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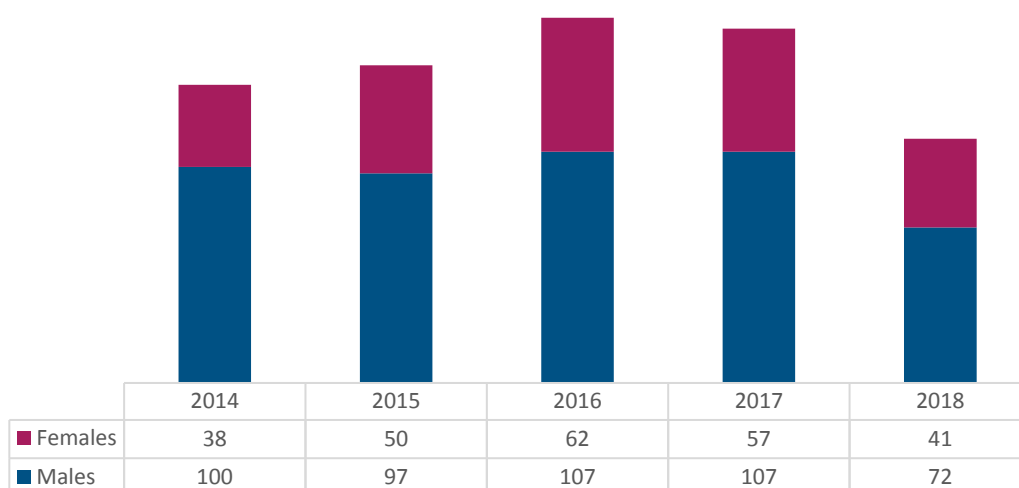
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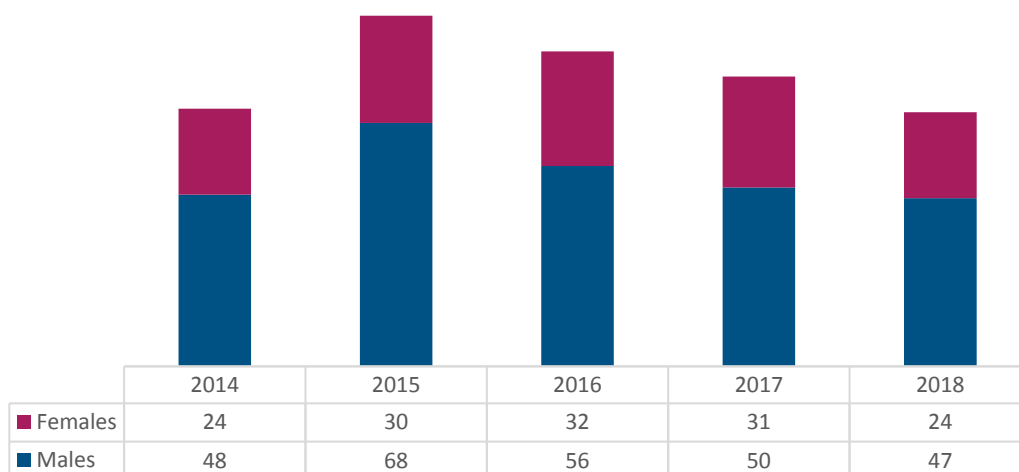
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Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – 2018



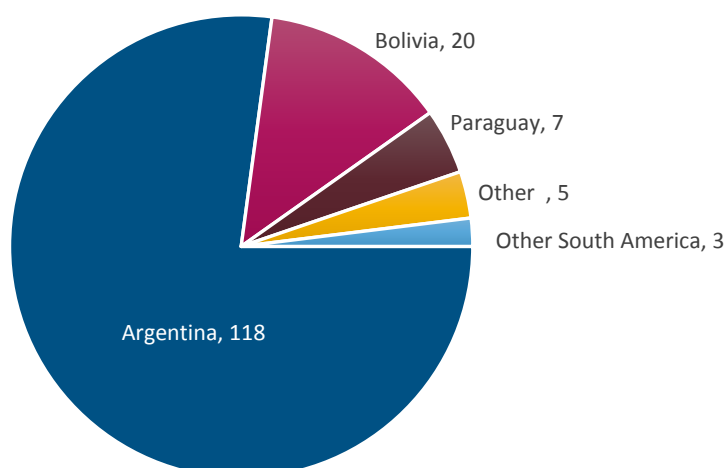
Source: Office of Trafficking and Exploitation of Persons.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – 2018



Source: Office of the Attorney General.

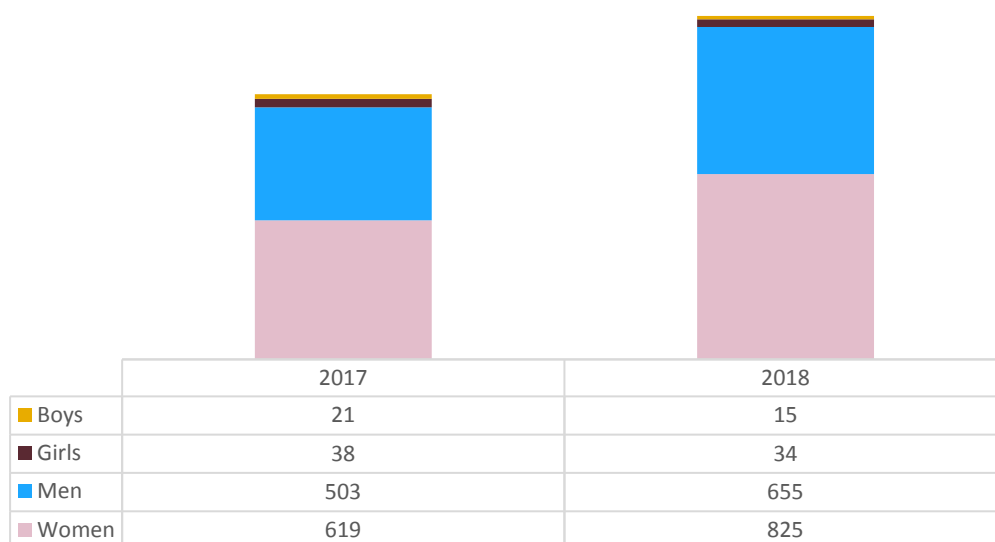
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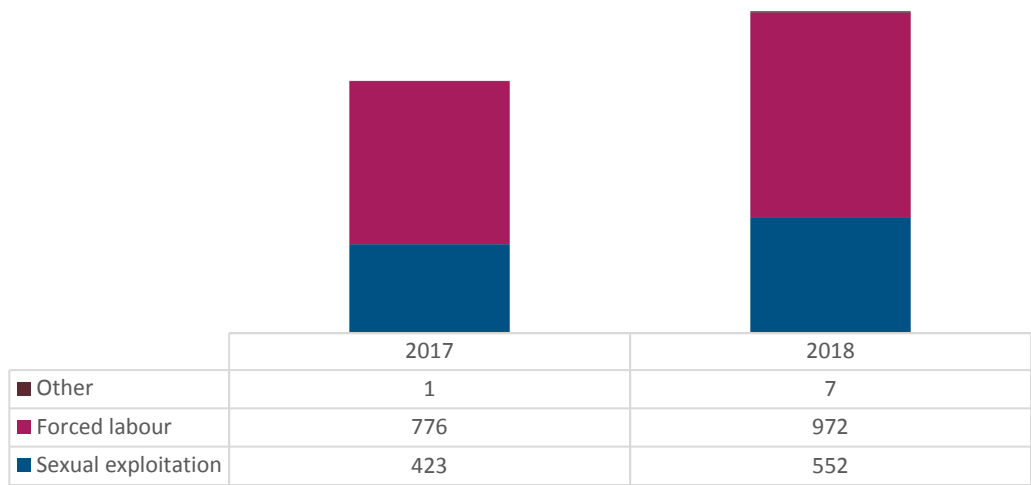
Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2017– 2018



