

Over a period of 21 months, the US Government reported the following information relating to alleged human trafficking victims:

Federally funded task forces opened 1,229 suspected incidents of human trafficking for investigation between January 2007 and September 2008. From January 2008 to September 2008, there is an overlap with the 2008- 2010 stats, which can be found here (2008- 2010).

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Characteristics of Suspected Human Trafficking Incidents, 2007-08

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The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) and its 2003, 2005, and 2008 reauthorizations are the first comprehensive federal legislation to combat human trafficking and to assist trafficking victims. Under the TVPA, human trafficking has occurred if a person was induced to perform labor or a commercial sex act through force, fraud, or coercion. Any person under age 18 who performs a commercial sex act is considered a victim of human trafficking, regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion were present.

The Trafficking of Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-164) requires biennial reporting on human

Table 1. Number of alleged human trafficking incidents reported by task forces, 2007-08

Type of human trafficking incident	Total incidents	
	Number	Percent
All incidents	1,229	100.0%
Sex trafficking	<u>1,018</u>	<u>82.8%</u>
Forced prostitution*	<u>596</u>	<u>48.5</u>
Child sex trafficking	<u>391</u>	<u>31.8</u>
Other sex trafficking	<u>31</u>	<u>2.5</u>
Labor trafficking	146	11.9%
Other/unknown	65	5.3%

*Includes any suspicion of force, fraud, or coercion.

The statistics from 2008-2010 (30 months) indicated that there were approximately 83 alleged victims per month reported.

The average for this period of time would be about 58 alleged victims reported per month.

Obviously during the overlapping 9 months, there may have been more or fewer reported alleged victims. What is important is the outcome.

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