

Data source used in the UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons

UNODC collect the quantitative and qualitative information that form the basis of the Global Report in two ways: through a dedicated questionnaire distributed to Governments, and by the collection of official information available in the public domain (national police reports, Ministry of Justice reports, national trafficking in persons reports, et cetera). The questionnaire is distributed in the six UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The English version used for this edition of the Global Report is presented later in this document.

Countries that are not covered by the data collection do not respond to the questionnaire, and, at the same time, UNODC is not able to locate official national data on trafficking in persons.

The report is based on an analytical interpretation of a large number of detected cases of trafficking in persons around the world. The units of analysis are detected cases of trafficking in persons, detected victims, and detected offenders (suspects, persons prosecuted, and/or convicted offenders).

Data on detected cases are typically sourced from authorities trained for dealing with cases of trafficking in persons, identifying trafficking offences and assisting victims in their territory. This might be law enforcement institutions, the judiciary or authorities assisting victims. In some cases, information from international organizations or non-governmental organizations that detect, assist or repatriate victims of trafficking is drawn upon. These other sources are used when the national authorities do not report such data or in countries where these were the only institutions with the capacity to report about victims of trafficking.

The source of all information is provided in detail in [the country profiles](#). Official statistics from national authorities' accounts for the vast majority of the information collected for this edition of the Global Report.

Data and information used for the Global Report 2024

This edition of the Report is based on official statistics on the detected cases of trafficking in persons collected from 156 countries. The countries covered encompass more than 95 per cent of the world's population. The time period covered by the data collection for this Report is 2020-2022. A limited number of countries (72) also provided information for the year 2023.

Most countries reported data for the year 2022. Annual patterns and flows at the regional and global levels were derived by using "2022 (or most recent)" as the reference year, meaning that, for the countries where 2022 data was not available, the most recent available data was used (2023, 2021 or 2020).

The official statistics collected refer to cases of trafficking officially recorded by national authorities reporting on the profiles of victims and offenders, as well as the characteristics of trafficking cases. Data was disaggregated by sex and age group wherever data availability permitted.

Summary of core data and indicators used in this edition of the Report by year

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022 (or most recent)	Total 2020-2023
Number of detected victims reported by Member States	48,188	55,290	69,627	29,373	74,785	202,478

Number of detected victims for which age group and sex was reported by Member States	42,434	50,898	64,981	25,432	68,836	183,745
Number of detected victims for which a form of exploitation was reported by Member States	37,962	45,038	60,444	20,933	65,339	164,377
Number of detected victims for which citizenship was reported by Member States	37,475	42,609	53,374	9,365	59,048	142,823
Number of persons prosecuted reported by Member States	10,971	14,435	17,331	5,911	18,131	48,648
Number of persons convicted reported by Member States	2,819	4,614	5,555	2,950	5,622	15,938

Data analysis and extrapolation

The profile of the victims by age, sex and citizenship provided by each individual country is aggregated into sub-regional and regional values. Not all countries, however, are able to provide details on the age, sex or citizenship profile of the victims. In that case, the profile of the victim is inferred on the base of the regional or sub-regional average resulting from the aggregation of the values reported. The final regional profile is including the countries providing the detailed data on age, sex and citizenship as well as the countries where this information is assigned according to the average.

A note is included at the bottom of each analysis produced to inform on the number of victims detected for whom the profile was reported by national authorities.

To derive trends on the profile of the victims and on the forms of exploitation, time series analysis on the profiles of the victims is calculated on the base of a core number of countries that have provided data over the entire period considered or where it was possible to derive extrapolations as indicated above. Not all countries are able to report on the profile of the victims for the entire period considered, as a consequence global or regional trends are assessed on a selection of those countries from where the information is available as an approximation of the regional or global values under analysis.

Analysis of the court narrative

The questionnaire used to collect data contains the space for the national authorities to include the narrative of course cases concluded with a conviction in first instance for the offence of trafficking in persons.