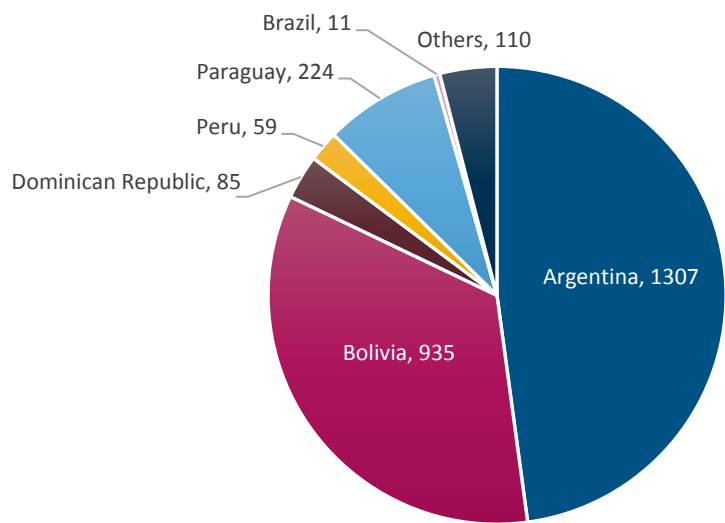
Source: Programa Nacional de Rescate y Acompañamiento a las Personas Damnificadas por el Delito de Trata (Ministerio de Justicia y Derechos Humanos de la Nación).

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2018



Source: Programa Nacional de Rescate y Acompañamiento a las Personas Damnificadas por el Delito de Trata (Ministerio de Justicia y Derechos Humanos de la Nación).

Citizenships of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, 2017– 2018



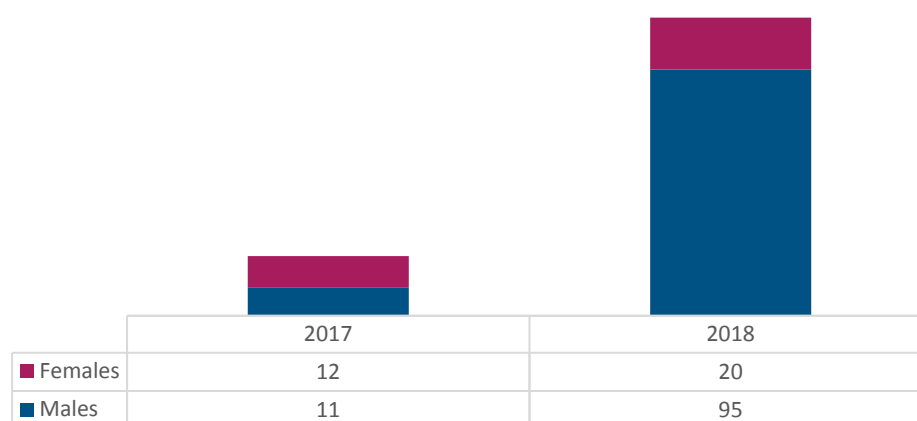
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– The Plurinational State of Bolivia –

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the Plurinational State of Bolivia covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

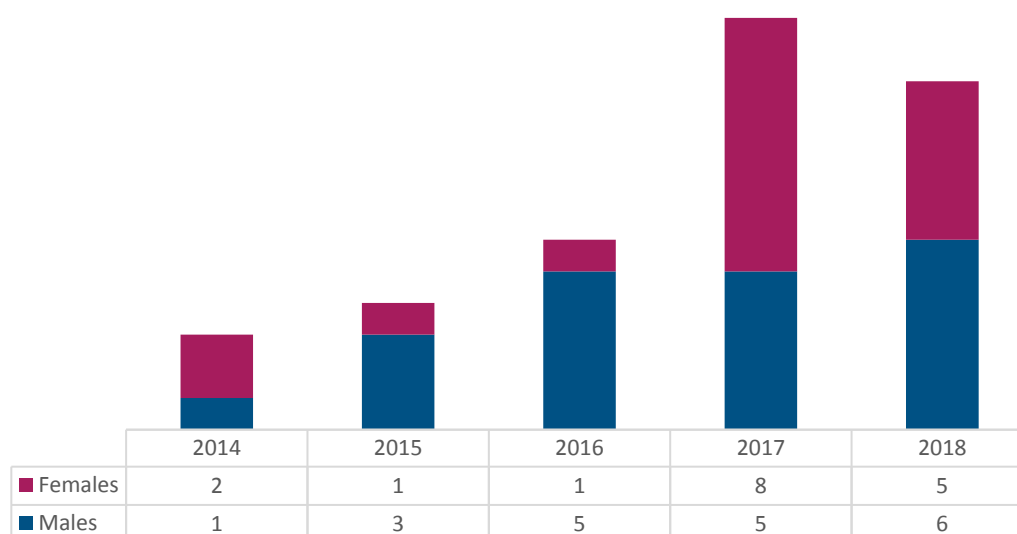
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Source: Fiscalía General del Estado Sistema Tritón.

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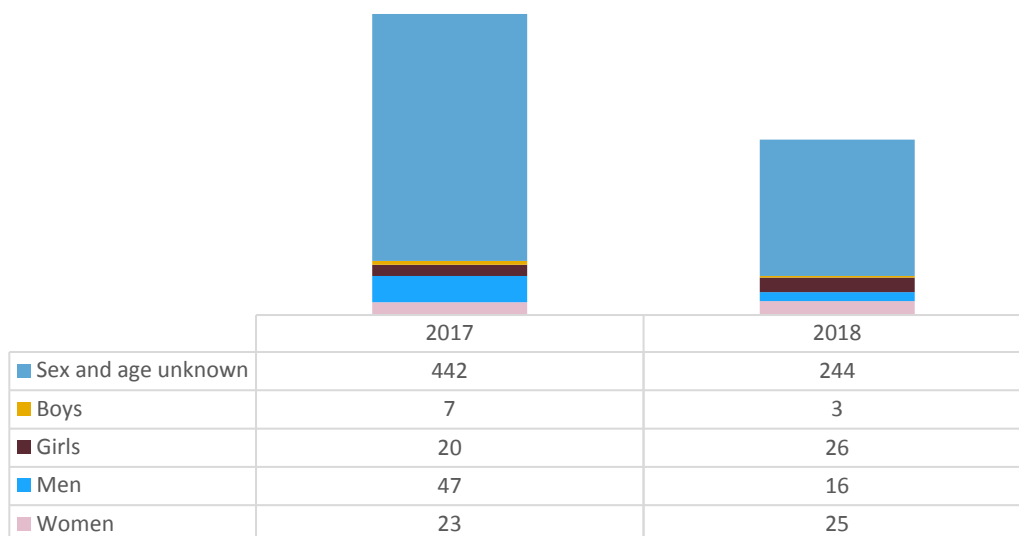
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Source: Tribunal Supremo de Justicia

