Human Trafficking is Happening in Utah

It is estimated that human trafficking is a $32 billion per year industry with $9.5 billion of that in the United States, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime.

With Utah geographically positioned at the crossroads of the west, thousands of victims are suspected to be moved through our state, with hundreds victimized within the state. The Asian Association of Utah’s 2020 human trafficking data, below, provides insight into how human trafficking looks in Utah.

**Human Trafficking Stats in Utah**

- **Gender:** 68% Female, 32% Male
- **Age:** 81% Adults, 19% Youth
- **Immigration Status:** 51% Foreign Nationals, 49% U.S. Citizen/ Legal Permanent Resident

**Types of Human Trafficking in Utah**

- **Sex Trafficking:** A form of modern-day slavery in which individuals perform commercial sex through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Victims of sex trafficking are manipulated or forced to engage in sex acts for someone else’s commercial gain.
- **Labor Trafficking:** A form of modern-day slavery in which individuals perform labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Situations include debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor.

**Utah’s Top Sex Trafficking Settings:**
- Hotels
- Public Streets

**Utah’s Top Labor Trafficking Settings:**
- Restaurants
- Animal Husbandry

**Most Requested Victim Services**

- Housing
- Case Management
- Legal
- Medical/Dental
- Basic Needs Assistance
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Mental Health

**What You Can Do To Help**

- Volunteer in your community
- Meet with/endorse your elected officials
- Organize a fundraiser or donate to an anti-trafficking organization
- Raise awareness on social media using #endtraffickingutah or #betheoneutah
- Become a mentor to a young person or someone in need

Charts presented in this infographic use 2020 figures as provided by the Asian Association of Utah.