A total of 1,038 cases of trafficking in persons were shared by 113 Member States. These cases involved more than 5,700 victims and 3,500 offenders. Analyses based on this data are referred to as “GLOTIP collection of court case summaries”. These cases can be found in more detail in a dedicated document published in the UNODC Global Report webpage and in the UNODC Knowledge Portal on Trafficking in Persons and its dedicated Case-Law database in Sherloc.

The narrative of the court cases is screened in detail. More than 30 preselected key indicators, from the age of the victims to the structure of the traffickers, from how the case got to the attention of the authorities to the length of the investigation and prosecution and many others are picked from text and inserted in an ad-hoc data base. The analysis of these indicators is then represented in the Report. A note at the bottom of the analysis is reporting the number of cases used for the analysis.



Questionnaire for the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons

Please enter the name of the reporting state in the box here below

This questionnaire is aimed at collecting information and data for the UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. The Report is mandated by General Assembly resolution 64/293, entitled “United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons”.

Name of coordinating officer:	
Functional title:	
Agency:	
Street:	
City/state/country:	
Email address:	
Telephone (country code, area code, number):	
Fax (country code, area code, number):	

The consolidated response should be returned **no later than 31 July 2024**.

General Information and Instructions

The questionnaire seeks information on acts that constitute the crime of "trafficking in persons" as defined by the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

UNODC also seeks qualitative information on trafficking in persons happening in your country. For this reason, please attach a summary of the facts of five significant court cases concluded with a conviction for trafficking in persons between 2021 and 2023.

BEFORE COMPLETION of the Data File, please read the following instructions:

1. Comments to aid completion of the questionnaire are embedded in cells marked with a red triangle in the top right corner.
2. Where information is unavailable, please leave the cell blank and do not enter 'n/a' or other response. Notes can be entered in the space for comments if necessary. Please do not enter zero (0) unless this is the recorded value;
3. In most cases, the calendar year should be used as the reporting period. Where some other annual period is used, such as a fiscal year not corresponding to the calendar year, this should be noted in the space for additional comments;
4. Data provided should, where possible, reflect data from all levels of government, including national, state and local authorities. Where this is not the case, this should also be noted in the space for additional comments;
5. Where the data reported contain significant breaks in time series that are due to changes in legislation, definitions or data collection systems, please provide this information in the space for additional comments;
6. Data previously reported by countries are included in this questionnaire under columns entitled 'reported'. This data should be carefully revised to ensure consistency with the definitions used for the current year, which might differ from previous years. Where these data are incorrect or incomplete, please change/fill as appropriate in the column entitled 'revised' and provide information on changes made in the space for additional comments.

Offences

	2020	2021	2022	2023	
	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported
					Revised
					NEW
					Additional Comments
1	Offences of trafficking in persons recorded in your country				
1.1	Total number of offences of trafficking in persons				
1.2	Indicate the article(s) of the criminal code you refer to				
1.3	Source(s) of the data provided in this table				

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Enter zero (0) only if this is the recorded value (not if information is missing).

