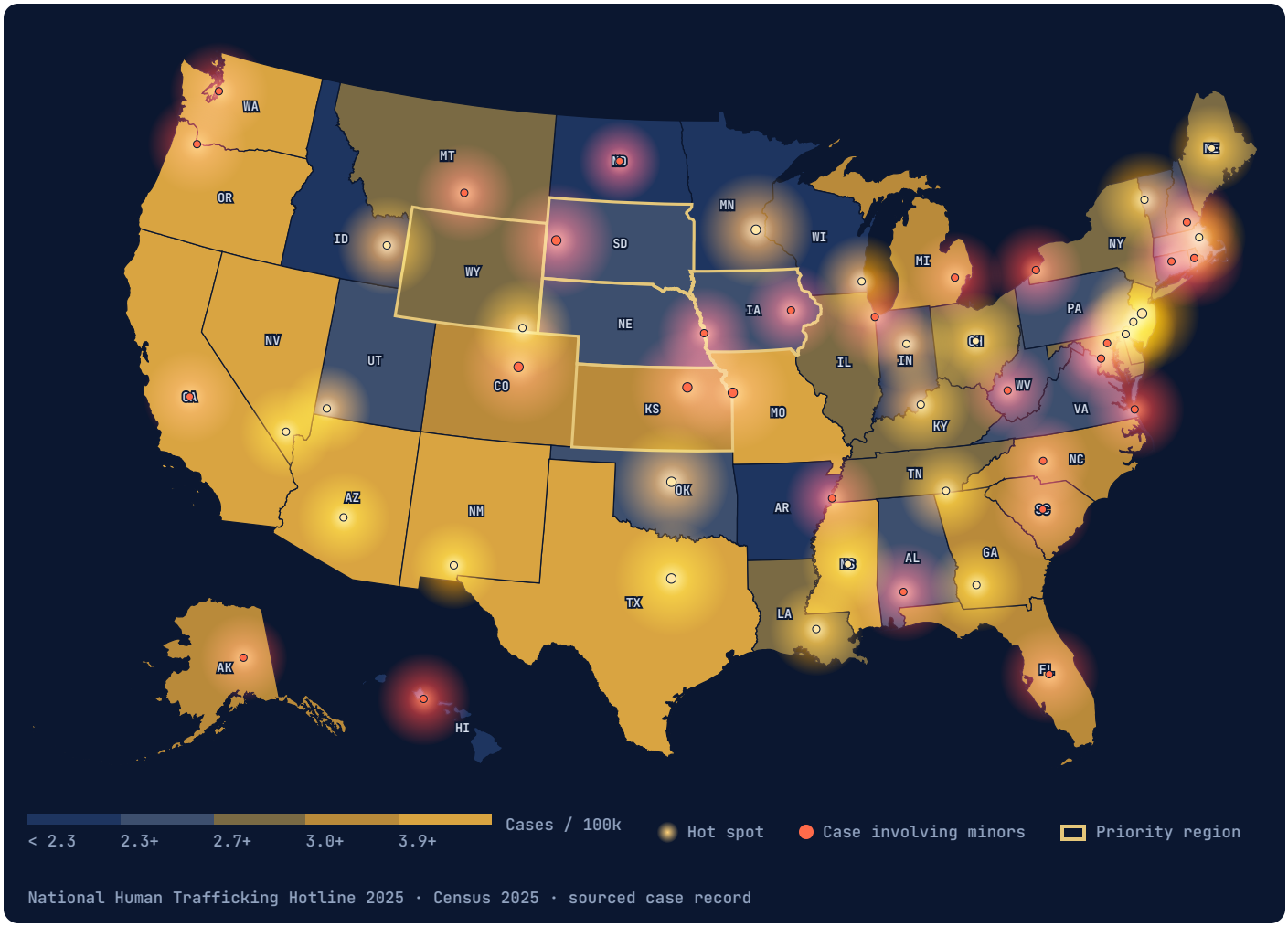
States are shaded by hotline-identified trafficking cases per 100,000 residents. Each glow is a documented operation, prosecution or new law; red marks cases involving minors.

15,085
Trafficking cases identified by the national hotline in 2025

+26%
Rise in identified cases from 2024 (12,001)

52,664
Hotline signals in 2025, up 63% in a year

51
Enforcement actions and laws documented across 51 jurisdictions



Highest per resident

D.C. (10.1 per 100k), Nevada (7.3), Mississippi (5.9), Arizona (5.1) and Washington (4.9) lead the country in identified cases per resident.

Largest caseloads

California (1,908 cases), Texas (1,487), Florida (904) and New York (606) carry more than 4 in 10 of the cases the hotline placed in a state.

The priority region

Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Wyoming logged 274 cases in 2025. An Aug. 2025 federal raid on Omaha-area hotels rescued 10 minors and 17 adults.

LATEST · JULY – NOV. 2026

What happened this year

Recent enforcement and prosecutions, newest first. Red cards involved minors.

