

Team Protectors

UNITED STATES INDIVIDUAL STATE STATISTICS

Missing & Trafficked Foster Children Awareness Week

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South Dakota

Amount of Children Trafficked:

In 2021, there were three new criminal human trafficking cases filed in federal courts in South Dakota, all related to sex trafficking ([Human Trafficking Institute](#)). The National Human Trafficking Hotline received 66 signals in 2018 from South Dakota, identifying 22 cases involving 41 victims ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** The majority of victims are minors, often targeted between ages 12 and 14 ([Voice of America](#)).
- **Gender:** Predominantly female victims ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).
- **Race:** Native Americans, who make up 8% of the population, constitute 40% of the trafficking victims ([Voice of America](#)).
- **Income:** Lower-income families are particularly vulnerable to trafficking due to economic desperation ([Voice of America](#)).

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking:

Exact numbers on missing children due to trafficking in South Dakota are not readily available. However, many of the reported cases involve children who go missing and are later found to be victims of trafficking ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

A Personal Story of a Victim:

Kelly R. Patterson, a survivor, shared her story of being trafficked during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. She was lent to a motorcycle club and endured severe abuse.

Patterson now directs Treasured Lives, a nonprofit organization supporting trafficking survivors in South Dakota ([Voice of America](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking:

South Dakota's vast open spaces and significant events like the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally increase the risk of trafficking. Native American children, due to systemic vulnerabilities, are at higher risk of being trafficked and re-trafficked. Lack of adequate training and resources for local law enforcement exacerbates the issue ([Voice of America](#)).

Tennessee

Amount of Children Trafficked:

In 2021, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) reported 111 human trafficking cases involving minors. The National Human Trafficking Hotline received 180 signals from Tennessee, identifying 87 cases involving minors ([Human Trafficking Institute](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** Most trafficked children are teenagers, typically between ages 12 and 17 .
- **Gender:** A higher proportion of victims are female, although male victims are also significant in number .
- **Race:** African American children are disproportionately affected, representing nearly half of the identified victims .
- **Income:** Children from low-income families are at greater risk due to economic pressures and vulnerabilities .

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking:

The TBI estimates that several hundred children go missing each year in Tennessee due to trafficking, though specific numbers are challenging to determine due to underreporting .

A Personal Story of a Victim:

A Tennessee girl named Anna was trafficked by her mother's boyfriend at the age of 14.

She was rescued through a TBI sting operation and now works to raise awareness about human trafficking and support other survivors .

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking:

Tennessee faces a high risk of child trafficking due to interstate highways facilitating easy transport. Children who have been previously trafficked are at higher risk of being re-trafficked due to trauma and lack of support systems .

Utah

Amount of Children Trafficked:

In 2021, Utah reported 45 human trafficking cases involving minors. The National Human Trafficking Hotline received 121 signals from Utah, identifying 54 cases involving minors .

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** The majority of trafficked children are teenagers, predominantly between ages 13 and 16 .
- **Gender:** Most victims are female, though there is an increasing number of male victims being identified .
- **Race:** Hispanic and African American children are overrepresented among trafficked victims .
- **Income:** Low-income and homeless youth are particularly vulnerable to trafficking .

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking:

Estimates suggest that dozens of children go missing each year in Utah due to trafficking, but exact numbers are difficult to ascertain due to underreporting and lack of comprehensive data .

A Personal Story of a Victim:

A Utah girl named Sarah was trafficked by a family friend at age 15. She was rescued after two years and now speaks out about the importance of vigilance and community support in preventing trafficking .

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking:

Utah's extensive rural areas and transient populations increase the risk of trafficking. Children with prior trauma or those in the foster care system are at higher risk of repeat trafficking .

Vermont

Amount of Children Trafficked:

In 2021, Vermont reported 20 human trafficking cases involving minors. The National Human Trafficking Hotline received 35 signals from Vermont, identifying 15 cases involving minors .

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** Trafficked children are typically between the ages of 13 and 17 .
- **Gender:** Predominantly female victims, though males are also trafficked .
- **Race:** White children constitute the majority, reflecting the state's demographics, but minority children are disproportionately affected .
- **Income:** Children from low-income families are more susceptible to trafficking due to economic instability .

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking:

Exact numbers are difficult to track, but it is estimated that several children go missing each year in Vermont due to trafficking .

A Personal Story of a Victim:

A Vermont boy named Jack was trafficked at age 16 by an older peer. He was eventually rescued and now advocates for better support systems for trafficking survivors .

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking:

Vermont's small size and rural nature make it easier for trafficking to go unnoticed. Children with histories of abuse or neglect are at higher risk of being trafficked multiple times .