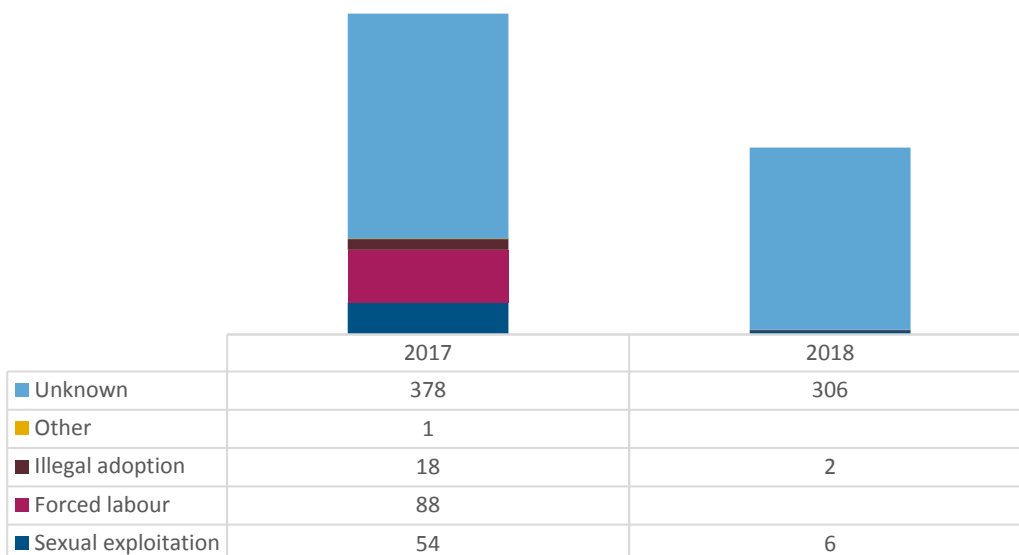
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Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2017 – 2018



Source: Fiscalía General del Estado Sistema

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2018



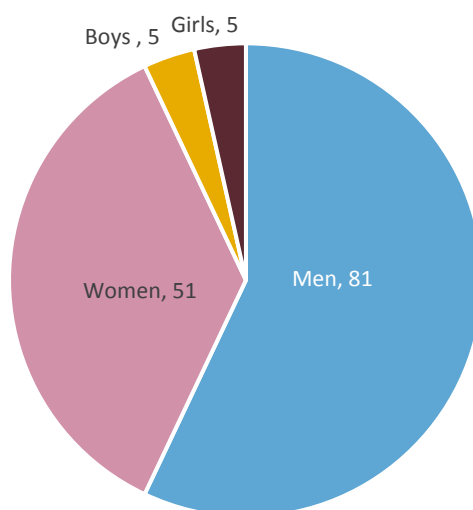
Source: Director of the Protection of Victims, Witnesses, and Prosecutors of the Public Ministry – FEVAP.

– Brazil –

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Brazil covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2018



Source: Federal Police Unit.

– Chile –

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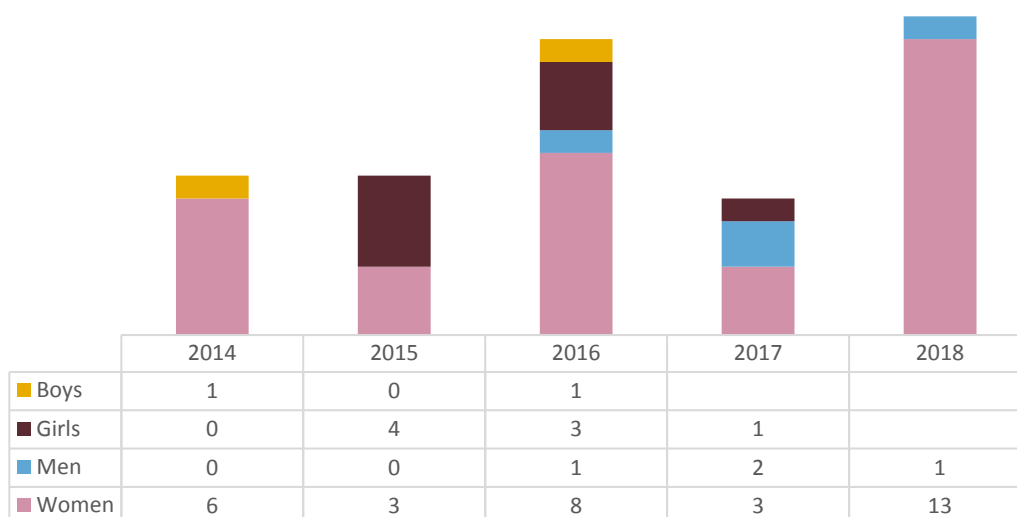
Investigations and suspects

During the period 2016-2020 (as of May), 43 persons were prosecuted, 20 men and 23 women. During the same period, 15 persons were convicted of trafficking in persons, as per article 411 quarter of the Criminal Code. Persons convicted were of citizens of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Russia, Peru.

Source: Ministerio Público.

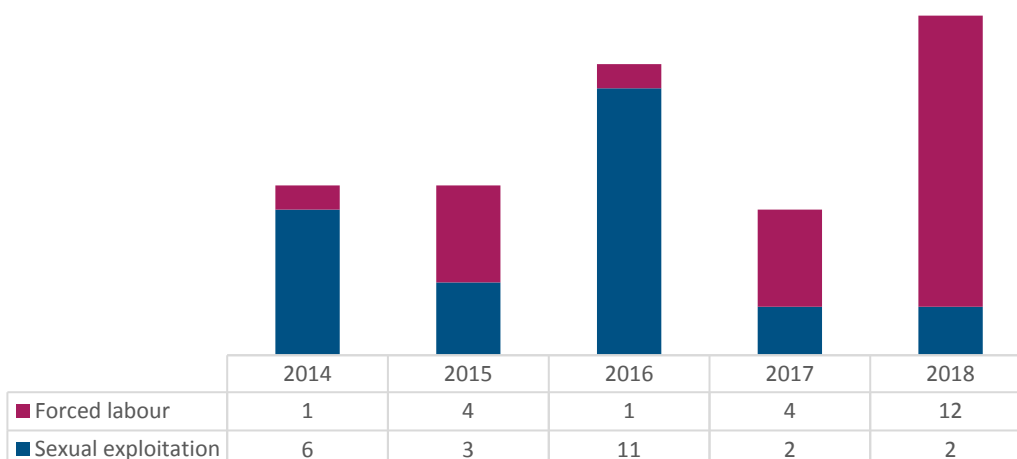
Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2014 – 2018



Source: Investigation Police of Chile and the Carabineros of Chile.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2014 – 2018



Source: Ministry of the Public, Investigation Police of Chile, and the Carabineros of Chile.

In the period between 2014 and 2018, the majority of victims were of foreign citizenships including victims from Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Three citizens of Chile were trafficked domestically.

Source: Investigation Police of Chile, and the Carabineros of Chile.

