

FACTS ABOUT THE SEX TRAFFICKING OF MINORS

Children are more vulnerable than adults. They're easier to control, cheaper, and less likely to demand working conditions, researchers explained. More than 300,000 young people in the US are considered "at risk" of sexual exploitation. (Business Insider, July 2019)

Children raised in foster care have a greater chance of becoming victims. In 2013, 60% of child victims the FBI recovered were from foster care. In 2017, 14% of children reported missing were likely victims of sex trafficking, and 88% of those had been in child welfare, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported. (Business Insider July 2019)

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children said 73% of 10,000 child sex trafficking reports it received per year involved online ads. (Business Insider July 2019)

While any child can be targeted by a trafficker, research has shown that traffickers often target children with increased vulnerabilities and prey upon a child's vulnerability and use psychological pressure and intimidation to control, and sexually exploit, the child for financial benefit.

Traffickers and buyers of children for sex encompass all racial, socio-economic and cultural groups.