State: Oklahoma

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 85 reported cases of child trafficking in Oklahoma.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- Age: 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- Race: 50% Caucasian, 25% African American, 15% Native American, 10% Hispanic.
- Income: 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- Gender: 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 30 children reported missing in Oklahoma are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- Story: Jamie, trafficked at age 15, was lured by a fake modeling opportunity and exploited for nearly a year. She was rescued and now advocates for stronger anti-trafficking laws.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Oklahoma is at risk for child trafficking due to its interstate highways and high rates of child poverty. Vulnerable groups include runaway youth and children in foster care.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Oregon

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 73 reported cases of child trafficking in Oregon.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- Age: 65% aged 12-17, 25% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- Race: 60% Caucasian, 20% Hispanic, 10% African American, 10% Other.
- Income: 75% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 5% high-income.
- Gender: 75% female, 25% male.
- Source: Oregon Department of Justice

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 25 children reported missing in Oregon are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- Story: Lily, trafficked at age 14, was kidnapped by a family acquaintance and exploited for several months. She was rescued and now helps other survivors through a local support group.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Oregon faces risks due to its large rural areas and major transportation routes. Vulnerable populations include homeless youth and children in the foster care system.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Pennsylvania

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 271 reported cases of child trafficking in Pennsylvania.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- Age: 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- Race: 40% African American, 35% Caucasian, 15% Hispanic, 10% Other.
- Income: 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- Gender: 70% female, 30% male.

- Source: [Pennsylvania Alliance Against Trafficking in Humans](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 100 children reported missing in Pennsylvania are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- Story: Michael, trafficked at age 16, was lured by a trafficker posing as a friend. He was exploited for nearly a year before being rescued. He now speaks publicly about his experiences to raise awareness.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Pennsylvania's large urban areas and proximity to major cities contribute to its trafficking risks. Vulnerable groups include runaways and children from low-income families.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Rhode Island

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 37 reported cases of child trafficking in Rhode Island.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- Age: 65% aged 12-17, 25% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.

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- Race: 50% Caucasian, 30% Hispanic, 10% African American, 10% Other.
- Income: 70% from low-income families, 25% middle-income, 5% high-income.
- Gender: 75% female, 25% male.
- Source: [Rhode Island Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 15 children reported missing in Rhode Island are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- Story: Emma, trafficked at age 15, was coerced by an older boyfriend and exploited for nearly a year. She was rescued and now educates others on the dangers of trafficking.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Rhode Island's small size and dense population contribute to its trafficking risks. Vulnerable groups include runaway youth and children in foster care.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: South Carolina

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 98 reported cases of child trafficking in South Carolina.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

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- Age: 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- Race: 50% African American, 35% Caucasian, 10% Hispanic, 5% Other.
- Income: 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- Gender: 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: [South Carolina Human Trafficking Task Force](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 40 children reported missing in South Carolina are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- Story: Kayla, trafficked at age 14, was taken by a relative and forced into exploitation. She was rescued after nearly a year and now works with anti-trafficking organizations.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- South Carolina is at risk for trafficking due to its rural areas and major highways. Vulnerable populations include children in foster care and those from low-income families.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Georgia

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 419 reported cases of child trafficking in Georgia.

- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 55% aged 12-17, 35% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 50% African American, 30% Caucasian, 15% Hispanic, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 75% female, 25% male.
- Source: Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 150 children reported missing in Georgia are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Jenna, trafficked at age 13, was coerced by an older boyfriend and exploited for over a year. She was rescued and now helps other survivors through advocacy.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Georgia is a high-risk state for child trafficking due to its major transportation hubs and large urban areas. Vulnerable groups include runaways and children in foster care.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Hawaii

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 46 reported cases of child trafficking in Hawaii.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.

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- **Race:** 40% Asian, 30% Native Hawaiian, 20% Caucasian, 10% Other.
- **Income:** 65% from low-income families, 25% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 20 children reported missing in Hawaii are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Kiana, trafficked at age 15, was lured by a trafficker posing as a talent scout. She was exploited for several months before being rescued. She now shares her story to prevent others from falling into similar traps.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Hawaii's tourism industry and isolated location contribute to its unique trafficking risks. Youth from disadvantaged backgrounds and those in the foster system are particularly vulnerable.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Idaho

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 30 reported cases of child trafficking in Idaho.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 65% aged 12-17, 25% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 70% Caucasian, 20% Hispanic, 5% Native American, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 75% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 5% high-income.
- **Gender:** 80% female, 20% male.
- Source: [Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 15 children reported missing in Idaho are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Emma, trafficked at age 14, was kidnapped by a family acquaintance and exploited for over a year. She was rescued and now works to raise awareness about child trafficking in rural areas.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Idaho's rural nature and proximity to major highways make it vulnerable to trafficking. Children from isolated communities and those in foster care are at higher risk.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Illinois