CASES INVOLVING MINORS

NEW Oct 2026 · Aurora, CO

Aurora PD trafficking unit's first year: 28 arrests, 29 survivors

In its first year, Aurora's Human Trafficking Unit, formed in September 2025, ran 53 investigations, made 28 arrests, and recovered 29 survivors, 15 of them minors. The unit focuses on sex trafficking and victims aged 21 and under.

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NEW Sep 2026 · Riley County, KS

KBI-led operation arrests 19 child predator and sex-buying suspects

A KBI-led multi-agency operation on September 17-18, 2026, arrested 19 suspects. Eleven were arrested on electronic solicitation of a child and attempted aggravated human trafficking. Three potential sex trafficking victims were offered advocacy services.

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

NEW Sep 2026 · Kansas City, MO

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NEW Aug 2026 · Sturgis, SD

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Dakota News Now

OPERATIONS, LABOR TRAFFICKING AND PROSECUTIONS

NEW Oct 2026 · Johnson County, TX

North Texas labor trafficking bust: 6 arrested, 31 potential victims

A three-month investigation into suspected labor trafficking led to six arrests on organized crime and racketeering charges. Thirty-one people were interviewed as potential victims, and large amounts of cash were found.

FOX 4 Dallas-Fort Worth

NEW Sep 2026 · Guthrie, OK

Guthrie hotel trafficking operation leads to arrests and victim recovery

An operation at a Guthrie hotel by the AG's Human Trafficking Response Unit and local agencies led to five arrests. It identified 15 potential victims, three of whom were recovered.

Oklahoma Attorney General

NEW Aug 2026 · Minneapolis, MN

Four charged with 104 felony counts in Hennepin County sex trafficking scheme

Four people, including a former Anoka County assistant attorney, were charged with promoting prostitution and receiving its profits in a scheme across Minneapolis and its suburbs. The investigation began in 2021. The complaint identifies 13 victims, and officials say there may be many more.

FOX 9

NEW Jul 2026 · statewide, NJ

World Cup anti-trafficking operations recover 97 suspected victims

Operations led by the Division of Criminal Justice and the State Police with 44 agencies from May to July 2026 recovered 97 suspected trafficking victims. They led to 71 arrests, including 40 alleged buyers of commercial sex.

InsiderNJ (NJ AG press release)

THE SHIELD PROJECT

Teach every child, parent and pastor to see it first

The Shield Project is BB2G's anti-trafficking education system: five books, a digital platform and companion training, written for the people closest to a child.

5
Books, from ages 9 to adult leaders

3
Adult audiences: educators, parents, church leaders

51
Jurisdiction profiles ready for state rollout

THE FIVE BOOKS

A · STAY SAFE & TRUST YOUR GUT
Ages 9 to 12. Body safety, online safety and trusted adults, taught through stories children remember.

B · STRONG MINDS, CLEAN HEARTS, BRAVE FUTURES
Ages 12 to 18. Grooming, sextortion, fake job offers and how to get help without shame.

C1 · EDUCATORS
Warning signs in the classroom, mandated reporting and how to bring in the right agency.

C2 · PARENTS
Phones, apps, gaming and the conversations that keep a child talking to you.

C3 · CHURCH LEADERS
Youth ministry safeguards, volunteer screening and survivor-centered care in a congregation.

PLATFORM AND TRAINING
A digital platform and companion training materials, with expert reviewers checking every module before release.

SAFE-DEVICE DESIGN

ONE PIN, ONE PROFILE
Each PIN opens its own profile with its own apps. A hidden switcher keeps profiles separate.

SAFE PROFILE
A clean profile for school, family or a phone check, with nothing a trafficker can use.

DURESS PIN
A duress PIN backs the data up first, then wipes the device, so evidence survives and the phone holds nothing.

ATRC · NATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

One command for funding, services and courts

ATRC coordinates the organizations that already serve survivors. It follows public money to outcomes, connects courts and advocates, and reports to executives without exposing a single survivor.

1 Funding oversight

Public grants and provider contracts tracked from award to result, so dollars reach survivors.

2 Provider network

Vetted shelters, clinics, legal aid and survivor-led organizations, mapped by state and county.

3 Court coordinators

A coordinator walks each survivor's case through hearings, protective orders and restitution.

4 Child advocacy

Advocates and child advocacy centers linked to every referral that involves a minor.

5 Family First

Foster care, reunification, safe housing and peer advocates, kept separate from trafficking allegations.

6 Executive reporting

Lawful aggregate reporting for governors, attorneys general and task forces.

Survivors first No survivor case data and no child's identity flows into oversight analytics. Only lawful aggregates leave a provider. No person-tracking, no impersonating law enforcement, and every referral goes through an authorized handoff.

GUARDRAILS

PUBLIC SOURCES ONLY

Research uses public records and lawful institutional referrals, with every source preserved.

LICENSED PARTNERS

Licensed investigators and authorized partners work inside written boundaries.

SURVIVOR ADVISORY

Compensated survivor advisors review the program, the materials and the reporting.

CORRECTIONS AND APPEALS

Every finding can be challenged, corrected and logged.

PER-STATE ISOLATION

Each state gets its own workspace, roles and law profile.

AUDIT TRAIL

Every access, export and decision is written to an append-only ledger.