– Colombia –

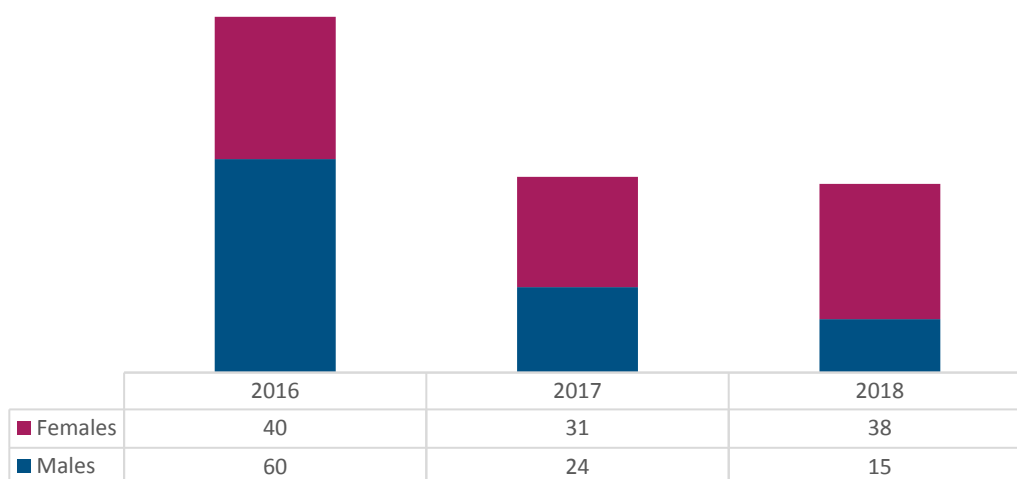
The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Colombia covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

In 2016, there were 194 cases of trafficking in persons recorded and in 2017, 82 cases were recorded.

Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation.

Number of 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, by sex, 2016 – 2018**



Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation/ Ministerio del Interior

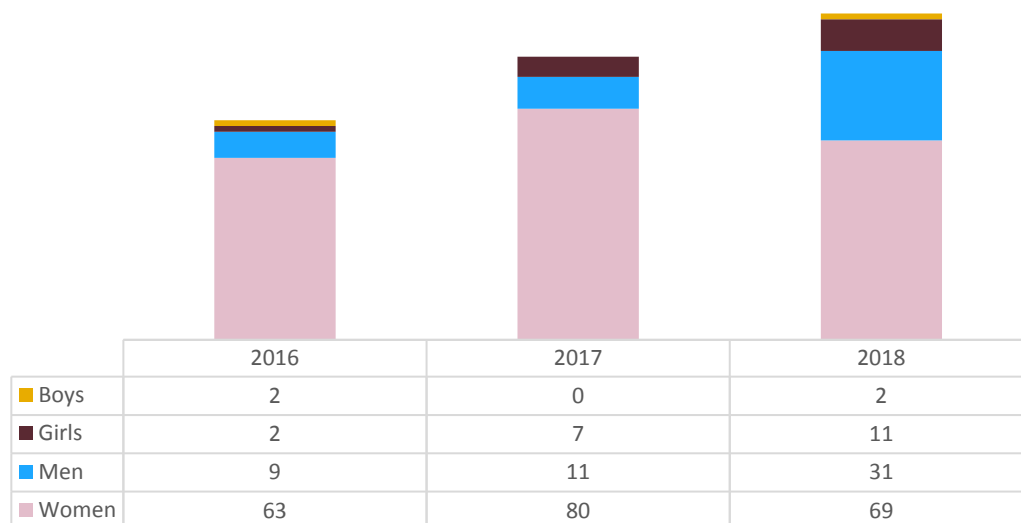
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In 2016, 22 persons were charged with the crime of trafficking in persons, 17 males and five females. In the years 2017 and 2018, at total of 32 were charged and 16 were convicted.

Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation/ Ministerio del Interior

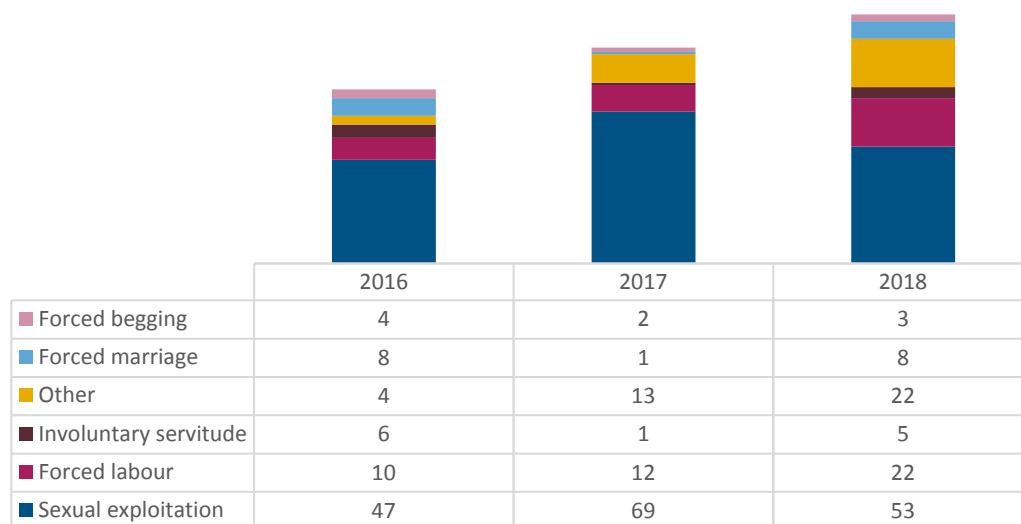
Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2014 – 2018



Source: Ministry of the Interior.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2014 – 2018



Source: Ministry of the Interior.

The majority of victims in the indicated period were citizens of Colombia. Others were citizens of Venezuela and other countries in South America and Central America.

Source: Ministry of the Interior.

Between January 2017 and December 2018, 116 identified victims were repatriated from other countries, while 43 were domestically trafficked according to the Ministry of the Interior. Colombian victims of trafficking were repatriated from China, Qatar and other countries in Europe, Central America and East Asia.

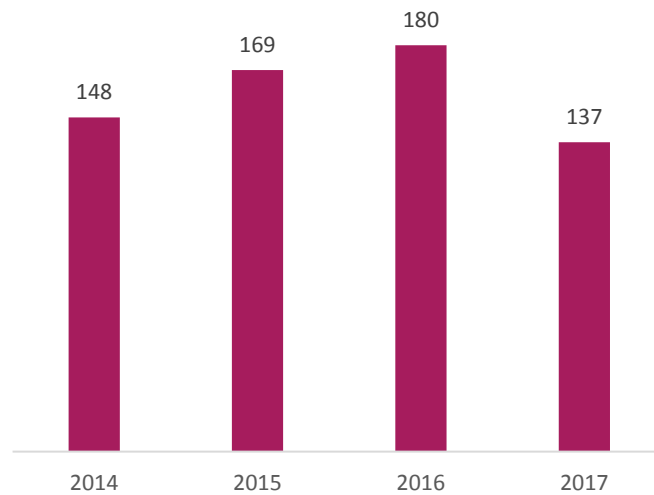
Source: Ministry of the Interior.