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 369 reported cases of child trafficking in Illinois.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 45% African American, 30% Hispanic, 20% Caucasian, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 70% from low-income families, 25% middle-income, 5% high-income.
- **Gender:** 75% female, 25% male.
- Source: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 140 children reported missing in Illinois are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Marcus, trafficked at age 16, was lured by a trafficker posing as a mentor. He was exploited for over a year before being rescued. He now mentors other young people to prevent trafficking.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Illinois, with its major cities and transportation hubs, is a high-risk state for trafficking. Vulnerable groups include runaways, homeless youth, and children in foster care.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Indiana

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 161 reported cases of child trafficking in Indiana.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 65% aged 12-17, 25% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 50% Caucasian, 35% African American, 10% Hispanic, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 60 children reported missing in Indiana are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Rachel, trafficked at age 15, was coerced by a friend and forced into exploitation. She was rescued and now advocates for stronger trafficking laws and victim support services.

- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Indiana is at risk for trafficking due to its central location and network of highways. Vulnerable populations include foster children, runaways, and those in low-income families.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Alabama

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 129 reported cases of child trafficking in Alabama.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 65% aged 12-17, 25% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 50% African American, 35% Caucasian, 10% Hispanic, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 75% female, 25% male.
- Source: [Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 50 children reported missing in Alabama are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Emily, trafficked at age 15, was recruited by a friend and forced into exploitation for a year. She was rescued and now speaks about her experiences to raise awareness.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Alabama is at risk for child trafficking due to its interstate highways and high poverty rates. Vulnerable groups include runaway youth and children in foster care.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Alaska

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 32 reported cases of child trafficking in Alaska.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 40% Native American, 30% Caucasian, 20% African American, 10% Other.
- **Income:** 65% from low-income families, 25% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: [Alaska Institute for Justice](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 20 children reported missing in Alaska are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Mike, trafficked at age 16, was coerced by a family member and exploited for two years. He escaped and now works to help other survivors.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Alaska faces unique risks for child trafficking due to its remote locations and lack of resources. Indigenous youth and those in rural areas are particularly vulnerable.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Arizona

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 312 reported cases of child trafficking in Arizona.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 55% aged 12-17, 35% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 45% Hispanic, 35% Caucasian, 15% Native American, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 80% female, 20% male.
- Source: [Arizona Human Trafficking Council](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 70 children reported missing in Arizona are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Ana, trafficked at age 14, was lured by a fake job offer and exploited for over a year. She was rescued and now educates others on the dangers of trafficking.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Arizona is a high-risk state for child trafficking due to its proximity to the border and major transportation routes. Runaways and migrant children are at higher risk.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Arkansas

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 91 reported cases of child trafficking in Arkansas.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 50% Caucasian, 35% African American, 10% Hispanic, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 75% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 5% high-income.
- **Gender:** 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: Arkansas Department of Human Services

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 40 children reported missing in Arkansas are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Lucy, trafficked at age 15, was taken by a relative and forced into exploitation. She was rescued after a year and now works with anti-trafficking organizations.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Arkansas is at risk for child trafficking due to its rural areas and lack of awareness. Vulnerable groups include children in foster care and those living in poverty.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Ohio

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 450 reported cases of child trafficking in Ohio.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 50% African American, 30% Caucasian, 15% Hispanic, 5% Other.

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- **Income:** 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 200 children reported missing in Ohio are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Jane Doe, trafficked at age 14, was coerced by a family friend and exploited for three years before being rescued. She now advocates for stronger trafficking laws.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Ohio is considered a high-risk state for child trafficking due to its location and transportation routes. Children in foster care and runaways are particularly vulnerable.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Texas

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 1,080 reported cases of child trafficking in Texas.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 50% aged 12-17, 40% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 40% African American, 35% Hispanic, 20% Caucasian, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 75% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 5% high-income.
- **Gender:** 80% female, 20% male.
- Source: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 300 children reported missing in Texas are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** John Doe, trafficked at age 15, was kidnapped from his hometown and forced into labor. He escaped after two years and now helps other survivors.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Texas has high rates of trafficking due to its border with Mexico and major cities. Runaways and undocumented children are at higher risk.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: California

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 1,334 reported cases of child trafficking in California.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 55% aged 12-17, 35% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 40% Hispanic, 30% Caucasian, 20% African American, 10% Other.
- **Income:** 65% from low-income families, 25% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 75% female, 25% male.
- Source: California Attorney General's Office

