

TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DATA BRIEF



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking– the exploitation of individuals using force, fraud, or coercion (violence, manipulation, debt bondage, threats, lies, etc.) to make them provide labor/services or engage in commercial sex. *Note:* when a minor (<18 years) is made to engage in commercial sex it is considered human trafficking *regardless* of the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

Types of labor trafficking:

domestic, landscaping, factory, farming, construction, door-to-door sales, health and beauty, food service, and begging/peddling

Venues for commercial sex:

fake massage/spa businesses, online ads, escort services, bars/clubs, truck stops, hotels/motels, and residential brothels

Figure 1. Texas human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH), 2015-2019 (n= 4,026)

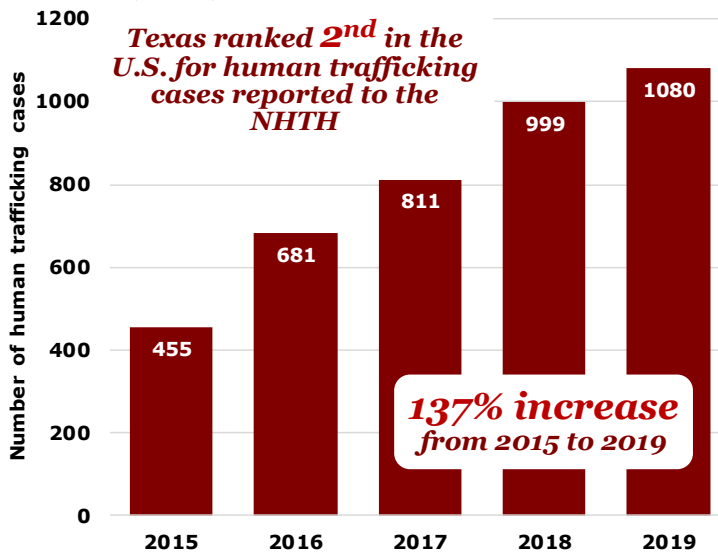


Figure 2. Types of human trafficking among Texas cases reported to the NHTH, 2015-2019 (n=4,026)

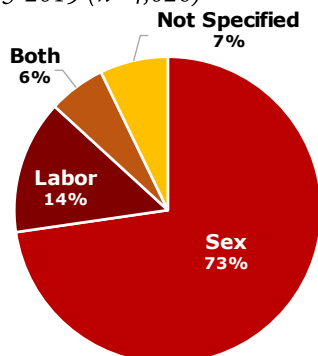


Figure 3. Locations of Texas human trafficking cases reported to the NHTH, 2019

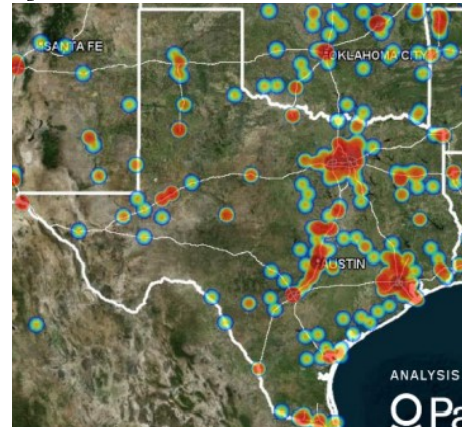
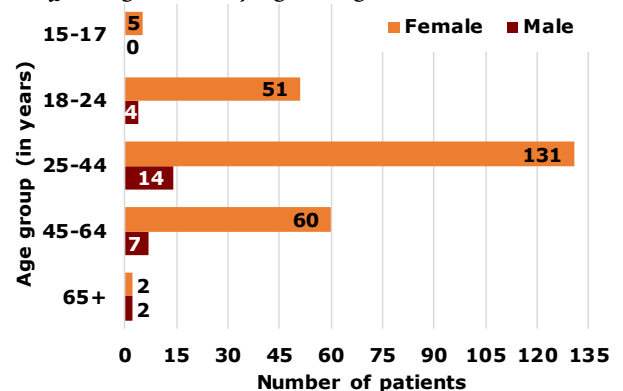


Image courtesy of NHTH and Polaris. Cases may involve multiple locations.

