

RANKING OF THE 100 MOST POPULOUS U.S. CITIES 12/7/2007 – 12/31/2016

OVERVIEW OF THE DATA

The following information is based on incoming communication to the National Human Trafficking Hotline via phone, email, and online tip report from December 7, 2007 – December 31, 2016 about human trafficking cases and issues related to human trafficking in the United States and U.S. territories. The statistics below are representative of calls and cases reported to the National Hotline and should not be taken as a comprehensive report on the scale or scope of human trafficking within each city.

RANKING BY NUMBER OF CALLS

The following statistics are based solely on substantive calls about human trafficking and issues related to human trafficking made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline between December 7, 2007 and December 31, 2016. Substantive calls do not include hang-ups, missed calls, wrong numbers, and calls in which the caller's reason for calling is unknown. Any communication with the hotline regarding topics unrelated to human trafficking is not included in this report.

RANKING BY TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS		
RANK	LOCATION	TOTAL # OF CALLS
1	Houston, Texas	3,634
2	New York, New York	3,074
3	Los Angeles, California	2,803
4	Washington, District of Columbia	2,730
5	Chicago, Illinois	2,098
6	Las Vegas, Nevada	1,498
7	Atlanta, Georgia	1,497
8	Columbus, Ohio	1,466
9	Dallas, Texas	1,380
10	San Diego, California	1,333
11	Miami, Florida	1,228
12	San Francisco, California	1,102
13	Sacramento, California	1,100
14	Austin, Texas	969
15	San Antonio, Texas	866
16	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	853
17	Seattle, Washington	838
18	Phoenix, Arizona	823
19	Baltimore, Maryland	803
20	Orlando, Florida	790
21	Portland, Oregon	734
22	Detroit, Michigan	666
23	Charlotte, North Carolina	655

RANKING BY NUMBER OF CALLS PER CAPITA		
RANK	LOCATION	# OF CALLS PER 100,000 PEOPLE ¹
1	Washington, District of Columbia	401
2	Atlanta, Georgia	317
3	Orlando, Florida	285
4	Miami, Florida	271
5	Las Vegas, Nevada	237
6	Sacramento, California	222
7	St. Louis, Missouri	198
8	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	176
9 ²	Columbus, Ohio	170
9 ²	Richmond, Virginia	170
11	Houston, Texas	158
12	Tampa, Florida	155
13	Cleveland, Ohio	135
14 ²	Toledo, Ohio	131
14 ²	Baltimore, Maryland	131
16	San Francisco, California	127
17	Seattle, Washington	119
18	Portland, Oregon	115
19 ²	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	112
19 ²	Fresno, California	112
21 ²	San Bernardino, California	111
21 ²	Cincinnati, Ohio	111
23	New Orleans, Louisiana	110

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24	San Jose, California	653
25	Boston, Massachusetts	647
26	St. Louis, Missouri	617
27	Tampa, Florida	586
28	Fresno, California	583
29	Denver, Colorado	564
30	Cleveland, Ohio	520
31	Louisville, Kentucky	468
32	Nashville, Tennessee	467
33	Oakland, California	450
34	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	432
35	New Orleans, Louisiana	429
36	Raleigh, North Carolina	415
37	Indianapolis, Indiana	405
38 ²	Kansas City, Missouri	400
38 ²	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	400
40	Richmond, Virginia	379
41	Fort Worth, Texas	378
42	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	377
43	Toledo, Ohio	365
44	Minneapolis, Minnesota	360
45	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	340
46	Cincinnati, Ohio	331
47	Tulsa, Oklahoma	324
48	Jacksonville, Florida	320
49	Riverside, California	319
50	Albuquerque, New Mexico	291
51	Santa Ana, California	283
52	Stockton, California	280
53	Tucson, Arizona	265
54	Newark, New Jersey	260
55	Colorado Springs, Colorado	257
56	Lubbock, Texas	256
57	Omaha, Nebraska	255
58	Memphis, Tennessee	247
59	Bakersfield, California	242
60	San Bernardino, California	241
61	El Paso, Texas	240
62	Wichita, Kansas	237
63	St. Paul, Minnesota	220