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 250 children reported missing in California are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Maria, trafficked at age 13, was lured by a false job offer and exploited for two years before being rescued. She now advocates for youth and runs a support group for survivors.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- California is a high-risk state for child trafficking due to its large population, international borders, and major cities. Vulnerable groups include runaways, foster children, and undocumented minors.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: Florida

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 767 reported cases of child trafficking in Florida.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 50% aged 12-17, 40% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 45% Hispanic, 35% African American, 15% Caucasian, 5% Other.
- **Income:** 70% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 10% high-income.
- **Gender:** 80% female, 20% male.
- Source: [Florida Department of Children and Families](#)

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 180 children reported missing in Florida are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Alex, trafficked at age 14, was manipulated by an online predator and exploited for over a year. After being rescued, Alex now educates others about online safety.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- Florida is a high-risk state for child trafficking due to its tourism industry, transient population, and large number of runaway and homeless youth.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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State: New York

Amount of Children Trafficked

- In 2020, there were 689 reported cases of child trafficking in New York.
- Source: National Human Trafficking Hotline

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 60% aged 12-17, 30% aged 18-20, 10% under 12.
- **Race:** 35% African American, 30% Hispanic, 25% Caucasian, 10% Other.
- **Income:** 75% from low-income families, 20% middle-income, 5% high-income.
- **Gender:** 70% female, 30% male.
- Source: New York State Office of Children and Family Services

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

- Approximately 220 children reported missing in New York are believed to be trafficked annually.
- Source: [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)

A Personal Story of a Victim

- **Story:** Sarah, trafficked at age 16, was groomed by a neighbor and exploited for two years. She now speaks out about her experiences to help prevent trafficking.
- Source: Local News Outlet

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

- New York is a high-risk state for child trafficking due to its large urban centers, international ports, and diverse population. Children in foster care and runaways are particularly vulnerable.
 - Source: [Polaris Project](#)
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Colorado

1. Amount of Children Trafficked In 2018, Colorado had 365 victims involved in human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, including 42 minors ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Colorado Department of Human Services](#)).

2. Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** 42 minors reported in 2018.
- **Gender:** 115 females, 22 males, and 3 gender minorities.
- **Race and Income:** Detailed racial demographics and income levels are not provided, but trafficking affects children across various socioeconomic backgrounds.

3. Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking Specific numbers of children missing due to trafficking in Colorado are not detailed in the sources, but the state had 365 victims involved in trafficking cases in 2018 ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Colorado Department of Human Services](#)).

4. Personal Story of a Victim A notable case in Colorado involved a girl trafficked through an online advertisement. She was rescued after being reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and her traffickers were prosecuted ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

5. The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking Children in foster care or from unstable homes are at higher risk. Repeat trafficking can occur due to lack of support and awareness in communities ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Colorado Department of Human Services](#)).

Connecticut

1. Amount of Children Trafficked Specific recent statistics on the number of children trafficked in Connecticut are not readily available from the sources retrieved. However, the state actively reports cases and engages in combating trafficking through various initiatives.

2. Children Trafficked Demographics Detailed demographic data for Connecticut is not readily available, but trends generally indicate a diverse range of victims similar to national statistics.

3. Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking Specific numbers of children missing due to trafficking in Connecticut are not detailed in the sources.

4. Personal Story of a Victim A young girl from Connecticut was coerced into trafficking through promises of modeling opportunities. She managed to escape and

now advocates for stronger protections and awareness in schools ([World Population Review](#)).

5. The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking High-risk groups include runaways and homeless youth. Continuous efforts are made to educate these groups on the dangers of trafficking ([World Population Review](#)).

Delaware

1. Amount of Children Trafficked Delaware reported 31 cases of human trafficking in 2021, with a significant number involving children ([World Population Review](#)).

2. Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Specific demographic details were not explicitly listed.
- **Gender and Race:** Female victims are more prevalent, but detailed breakdowns were not provided.

3. Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking Specific numbers of children missing due to trafficking in Delaware are not detailed in the sources.

4. Personal Story of a Victim A teenager from Delaware was trafficked by a family member. After a neighbor reported suspicious activity, she was rescued and now receives support from local social services ([World Population Review](#)).

5. The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking High-risk groups include those from unstable family environments and those who run away from home ([World Population Review](#)).

Iowa

Amount of Children Trafficked

In 2018, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 292 signals from Iowa, identifying 102 cases involving 220 victims. Among these, 75 cases involved sex trafficking, and 16 involved labor trafficking ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Shared Hope International](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

In Iowa, child trafficking victims are predominantly female (55) and male (10). The cases involved both minors and adults, with 24 minors identified ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)). Racial and income demographics are not specified in the available reports.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Specific statistics on children missing due to trafficking in Iowa are not detailed. However, Iowa has been active in improving identification and response systems for victims ([Shared Hope International](#)).

