

West Virginia Spotlight

2018 National Human Trafficking Hotline Statistics

The National Human Trafficking Hotline provides survivors of human trafficking with vital support and a variety of options to get help and stay safe. The data below do not represent the full scope of trafficking in West Virginia. Lack of awareness of human trafficking or of the National Hotline can lead to significant underreporting, particularly among labor trafficking populations or by certain racial or ethnic groups. However, this information can shed some light on trafficking in West Virginia which can help put traffickers out of business and help survivors find the services they need.

Victims
Identified

112

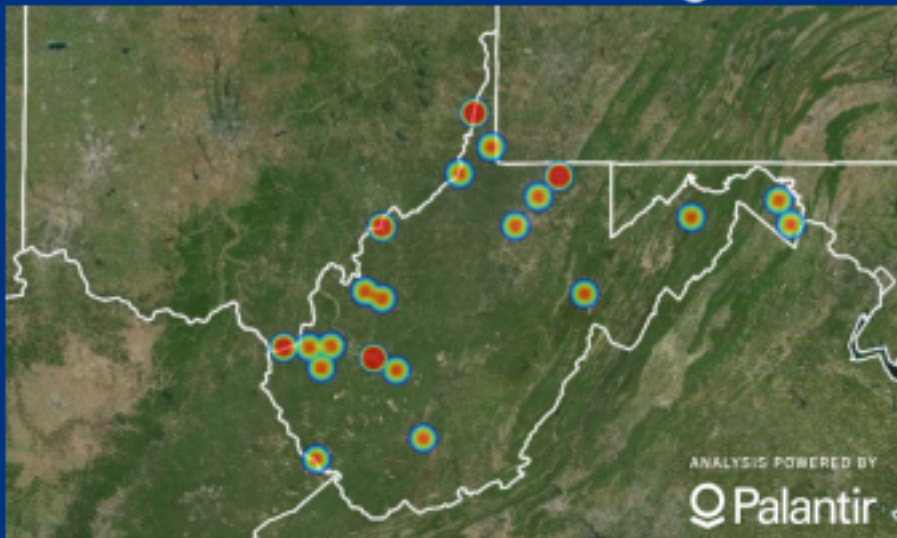
Traffickers
Identified

38

Trafficking
Businesses

8

Locations of Trafficking¹



¹Some cases may involve multiple locations.

40 Trafficking Cases



Sex
Trafficking
29 Cases

Labor
Trafficking
5 Cases

Sex & Labor
Trafficking
4 Cases

Form Not
Specified²
2 Cases

²Cases where trafficking type is not specified are typically a result of callers self-identifying as victims or service providers or law enforcement seeking referrals for trafficking victims without providing further details about the presence of forced work or forced commercial sex.

Communication to the National Hotline



Phone Calls
94



Webforms
11



Emails
2



Texts
2



Webchats
2

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Freedom
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now.

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The data in this report represents signals and cases from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and is accurate as of July 25, 2019. Cases of trafficking may be ongoing or new information may be revealed to the National Hotline over time. Consequently, statistics may be subject to change as new information emerges.