

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 Virginia. 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.



622 Phone Calls



78 Emails



46 Online Tip Reports

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 Virginia 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 Virginia: 622

This constitutes the 9th highest call volume of all 50 states and Washington, D.C. in 2016.

CALLER TYPE	# OF CALLS	% OF CALLS
Community Member	194	31.2%
Victim of Trafficking	90	14.5%
Family of Trafficking Victim	63	10.1%
NGO Representative	61	9.8%
Victim of Other Crime	40	6.4%
Victim of Labor Exploitation	31	5.0%
Other	21	3.4%
Law Enforcement	14	2.3%
Government Official	14	2.3%
Educator/School Personnel	13	2.1%
Legal Professional	13	2.1%
Faith-Based Representative	11	1.8%
Friend of Trafficking Victim	10	1.6%
Student	9	1.4%
Business	7	1.1%
Not Specified	6	1.0%
Acquaintance of Trafficker	5	0.8%
Medical Professional	5	0.8%
Military Personnel	4	0.6%
Airline/Airport Personnel	3	0.5%
Mental Health Professional	3	0.5%

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Caller Types Referenced Fewer than Three Times ¹	5	0.8%
TOTAL # OF SUBSTANTIVE CALLS	622	100.0%

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HOW CALLER FOUND THE NATIONAL HOTLINE	# OF CALLS	% OF CALLS
Referral	32	5.1%
Internet-Web Search	21	3.4%
DOS Know Your Rights Pamphlet	15	2.4%
Polaris	8	1.3%
Television	5	0.8%
Poster	3	0.5%
Conference/Training/Presentation	2	0.3%
Other	2	0.3%
Word of Mouth	2	0.3%
DHS Blue Campaign	1	0.2%
Newspaper-Magazine	1	0.2%
Pamphlet/Brochure/Leaflet	1	0.2%
Unknown	529	85.0%
TOTAL # OF CALLS	622	100.0%

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE DATA

Each request submitted to the hotline is evaluated for evidence of potential human trafficking. **In Virginia, a total of 148 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	115	77.7%
Access Service Referrals	23	15.5%
Request Crisis Assistance	6	4.1%
Request General Information ²	3	2.0%
Request T&TA ²	1	0.7%
TOTAL # OF CASES	148	100.0%

²Requests 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.

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VENUE/INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Sex	105	70.9%
Venue Not Specified	36	24.3%
Commercial Front Brothel	30	20.3%
Hotel/Motel-Based	14	9.5%
Online Ad, Venue Unknown ³	6	4.1%
Escort/Delivery Service	6	4.1%
Pornography	3	2.0%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases ⁴	7	4.7%
Labor	30	20.3%
Domestic Work	8	5.4%
Traveling Sales Crew	6	4.1%
Restaurant/Food Service	3	2.0%
Industry Not Specified	3	2.0%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases ⁴	10	6.8%
Sex and Labor	5	3.4%
Trafficking Type Not Specified⁵	8	5.4%
TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES	148	100.0%

³Online 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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⁵Cases 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 ⁶ (LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Adults	19	12.8%
Minors	15	10.1%
Females	24	16.2%
Males	19	12.8%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three ⁷	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three ⁷	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming Individuals	Fewer than Three ⁷	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	5	3.4%
Foreign Nationals ⁸	18	12.2%
NON-CUMULATIVE⁶		

⁶These 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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VICTIM DEMOGRAPHICS ⁹ (SEX TRAFFICKING CASES)	# OF CASES	% OF CASES
Adults	68	45.9%
Minors	46	31.1%
Females	101	68.2%
Males	6	4.1%
Transgender Females	Fewer than Three ¹⁰	N/A
Transgender Males	Fewer than Three ¹⁰	N/A
Gender Non-Conforming Individuals	Fewer than Three ¹⁰	N/A
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	25	16.9%
Foreign Nationals ¹¹	25	16.9%
NON-CUMULATIVE⁹		

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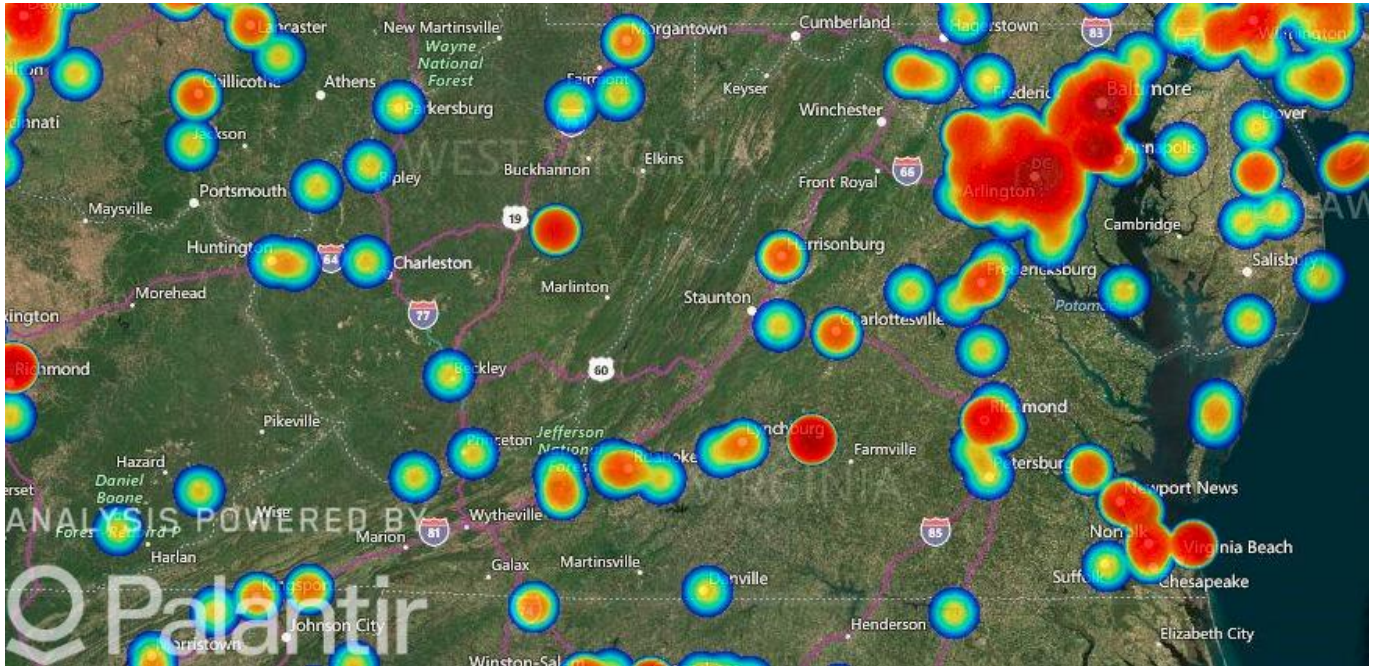
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LOCATION OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING CASES (WHERE KNOWN)¹²



¹²The 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.

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.