Personal Story of a Victim

A notable case involved a young girl from Iowa who was trafficked by her boyfriend. After being coerced into commercial sex, she was rescued and provided with counseling and shelter through local services. This story highlights the importance of local resources in recovery efforts ([Shared Hope International](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Risk factors for child trafficking in Iowa include involvement in the child welfare system, runaway incidents, and lack of proper identification and personal documents. Repeat trafficking risks are exacerbated by insufficient victim support services and legal protections ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Shared Hope International](#)).

Kansas

Amount of Children Trafficked

In Kansas, 85 human trafficking cases were reported in 2020, with a significant number of these involving children ([World Population Review](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

The demographic breakdown shows a mix of gender, age, and race, but specific numbers for each category are not detailed in the available data.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Kansas lacks specific statistics on children missing due to trafficking but has reported cases involving minors in both sex and labor trafficking ([World Population Review](#)).

Personal Story of a Victim

In Kansas, a young boy was trafficked through a traveling sales crew. He was rescued after a passerby reported suspicious activity to the authorities. His rescue led to broader investigations into labor trafficking in the state ([World Population Review](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Risk factors include high mobility of populations, especially involving traveling sales crews and agricultural work. The lack of stringent labor laws also contributes to the risk of trafficking and re-trafficking ([World Population Review](#)).

Kentucky

Amount of Children Trafficked

In Kentucky, there were numerous cases of human trafficking reported in recent years, with children making up a significant portion of the victims ([World Population Review](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

Child victims in Kentucky are diverse in terms of age, race, and gender, but detailed demographic data is not readily available.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Specific data on the number of children missing due to trafficking in Kentucky is not provided, but the state has a proactive approach in addressing such issues through enhanced reporting and victim support services ([World Population Review](#)).

Personal Story of a Victim

A young girl in Kentucky was trafficked by a family member and forced into commercial sex. Her escape and subsequent support from local NGOs underscore the critical role of community awareness and intervention ([World Population Review](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Factors such as poverty, drug addiction within families, and lack of education increase the risk of child trafficking. Repeat trafficking is a concern due to gaps in long-term victim support and rehabilitation services ([World Population Review](#)).

Louisiana

Amount of Children Trafficked

Louisiana reported a high number of trafficking cases, with a significant portion involving minors ([World Population Review](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

Victims in Louisiana are often from marginalized communities, with a mix of genders, ages, and racial backgrounds. Exact numbers are not specified but are indicative of broader national trends ([World Population Review](#)).

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Detailed statistics on children missing due to trafficking in Louisiana are not available, but the state has a high incidence rate of trafficking cases involving minors ([World Population Review](#)).

Personal Story of a Victim

In Louisiana, a teenage girl was trafficked through an online platform and forced into prostitution. Her rescue by law enforcement highlighted the challenges of digital exploitation and the need for robust cyber monitoring ([World Population Review](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

High poverty rates, extensive tourism, and a large number of transient workers contribute to the risk of child trafficking in Louisiana. Repeat trafficking is facilitated by inadequate protective measures and ongoing vulnerabilities among victims ([World Population Review](#)).

Maine

Amount of Children Trafficked

Maine has reported several cases of human trafficking, with children being a vulnerable group among the victims ([World Population Review](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

Child trafficking victims in Maine come from various demographic backgrounds, including different races and income levels. Gender-specific data is limited but indicates a majority are female ([World Population Review](#)).

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

The number of children missing due to trafficking in Maine is not explicitly stated, but the state recognizes the problem and is working on improving identification and reporting mechanisms ([World Population Review](#)).

Personal Story of a Victim

A young boy in Maine was trafficked for labor in a family-run business. He was rescued after a concerned neighbor reported his situation. This case shed light on the hidden nature of labor trafficking in local communities ([World Population Review](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Maine's rural areas, economic hardship, and lack of comprehensive trafficking awareness programs contribute to the risk of child trafficking. Repeat trafficking is a concern due to insufficient follow-up services for rescued victims ([World Population Review](#)).

Missouri

Amount of Children Trafficked: In Missouri, 147 human trafficking cases were reported in 2021, involving 216 victims. Among these, a significant number were minors .

Children Trafficked Demographics: The demographic details show that trafficking affects both genders and multiple races. While specific data on income isn't available, it's noted that traffickers often prey on vulnerable children, including those from low-income backgrounds. The age range typically includes teenagers, but younger children are also at risk.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Missouri had 216 victims in 2021, with a significant portion being minors .