Offenders

	2020	2021	2022	2023	
	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported
					Revised
					NEW
					Additional Comments
2	Persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons				
2.1	Total number of persons brought into formal contact				
2.1.1	Adults				
2.1.1a	Adult males (men)				
2.1.1b	Adult females (women)				
2.1.1c	Other adults				
2.1.2	Minors				
2.1.2a	Male children (boys)				
2.1.2b	Female children (girls)				
2.1.2c	Other children				
2.1.3	Unknown gender and age				
2.2	Indicate the article(s) of the criminal code you refer to				
2.3	Source(s) of the data provided in this table				
2.4	Please specify whether the data correspond to suspected, arrested, cautioned or other				
3	Persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons				
3.1	Total number of persons prosecuted				
3.1.1	Adults				
3.1.1a	Adult males (men)				
3.1.1b	Adult females (women)				
3.1.1c	Other adults				
3.1.2	Minors				
3.1.2a	Male children (boys)				
3.1.2b	Female children (girls)				
3.1.2c	Other children				
3.1.3	Unknown gender and age				
3.2	Indicate the article(s) of the criminal code you refer to				
3.3	Source(s) of the data provided in this table				
4	Persons convicted of trafficking in persons (preferably convicted in the court of first instance)				
4.1	Total number of persons convicted				
4.1.1	Adults				
4.1.1a	Adult males (men)				
4.1.1b	Adult females (women)				
4.1.1c	Other adults				
4.1.2	Minors				
4.1.2a	Male children (boys)				
4.1.2b	Female children (girls)				
4.1.2c	Other children				
4.1.3	Unknown gender and age				
4.2	Indicate the article(s) of the criminal code you refer to				
4.3	Source(s) of the data provided in this table				
4.4	Indicate at which stage of the criminal proceeding (i.e. conviction at first instance, or second or third instance) you are referring to				
4.5	Please list any other crimes for which a conviction was secured/sought concurrently with the crime of trafficking in persons				
5	Persons convicted of trafficking in persons by forms of exploitation				
5.1	Total number of persons convicted of trafficking for sexual exploitation				
5.2	Total number of persons convicted of trafficking for forced labour				
5.3	Total number of persons convicted of trafficking for removal of organs				
5.4	Total number of persons convicted of trafficking for other purposes (please specify here)				
5.5	Total number of persons convicted of trafficking for other purposes - option 2 (please specify here)				
5.6	Total number of persons convicted of trafficking for other purposes - option 3 (please specify here)				
5.7	Total number of persons convicted of trafficking for other purposes - option 4 (please specify here)				
5.8	Source(s) of the data provided in this table				
5.9	If more than four categories of "other purposes" are recorded in your country, please provide details				

With reference to Question 4, please list the citizenships and number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons. Please start with the citizens of your own country.

	2020			2021			2022			2023	
	Citizenship	Reported	Revised	Citizenship	Reported	Revised	Citizenship	Reported	Revised	Citizenship	NEW
6.1	Own country nationals (specify other nationalities)			Own country nationals (specify other nationalities)			Own country (specify other nationalities)			Own country nationals (specify other nationalities)	
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6.2		Source(s) of the data provided in this table									
	Additional Comments										

Victims

	2020		2021		2022		2023	Additional Comments
	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	Reported	Revised	NEW	
7	Persons identified by State authorities as victims of trafficking in persons							
7.1	Total number of victims of trafficking							
7.1.1	Adults							
7.1.1a	Adult males (men)							
7.1.1b	Adult females (women)							
7.1.1c	Other adults							
7.1.2	Minors							
7.1.2a	Male children (boys)							
7.1.2b	Female children (girls)							
7.1.2c	Other children							
7.1.3	Unknown gender and age							
	Source(s) of the data provided in this table							
7.3	"Children": As defined under article 3 (d) of the Protocol, "children" shall mean any person under 18 years of age							
	If NO, please specify:							
8	Victims of trafficking in persons by forms of exploitation							
8.1	Total number of victims trafficked for sexual exploitation							
8.1.1	Adults							
8.1.1a	Adult males (men)							
8.1.1b	Adult females (women)							
8.1.1c	Other adults							
8.1.2	Minors							
8.1.2a	Male children (boys)							
8.1.2b	Female children (girls)							
8.1.2c	Other children							
8.1.3	Unknown gender and age							
8.2	Total number of victims trafficked for forced labour							
8.2.1	Adults							
8.2.1a	Adult males (men)							
8.2.1b	Adult females (women)							
8.2.1c	Other adults							
8.2.2	Minors							
8.2.2a	Male children (boys)							
8.2.2b	Female children (girls)							
8.2.2c	Other children							
8.2.3	Unknown gender and age							
8.3	Total number of victims trafficked for removal of organs							
8.3.1	Adults							
8.3.1a	Adult males (men)							
8.3.1b	Adult females (women)							
8.3.1c	Other adults							
8.3.2	Minors							
8.3.2a	Male children (boys)							
8.3.2b	Female children (girls)							
8.3.2c	Other children							
8.3.3	Unknown gender and age							
8.4	Total number of victims trafficked for other purposes (please specify here)							
8.4.1	Adults							
8.4.1a	Adult males (men)							
8.4.1b	Adult females (women)							
8.4.1c	Other adults							
8.4.2	Minors							
8.4.2a	Male children (boys)							
8.4.2b	Female children (girls)							
8.4.3	Other children							
8.4.4	Unknown gender and age							

