



UNITED STATES

319,929,162

POPULATION*

\$57,638

GDP (PPP)*



403,000



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY*

15.88/100



VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY*

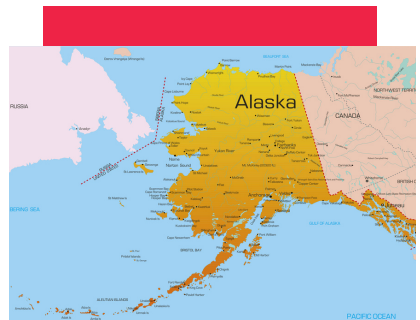
*Global Slavery Index 2018 data. For more information on their findings, visit GlobalSlaveryIndex.org

TRAFFICKING IN ALASKA

Every year, thousands of rural youth leave their villages in pursuit of opportunities in Alaskan cities (Anchorage and Fairbanks, primarily). Of the female youth migrants, 90% are sexually assaulted during their childhood before leaving home. This makes these youth particularly susceptible to being trafficked as they have been “pre-groomed” for sexual violence. According to our trusted contact, the average time from recruiting to profitability for an Alaskan youth is two weeks, as opposed to six weeks for the average victim. Rural youth also earn a premium because of their exotic ethnicity. This all equals significant opportunity for traffickers. Within 72 hours of arriving in Anchorage, most youth are solicited for trafficking.

Though Anchorage is a known hotspot, contacts also suggested monitoring in other hub cities such as Fairbanks, Bethel, and Barrow. Demand for prostitution/trafficking is high in areas with industries involving transient male labor, such as oil on the North Slope, the military, and commercial fisheries. Demand is also high during the tourism season (e.g., men’s weekend trips for hunting and fishing) and in October, when Alaskans typically receive their annual stipend from the government and have excess money to spend.

At-risk populations for trafficking include homeless youth, American Indian and Alaska Natives, and women. In 2016, a research study sponsored by Covenant House found that 28% of homeless youth in Alaska were victims of human trafficking. Homeless youth may engage in survival sex to obtain shelter, protection, food, and clothing.



Source:
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