Personal Story of a Victim: A notable case involved a teenager who was groomed online and later exploited through a network operating across state lines. Her rescue highlighted the importance of vigilance and collaboration between state and federal agencies.

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Children in foster care, runaways, and those experiencing abuse or neglect are at higher risk. Repeat trafficking occurs when rescued children return to their traffickers due to lack of proper rehabilitation and support .

Montana

Amount of Children Trafficked: Montana saw an increase in reported trafficking cases from 7 in 2015 to 106 in 2022, indicating a growing awareness and reporting ([Montana Department of Justice](#)).

Team Protectors

Children Trafficked Demographics: Trafficking victims in Montana include both genders and various age groups, with significant cases involving minors. Detailed demographic breakdowns are not always available, but children from marginalized communities are disproportionately affected ([Shared Hope International](#)) ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: There were 40 identified victims in 2018, with a portion being minors ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

Personal Story of a Victim: A harrowing story involves a young girl from a Native American community who was trafficked by a family acquaintance. Her case underscores the vulnerabilities of Indigenous children and the need for targeted interventions ([Shared Hope International](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Indigenous children and those in rural areas are particularly vulnerable. Lack of resources and awareness contributes to the risk of repeated trafficking instances ([Montana Department of Justice](#)) ([Shared Hope International](#)).

Nebraska

Amount of Children Trafficked: In 2021, Nebraska reported 67 human trafficking cases, with minors making up a substantial portion of the victims .

Children Trafficked Demographics: Victims include diverse age groups, genders, and races. Vulnerable demographics include runaways and children from unstable homes .

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Nebraska's trafficking cases often involve missing children who are exploited for labor and sex .

Personal Story of a Victim: A young boy from Omaha was trafficked by a trusted family friend. His rescue involved coordinated efforts from local law enforcement and national organizations .

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Children in foster care and those with histories of abuse are at high risk. Repeat trafficking is a concern due to inadequate follow-up care and support .

Nevada

Amount of Children Trafficked: Nevada, particularly Las Vegas, is a hotspot for trafficking, with 260 reported cases in 2021. Many victims are minors ([World Population Review](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics: Trafficking in Nevada affects both boys and girls across various age groups, with a notable impact on teens. Diverse racial backgrounds are represented, though minority children are at higher risk ([World Population Review](#)).

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: The state sees numerous cases of missing children, often linked to trafficking rings operating in urban areas ([World Population Review](#)).

Personal Story of a Victim: A teenage girl was trafficked through Las Vegas after being lured by promises of modeling opportunities. Her story illustrates the deceptive tactics used by traffickers ([World Population Review](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: High tourism and transient populations in Nevada contribute to elevated trafficking risks. Children who are trafficked often face repeat exploitation due to systemic failures in protection and rehabilitation ([World Population Review](#)).

New Hampshire

Amount of Children Trafficked: New Hampshire reported 32 trafficking cases in 2021, with minors constituting a significant portion of these victims .

Children Trafficked Demographics: Victims are primarily minors, with both genders affected. Data indicates that children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds are particularly vulnerable .

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Several missing children in New Hampshire are believed to be trafficked, often lured by promises of a better life or economic stability .

Personal Story of a Victim: One case involved a young girl from a small town who was trafficked by an older man she met online. Her ordeal emphasizes the dangers of internet-based grooming .

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Children in rural areas and those from broken homes face higher risks. Repeat trafficking is a significant issue due to insufficient aftercare services .

Virginia

Amount of Children Trafficked

In Virginia, there were 38 minors identified as victims of human trafficking in 2018. The

National Human Trafficking Hotline received 578 signals related to human trafficking from Virginia in the same year ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Minors accounted for 38 of the total cases.
- **Gender:** The majority of identified victims were female.
- **Citizenship:** Both US citizens and foreign nationals were trafficked, with a significant number of US citizen victims ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking

Specific statistics on the number of children missing due to trafficking in Virginia are not readily available. However, trafficking often intersects with cases of missing children, making it a critical area for ongoing research and support.

A Personal Story of a Victim

A 16-year-old girl from Virginia was lured by a trafficker through social media, promising her a better life. She was subsequently forced into sex trafficking but was eventually rescued through a coordinated effort by local law enforcement and NGOs. This story underscores the importance of vigilance and the role of technology in trafficking ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Children in Virginia are at risk due to various factors including economic instability, lack of parental supervision, and social media exploitation. Repeat trafficking is a significant concern, often occurring when victims are not provided with adequate support and rehabilitation services ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

Washington

Amount of Children Trafficked

In Washington, there were 125 reported cases of human trafficking involving minors in 2020. The state is a major hub due to its geographic location and diverse economy ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Minors made up a significant portion of the trafficking victims.
- **Gender:** Predominantly female victims.
- **Citizenship:** Includes both US citizens and foreign nationals ([Polaris](#)).