24	Oakland, California	107
25	Dallas, Texas	105
26	Austin, Texas	102
27	Lubbock, Texas	101
28	Detroit, Michigan	99
29	Riverside, California	98
30	Boston, Massachusetts	96
31	San Diego, California	95
32	Newark, New Jersey	92
33	Stockton, California	91
34	Raleigh, North Carolina	90
35	Minneapolis, Minnesota	87
36	Santa Ana, California	85
37 ²	St. Petersburg, Florida	83
37 ²	Kansas City, Missouri	83
39	Denver, Colorado	81
40	Tulsa, Oklahoma	80
41 ²	Charlotte, North Carolina	78
41 ²	Chicago, Illinois	78
43	Louisville, Kentucky	76
44 ²	St. Paul, Minnesota	73
44 ²	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	73
46	Nashville, Tennessee	71
47	Los Angeles, California	70
48	Lexington, Kentucky	68
49 ²	Bakersfield, California	64
49 ²	San Jose, California	64
51	Wichita, Kansas	61
52 ²	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	59
52 ²	Aurora, Colorado	59
54 ²	San Antonio, Texas	58
54 ²	Anaheim, California	58
56	Omaha, Nebraska	57
57	Durham, North Carolina	56
58 ²	Colorado Springs, Colorado	55
58 ²	Honolulu, Hawaii	55
60	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	54
61	Albuquerque, New Mexico	52
62 ²	Phoenix, Arizona	51
62 ²	Reno, Nevada	51

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64 ²	Lexington, Kentucky	217
64 ²	St. Petersburg, Florida	217
66	Aurora, Colorado	213
67	Anaheim, California	203
68	Honolulu, Hawaii	194
69	Long Beach, California	193
70	Virginia Beach, Virginia	192
71	Arlington, Texas	155
72	Durham, North Carolina	148
73	Greensboro, North Carolina	135
74	Corpus Christi, Texas	133
75	Buffalo, New York	126
76	Reno, Nevada	124
77	Jersey City, New Jersey	118
78	Anchorage, Alaska	113
79 ²	Boise City, Idaho	107
79 ²	Irvine, California	107
81 ²	Mesa, Arizona	103
81 ²	Laredo, Texas	103
83	Lincoln, Nebraska	95
84	Norfolk, Virginia	94
85	Madison, Wisconsin	91
86 ²	Plano, Texas	71
86 ²	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	71
88	Garland, Texas	61
89	Glendale, Arizona	59
90	Fremont, California	58
91	Irving, Texas	56
92	Fort Wayne, Indiana	51
93 ²	Henderson, Nevada	36
93 ²	Scottsdale, Arizona	36
95	Chesapeake, Virginia	32
96	Chula Vista, California	19
97	Gilbert, Arizona	18
98 ²	Chandler, Arizona	17
98 ²	Hialeah, Florida	17
100	North Las Vegas, Nevada	7

64	Tucson, Arizona	50
65	Buffalo, New York	49
66	Boise City, Idaho	48
67 ²	Indianapolis, Indiana	47
67 ²	Greensboro, North Carolina	47
69	Jersey City, New Jersey	45
70	Fort Worth, Texas	44
71	Virginia Beach, Virginia	42
72 ²	Long Beach, California	41
72 ²	Corpus Christi, Texas	41
74	Laredo, Texas	40
75 ²	Arlington, Texas	39
75 ²	Irvine, California	39
77 ²	Norfolk, Virginia	38
77 ²	Anchorage, Alaska	38
77 ²	Memphis, Tennessee	38
80 ²	Jacksonville, Florida	36
80 ²	Madison, Wisconsin	36
80 ²	New York, New York	36
83	El Paso, Texas	35
84	Lincoln, Nebraska	34
85	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	29
86	Garland, Texas	26
87 ²	Fremont, California	25
87 ²	Plano, Texas	25
89 ²	Glendale, Arizona	24
89 ²	Irving, Texas	24
91	Mesa, Arizona	21
92	Fort Wayne, Indiana	19
93	Scottsdale, Arizona	15
94	Chesapeake, Virginia	13
95	Henderson, Nevada	12
96	Gilbert, Arizona	8
97 ²	Hialeah, Florida	7
97 ²	Chula Vista, California	7
97 ²	Chandler, Arizona	7
100	North Las Vegas, Nevada	3

¹Calculations of Calls per Capita were conducted using the July 1, 2016 Population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. These estimates are available at <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk>.

²In cases of a tie in either total calls or calls per capita, rankings were duplicated.

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RANKING BY NUMBER OF CASES

The following statistics include cases created by the National Human Trafficking Hotline. A case is a unique report, situation, or request for resources that originated as a signal to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Each case has at least one signal (call, online tip report, or email) associated with it. Cases may have multiple signals and/or multiple signalers based on the details of the case. Each case included in this report was evaluated for evidence of potential human trafficking and was determined to have either high or moderate indicators of human trafficking.