WHY SURVIVORS FALL THROUGH

Twenty handoffs at 95% means most cases break

A survivor's path from first tip to stable recovery crosses police, prosecutors, child welfare, shelters, clinics, courts and schools. If every handoff works 95% of the time, the whole chain holds only 36% of the time.

CHAIN LENGTH	95% PER STEP, NO CHECKS	99% PER STEP, NO CHECKS	95% PER STEP, BB2G CHECKS	99% PER STEP, BB2G CHECKS
10 steps	59.9%	90.4%	99.5%	99.90%
20 steps	35.8%	81.8%	99.0%	99.80%
50 steps	7.7%	60.5%	97.5%	99.50%
100 steps	0.6%	36.6%	95.1%	99.00%
200 steps	0.0%	13.4%	90.5%	98.02%

Chance the chain finishes with no undetected error. With BB2G, every handoff must be confirmed. Checkpoints catch 99% of dropped or wrong handoffs and hold them for a named person instead of letting them disappear.

A SURVIVOR'S PATH · GOLD STEPS ARE BB2G CHECKPOINTS

Tip or hotline call · Screening · Location verified · Law-enforcement referral · **Two-person review** · Recovery · Child welfare notified · Advocate assigned · Emergency shelter · Medical care · **Placement check** · Interview · Prosecutor review · Protective order · **Court coordinator** · Restitution · Housing · School or job · Counseling · **90-day follow-up**

Stop the drop When a handoff isn't confirmed, the case stops and a named person is alerted. A case can pause; it can't disappear.

TRAFFICKING PATHWAY

Route to harm, and where to break it

How recruitment becomes exploitation, and the points where trained adults, coordinated agencies and audited funding stop it.



NATIONAL RANKINGS

How every state compares

Rank 1 has the most hotline-identified trafficking cases per 100,000 residents in 2025. Priority region shaded.

RANK	JURISDICTION	REGION	CASES / 100K	CASES	SIGNALS	SIGNALS / 100K	ACTIONS
1	**District of Columbia**	South	10.1	70	146	21.1	1
2	**Nevada**	West	7.3	241	299	9.1	1
3	**Mississippi**	South	5.9	174	269	9.1	1
4	**Arizona**	West	5.1	389	509	6.7	1
5	**Washington**	West	4.9	395	969	12.1	1
6	**California**	West	4.8	1,908	3,459	8.8	1
7	**Texas**	South	4.7	1,487	2,361	7.5	1
8	**Oregon**	West	4.6	197	365	8.5	1
9	**Missouri**	Midwest	4.4	275	592	9.4	1
10	**New Mexico**	West	4.0	84	143	6.7	1
11	**Florida**	South	3.9	904	3,181	13.6	1
12	**Michigan**	Midwest	3.6	362	642	6.3	1
13	**Kansas**	Midwest	3.5	105	179	6.0	1
14	**Georgia**	South	3.4	383	766	6.8	1
15	**Alaska**	West	3.3	24	51	6.9	1
16	**Colorado**	West	3.2	192	437	7.3	1
17	**New Jersey**	Northeast	3.1	295	528	5.5	1
18	**South Carolina**	South	3.1	171	290	5.2	1
19	**North Carolina**	South	3.1	343	612	5.5	1
20	**Illinois**	Midwest	3.0	385	773	6.1	1
21	**New York**	Northeast	3.0	606	1,262	6.3	1
22	**Louisiana**	South	3.0	138	238	5.2	1
23	**Maine**	Northeast	2.9	41	79	5.6	1
24	**Ohio**	Midwest	2.8	337	686	5.8	1
25	**Maryland**	South	2.8	175	386	6.2	1
26	**Kentucky**	South	2.8	128	246	5.3	1
27	**Delaware**	South	2.7	29	39	3.7	1
28	**Wyoming**	West	2.7	16	28	4.8	1
29	**Tennessee**	South	2.7	199	349	4.8	1
30	**Montana**	West	2.7	31	70	6.1	1

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31	**Virginia**	South	2.7	237	533	6.0	1
32	**Iowa**	Midwest	2.6	83	152	4.7	1
33	**Oklahoma**	South	2.5	105	209	5.1	1
34	**Massachusetts**	Northeast	2.4	174	293	4.1	1
35	**Utah**	West	2.4	86	207	5.8	1
36	**Nebraska**	Midwest	2.4	48	113	5.6	1
37	**South Dakota**	Midwest	2.4	22	40	4.3	1
38	**West Virginia**	South	2.3	41	73	4.1	1
39	**Alabama**	South	2.3	120	214	4.1	1
40	**Pennsylvania**	Northeast	2.3	299	609	4.7	1
41	**Connecticut**	Northeast	2.3	83	149	4.0	1
42	**Hawaii**	West	2.2	32	73	5.1	1
43	**Indiana**	Midwest	2.2	155	258	3.7	1
44	**Idaho**	West	2.2	45	99	4.9	1
45	**Arkansas**	South	2.0	63	175	5.6	1
46	**North Dakota**	Midwest	2.0	16	51	6.4	1
47	**Minnesota**	Midwest	2.0	115	289	5.0	1
48	**New Hampshire**	Northeast	1.8	25	65	4.6	1
49	**Vermont**	Northeast	1.7	11	24	3.7	1
50	**Wisconsin**	Midwest	1.5	91	230	3.9	1
51	**Rhode Island**	Northeast	1.4	15	24	2.1	1

CASE RECORD · 2023 – NOV. 2026

Operations, prosecutions and laws in every state

The most significant recent documented case or action in each jurisdiction, newest first, each linked to its source. No victim is named.