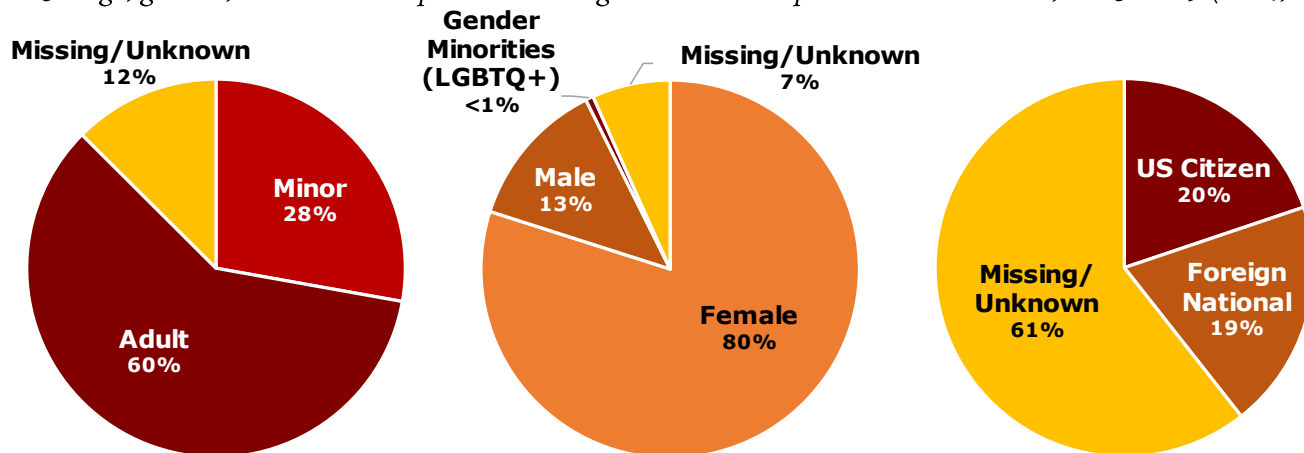
Figure 4. JPS patients identified as possible human trafficking victims by age and gender, 2020 (n=276)



300 patients were identified as possible human trafficking victims at JPS in Tarrant County during 2020

Data are from calls, emails, or webforms communicated to the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH). Data are subject to change and the NHTH cannot verify accuracy. NHTH does not disclose exact data when responses occur less than three times. These data are not a comprehensive representation of human trafficking within an area.

Figure 5. Age, gender, and citizenship status among Texas cases reported to the NHTH, 2015-2019 (n= 4,026)



These data from the NHTH are non-cumulative. Cases may involve multiple victims and include males and females, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, adults and minors. Callers may not provide demographic information.

Anyone can become a victim of human trafficking. Certain factors can increase someone’s risk of being trafficked:



-Children in Foster Care and Juvenile Justice Systems

-Poverty
-Debt



-Abuse/Neglect
-Trauma
-Violence



-Racial and Ethnic Minorities
-Individuals with Disabilities
-Gender Minorities (LGBTQ+)
-Women

-Immigrants
-Refugees



-History of Substance Use Disorder

-Homeless
-Runaways



How YOU Can Make a Difference

Share the *National Human Trafficking Hotline* Call **1-888-373-7888** or Text **233733** [[humantraffickinghotline.org](https://www.humantraffickinghotline.org)]

Take an online quiz to see how you can reduce trafficking demand [[slaveryfootprint.org](https://www.slaveryfootprint.org)]

Recognize the signs of human trafficking [[polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/recognize-signs](https://www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/recognize-signs)]

Raise awareness with free materials [[dhs.gov/blue-campaign/request-materials](https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/request-materials)]

Pick from a list of 10 ways you can help [[acf.hhs.gov/otip/about/ways-endtrafficking](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/about/ways-endtrafficking)]

Law Enforcement Resources

Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) Human Trafficking Unit
Call **817-392-4091**

FWPD 5-Stones Taskforce Call **817-392-4533**
[[police.fortworthtexas.gov/Support/tarrant-county-5-stones-taskforce](https://www.police.fortworthtexas.gov/Support/tarrant-county-5-stones-taskforce)]

Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office Human Trafficking Unit
Call **817-884-2941**

Resources and Support in Tarrant County

[[unboundnorthtexas.org](https://www.unboundnorthtexas.org)]

24/7 Survivor Advocacy Referrals (crisis and non-crisis)
Call **817-668-6462**

Children/Teens

[[allianceforchildren.org](https://www.allianceforchildren.org)] child abuse resource

[[childrenatrisk.org](https://www.childrenatrisk.org)] Fort Worth office

[[traffick911.com](https://www.traffick911.com)] Tarrant County team

Unbound’s Underground Drop-In Center for Youth (open 24/7 and located at *One Safe Place*)
Call **817-885-7735**

Women

[[rescueher.org](https://www.rescueher.org)] 24/7 crisis hotline Call **817-891-2093**

[[thenetfw.com](https://www.thenetfw.com)]

[[valianthearts.org](https://www.valianthearts.org)]