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Human Trafficking Fast Facts

- Human Trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, widespread throughout the United States and occurs right here in Michigan.
- Michigan's proximity to the Canadian border and waterways increases the likelihood of trafficking in the state. *The Hope Project*
- Michigan has had cases of traffickers prostituting minors to Michigan truck stops and then over to hotels in Toledo. *Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- Toledo has been ranked as the 4th largest city in the US for human trafficking. *Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- Cities in Michigan with the most calls received by the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and reported by The Polaris Project include:
 - Detroit
 - Grand Rapids
 - Ann Arbor
 - Kalamazoo
 - Lansing
 - Mackinac Island
- Major gatherings of people, such as the North American International Auto Show, and major sporting events like the Super Bowl are prime targets for human trafficking. *Michigan Rescue and Restore Coalition*

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- There are 27 million people in slavery today. More people are in slavery now than at any other time in human history *Free the Slaves*
- \$13,000 per year generated on average by each “forced laborer.” This number can be as high as \$67,200 per victim per year. *Polaris*
- As many as 2.8 million children run away each year in the US. Within 48 hours of hitting the streets, one-third of these children are lured or recruited into the underground world of prostitution and pornography. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*
- 300,000 children in the U.S. are at risk every year for commercial sexual exploitation. *U.S. Department of Justice*
- After drug dealing, human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms industry as the second largest criminal industry in the world today, and it is the fastest growing *Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement*
- Every minute 2 children become victims of sexual exploitation. *MannaFreedom.com*
- Michigan ranks 5th in the nation in human trafficking. *Shared Hope International*
- Over 71% of trafficked children show suicidal tendencies *hopeforslaves.com Slavery Facts*
- Traffickers look for victims who are vulnerable because of their illegal immigration status, limited English proficiency and those who may be in vulnerable situations due to economic hardship, political instability, natural disasters or other causes. *U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign*
- Sex traffickers use a variety of ways to “condition” their victims by subjecting them to starvation, rape, physical abuse, beating, confinement, threats of violence toward the victim and their families, forced drug use, and shame. *Hopeforslaves.com Facts on Human Trafficking*

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