

Human Trafficking IN NEW JERSEY

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC): is when a person buys, sells, or trades sexual acts of children & teens under the age of 18 in exchange for anything of value.
Human Trafficking (HT): is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.

Does Human Trafficking Happen in New Jersey?

NJ is a hub for human trafficking due to:

- Tourism: Atlantic City, Met Life Stadium, beaches
- Easy to travel: highways, airports, shipping ports
- Access to major cities: Philadelphia, New York, Washington D.C.



This map of New Jersey only reflects cases in which the location of the potential trafficking was known to National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH). The areas with a higher levels are indicated in **ORANGE and **RED**.**

traffickingresourcecenter.org

What Are the Statistics?

Between 2007 and 2016

Out of the 100 most populous US cities: **Newark** was **27th** for the number of HT cases per capita and **Jersey City** was **60th**

www.polarisproject.org

2016

NJ had the **13th** highest call volume in the country. There were **570** phone calls to the hotline & **195** cases reported in NJ. **161** cases involved sex trafficking & **94** involving minors.

www.humantraffickinghotline.org

12-14 Years

The average age at which children enter the commercial sex industry

www.usdoj.gov

Where Does Human Trafficking Happen?

Youth Who Are Vulnerable

Homeless or in need of basic care
 Have experienced abuse, violence, or neglect
 Are not fitting in or feel isolated

Common Places For CSEC

On the Internet	Homes/Apartments
Sporting Arenas	Gangs
Tourist Attractions	Strip Clubs
Casinos	Escort Services
Truck Stops	Conventions
Hotels/Motels	Massage Parlors/Spas

Common Places of Recruitment

Online
 Malls
 Parties
 Parks
 Transportation areas
 Group homes & shelters

In New Jersey News...



Man who pimped out teen sent to prison for 13 years

April, 2018 - Pretending to hire a 17-year-old girl for a babysitting job, a Burlington couple instead drugged, threatened, and forced her to have sex with at least five men per day. The couple used Backpage to advertise nude photos of the victim and transported her to several Burlington County motels to work as an escort until she escaped.



Man pleads guilty to sex trafficking teen, holding her hostage

February, 2018 - A Trenton man held a 17-year-old runaway against her will for four days in his home and forced her to engage in sexual activity with several men, threatening to kill her if she did not comply. The victim reported that he used a liquid similar to cough syrup to make her feel groggy and subdue her while being trafficked.



IT guy ran child porn trafficking hub, feds say

June, 2018 - Through the KIK app, an Absecon man was arrested for running an online group that shared images of children being sexually abused. Police uncovered more than 1,000 images and videos on seized electronic devices with specific instructions for participants to avoid using traceable software and not to share "adult videos."

It is illegal for any adult to be involved in the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. Any minor exchanging sex acts for something of value is a victim of sex trafficking. If this has happened to you or someone you know, you are not alone. There are resources that can help.

RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF CSEC

New Jersey Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-855-END-NJ-HT or
1-855-363-6548

Hotlines are free, confidential & available at any time to offer resources, services & tips

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:
1-800-THE-LOST or
1-800-843-5678

Avanzar Human Trafficking Program:
1-800-286-4184

New Jersey Child Abuse Hotline:
1-877-NJ-ABUSE or 1-877-652-2873

National Human Trafficking Hotline:
1-888-373-7888

For more information about preventing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, visit preventchildabuse.nj.org/human-trafficking or call 732-246-8060 to learn about our programs and additional resources.