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Jun 2026	**Monroe County, AL** MINORS	**Monroe County operation charges 6 with first-degree human trafficking** A two-day operation on June 4-5, 2026, after a multi-agency anti-trafficking training, ended in six arrests. All six face first-degree human trafficking, electronic solicitation of a child, and traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act.	6 arrests FOX10 News
Jun 2026	**statewide, RI** MINORS	**World Cup trafficking sting Operation Red Card nets 6 arrests** A multi-agency sting led by the State Police during the World Cup period led to six arrests. Charges included attempted enticement and indecent solicitation of a minor, and one case moved to federal court.	6 arrests KOMO News
Jun 2026	**Seattle, WA** MINORS	**Aurora Avenue sweep: arrests and victims rescued in Seattle** A two-day operation on the Aurora Avenue corridor in June 2026 led to arrests of suspected pimps and buyers, and HSI reported rescuing five trafficking victims. Police removed three juveniles and offered services to the people they contacted.	5 victims, 3 juveniles FOX 13 Seattle
Jun 2026	**Cheyenne, WY** PRIORITY	**Undercover sheriff's sex trafficking operation leads to 2 arrests** Laramie County detectives ran a weekend undercover sex trafficking operation that led to two arrests for soliciting prostitution.	2 arrests Wyoming Tribune Eagle
May 2026	**Polk County, FL** MINORS	**"Polk Around and Find Out" trafficking operation makes 266 arrests** A multi-day, multi-agency undercover operation made 266 arrests on 439 charges. Of those, 247 were prostitution and trafficking-related and 19 were child predator arrests. Seven possible trafficking victims were identified.	266 arrests Polk County Sheriff's Office
May 2026	**Idaho Falls, ID**	**Operator of Idaho Falls hotel sex business sentenced to up to 20 years** After a retrial, a woman convicted of felony interstate trafficking of prostitution and procurement of prostitution was sentenced to 5 years fixed, up to 20 years total. The illegal business ran out of an Idaho Falls hotel in 2024, and at least one victim was brought from California.	Up to 20 years East Idaho News
May 2026	**Louisville, KY**	**Louisville raids on unlicensed spas lead to 5 trafficking-probe arrests** Law enforcement served warrants at three unlicensed spa locations in Louisville as part of an investigation into human trafficking, prostitution, and organized crime that spans four states. Five people were arrested, and at least five victims were rescued.	5 arrests, 5 rescued Spectrum News 1
May 2026	**statewide, OH**	**Operation Spring Cleaning: 122 arrested in statewide trafficking crackdown** Six regional task forces with BCI, FBI, HSI and local police made 122 arrests in 15 counties on May 13-20, 2026, including 84 people seeking to buy sex. Search warrants hit massage parlors in seven cities, and 42 survivors were referred to services.	122 arrests Ohio Attorney General
Apr 2026	**New Castle County, DE**	**Coast to Coast operation targets illicit spas in New Castle County** As part of a nationwide operation, county police, HSI, and state partners raided two illicit spas and a residence. Two spa operators were charged with felony promoting prostitution and money laundering, and three women identified as potential trafficking victims were referred to services.	3 potential victims New Castle County Police
Apr 2026	**Manchester, NH** MINORS	**Man gets 13.5 years for attempted sex trafficking of a minor in hotel sting** After a May 2025 trial, a defendant was sentenced to 162 months in federal prison for attempted sex trafficking of a minor. HSI ran the undercover sting at a Manchester hotel with Manchester police, the NH Attorney General's Office and the NH ICAC Task Force.	162-month sentence U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Hampshire
Apr 2026	**Portland, OR** MINORS	**Portland trafficking missions rescue six teenage girls on 82nd Avenue** Over three weeks in April 2026, Portland police trafficking missions on the 82nd Avenue corridor recovered six girls aged 13 to 17. The cases remain under investigation with the Multnomah County DA.	6 minors rescued OPB

