



**THE
FACTS ABOUT
SLAVERY**

THE DEFINITION OF SLAVERY.

Slavery occurs when one person completely controls another person, using violence or the threat of violence to maintain that control, exploits them economically, pays them nothing and they cannot walk away.¹ *(CNN Freedom Project)*

SLAVERY FACTS

Slavery occurs where one person exercises the 'right' of ownership over a person.² *(League of Nations)*

They are held against their will often under the threat of violence. Physical, emotional and mental abuse is often part of their enslavement.³ *(IJM)*

Slavery still exists. It is estimated that there are anything between 10 million and 27 million slaves in the world today.⁴ *(ILO and freetheslaves.net)*

The reason for this broad range is that those people being counted are largely a 'hidden' population.⁵ *(CNN Freedom Project)*

It is estimated that human trafficking alone generates annual profits of around \$32 billion.⁶ *(ILO)*

The majority of trafficking victims are between 18 and 24 years of age.⁷ *(UN.GIFT)*

In 1850, the cost of a slave (in today's dollars) was \$40,000, the avg. price of a slave today is \$90.⁸ *(Free the Slaves)*

The victims most vulnerable are women and children. Children in particular are sold, bonded, trafficked, subjected to commercial sexual exploitation, recruited into armed conflicts and forced to work as domestic workers.⁹ *(antislavery.org)*

Several factors contribute to the persistence of slavery practices despite it being illegal in most countries, most significantly, poverty, the lack of enforcement of anti-slavery laws, and crime and corruption, including at the state level.¹⁰ *(Free the Slaves)*

Slavery has various forms today including human trafficking, forced labour, descent-based slavery, bonded labour and child labour.¹¹ *(antislavery.org)*

Other less known forms of slavery include domestic servitude, forced marriage and those traded for the purpose of organ removal.¹² *(United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)*

THE SLAVERY "INDUSTRY" RAKES IN AN ESTIMATED **\$32 BILLION DOLLARS** EACH YEAR.



TYPES OF SLAVERY

BONDED LABOR.

Bonded labor is one of the most widely used methods of slavery. A person becomes a bonded laborer when their labor is as a means of payment for a loan.¹³ (*antislavery.org*)

Extreme cases of bonded laborers have been recorded in Pakistan where labourers were found chained together and under armed guard.¹⁴ (*antislavery.org*)

Bonded laborers can include whole families such as is the case in India and Nepal, migrant agricultural workers in Brazil or women 'exported' to Europe as domestic workers or into sexual slavery.¹⁵ (*antislavery.org*)

FORCED LABOR.

Forced labor is any work or services which people are forced to do, against their will under the threat of some form punishment.¹⁶ (*antislavery.org*)

Forced slave labor is most frequently found in labor intensive, under regulated industries such as agriculture, fishing, domestic work, construction, mining, quarrying, manufacturing, prostitution and sexual exploitation.¹⁷ (*antislavery.org*)

Children below the age of 18 years represent between 40% to 50% of all forced labor victims.¹⁸ (*antislavery.org*)

80% of all people trafficked into forced labor both for economic and sexual exploitation are women and girls.¹⁹ (*US Department of State*)

In the majority of case forced labor is used by private individuals or and facilitated by private agents. However in some instances, the State or the military are directly responsible for forced labour as is the case in countries like Burma, North Korea, China and Uganda.²⁰ (*antislavery.org*)

There is a high incidence of forced labour used in about 29 countries to produce 50 products consumed or used on a daily basis including garments, shoes, toys as wells as bricks, cotton, cocoa and carpets.²¹ (*US Department of Labor*)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

Trafficking involves transporting people away from the communities in which they live and forcing them to work against their will using violence, deception or coercion.²² (*antislavery.org*)

Human trafficking is tied with illegal arms industry as the second largest international criminal industry in the world and it is the fastest growing.²² (*US Department of Health and Human Services*)

Between 600,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked internationally every year.²⁴ (*NUR Freedom Center*)

**EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY, 2 CHILDREN--
CHILDREN WHO SHOULD BE PLAYING AND LEARNING
AND ENJOYING THE MOST PRECIOUS PART OF THEIR
LIVES--ARE SOLD INTO SLAVERY.**

As many as 17,500 people are trafficked into the United States annually.²⁵ (NUR Freedom Center)

Atlanta is a major hub of human trafficking and ranked amongst the top 14 cities in the United States for the highest incidence of children used in prostitution.²⁶ (Governor's Office for Children and Families)

The majority of trafficking victims are between 18 and 24 years of age.²⁷ (UN.GIFT)

Sexual exploitation is the most commonly identified factor driving human trafficking (79%), followed by forced labor, (18%).²⁸ (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)

It is estimated that human trafficking alone generates annual profits of around \$32 billion.²⁹ (ILO)

43% of trafficking victims are used for forced commercial sexual exploitation, of whom 98 per cent are women and girls.³⁰ (UN.GIFT)

An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked each year.³¹ (UNICEF)

Every minute two children are sold into slavery.³² (INNOCENCE ATLANTA)

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By Kevin Bales

Ending Slavery: How We Free Today's Slaves
By Kevin Bales

Good News about Injustice: A Witness of Courage in a Hurting World
By Gary A. Haugen

Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade--and How We Can Fight It
By David Batstone

Slave Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery
By Siddharth Kara

Terrify No More: Young Girls Held Captive and the Daring Undercover Operation to Win Their Freedom
By Gary A. Haugen & Gregg Hunter

The Natashas: Inside the New Global Sex Trade
By Victor Malarek

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