

Connecticut State Report: 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

#### **OVERVIEW OF INCOMING SIGNALS**

The following information is based on incoming communication with the National Human Trafficking Hotline from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 about human trafficking cases and issues related to human trafficking in Connecticut. Communication can take the form of **phone calls, online tip reports, or emails**. Communication regarding topics unrelated to human trafficking are not included in this report. In 2016, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received a total of **34,068** phone calls, emails, or online tip reports nationwide.







### **SUBSTANTIVE CALL DATA**

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 January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 from callers in Connecticut at the time of their call. Substantive calls exclude hang-ups, missed calls, wrong numbers, and calls in which the caller's reason for calling is unknown.

#### **Number of Substantive Calls Received from Connecticut: 199**

This constitutes the 31st highest call volume of all 50 states and Washington, D.C. in 2016.

CALLER TYPE	# OF CALLS	% of Calls
Victim of Trafficking	49	24.6%
Community Member	29	14.6%
NGO Representative	26	13.1%
Family of Trafficking Victim	15	7.5%
Victim of Other Crime	14	7.0%
Legal Professional	10	5.0%
Student	8	4.0%
Victim of Labor Exploitation	7	3.5%
Government Official	6	3.0%
Medical Professional	6	3.0%
Mental Health Professional	6	3.0%
Friend of Trafficking Victim	5	2.5%
Buyer of Commercial Sex	5	2.5%
Other	4	2.0%
Law Enforcement	4	2.0%
Educator/School Personnel	3	1.5%
Caller Types Referenced Fewer than Three Times <sup>1</sup>	2	1.0%
TOTAL # OF SUBSTANTIVE CALLS	199	100.0%

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HOW CALLER FOUND THE NATIONAL HOTLINE	# OF CALLS	% OF CALLS
211/311	26	13.1%
Internet-Web Search	6	3.0%
Referral	5	2.5%
Contact Involved in Case	4	2.0%
Television	2	1.0%
Conference/Training/Presentation	1	0.5%
Unknown	155	77.9%
TOTAL # OF CALLS	199	100.0%

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE DATA**

Each request submitted to the hotline is evaluated for evidence of potential human trafficking. In Connecticut, a total of 54 unique cases (incidents) of potential human trafficking were reported to the hotline.

PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTACTING THE NATIONAL HOTLINE	# OF CASES	% of Cases
Report a Trafficking Tip	27	50.0%
Access Service Referrals	17	31.5%
Request Crisis Assistance	5	9.3%
Request General Information <sup>2</sup>	5	9.3%
TOTAL # OF CASES	54	100.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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
Sex	43	79.6%
Venue Not Specified	18	33.3%
Commercial Front Brothel	8	14.8%
Hotel/Motel-Based	6	11.1%
Online Ad, Venue Unknown³	6	11.1%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>4</sup>	5	9.3%
Labor	5	9.3%
Traveling Sales Crew	3	5.6%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>4</sup>	2	3.7%
Sex and Labor	3	5.6%
Trafficking Type Not Specified <sup>5</sup>	3	5.6%
TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES	54	100.0%



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<sup>3</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.

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<sup>5</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.

VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS <sup>6</sup> (LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES)	# of <u>Cases</u>	% of <u>Cases</u>
Adults	8	14.8%
Minors	Fewer than Three <sup>7</sup>	N/A
Females	8	14.8%
Males	3	5.6%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>7</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>7</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming Individuals	Fewer than Three <sup>7</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	4	7.4%
Foreign Nationals <sup>8</sup>	Fewer than Three <sup>7</sup>	N/A
		NON-CUMULATIVE <sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup>These statistics are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include female, male, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, adults and minors. In some cases, demographic information is not reported. This table shows the number of cases referencing each demographic and not the number of individual victims.

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8A Foreign National in this data set is defined as any individual who is not currently a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident.

VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS <sup>9</sup> (SEX TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF <u>Cases</u>	% of <u>Cases</u>
Adults	33	61.1%
Minors	11	20.4%
Females	40	74.1%
Males	Fewer than Three <sup>10</sup>	N/A
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three <sup>10</sup>	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three <sup>10</sup>	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming Individuals	Fewer than Three <sup>10</sup>	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	15	27.8%
Foreign Nationals <sup>11</sup>	4	7.4%
		NON-CUMULATIVE <sup>9</sup>

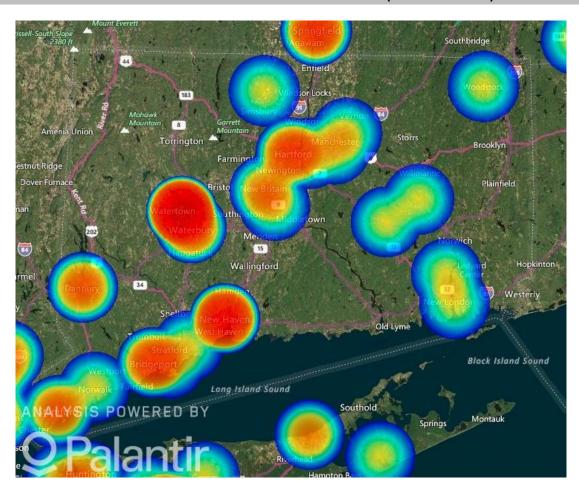
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## LOCATION OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES (WHERE KNOWN)12



<sup>12</sup>The image above is a heat map which reflects the cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Areas in which greater numbers of cases were reported contain more red shading. This map only reflects cases in which the location of the potential trafficking was known. Some cases may involve more than one location.

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**Important Note:** 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. The National Human Trafficking Hotline cannot verify the accuracy of the information reported. This is not a comprehensive report on the scale or scope of human trafficking within the state. These statistics are accurate as of March 8, 2017. They may be subject to change as new information emerges.