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Mar 2026	**Vergennes, VT**	**Vermont AG files human trafficking charges in Vergennes case** The Attorney General charged a defendant with 13 counts, including two felony counts of human trafficking and three of aggravated sexual assault. He pleaded not guilty and is being held without bail.	1 defendant, 13 counts Vermont Business Magazine
Feb 2026	**Lansing, IL** MINORS	**Chicago man sentenced to 28 years for violent sex trafficking ring** A Chicago man was sentenced to 28 years in federal prison on seven counts of sex trafficking and kidnapping. He exploited five young victims, including a minor, at his Chicago residence and Lansing motels in 2022 and 2023.	5 victims, 28 years U.S. Department of Justice
Feb 2026	**Virginia Beach, VA** MINORS	**Virginia Beach trafficking operation leads to 4 arrests** A Jan. 30-31, 2026 operation led to four arrests, including charges of recruiting and soliciting a minor for prostitution. Several victims were identified and given assistance.	4 arrests WTVR CBS 6
Jan 2026	**Washington, DC** MINORS	**Former MPD officer sentenced to 27 years for sex trafficking minors** A former Metropolitan Police Department officer received 27 years in prison and lifetime supervised release after pleading guilty to sex trafficking of a minor. The case involved multiple minor girls and was investigated by the FBI's Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force.	27-year sentence U.S. Department of Justice
Jan 2026	**Billings, MT** MINORS	**Multi-agency trafficking and child predator operation in Billings** About 65 personnel from 13 federal, state, county and municipal agencies ran a 48-hour operation on Jan. 28-30, 2026. It produced five felony arrests for human trafficking offenses and two for child sexual abuse, and identified 17 more people or accounts for follow-up.	7 felony arrests Yellowstone Public Radio
Jan 2026	**statewide, SC** MINORS	**SC 2025 trafficking report: 315 tips, majority involving minors** The state task force's 2025 annual report said SLED investigated 315 tips involving more than 300 potential victims, most of them minors. Investigations took place in 41 counties.	315 tips investigated South Carolina Attorney General
2025			
Dec 2025	**Franklin, WI**	**Four charged in trafficking probe tied to Franklin strip club** After an investigation that began with a 2021 tip, four men were charged with human trafficking and related offenses. Prosecutors say at least 24 women were trafficked.	24 women, 4 charged FOX6 Milwaukee
Nov 2025	**Dougherty County, GA**	**GBI's Operation Raydiant Shadows leads to 12 arrests in Dougherty County** GBI's trafficking unit, working with Albany-area police, HSI, and the Georgia State Patrol, arrested 12 people, 11 of them on pandering charges. Six people involved in commercial sex met with victim advocates and were offered services.	12 arrests Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Nov 2025	**Baton Rouge, LA**	**Baton Rouge deputies break up two trafficking rings, charge 6** Two East Baton Rouge Sheriff's investigations led to raids in Baton Rouge and Kenner. Six people were charged with human trafficking, pandering, and promoting prostitution, and five women were found or rescued. Immigration agents made five more arrests.	6 charged, 5 victims WBRZ
Nov 2025	**Towson, MD** MINORS	**State police arrest 2 in child sex trafficking case; 2 juveniles recovered** A joint investigation recovered two juvenile girls, one of them from a Towson hotel. Two suspects arrested in Pennsylvania and Minnesota now face sex trafficking of a minor and related charges.	2 arrests, 2 minors Maryland State Police
Nov 2025	**Las Vegas, NV**	**Las Vegas sex trafficking operation yields 115 arrests and citations** An LVMPD-led operation on Nov. 19-22, 2025, with state, local and federal partners, produced 115 arrests and citations. That was up 11.6% from 103 in the same operation in 2024.	115 arrests/citations KTNV Las Vegas

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Oct 2025	**Honolulu County, HI** MINORS	**Operation Shine the Light recovers 10 missing youth on Oahu** A multi-agency operation led by the state AG and Human Services, with HPD, the FBI, U.S. Marshals, and others, recovered 10 missing or endangered youth aged 13 to 18. All were considered at high risk of exploitation or trafficking, and the operation also produced several arrests.	10 youth recovered Hawaii News Now
Oct 2025	**Kokomo, IN**	**14-month ISP probe of illicit massage parlors leads to 3 arrests** A 14-month Indiana State Police investigation with local police and DHS led to searches of three spas and two homes in Kokomo, Indianapolis, Noblesville, and Carmel. Three people were arrested on corrupt business influence and promoting prostitution charges, and one adult victim was recovered.	5 sites, 3 arrests WOWO News
Sep 2025	**Dunkirk, NY** MINORS	**30-year sentence in farmworker forced labor and kidnapping case** A defendant was sentenced to 30 years for forced labor and transporting a minor. He exploited migrant farmworkers in western New York through debts and threats, and sexually abused and kidnapped a teenage migrant.	30-year sentence U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of New York
Sep 2025	**Rowan County, NC** MINORS	**Rowan County trafficking operation rescues missing teen, 9 arrested** A Sept. 3-4, 2025 operation led by the Rowan County Sheriff's Office resulted in nine arrests. A teenager who had been reported missing from Charlotte in March was rescued and placed with social services.	9 arrests, 1 teen rescued Yahoo News
Sep 2025	**Charleston, WV** MINORS	**Jury convicts two in Kanawha County sex trafficking conspiracy** A federal jury convicted two defendants of sex trafficking of a minor and related counts. The trafficking of four victims, one a minor, ran from 2023 to 2024.	4 victims, 2 convicted U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of West Virginia
Aug 2025	**Omaha, NE** MINORS PRIORITY	**Federal raids target alleged trafficking ring at Omaha-area hotels** Five people were charged and arrested after searches of 14 business premises, including four hotels, and two residences. Investigators rescued 10 minors and 17 adults in the labor trafficking investigation and seized more than $565,000 in cash.	27 rescued, 5 charged U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Nebraska
Aug 2025	**Collegedale, TN**	**TBI-led trafficking operations in southeast Tennessee net 14 arrests** Operations on Aug. 19 and 21, 2025, by the TBI Human Trafficking Unit, the FBI and local agencies in the Cleveland area and Collegedale led to 14 arrests. Victim service groups were on site.	14 arrests East Ridge News Online
Jul 2025	**statewide, MS**	**Operation Guardian Force: 72 arrests, 29 trafficking victims rescued** A two-week statewide sex offender and human trafficking operation, July 14-29, 2025, involved about 400 federal, state, and local officers. It resulted in 72 arrests and the rescue of 29 human trafficking victims.	72 arrests, 29 rescued WLOX
Jun 2025	**Oakland County, MI** MINORS	**Oakland County charges 10 in trafficking cases spanning 13 cities** Prosecutors announced charges against 10 people in cases across 13 cities in Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties. Charges included human trafficking enterprise for forced labor and commercial sex. Victims included four women from China and one minor.	10 charged, 13 cities WDIV ClickOnDetroit
May 2025	**West Memphis, AR** MINORS	**West Memphis recovery operation identifies 29 victims, arrests 6** A victim-centered operation led by the Arkansas Human Trafficking Council with state, county, and city partners identified 29 local victims and connected nine with immediate services. Six people who transported victims were arrested, and minors were placed in protective custody.	6 arrests, 29 victims Arkansas Department of Public Safety

