

### Trafficking Myths and Quick Facts:

1. MYTH: Only undocumented foreign nationals get trafficked into the US  
FALSE! Trafficking is happening right here in the US. In all diverse types of communities including wealthy/nice communities. 83% of trafficking victims are US citizens. There are over 200,000 US children at risk. 1 in 3 are minors. Only 17,500 are foreign nationals. Sex trafficking is more prevalent than labor trafficking.
2. Trafficking is the #2 illegal crime in the U.S. (Drugs is #1) There is much to be done in legislation to pass laws, change laws, and in prosecution.
3. California is #1 in the U.S. for trafficking, followed by Texas #2, Florida #3, and Ohio #4.
4. If you see something, call the **national human trafficking line @ 1-888-373-7888 first.**
5. Trafficking is a \$150 Billion dollar/ year industry- Which is more than Amazon, Nike, and Microsoft profits of \$128 billion combined. Most traffickers have 3 girls performing 30 times a day each, 365 days a week, making \$35/ sexual act. The victims are transported to different areas to different traffickers.
6. What is human trafficking? involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. It can happen to anyone any age, race, gender, or nationality in any community. Traffickers may lure victims into trafficking situations: via violence, manipulation, false promises of well-paying jobs, or romantic relationships.
7. MYTH: I can only get trafficked if someone pulls me inside a white van?  
False 81% of trafficking victims get lured or recruited online. It is a myth that traffickers will kidnap girls and pull them into a white Van, although this can happen most of the trafficking starts online. Traffickers have girls and boys who recruit and develop relationships or groom others in schools, malls, parties, theaters, and concerts just to name a few. Some victims are more at risk if they are vulnerable or are in desperate situations but NOT always.

8. Parents must learn more about online safety and enforce limits and rules with their children in regard to their time spent online and on their cell phones! More Parents need to be educated and stay informed as to what APPS they are using. Traffickers are reaching our kids thru online APPS, many of the times grooming them and disguising themselves, there are APPS that can change the way you look. [www.kennaskindnessproject.org](http://www.kennaskindnessproject.org)