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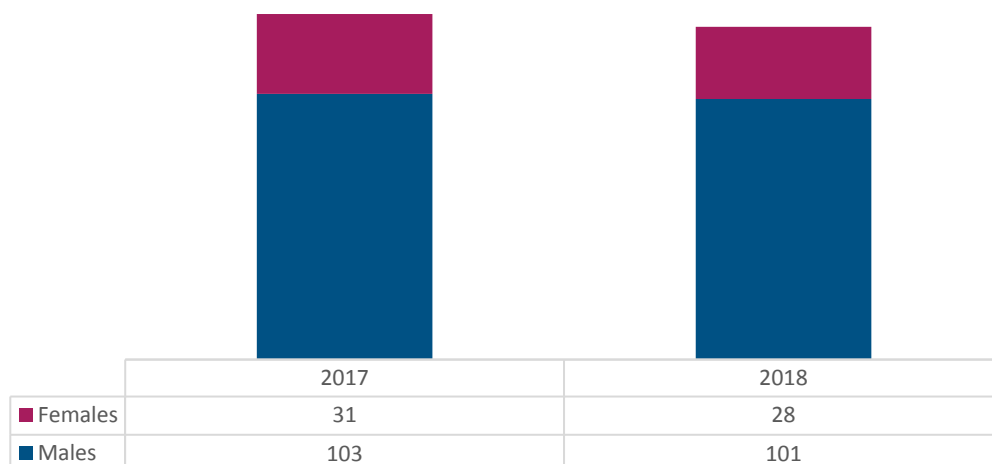
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Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – 2017



Source: Ministry of Interior/Fiscalía General del Estado.

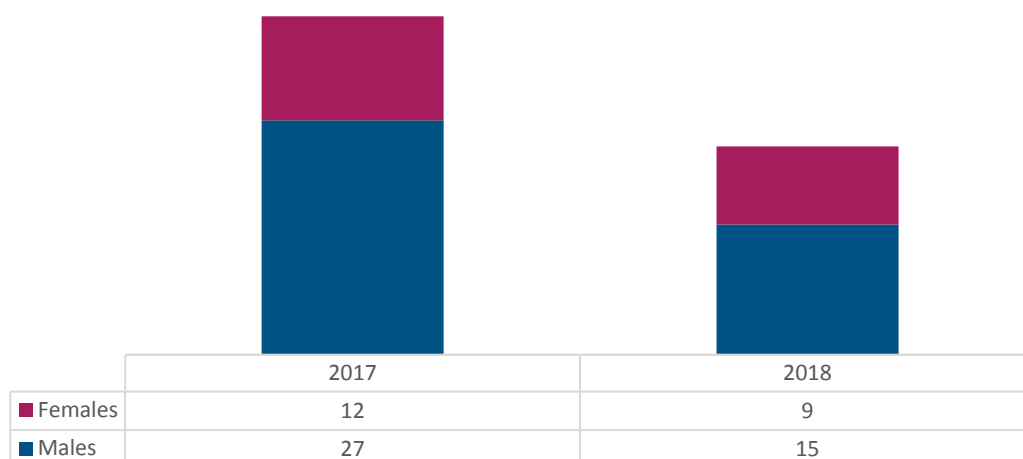
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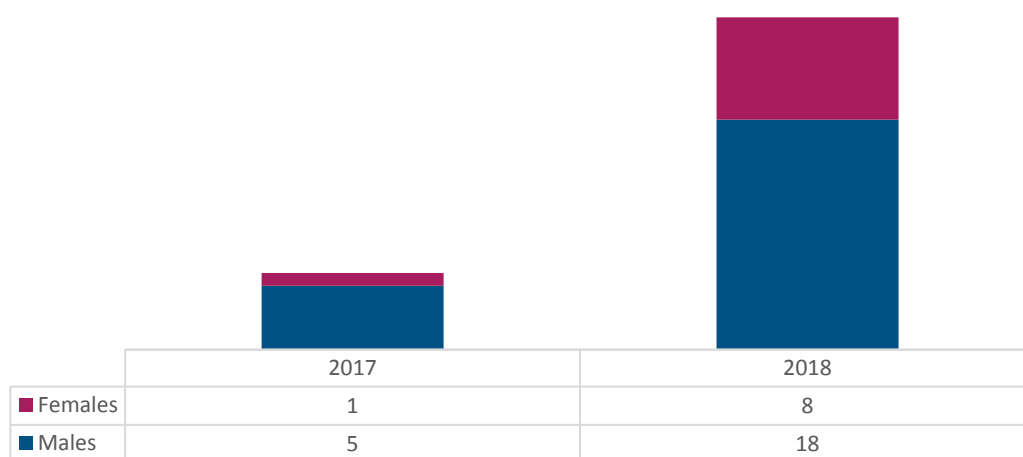
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Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017 – 2018



Source: Fiscalía General del Estado.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017 – 2018



All people convicted during the reported period are Ecuadorean citizens.

Source: Dirección Nacional de Estudios Jurimetricos - Subdirección Nacional de Derechos Humanos del Consejo de la Judicatura. Fuente: Sistema Automático de Trámites Judiciales.

Victims

National authorities detected 138 victims of trafficking in 2017 and 120 in 2018, of which 19 were Ecuadorean citizens detected abroad.

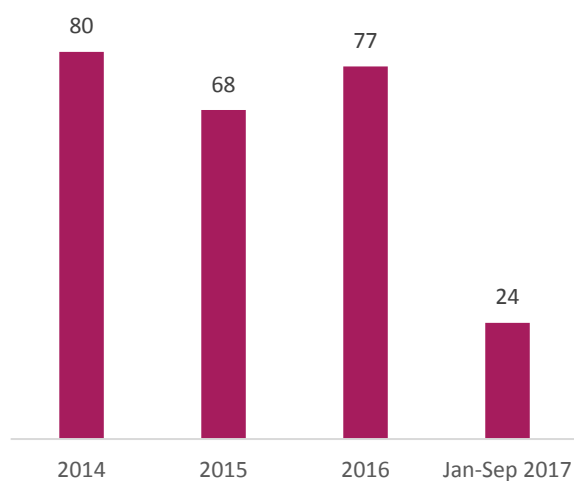
Source: Sistema Informático De Vulnerabilidad (SIV) de la DAPEE- Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Movilidad Humana Dirección Nacional de Estudios Jurimetricos - Subdirección Nacional de Derechos Humanos del Consejo de la Judicatura.

– Paraguay –

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Paraguay covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

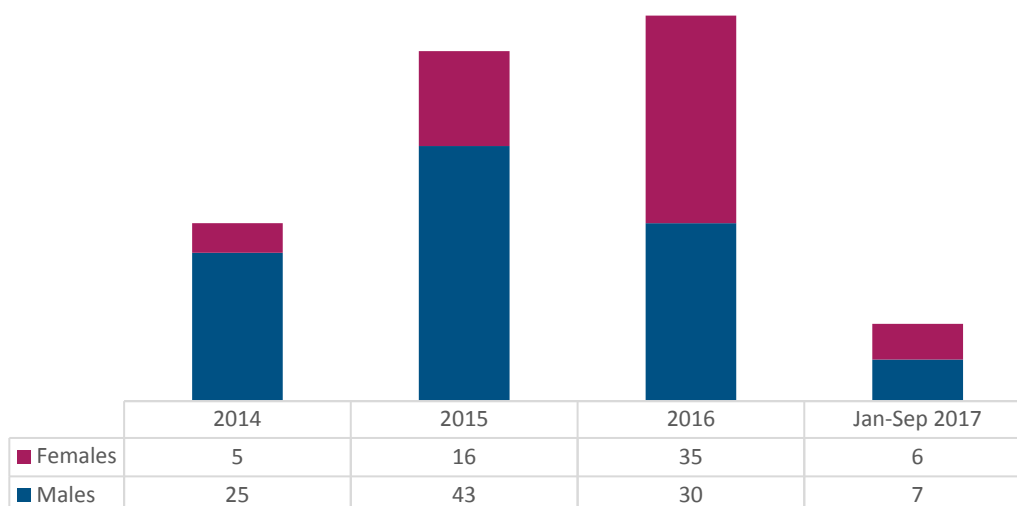
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Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – September 2017



Source: Public Ministry.

