

If the federal government admits that *actual statistics do not exist* for giving a realistic estimate of the number of victims of human trafficking, how is it possible for the average person to know what the truth is and how many victims there really are? The numbers vary significantly from one news report to another, including who is trafficked into what type of labor:

In April, 2012, The Huffington Post (*among other media outlets*) reported
“Human Trafficking Victims: 2.4 Million People Across The Globe Are Trafficked For Labor, Sex”
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/03/human-trafficking-victims_n_1401673.html

According to this April 29, 2012 Huffington Post article, “The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that there are approximately 14,500 to 17,500 human trafficking victims in this country. The numbers are more staggering globally, with an estimated 27 million human trafficking victims worldwide. 11% Eleven percent of these victims are trafficked into the commercial sex industry, while the other 89 percent are... forced into labor.”
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/deborah-bergman/how-you-can-help-protect-_b_1462959.html

Other media reports cite the previous 2011 estimate in a June 2012 story:

“27 Million Slaves In The World: Hillary Clinton”
<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/354486/20120620/slavery-trafficking-clinton-burma-iran-syria-congo.htm>

The media claims that ‘human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world’

<http://newamericamedia.org/2012/02/human-trafficking-a-growing-global-scourge.php>

But if the actual number is **2.4 million** and the older number of **27 million** is no longer accurate, *how can it be ‘the fastest growing’?* It would seem to be doing the opposite of growing...

The truth is that nobody knows what the real number is...

but the June 2013 US TIP Report (Trafficking in Persons) says that there were only **46,570 CONFIRMED VICTIMS** of human trafficking worldwide... that’s not even close to the ‘estimated’ number of alleged victims cited by the many *non profit organizations who financially benefit from exaggerated statistics.

***Every year, anti- trafficking organizations see an increase the donations they receive, primarily because of their ‘awareness’ campaigns in which they use fabricated guesstimates of the number of victims... and it doesn’t hurt that the government includes in their claims of victims of human trafficking, situations like that of Colleen Shannon and her Canadian boyfriend:**