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Apr 2025	**Hartford, CT** MINORS	**Organizer of smuggling and labor trafficking scheme gets 51 months** An organizer of a scheme that smuggled people from Mexico and held them in Hartford-area homes was sentenced to 51 months and ordered to pay $574,608 in restitution. Victims were forced to work off large debts under threats. Investigators identified 19 victims, several of them minors.	19 victims U.S. Department of Justice
Apr 2025	**Boston, MA**	**AG wins guilty verdicts against 4 operators of Boston-area trafficking ring** After a five-week trial, a jury convicted four people of trafficking for sexual servitude, money laundering, and related charges. They ran four residential brothels in East Boston, Chelsea, and Lynn, rotating women from Central and South America through them weekly.	4 convicted, 4 brothels Massachusetts Attorney General
Feb 2025	**Scottsdale, AZ**	**Scottsdale anti-trafficking operation leads to 202 arrests** A decoy-based operation led by Scottsdale police and several Valley agencies, run from January 22 to February 15, 2025, led to 202 arrests: 53 felonies and 149 misdemeanors. Charges included child sex trafficking, prostitution, and pandering.	202 arrests ABC15 Arizona
Feb 2025	**statewide, CA** MINORS	**Statewide sting nets 547 arrests and identifies 177 trafficking victims** A weeklong statewide operation from January 26 to February 1, 2025, led by LAPD with more than 100 agencies, arrested 547 suspects, including 333 exploiters. It identified 177 trafficking victims, including 11 minors placed in protective custody.	547 arrests, 177 victims KTVU FOX 2
Jan 2025	**Cedar Rapids, IA** MINORS PRIORITY	**Cedar Rapids man gets 24 years for attempted child sex trafficking** A Cedar Rapids man was sentenced to 292 months in federal prison for attempted sex trafficking of a child and destruction of evidence. He was caught in an undercover operation in which an officer posed as a minor.	292-month sentence U.S. Department of Justice
2024			
Nov 2024	**Washington County, UT**	**Joint AG and county operation disrupts trafficking, 3 arrested** A joint operation led to three arrests on solicitation, patronizing and drug distribution charges. Two adult women were offered victim services.	3 arrests Utah Attorney General
Oct 2024	**Philadelphia, PA**	**22 charged in Northeast Philadelphia human trafficking ring** A years-long investigation led to 22 arrests, including the alleged ringleader, 16 commercial sex buyers, drivers and a payment handler. The ring allegedly exploited women since at least 2012.	22 arrested 6abc Philadelphia
Aug 2024	**Dona Ana County, NM**	**12-day multi-agency trafficking operation rescues 91 people** A 12-day operation in Dona Ana and Luna counties involving state, local, federal and Texas partners rescued 91 people. It produced 16 arrests between Aug. 17 and Aug. 29, 2024.	91 rescued, 16 arrests Office of the Governor of New Mexico
Apr 2024	**statewide, ME**	**Three sentenced in Maine sex trafficking case; leader gets 30 years** Three defendants were sentenced in a federal sex trafficking case investigated by HSI with the FBI and five Maine police departments. The lead defendant, convicted by a jury of sex trafficking and obstruction, received 30 years.	3 sentenced U.S. Department of Justice
Mar 2024	**Fairbanks, AK** MINORS	**Fairbanks man sentenced to 25 years for enticing and trafficking 2 minors** A Fairbanks man received 25 years in federal prison, plus 20 years of supervised release, for enticing two minors for sexual exploitation and related child exploitation crimes. The FBI investigated, with help from Alaska State Troopers and Fairbanks police.	25-year sentence U.S. Department of Justice
2023			

DATE	JURISDICTION	WHAT HAPPENED	SCALE · SOURCE
Jun 2023	**statewide, ND** MINORS	**North Dakota renews focus on sex trafficking amid funding and policy review** The state task force reported 721 victims served (29% minors) and 257 trafficking investigations since 2015. The 2023 Legislature appropriated about $1.1 million for victim services, and the Attorney General planned to restructure anti-trafficking grant oversight.	**721 victims served since 2015** North Dakota News Cooperative

JURISDICTION PROFILES · 50 STATES + D.C.