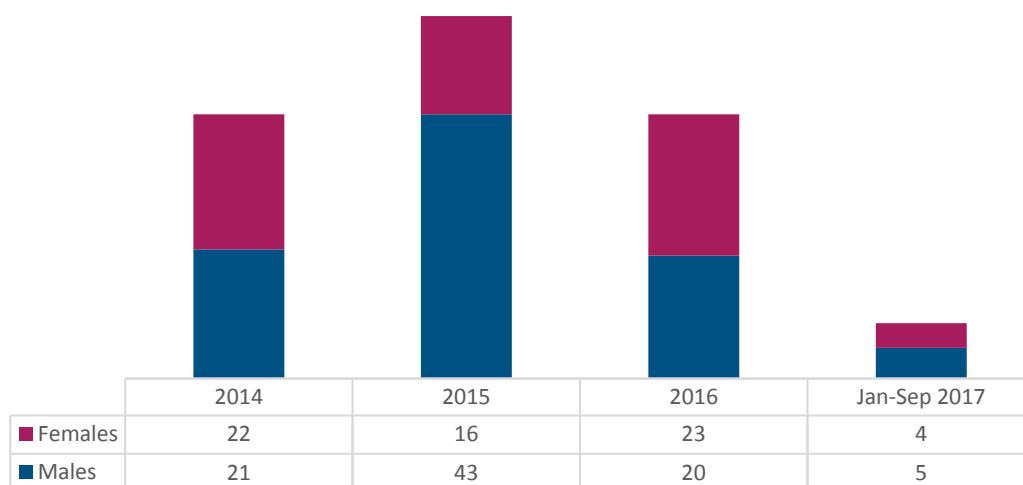
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Source: Public Ministry.

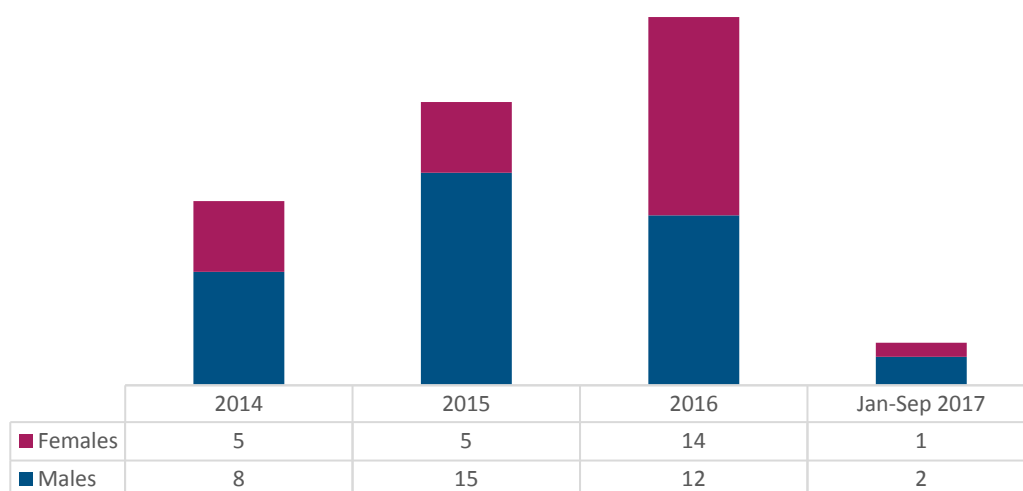
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Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – September 2017



Source: Public Ministry.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – September 2017



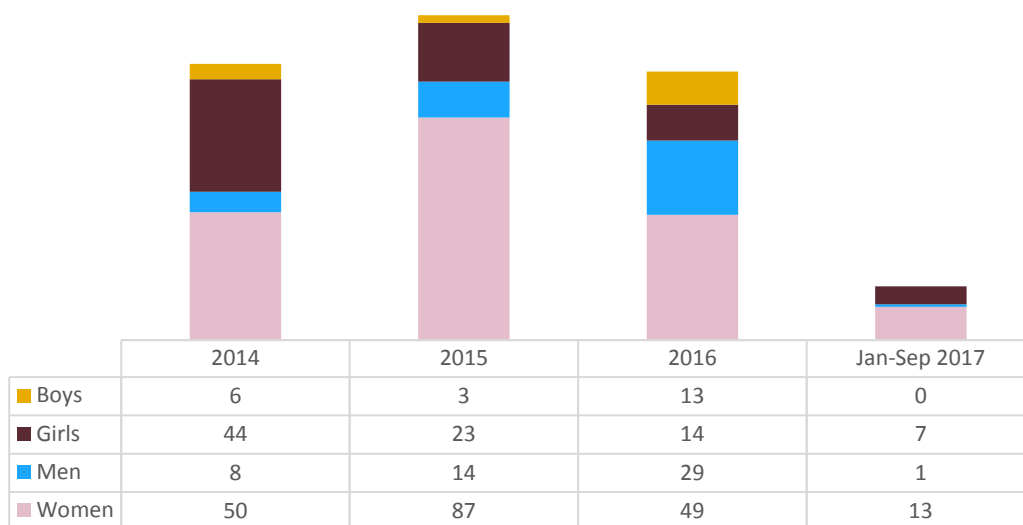
Source: Public Ministry.

The majority of persons convicted of trafficking in the indicated period were nationals of Paraguay. A small number of convicted persons were citizens of Spain, Argentina, and Colombia.

Source: Public Ministry.

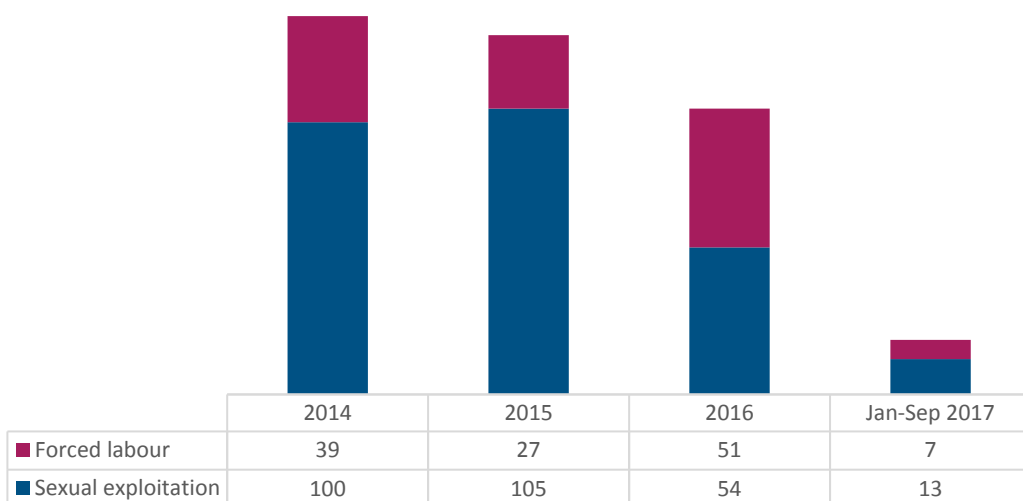
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Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2014 – September 2017



Source: Public Ministry.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2014 – September 2017

