

## OVERVIEW OF INCOMING SIGNALS

The following information is based on incoming communication with the National Human Trafficking Hotline from January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 about human trafficking cases and issues related to human trafficking in New York. Communication can take the form of **phone calls, SMS, Webchat<sup>1</sup>, online tip reports<sup>2</sup>, or emails**. Communication regarding topics unrelated to human trafficking are not included in this report. In 2020, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received a total of **1,739** substantive<sup>3</sup> phone calls, SMS, Webchats, emails, or online tip reports from New York.



<sup>1</sup> Webchats are a means of communicating with hotline staff directly on the website using the online chat feature

<sup>2</sup> Online tip reports are a standardized form which can be completed on the website, allowing signalers to provide details without directly interacting with hotline staff.

<sup>3</sup> Substantive signals excludes hang-ups, wrong numbers, missed signals and signals in which the National 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, 2020 and December 31, 2020 from signalers in New York 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 New York: **1739**

This constitutes the 4th highest signal volume of all 50 states and Washington, D.C. in 2020.

SIGNALER TYPE	# OF SIGNALS	% OF SIGNALS
Victim of Trafficking	628	36%
Other	367	21%
Community Member	216	12%
NGO Representative	147	8%
Victim of Other Crime	99	6%
Family of Trafficking Victim	52	3%
Friend of Trafficking Victim	48	3%
Not Specified	48	3%
Medical Professional	24	1%
Law Enforcement	21	1%

Legal Professional	17	1%
Victim of Labor Exploitation	14	1%
Government Official	12	1%
Mental Health Professional	11	1%
Acquaintance of Trafficker	8	0%
Student	7	0%
Business	6	0%
Buyer of Commercial Sex	6	0%
Educator/School Personnel	3	0%
Caller Types Referenced Fewer than Three Times <sup>1</sup>	5	0%
<b>TOTAL # OF SUBSTANTIVE SIGNALS</b>	<b>1739</b>	

<sup>1</sup>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 New York, a total of 414 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	108	26%
Report a Trafficking Tip	283	68%
Request Crisis Assistance	23	6%
Request General Information <sup>2</sup>	0	0%
<b>TOTAL # OF SITUATIONS</b>	<b>414</b>	

<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 SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
<b>Sex</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>72%</b>
Venue Not Specified	130	31%
Illicit Massage/Spa Business	47	11%
Pornography	28	7%
Residence-Based Commercial Sex	24	6%
Online Ad, Venue Unknown	21	5%
Other Venue	19	5%
Hotel/Motel-Based	19	5%
Escort/Delivery Service	6	1%

Street-Based	5	1%
Venues Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>4</sup>	1	0%
<b>Labor</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>12%</b>
Domestic Work	16	4%
Industry Not Specified	11	3%
Illicit Activity	6	1%
Health & Beauty Services	3	1%
Peddling Ring	3	1%
Industries Referenced in Fewer than Three Cases <sup>4</sup>	12	3%
<b>Sex and Labor</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Trafficking Type Not Specified<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>49</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>TOTAL # OF POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING SITUATIONS</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<sup>3</sup>Internet-based 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>	# OF SITUATIONS	% OF SITUATIONS
Adults	292	71%
Minors	74	18%
Females	341	82%
Males	43	10%
Gender Minorities <sup>7</sup>	5	1%
US Citizens/Legal Permanent Residents	27	7%
Foreign Nationals <sup>8</sup>	65	16%
<b>NON-CUMULATIVE<sup>9</sup></b>		

<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.

<sup>7</sup>Gender minorities includes 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

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

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# NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE DATA REPORT

## New York State Report: 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020

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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, SMS, Webchat 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 07/01/2021. They may be subject to change as new information emerges.*