

Human Trafficking, also called trafficking in persons, is both a grave crime and a human rights abuse. It is a crime of exploitation where Trafficking Predators profit at the expense of their victims by compelling them to perform labor or to engage in Commercial Sex and equates to Modern Slavery.

The following data was collected from:

- The U.S. Department of State
- Human Trafficking Hot Lines
- Federal, State, County Law Enforcement

In a report generated by the International Labour Organization (ILO), Walk Free Foundation and in partnership with the International Organization of Migration (IOM) global estimated of Modern Slavery for

**The United States has been rated second in the world for human trafficking for *documented* cases.** It is estimated that in **2021 - 199,000** incidents occurred within the United States and that number continues to escalate each year. The estimate for undocumented / unreported cases is more than four times that total.

**Wisconsin Ranks 28<sup>th</sup> of 50 States and is estimated to be in the top five states for Highest Percentage Increases 2021 vs 2022. Based on census reports and projected estimates, Wisconsin will experience over 14,400 incidents of human trafficking, of which Dane County would account for 1,340 this year.**

**As of 1/15/2023 – Wisconsin has 97 Human Trafficking Verified Cases.**

Since the National Trafficking Hot Line was established in **2007** there have been **399,494** calls and the number of calls continues to rise at an exponential rate.

- **82,301** cases of human trafficking were identified, which included **164,839** victims.
- **2021 – 50,123 Calls / 10,360** identified cases, which involved **16,710** victims.
  - a. **7,499** cases involved sex trafficking (**85%**) / **1,066** Labor related.
  - b. Females **8,142 (87%)** / Males **1,292** / Gender Minorities **132**.
  - c. **Wisconsin -- 390 calls, 95 identified cases**

**THE HIGHEST PROFILE TARGETS for Sex Trafficking Predators - CHILDREN AGES 8-18.**

**Former member of the Dane County Sheriff's Department, who served on the vice squad and as Detective indicated that there were over 320 recent cases of human trafficking of Students attending college at UW Campus in Madison, with the greater majority of cases being female.**

**Gateways & Venues for Human Trafficking:**

Internet, Video Gaming, Social Networking Web Sites, Romantic Partners, Drugs & Alcohol use, Drug Cartels, Pornography, Escort Services, Exotic Dance clubs, Massage Parlors, Educators, Friends, or Family.

Tools to Combat Human trafficking in Dane County:

1. Education and Awareness – all volunteer organizations and concerned citizens is growing quickly.
2. Parents, Relatives, Churches & Religious Organizations, Hot Lines, Human Trafficking Awareness groups, educators, law enforcement, the judicial system.

**Total Dane County Law Enforcement / Detectives Assigned to combat Human Trafficking – ONLY ONE.**