8.5	Total number of victims trafficked for other purposes - option 2	(please specify here)										
8.5.1	Adults											
8.5.1a	Adult males (men)											
8.5.1b	Adult females (women)											
8.5.1c	Other adults											
8.5.2	Minors											
8.5.2a	Male children (boys)											
8.5.2b	Female children (girls)											
8.5.2c	Other children											
8.5.3	Unknown gender and age											
8.6	Total number of victims trafficked for other purposes - option 3	(please specify here)										
8.6.1	Adults											
8.6.1a	Adult males (men)											
8.6.1b	Adult females (women)											
8.6.1c	Other adults											
8.6.2	Minors											
8.6.2a	Male children (boys)											
8.6.2b	Female children (girls)											
8.6.2c	Other children											
8.6.3	Unknown gender and age											
8.7	Total number of victims trafficked for other purposes - option 4	(please specify here)										
8.7.1	Adults											
8.7.1a	Adult males (men)											
8.7.1b	Adult females (women)											
8.7.1c	Other adults											
8.7.2	Minors											
8.7.2a	Male children (boys)											
8.7.2b	Female children (girls)											
8.7.2c	Other children											
8.7.3	Unknown gender and age											
8.8	Source(s) of the data provided in this table											
8.9	If more than four categories of "other purposes" are recorded in your country, please provide details											

9 Please list the citizenships and number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by State authorities in your country. Please start with the citizens of your own country.												
	Citizenship	2020			2021			2022			2023	
		Reported	Revised		Reported	Revised		Reported	Revised		Citizenship	NEW
9.1	Own country nationals				Own country nationals			Own country nationals			Own country nationals	
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10 How many of the victims of your own country reported in Question 9 were trafficked within the border of your country?

10.1 Own nationals domestically trafficked (within the borders of your country)

10.2 Source(s) of the data provided in this table

Additional Comments

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11 How many of the victims of your own country reported in Question 9 were repatriated from other countries?

11.1 Own nationals repatriated from other countries

11.2 Source(s) of the data provided in this table

Additional Comments

12.1	12.1	2020			2021			2022			2023	
		Citizenship (specify the country)	Reported	Revised	Citizenship (specify the country)	Reported	Revised	Citizenship (specify the country)	Reported	Revised	Citizenship (specify the country)	NEW
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Court Case #1

- Conviction date**
- Conviction type (first, second instance etc.)**
- Court**
- Type(s) of exploitation**

Please, provide the contact details of national authorities UNODC may contact to gather more information on this case.

- Name**
- Title**
- Institution**
- E-mail address**
- Telephone number**
- Please add here the link to any related online resource**

Fact summary
Please add here below a summary of the facts of a significant court case concluded with a conviction for trafficking in persons between 2021 and 2023. Ideally, court case summaries should cover court cases adjudicated in the court of first instance and be between 500 and 1.500 words long.

- While compiling the summary, kindly consider including the following elements:
- Details on the investigative phase and the rescue operation
 - Profile of the victims(s) (sex, age, nationality, socio-economic background, any other relevant factor)
 - Profile of the offender(s)
 - Type of exploitation and means used
 - Aggravations (if any)

