

# Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force

Since 2006 the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force, which operated out of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has been working in collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies, the faith based community, victim service providers and non-governmental organizations to expose and reduce human trafficking in Clark County.

LVMPD is committed to pro-actively investigate, identify, apprehend and prosecute those engaged in the exploitation of adult women and juveniles into the commercial sex trade. The law enforcement community will continue to send a strong message that harsh penalties await those who choose to engage in this criminal behavior.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department SEX TRAFFICKING Statistics

The following statistics represent sex trafficking data specifically collected by the LVMPD. These numbers do not reflect reports or investigations conducted independently by other agencies.

In 2016, LVMPD identified 140 minor\* (children) sex trafficking victims - 138 female and 2 male

**On Average, per month children identified as victims of sex trafficking 11.6%**

Caucasian	10%	Of these, Children were recovered in the strip corridor	50
African American	76%	Reported as "Runaways"	94
Latin American	13%	14 years of age or younger - the youngest; 12	15
Asian	4%	Between ages 16-18	76%
		Local kids	64%

LVMPD Investigated cases of adult "victims of sex trafficking"	115
LVMPD identified cases of adult "victims of sex trafficking"	121
LVMPD identified cases of adult "victims of sex trafficking", were Female victims	119

Between the ages of 18-23	58%
Caucasian	44%
African American	43%
Latin American	12%
Asian	5%

\*Federal law defines "minor" victim of sex trafficking under the age of 19.

\*\*Federal law defines "adult" victim of sex trafficking when elements of force, fraud or coercion exist. However, these elements are not necessary when dealing with minors