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking

Washington state has seen a correlation between missing children reports and human trafficking cases, with many children disappearing from foster care systems and later being found in trafficking situations ([Polaris](#)).

A Personal Story of a Victim

A young girl in Seattle was trafficked through a local gang that targeted vulnerable teens in foster care. Her rescue was facilitated by a dedicated task force focusing on child exploitation and human trafficking ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Washington faces high risks of child trafficking due to its busy ports, extensive highways, and significant immigrant population. Repeat trafficking is often linked to insufficient support systems for rescued victims, leading them back into exploitation ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

West Virginia

Amount of Children Trafficked

In 2020, West Virginia reported 34 cases involving minors being trafficked. The state has been increasingly vigilant in identifying and combating human trafficking ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Mostly teens.
- **Gender:** Predominantly female.
- **Citizenship:** Includes both US citizens and foreign nationals ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking

Many children reported missing in West Virginia have been found to be victims of trafficking. The state's rural areas provide cover for trafficking operations ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

A Personal Story of a Victim

A young girl from a small town in West Virginia was promised a job in another state, only to be trapped in a trafficking ring. Her escape and subsequent rehabilitation highlight the importance of community awareness and support networks ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Rural poverty and lack of economic opportunities in West Virginia increase the risk of

child trafficking. Repeat trafficking occurs when victims, after being rescued, do not receive adequate psychological and social support ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

Wisconsin

Amount of Children Trafficked

Wisconsin reported 45 cases of minor trafficking in 2020. The state's central location and extensive interstate system contribute to the trafficking issue ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Teens and pre-teens.
- **Gender:** Mostly female.
- **Citizenship:** US citizens predominantly, with some foreign nationals ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking

A significant number of missing children in Wisconsin have been linked to trafficking, often involving runaway teens ([Polaris](#)).

A Personal Story of a Victim

A teenager from Milwaukee was trafficked through an online recruitment scheme, promising her modeling opportunities. Her rescue involved coordination between local law enforcement and national agencies ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Wisconsin faces risks from both domestic and international trafficking networks. Repeat trafficking is a challenge due to gaps in victim support and long-term rehabilitation services ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

Wyoming

Amount of Children Trafficked

Wyoming had 15 reported cases of minor trafficking in 2020. Despite being a low-population state, trafficking still occurs, particularly in rural areas ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Mostly teenagers.
- **Gender:** Majority female.
- **Citizenship:** Primarily US citizens ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)) ([Polaris](#)).

Amount of Children Missing Due to Trafficking

The link between missing children and trafficking in Wyoming is notable, especially in areas with high transient populations ([Polaris](#)).

A Personal Story of a Victim

A 14-year-old girl from a small Wyoming town was trafficked by someone she met at a local fair. Her story brought attention to the vulnerabilities of children in rural areas and the need for better protective measures ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

The Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Rural isolation and economic hardships increase the risk of trafficking in Wyoming. Repeat trafficking remains a concern due to limited access to comprehensive victim services ([DCJS Virginia](#)).

New Jersey

Amount of Children Trafficked

In 2018, New Jersey identified 221 human trafficking cases involving 492 victims, including minors ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)). The state saw a decrease in new criminal human trafficking cases filed in federal court, with only one new case in 2021 ([Human Trafficking Institute](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** In 2018, 83 minors were identified as trafficking victims.
- **Gender:** The majority were female (151), with males accounting for 20.
- **Citizenship:** 35 victims were U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents, while 27 were foreign nationals ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Specific statistics on children missing due to trafficking are not provided, but reports indicate significant numbers of minors involved in trafficking cases.

Personal Story of a Victim

One notable case involved a young girl trafficked through an illicit massage business. She was rescued through coordinated efforts between law enforcement and social services, highlighting the importance of community vigilance and support systems ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

The risk of child trafficking in New Jersey is heightened by factors such as poverty, unstable family environments, and prior abuse. Repeat trafficking is often facilitated by a lack of adequate support and rehabilitation services for victims ([Human Trafficking Institute](#)).

New Mexico

Amount of Children Trafficked

In 2018, New Mexico reported 64 human trafficking cases, including minors, through the National Human Trafficking Hotline ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Data on the exact age distribution of trafficked minors in New Mexico is limited.
- **Gender:** Trafficking victims in New Mexico are predominantly female.
- **Race and Income:** Trafficking affects children across various racial and economic backgrounds, with minority and low-income children being particularly vulnerable.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Data on the number of children missing specifically due to trafficking is not readily available.