RANKING BY TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES		
RANK	LOCATION	TOTAL # OF CASES
1	Houston, Texas	1,021
2	Los Angeles, California	884
3	New York, New York	759
4	Washington, District of Columbia	596
5	Chicago, Illinois	507
6	Las Vegas, Nevada	499
7	Atlanta, Georgia	399
8	Dallas, Texas	370
9	Miami, Florida	364
10	Columbus, Ohio	356
11	San Diego, California	335
12	San Francisco, California	302
13	Sacramento, California	294
14	Baltimore, Maryland	240
15	Orlando, Florida	230
16	Phoenix, Arizona	229
17	Detroit, Michigan	223
18	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	202
19	Portland, Oregon	188
20	San Jose, California	184
21	Austin, Texas	183
22	Seattle, Washington	181
23	San Antonio, Texas	174
24	Oakland, California	170
25	Tampa, Florida	165
26	Fresno, California	155
27	Boston, Massachusetts	154
28	New Orleans, Louisiana	151
29	Charlotte, North Carolina	141
30	Denver, Colorado	133

RANKING BY NUMBER OF CASES PER CAPITA		
RANK	LOCATION	# OF CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE ³
1	Washington, District of Columbia	87
2	Atlanta, Georgia	84
3	Orlando, Florida	83
4	Miami, Florida	80
5	Las Vegas, Nevada	79
6	Sacramento, California	59
7 ⁴	Houston, Texas	44
7 ⁴	Tampa, Florida	44
9 ⁴	Columbus, Ohio	41
9 ⁴	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	41
11	Oakland, California	40
12 ⁴	Baltimore, Maryland	39
12 ⁴	New Orleans, Louisiana	39
14 ⁴	St. Louis, Missouri	35
14 ⁴	San Francisco, California	35
16	Detroit, Michigan	33
17	Cincinnati, Ohio	31
18 ⁴	Toledo, Ohio	30
18 ⁴	Fresno, California	30
18 ⁴	San Bernardino, California	30
21 ⁴	Portland, Oregon	29
21 ⁴	Cleveland, Ohio	29
23	Dallas, Texas	28
24	Richmond, Virginia	27
25	Seattle, Washington	26
26	San Diego, California	24
27 ⁴	Kansas City, Missouri	23
27 ⁴	Newark, New Jersey	23
27 ⁴	Boston, Massachusetts	23
30 ⁴	Los Angeles, California	22

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31	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	130
32	Indianapolis, Indiana	122
33	Kansas City, Missouri	113
34	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	112
35 ⁴	Cleveland, Ohio	110
35 ⁴	St. Louis, Missouri	110
37	Louisville, Kentucky	98
38 ⁴	Memphis, Tennessee	94
38 ⁴	Cincinnati, Ohio	94
38 ⁴	Baton Rouge, Louisiana	94
41	Fort Worth, Texas	90
42	Jacksonville, Florida	89
43	Minneapolis, Minnesota	87
44	Nashville, Tennessee	83
45	Toledo, Ohio	83
46	Albuquerque, New Mexico	79
47 ⁴	Colorado Springs, Colorado	75
47 ⁴	Bakersfield, California	75
49 ⁴	Tulsa, Oklahoma	72
49 ⁴	Honolulu, Hawaii	72
49 ⁴	Riverside, California	72
52	Raleigh, North Carolina	71
53	Santa Ana, California	66
54	Newark, New Jersey	65
55 ⁴	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	64
55 ⁴	San Bernardino, California	64
57	Anaheim, California	63
58	Stockton, California	62
59	Richmond, Virginia	61
60 ⁴	Long Beach, California	58
60 ⁴	Omaha, Nebraska	58
62	Wichita, Kansas	57
63	Virginia Beach, Virginia	52
64	Reno, Nevada	51
65	Tucson, Arizona	48
66	Lexington, Kentucky	46
67	El Paso, Texas	45
68	Greensboro, North Carolina	42
69	St. Paul, Minnesota	39
70 ⁴	Corpus Christi, Texas	37

