

### Synthesis of Types of Trafficking Cases in the United States

The following document provides a brief overview of the types of trafficking cases that have emerged in recent years in the United States. Cases of both sex and labor trafficking are covered, as well as cases of both internal and transnational trafficking. Although this is not an exhaustive list by any means, it is intended to demonstrate patterns and trends and provide a rudimentary typology for understanding the scope and prevalence of human trafficking in the United States.

**LABOR** – Labor trafficking can occur in the following contexts:

- **Domestic Servitude/Domestic Worker Cases**
  - Nannies
  - Maids/Housekeepers
- **Small Businesses/"Mom and Pop" Operations**
  - Landscaping
  - Nail salons
  - Restaurants
  - Industrial cleaning
- **Peddling/Begging Rings**
  - Magazine sales crews
  - Flowers/Candy sales crews
- **Large-Scale Labor Cases**
  - Agricultural
  - Factory settings (i.e. garments; food processing)
  - Other large factory work environments (i.e. industrial welding)
- **Miscellaneous Labor Cases**
  - A Boys choir
  - Homeless drug-addicted men

**SEX** – "Severe forms of sex trafficking" can occur within the following areas of the commercial sex industry:

- **Bar and Club Operations with Inflated-Price Schemes and Heavy Sexuality on Site** (Note: Sometimes referred to as "sexualized labor"; May be classified as labor trafficking if commercial sex acts do not occur; Operations often operate as a front for commercial sex acts and prostitution occurring in tandem)
  - Eastern European/Russian stripping or exotic dancing
  - Latino cantina bars
  - Korean room salons, hostess clubs, and other karaoke clubs
- **Residential Brothels** (Note: Based in homes, apartments, hotel/motel rooms, trailer parks, mobile trailers)
  - Youth (girls, boys)
  - Latino
  - Chinese
  - Chinese 10-day houses
  - Korean
  - African-American
  - Eastern European/Russian
- **Other Underground Brothel Settings**
  - Migrant trailers
  - Fields, reeds, and farm crops
- **Escort Services** (Both Incall and Outcall)
  - Bar/Hotel-based
  - Internet-based
  - Private parties (House, club, lap dance clubs)
  - Boat cruises

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- **Within Strip Clubs**
- **Within Phone Chat Lines**
- **Within Pornography/S&M**
- **Pimp-Controlled Prostitution**
  - Truck stops
  - Street-based
  - Internet/Escort-based
  - Private Parties
- **Gang-Based**
  - Motorcycle gangs

The following is a summary of two major sex trafficking networks operating in the US:

- **Asian Sex Trafficking Networks**
  - Commercial-front Asian massage parlors
  - Asian room salons/hostess clubs or karaoke bars
  - Asian residential brothels
  - Asian escort services
- **Latino Sex Trafficking Networks**
  - Latino residential brothels
  - Latino cantina bars
  - Latino escort/"delivery" services

### OTHER:

- International Marriage Brokers/Servile marriage
- Personal sexual servitude