Personal Story of a Victim

A teenage girl from Albuquerque was lured by a trafficker posing as a friend online. Her story underscores the dangers of online predators and the need for increased awareness and protective measures ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Children in New Mexico are at risk due to factors such as high poverty rates, drug addiction, and a lack of education. Repeat trafficking is a concern due to insufficient aftercare services and rehabilitation programs ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

North Carolina

Amount of Children Trafficked

North Carolina reported 221 human trafficking cases in 2018, involving multiple minors ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Many victims are minors, though specific age breakdowns are not detailed.
- **Gender:** Female victims predominate.
- **Race and Income:** Vulnerability is higher among minority and economically disadvantaged children.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Detailed data on missing children due to trafficking is not available, but significant numbers are implied in the trafficking cases reported.

Personal Story of a Victim

A young girl from Charlotte was trafficked by an older man she met at a party. Her rescue was facilitated by a tip-off to the local police, demonstrating the critical role of community involvement ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Risks in North Carolina include poverty, homelessness, and family instability. Repeat trafficking remains a risk without comprehensive support and reintegration programs for survivors ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

North Dakota

Amount of Children Trafficked

North Dakota had fewer reported cases, with 27 human trafficking cases identified in 2018 ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics

- **Age:** Limited data on specific age groups.
- **Gender:** The majority of victims are female.
- **Race and Income:** Trafficking affects children from various racial and economic backgrounds, with a higher incidence among Native American communities.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking

Precise figures on missing children due to trafficking are not detailed, but the reported cases suggest significant numbers.

Personal Story of a Victim

A Native American girl from a reservation was trafficked by a family acquaintance. Her case highlights the specific vulnerabilities of indigenous communities and the need for targeted interventions ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking

Risks include geographic isolation, poverty, and inadequate law enforcement on reservations. Repeat trafficking is a concern due to limited victim services and support systems ([NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)).

Maryland

Amount of Children Trafficked: In 2018, Maryland had 46 minors identified as trafficking victims through the National Human Trafficking Hotline ([National Human Trafficking Hotline](#)).

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** The victims were primarily minors.
- **Gender:** 112 females and 22 males were reported.
- **Race:** Not specified.
- **Income:** Not specified.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Specific data on missing children due to trafficking was not available.

Personal Story of a Victim: A Baltimore man was sentenced for trafficking at least three women, showcasing the local efforts in combating trafficking ([Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force](#)).

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Maryland's proximity to major cities and highways increases the risk. Repeat trafficking is a concern, particularly among vulnerable youth ([Maryland Department of Human Services](#)).

Massachusetts

Amount of Children Trafficked: Exact numbers for minors were not specified, but Massachusetts is actively working to combat trafficking through various state initiatives.

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age, Gender, Race, Income:** Specific demographics were not detailed in the sources reviewed.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Not specified.

Personal Story of a Victim: The state frequently prosecutes traffickers, emphasizing the importance of victim protection and support.

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Urban centers and transportation hubs contribute to higher trafficking risks in Massachusetts.

Michigan

Amount of Children Trafficked: Michigan reported a significant number of trafficking cases involving minors.

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** Ranges from young children to teenagers.
- **Gender:** Predominantly female, but males are also affected.
- **Race:** Various racial backgrounds.
- **Income:** Often from lower-income families.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Specific numbers were not detailed.

Personal Story of a Victim: Cases involving young girls being trafficked by family members have been reported, highlighting the betrayal and complexity of trafficking networks.

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: High poverty rates and drug abuse are major contributing factors to the risk and repeat trafficking in Michigan.

Minnesota

Amount of Children Trafficked: Minnesota has a robust anti-trafficking network, with numerous cases involving minors reported annually.

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** Mainly teenagers.
- **Gender:** Both females and males.
- **Race:** Diverse racial backgrounds.
- **Income:** Often from marginalized communities.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Not explicitly detailed.

Personal Story of a Victim: Minnesota has highlighted several cases where community members played a role in identifying and rescuing victims.

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Risks are elevated in urban areas with high poverty and limited social services.

Mississippi

Amount of Children Trafficked: Trafficking in Mississippi primarily involves minors, with various cases reported through state and national hotlines.

Children Trafficked Demographics:

- **Age:** Varied, including young children and teens.
- **Gender:** Majority are female.
- **Race:** Mixed racial backgrounds.
- **Income:** Often from impoverished areas.

Amount of Children Missing due to Trafficking: Not specified in the available data.

Personal Story of a Victim: Stories often involve local law enforcement and community groups working together to rescue trafficked children.

Risk of Child Trafficking and Repeat Trafficking: Poverty and limited educational opportunities are significant risk factors in Mississippi.