30 ⁴	Riverside, California	22
32 ⁴	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	21
32 ⁴	Minneapolis, Minnesota	21
32 ⁴	Reno, Nevada	21
35 ⁴	Honolulu, Hawaii	20
35 ⁴	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	20
35 ⁴	Stockton, California	20
35 ⁴	Bakersfield, California	20
35 ⁴	Santa Ana, California	20
40 ⁴	Austin, Texas	19
40 ⁴	Denver, Colorado	19
40 ⁴	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	19
40 ⁴	Chicago, Illinois	19
44 ⁴	Anaheim, California	18
44 ⁴	San Jose, California	18
44 ⁴	Tulsa, Oklahoma	18
47	Charlotte, North Carolina	17
48 ⁴	Colorado Springs, Colorado	16
48 ⁴	Louisville, Kentucky	16
50 ⁴	Raleigh, North Carolina	15
50 ⁴	Greensboro, North Carolina	15
50 ⁴	Wichita, Kansas	15
53 ⁴	Lexington, Kentucky	14
53 ⁴	Memphis, Tennessee	14
53 ⁴	Indianapolis, Indiana	14
53 ⁴	Phoenix, Arizona	14
53 ⁴	St. Petersburg, Florida	14
53 ⁴	Albuquerque, New Mexico	14
53 ⁴	Durham, North Carolina	14
60 ⁴	Buffalo, New York	13
60 ⁴	Omaha, Nebraska	13
60 ⁴	St. Paul, Minnesota	13
60 ⁴	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	13
60 ⁴	Jersey City, New Jersey	13
60 ⁴	Norfolk, Virginia	13
60 ⁴	Nashville, Tennessee	13
67 ⁴	Long Beach, California	12
67 ⁴	San Antonio, Texas	12
69 ⁴	Virginia Beach, Virginia	11
69 ⁴	Corpus Christi, Texas	11

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70 ⁴	St. Petersburg, Florida	37
72	Durham, North Carolina	36
73 ⁴	Jersey City, New Jersey	34
73 ⁴	Buffalo, New York	34
75 ⁴	Mesa, Arizona	31
75 ⁴	Arlington, Texas	31
75 ⁴	Norfolk, Virginia	31
78	Irvine, California	29
79 ⁴	Aurora, Colorado	24
79 ⁴	Madison, Wisconsin	24
81	Laredo, Texas	23
82	Lincoln, Nebraska	21
83 ⁴	Anchorage, Alaska	19
83 ⁴	Lubbock, Texas	19
83 ⁴	Glendale, Arizona	19
83 ⁴	Garland, Texas	19
87	Fort Wayne, Indiana	17
88 ⁴	Scottsdale, Arizona	15
88 ⁴	Fremont, California	15
90 ⁴	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	14
90 ⁴	Irving, Texas	14
90 ⁴	Chesapeake, Virginia	14
90 ⁴	Boise City, Idaho	14
94 ⁴	Plano, Texas	9
94 ⁴	Chula Vista, California	9
96	Chandler, Arizona	8
97 ⁴	Gilbert, Arizona	6
97 ⁴	Hialeah, Florida	6
99 ⁴	Henderson, Nevada	Redacted ⁵
99 ⁴	North Las Vegas, Nevada	Redacted ⁵

69 ⁴	Irvine, California	11
69 ⁴	Fort Worth, Texas	11
73 ⁴	Jacksonville, Florida	10
73 ⁴	Madison, Wisconsin	10
75 ⁴	Tucson, Arizona	9
75 ⁴	Laredo, Texas	9
75 ⁴	New York, New York	9
78 ⁴	Garland, Texas	8
78 ⁴	Arlington, Texas	8
78 ⁴	Glendale, Arizona	8
78 ⁴	Lubbock, Texas	8
82 ⁴	Lincoln, Nebraska	7
82 ⁴	Aurora, Colorado	7
82 ⁴	El Paso, Texas	7
85 ⁴	Fremont, California	6
85 ⁴	Fort Wayne, Indiana	6
85 ⁴	Mesa, Arizona	6
85 ⁴	Anchorage, Alaska	6
85 ⁴	Boise City, Idaho	6
85 ⁴	Scottsdale, Arizona	6
85 ⁴	Chesapeake, Virginia	6
85 ⁴	Irving, Texas	6
85 ⁴	Winston-Salem, North Carolina	6
94 ⁴	Chula Vista, California	3
94 ⁴	Chandler, Arizona	3
94 ⁴	Plano, Texas	3
94 ⁴	Hialeah, Florida	3
94 ⁴	Gilbert, Arizona	3
99 ⁴	Henderson, Nevada	Redacted ⁵
99 ⁴	North Las Vegas, Nevada	Redacted ⁵

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⁴In cases of a tie in either total cases or cases per capita, rankings were duplicated.

⁵To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to cities referenced fewer than three times.

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Important Notes:

⁶Each situation of trafficking reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline was assessed for indicators of human trafficking and was found to have at least moderate- or high-level indicators. Assessments are made based on the information reported to the hotline. The National Hotline is not able to verify the accuracy of reported information.

⁷These statistics are accurate as of June 6, 2017. They may be subject to change as new information emerges.

⁸The rankings above are based only on a comparison of the top 100 most populous U.S. Cities. Numbers of calls and cases from less populous cities were not taken into consideration. The 100 most populous U.S. cities were determined using the July 1, 2016 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. These estimates were obtained from <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk> on May 31, 2017.