

The ‘guesstimated’ number of victims noted on a previous page were global. What about in the US?

How many victims are there within our borders?

Surely we have a better handle on the number of victims in our own backyard, right?

Some reports claim **“An estimated 14,000 – 17,000 men, women and children are trafficked each year into the United States according to the US Department of State“**

(one might ask how they get into the country, with so many ‘Homeland Security’ measures in place...)

Still others claim **“There are approximately 100,000 to 300,000 human trafficking victims in the United States.”**

But again, these are all just “guesstimates” and cannot be verified despite the untold millions of dollars spent by the government to find all those victims. Nevertheless, the media continues to parrot the claims made by the abolitionist organizations who depend on ever increasing numbers of victims to fund their ‘rescue and restore’ projects.

<http://www.1800victims.org/docuserfiles/file/Human%20Trafficking/VicCompHumanTrafficking.pdf>

[The claims of “100,000 to 300,000 victims” are based on previously cited stats of CHILD trafficking victims who may be AT RISK for being trafficked, but who in fact are not victims: [From the Crimes against Children Research Center](#)].

Within those ‘guesstimates’ are the victims of trafficking into many other areas of labor which include :

- **Restaurant business/waitress/cleaning service**
- **Servile marriage (mail-order brides)**
- **Sweatshops/factory workers**
- **Agricultural labor**
- **Begging/panhandling**
- **Construction labor**
- **Hotel/motel cleaning services**
- **Domestic Servants in private homes**
- **Debt bondage** (*which could include college students who take on huge student loans which often cannot be repaid because there are no jobs which offer a sufficient salary to make the monthly payments*)

As Susan Cohen says in the [The Guttmacher Report on Public Policy -February 2005, Volume 8, Number 1 -](#)

“Sex trafficking is one component of the broader problem of trafficking in persons—an internationally recognized human rights violation and a crime in the United States. It would appear, however, that from the perspective of many social conservatives both inside and outside the Bush administration, human trafficking is problematic largely to the extent it involves trafficking for sex. And since these advocates view sex trafficking and prostitution as inextricably linked, if not for all intents and purposes identical, the U.S. government's global anti-trafficking program in many ways has come to resemble a global campaign against prostitution.”

Unfortunately for sex workers, the campaign against sex trafficking is a campaign against prostitution- not against human trafficking.