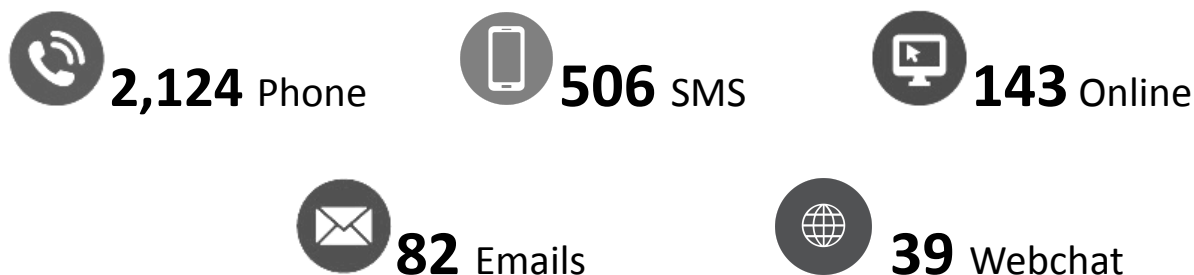## OVERVIEW OF INCOMING SIGNALS

*The following information is based on incoming communication with the National Human Trafficking Hotline from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 about human trafficking cases and issues related to human trafficking in Florida. Communication can take the form of **phone calls, SMS, Webchat[1], online tip reports[2], or emails**. Communication regarding topics unrelated to human trafficking are not included in this report. In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received a total of **2,894** substantive[3] phone calls, SMS, Webchats, emails, or online tip reports from Florida.*

2,124 Phone   **506** SMS   **143** Online

82 Emails   **39** Webchat

[1] Webchats are a means of communicating with NHTH staff directly on the website using the online chat feature
[2] Online tip reports are a standardized form which can be completed on the website, allowing signalers to provide details without directly interacting with NHTH staff.
[3] Substantive signals excludes hang-ups, wrong numbers, missed signals and signals in which the Hotline could not determine the signaler's reason for contacting the Hotline

SUBSTANTIVE SIGNAL DATA

The following statistics are based solely on substantive signals about human trafficking and issues related to human trafficking made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 from signalers in Florida at the time of their signal. Substantive signals exclude hang-ups, missed calls, wrong numbers, and signals in which the signaler's reason for contacting is unknown.

Number of Substantive Signals Received from Florida: 2,894
This constitutes the 3rd highest signal volume of all 50 states and Washington, D.C. in 2020.

SIGNALER TYPE	# OF SIGNALS	% OF SIGNALS
Victim of Trafficking	1,146	40%
Community Member	469	16%
Victim of Other Crime	242	8%
Other[1]	218	8%
NGO Representative	188	7%
Medical Professional	123	4%
Family Member of a Potential Victim of Trafficking	96	3%
Friend of Potential Victim of Trafficking	86	3%
Not Specified	68	2%
Victim of Labor Exploitation	64	2%

Law Enforcement	35	1%
Government Official	27	1%
Legal Professional	23	1%
Mental Health Professional	22	1%
Acquaintance of Trafficker	19	1%
Business	16	1%
Trucker	14	0.5%
Educator/School Personnel	12	0.5%
Faith-Based Representative	9	0%
Buyer of Commercial Sex	6	0%
Trucker	5	0%
Airline/Airport Personnel	4	0%
Caller Types Referenced Fewer than Three Times[2]	2	0%
TOTAL # OF SUBSTANTIVE SIGNALS	**2,894**	**100%**

[1]Other is selected when the signaler specifies a Signaler Type that is not listed and does not logically fit any of the existing categories.

[2] To protect the identity of the people we serve, the National Human Trafficking Hotline does not disclose exact statistics related to venues, industries, victim information or caller information referenced fewer than three times.

DATA ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS

Each request submitted to the Hotline is evaluated for evidence of potential human trafficking. **In Florida, a total of 781 unique situations (incidents) of potential human trafficking were reported to the Hotline.**

PRIMARY REASON FOR CONTACTING THE NATIONAL HOTLINE	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
Access Service Referrals	222	28%
Report a Trafficking Tip	514	66%
Request Crisis Assistance	45	6%
Request General Information[2]	0	0%
TOTAL # OF SITUATIONS	**781**	**100%**

[2]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 Hotline for technical assistance.

VENUE/INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
Sex	**574**	**73%**
Venue Not Specified	272	48%
Hotel/Motel-Based	56	10%
Illicit Massage/Spa Business	55	10%
Pornography	53	9%
Residence-Based Commercial Sex	36	6%

Other Venue	30	5%
Online Ad, Venue Unknown	24	4%
Escort/Delivery Service	15	3%
Street -Based	12	2%
Hostess/Strip Club-Based	8	1%
Other Venue/Industry	7	1%
Bar/Club	5	1%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases[4]	1	0%
Labor	**99**	**13%**
Agriculture/Farms	20	21%
Venue/Industry Not Specified	14	14%
Domestic Work	11	11%
Hospitality	9	9%
Construction	8	8%
Restaurant/Food Service	6	6%
Retail/Other Small Business	6	6%
Illicit Activity	4	4%
Arts/Entertainment	3	3%
Hostess/Strip Club	3	3%
Traveling Sales Crew	3	3%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases[4]	12	12%
Sex and Labor	**37**	**5%**
Trafficking Type Not Specified[5]	**71**	**9%**
TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS	**781**	**100%**

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[5]Cases where trafficking type is not specified typically occur when a law enforcement agent or service provider contacts the 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 Hotline through anonymous online tip reports.

VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS[6]	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
Adults	579	74%
Minors	151	19%
Females	638	82
Males	115	15%
Another Gender Identity[7]	Fewer than Three Times[10]	
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	49	6%
Foreign Nationals[8]	105	13%
		NON-CUMULATIVE[9]

[6]*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.*
[7]*Other gender identities include any individuals whose gender identified was not cisgender male or female. This would include individuals who identify as transgender male, transgender female, two-spirit, agender, genderfluid, or other specified genders. At times, this information is self-reported. Other times NHTH staff may explicitly ask about gender identity for the purposes of connecting that person with appropriate service provider resources to meet their needs. Situations where the likely victims' gender was unstated or unclear due to conflicting information are recorded as Unknown.*
[8]*A Foreign National in this data set is defined as any individual who is not currently a US Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident.*
[9]*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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