

**Understanding Sex Trafficking
Fact Sheet
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Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, including Rhode Island.

- Day One RI has identified and served over 250 youth in Rhode Island since 2017. There has been a 25% increase from 2017 to 2018.
- Sex trafficking is an estimated as a \$150 Billion industry. That's equivalent to most fortune 500 companies.
- The Department of Health and Human Services estimated the between 240,000 and 325,000 people were trafficked in America Alone
- The average age of recruitment is between 12 -14
- 70 - 90% have a history of sexual abuse
- One study from the Department of Health and Human Services estimated the number between 240,000 and 325,000, while a report from the University of Pennsylvania put it at between 100,000 and 300,000.
- 600-800,000 people are trafficked internationally each year. 50% were children, 70% were females, 40% were male victims.

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