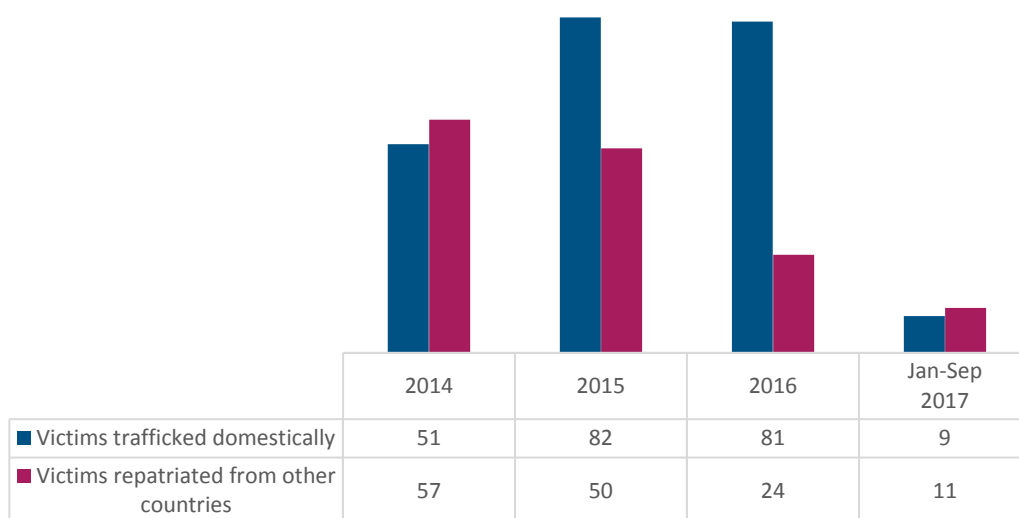


Source: Public Ministry.

Most identified victims between January 2014 and September 2017 were citizens of Paraguay. Other identified victims were citizens of South Korea, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, and Sweden.

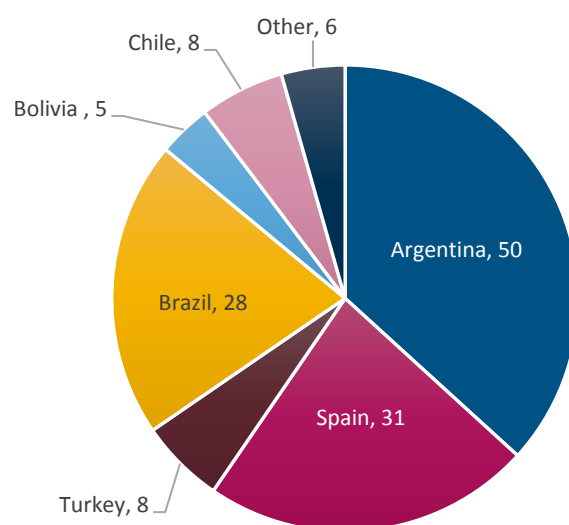
Source: Public Ministry.

Type of trafficking experienced by victims of Paraguay citizenship, 2014 – September 2017



Source: Public Ministry.

Countries from which victims of trafficking in persons were repatriated, 2014 – September 2017



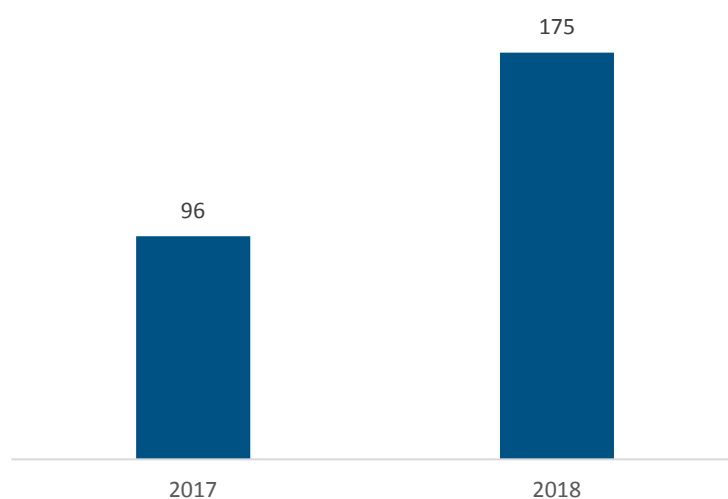
Source: Public Ministry.

– Peru –

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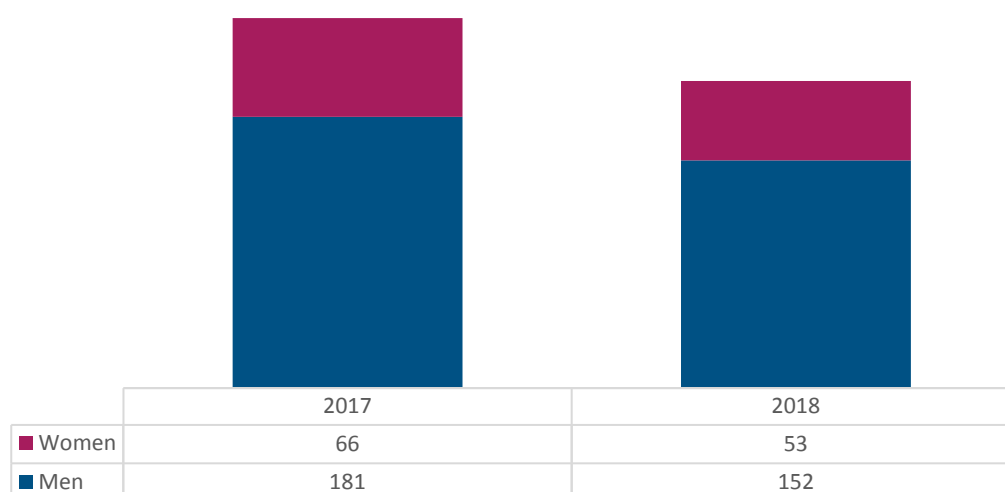
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Number of reported cases of trafficking in persons and related crimes, 2017 – 2018



Source: Estadística – DIRCTPTIM.

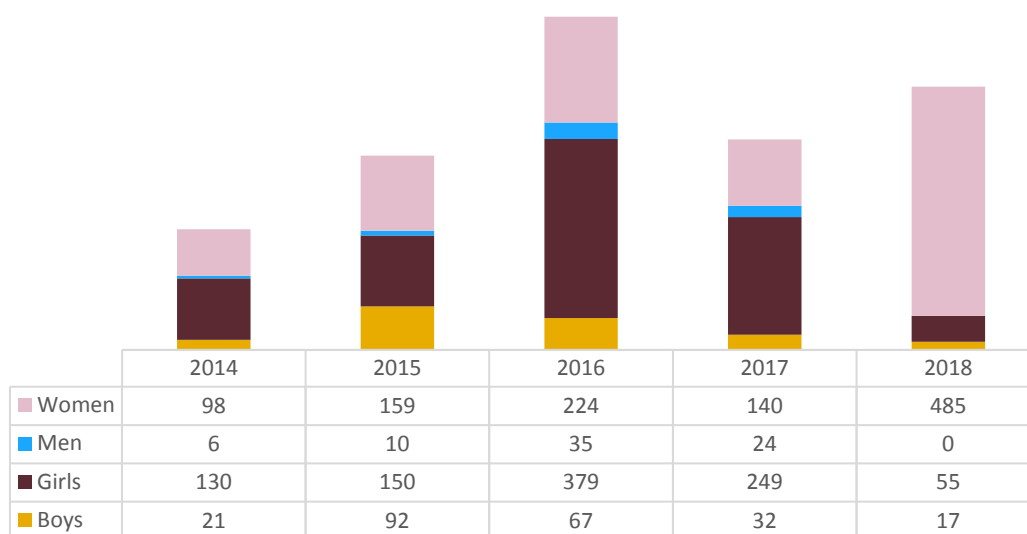
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons and related crimes, by age and sex, 2017 – 2018



