

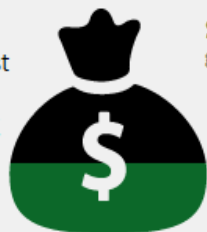
Human Trafficking

Putting Modern-Day Slavery into Perspective

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Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and is defined as the trade in humans, most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation induced by force, fraud, or coercion.

Human Trafficking is the **#3** largest and fastest growing criminal industry



\$32 billion generated annually

\$15.5 billion from industrialized countries

80% of sex trafficking victims are female



50% of global victims are >16



76% of sexual transactions with underage girls happens online



1 in 6 US runaways are sex trafficking victims



1 in 3 teens on the street will be sexually exploited within the first 48 hours of running away

Victims come from all ethnicities, education levels, economic status, geographies; their shared characteristic: **VULNERABILITY**

~20+ Million people are enslaved in the world today

~14,000 - 17,000 people are trafficked into the US each year

~300,000 American children are potential at risk trafficking victims

North Carolina is a Top 10 State for Human Trafficking

Charlotte is a hotspot for trafficking due to its location at the intersection of I-77 and I-85, its proximity to the ocean, and its large sporting venues which regularly host national and regional events

Supply and demand are increasing due to the internet and the ease with which traffickers and customers can discreetly complete a transaction. Traffickers utilize social media, dating sites to attract and market victims

Recruiters and Victims



54% Strangers to each other

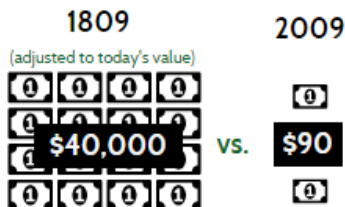


46% Known to each other

Slavery Today

There are more slaves today than any point in history. Today's slavery focuses on big profits and cheap lives. It is not about owning people, but about using them as completely disposable tools for making money

Average price of a slave



Sources: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, CNN Freedom Project, USDOJ, Polaris Project, US State Department, FBI, International Organization for Migration, Free The Slaves (Kevin Bales)