Every state, on one page

2025 hotline cases and signals, and the documented case or action in each jurisdiction.

Alabama AL · South

#39 of 51

120	2.3	214
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jun 2026 Monroe County operation charges 6 with first-degree human trafficking. FOX10 News

Alaska AK · West

#15 of 51

24	3.3	51
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Mar 2024 Fairbanks man sentenced to 25 years for enticing and trafficking 2 minors. U.S. Department of Justice

Arizona AZ · West

#4 of 51

389	5.1	509
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Feb 2025 Scottsdale anti-trafficking operation leads to 202 arrests. ABC15 Arizona

Arkansas AR · South

#45 of 51

63	2.0	175
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

May 2025 West Memphis recovery operation identifies 29 victims, arrests 6. Arkansas Department of Public Safety

California CA · West

#6 of 51

1,908	4.8	3,459
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Feb 2025 Statewide sting nets 547 arrests and identifies 177 trafficking victims. KTVU FOX 2

Colorado CO · West

#16 of 51

192	3.2	437
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Oct 2026 NEW Aurora PD trafficking unit's first year: 28 arrests, 29 survivors. Denver7

Connecticut CT · Northeast

#41 of 51

83	2.3	149
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Apr 2025 Organizer of smuggling and labor trafficking scheme gets 51 months. U.S. Department of Justice

Delaware DE · South

#27 of 51

29	2.7	39
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Apr 2026 Coast to Coast operation targets illicit spas in New Castle County. New Castle County Police

District of Columbia DC · South

#1 of 51

70	10.1	146
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jan 2026 Former MPD officer sentenced to 27 years for sex trafficking minors. U.S. Department of Justice

Florida FL · South

#11 of 51

904	3.9	3,181
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

May 2026 "Polk Around and Find Out" trafficking operation makes 266 arrests. Polk County Sheriff's Office

Georgia GA · South

#14 of 51

383	3.4	766
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Nov 2025 GBI's Operation Raydiant Shadows leads to 12 arrests in Dougherty County. Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Kansas KS · Midwest · Priority

#13 of 51

105	3.5	179
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Sep 2026 NEW KBI-led operation arrests 19 child predator and sex-buying suspects. Kansas Bureau of Investigation

Hawaii HI · West

#42 of 51

32	2.2	73
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Oct 2025 Operation Shine the Light recovers 10 missing youth on Oahu. Hawaii News Now

Kentucky KY · South

#26 of 51

128	2.8	246
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

May 2026 Louisville raids on unlicensed spas lead to 5 trafficking-probe arrests. Spectrum News 1

Idaho ID · West

#44 of 51

45	2.2	99
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

May 2026 Operator of Idaho Falls hotel sex business sentenced to up to 20 years. East Idaho News

Louisiana LA · South

#22 of 51

138	3.0	238
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Nov 2025 Baton Rouge deputies break up two trafficking rings, charge 6. WBRZ

Illinois IL · Midwest

#20 of 51

385	3.0	773
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Feb 2026 Chicago man sentenced to 28 years for violent sex trafficking ring. U.S. Department of Justice

Maine ME · Northeast

#23 of 51

41	2.9	79
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Apr 2024 Three sentenced in Maine sex trafficking case; leader gets 30 years. U.S. Department of Justice

Indiana IN · Midwest

#43 of 51

155	2.2	258
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Oct 2025 14-month ISP probe of illicit massage parlors leads to 3 arrests. WOWO News

Maryland MD · South

#25 of 51

175	2.8	386
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Nov 2025 State police arrest 2 in child sex trafficking case; 2 juveniles recovered. Maryland State Police

Iowa IA · Midwest · Priority

#32 of 51

83	2.6	152
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jan 2025 Cedar Rapids man gets 24 years for attempted child sex trafficking. U.S. Department of Justice

Massachusetts MA · Northeast

#34 of 51

174	2.4	293
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Apr 2025 AG wins guilty verdicts against 4 operators of Boston-area trafficking ring. Massachusetts Attorney General

Michigan MI · Midwest

#12 of 51

362	3.6	642
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jun 2025 Oakland County charges 10 in trafficking cases spanning 13 cities. WDIV ClickOnDetroit

Nevada NV · West

#2 of 51

241	7.3	299
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Nov 2025 Las Vegas sex trafficking operation yields 115 arrests and citations. KTNV Las Vegas

Minnesota MN · Midwest

#47 of 51

115	2.0	289
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Aug 2026 NEW Four charged with 104 felony counts in Hennepin County sex trafficking scheme. FOX 9

New Hampshire NH · Northeast

#48 of 51

25	1.8	65
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Apr 2026 Man gets 13.5 years for attempted sex trafficking of a minor in hotel sting. U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Hampshire

