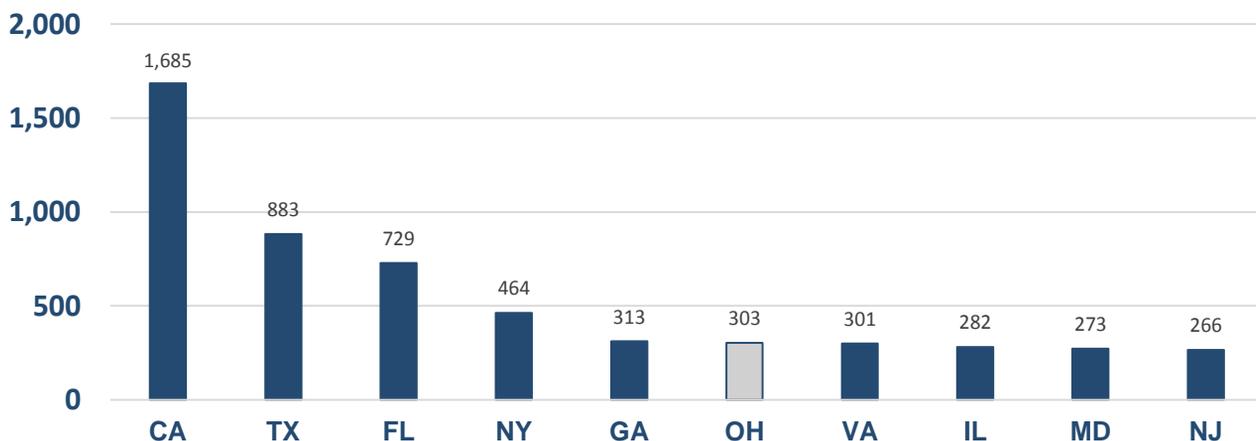


HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Top Ten States in the Number of Potential Human Trafficking Cases Reported to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline, 2013-2014¹



- Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. Trafficking takes 2 primary forms. Labor trafficking involves compelling people to provide labor or services while sex trafficking involves making individuals perform commercial sex acts. Both use force, fear and/or coercion to keep victims working against their will.
- Both types occur in Ohio. According to the Attorney General's *2015 Human Trafficking Annual Report*, law enforcement agencies in Ohio reported 102 human trafficking investigations in 2015.² These investigations led to 104 arrests and 33 successful prosecutions. Additionally, 203 potential victims of human trafficking were identified along with 130 suspected traffickers.
- Human Trafficking awareness training is essential. One of the initial objectives of the Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force was to require in-service training for all state employees working in the justice (e.g. law enforcement) or regulatory (e.g. inspectors) fields. Training was mandated and as of August 2014, more than 3,500 employees had been trained.³
- Starting in July 2016, trucking schools in Ohio will be required to provide one hour of human trafficking awareness training for students seeking to obtain a CDL for the first time. Ohio is believed to be the first state in the nation to require this training. Truckers will be taught to recognize the signs of human trafficking as truck stops are one of the leading areas where females are trafficked for sex.
- To report a case of potential human trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-373-7888. This toll free number is available anywhere in the US 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Submissions can also be made via text messages to the BeFree text line at 233733 as well as online (<https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/>) and through email (nhtrc@polarisproject.org).
- From 2013-2014, the NHTRC hotline received calls from Ohio regarding 303 potential human trafficking cases (out of 9,927 total cases reported). This gives Ohio the 6th highest total for potential cases reported among the states.¹ Since its inception in December 2007, NHTRC has received reports of 22,795 unique, potential human trafficking cases as of September 2015.

¹Stats from <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/states>.

See 2015 Annual Report at <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov>.

³See 2015 Annual Report at <http://humantrafficking.ohio.gov/>.