Mississippi MS · South

#3 of 51

174	5.9	269
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jul 2025 Operation Guardian Force: 72 arrests, 29 trafficking victims rescued. WLOX

New Jersey NJ · Northeast

#17 of 51

295	3.1	528
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jul 2026 NEW World Cup anti-trafficking operations recover 97 suspected victims. InsiderNJ (NJ AG press release)

Missouri MO · Midwest

#9 of 51

275	4.4	592
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Sep 2026 NEW Federal jury convicts Kansas City man of sex trafficking minors. KCTV5

New Mexico NM · West

#10 of 51

84	4.0	143
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Aug 2024 12-day multi-agency trafficking operation rescues 91 people. Office of the Governor of New Mexico

Montana MT · West

#30 of 51

31	2.7	70
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jan 2026 Multi-agency trafficking and child predator operation in Billings. Yellowstone Public Radio

New York NY · Northeast

#21 of 51

606	3.0	1,262
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Sep 2025 30-year sentence in farmworker forced labor and kidnapping case. U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of New York

Nebraska NE · Midwest · Priority

#36 of 51

48	2.4	113
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Aug 2025 Federal raids target alleged trafficking ring at Omaha-area hotels. U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Nebraska

North Carolina NC · South

#19 of 51

343	3.1	612
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Sep 2025 Rowan County trafficking operation rescues missing teen, 9 arrested. Yahoo News

North Dakota ND · Midwest

#46 of 51

16	2.0	51
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jun 2023 North Dakota renews focus on sex trafficking amid funding and policy review. North Dakota News Cooperative

Ohio OH · Midwest

#24 of 51

337	2.8	686
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

May 2026 Operation Spring Cleaning: 122 arrested in statewide trafficking crackdown. Ohio Attorney General

Oklahoma OK · South

#33 of 51

105	2.5	209
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Sep 2026 NEW Guthrie hotel trafficking operation leads to arrests and victim recovery. Oklahoma Attorney General

Oregon OR · West

#8 of 51

197	4.6	365
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Apr 2026 Portland trafficking missions rescue six teenage girls on 82nd Avenue. OPB

Pennsylvania PA · Northeast

#40 of 51

299	2.3	609
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Oct 2024 22 charged in Northeast Philadelphia human trafficking ring. 6abc Philadelphia

Rhode Island RI · Northeast

#51 of 51

15	1.4	24
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jun 2026 World Cup trafficking sting Operation Red Card nets 6 arrests. KOMO News

South Carolina SC · South

#18 of 51

171	3.1	290
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Jan 2026 SC 2025 trafficking report: 315 tips, majority involving minors. South Carolina Attorney General

South Dakota SD · Midwest · Priority

#37 of 51

22	2.4	40
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Aug 2026 NEW Six arrested in Sturgis Rally child exploitation and trafficking sting. Dakota News Now

Tennessee TN · South

#29 of 51

199	2.7	349
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Aug 2025 TBI-led trafficking operations in southeast Tennessee net 14 arrests. East Ridge News Online

Texas TX · South

#7 of 51

1,487	4.7	2,361
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Oct 2026 NEW North Texas labor trafficking bust: 6 arrested, 31 potential victims. FOX 4 Dallas-Fort Worth

Utah UT · West

#35 of 51

86	2.4	207
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Nov 2024 Joint AG and county operation disrupts trafficking, 3 arrested. Utah Attorney General

Vermont VT · Northeast

#49 of 51

11	1.7	24
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

Mar 2026 Vermont AG files human trafficking charges in Vergennes case. Vermont Business Magazine

Virginia VA · South

#31 of 51

237	2.7	533
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

> **Feb 2026** Virginia Beach trafficking operation leads to 4 arrests. WTVR CBS 6

Wisconsin WI · Midwest

#50 of 51

91	1.5	230
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

> **Dec 2025** Four charged in trafficking probe tied to Franklin strip club. FOX6 Milwaukee

Washington WA · West

#5 of 51

395	4.9	969
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

> **Jun 2026** Aurora Avenue sweep: arrests and victims rescued in Seattle. FOX 13 Seattle

Wyoming WY · West · Priority

#28 of 51

16	2.7	28
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

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West Virginia WV · South

#38 of 51

41	2.3	73
CASES	PER 100K	SIGNALS

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ENGAGEMENT PLAN

From briefing to a statewide shield

Start in the priority region, prove it, then scale state by state.

PHASE 1 · 90 DAYS

Baseline and briefing

- State task force briefing with this map and the 2025 hotline data.
- Expert review of the five Shield Project books.
- ATRC provider and funding inventory for one state.

PHASE 2 · 2027

Pilot

- Shield curriculum in pilot schools, parent groups and churches.
- Court coordinator pilot in one judicial district.
- Quarterly aggregate reporting to the governor and attorney general.

PHASE 3 · 2027 – 2028

Scale

- Regional rollout across the priority region.
- Funding-to-outcome audits for every state grant.
- Same survivor protections and audit trail in every state.

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Decision requested

Authorize a scoping session with the state anti-trafficking task force to set owners, data boundaries and success measures for a Shield Project pilot.

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