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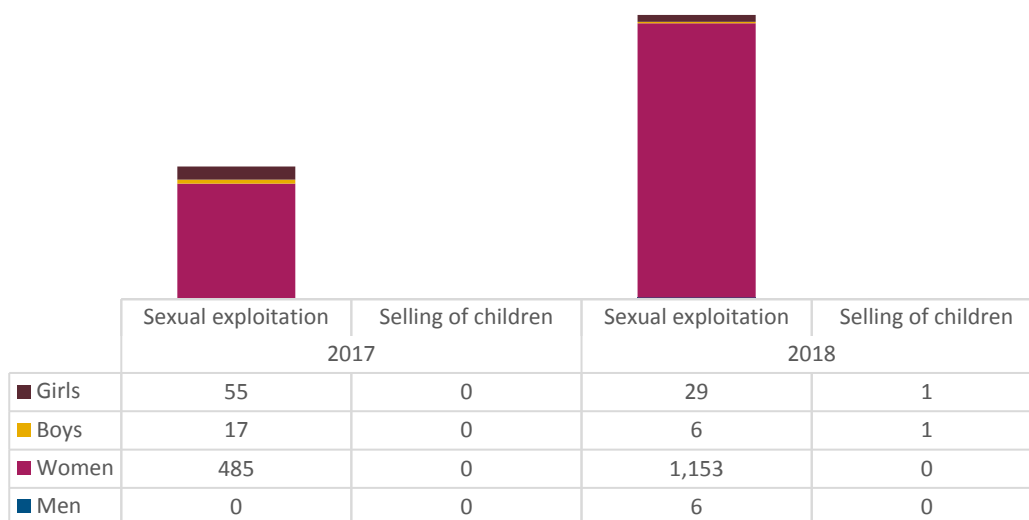
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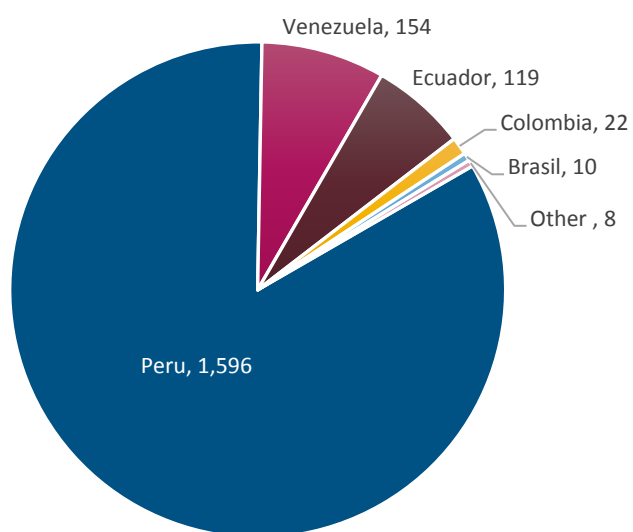
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Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2018



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**Citizenships of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities,
2017 – 2018 (Tot = 1.909)**



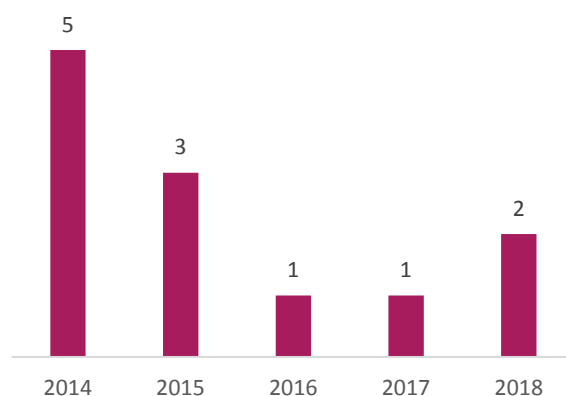
Source: Estadística – DIRCTPTIM.

– Uruguay –

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Uruguay covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. Trafficking in persons is prosecuted under Law 19.643/2018, as well as under Law 18.250/2008, Articles 77, 78, 79.

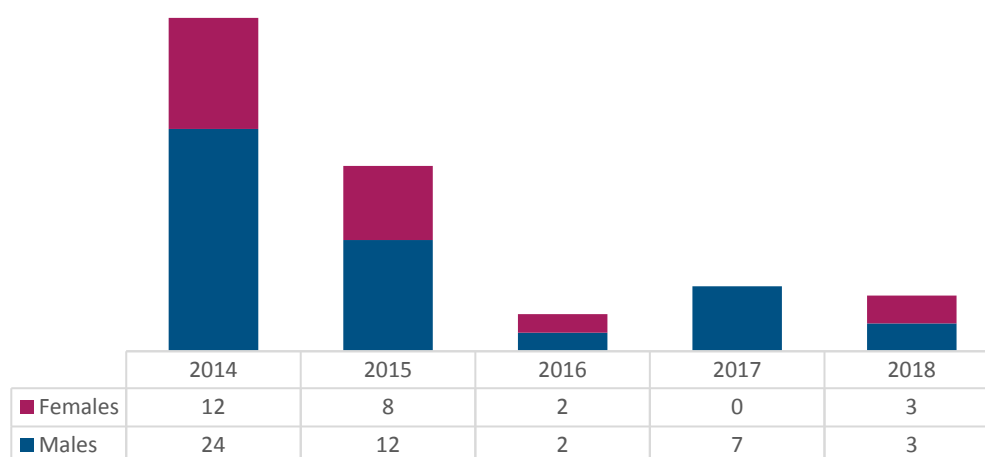
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – 2018



Source: Estadísticas D.G.L.C.C.O. e INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública.

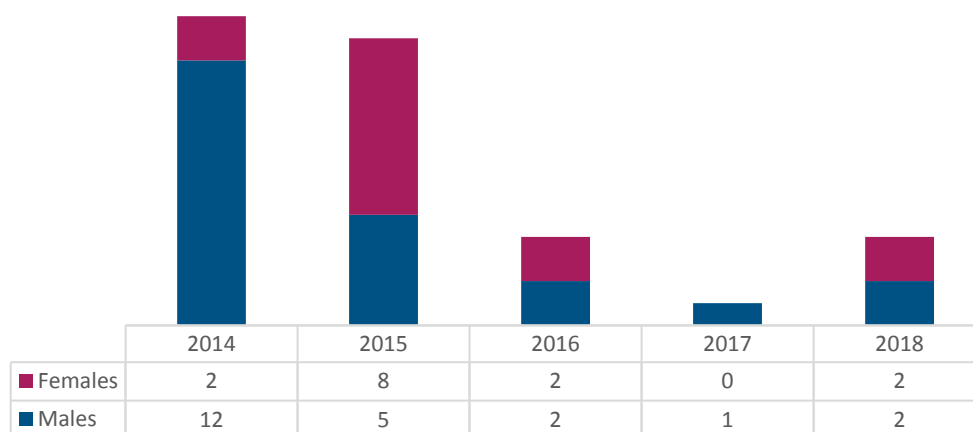
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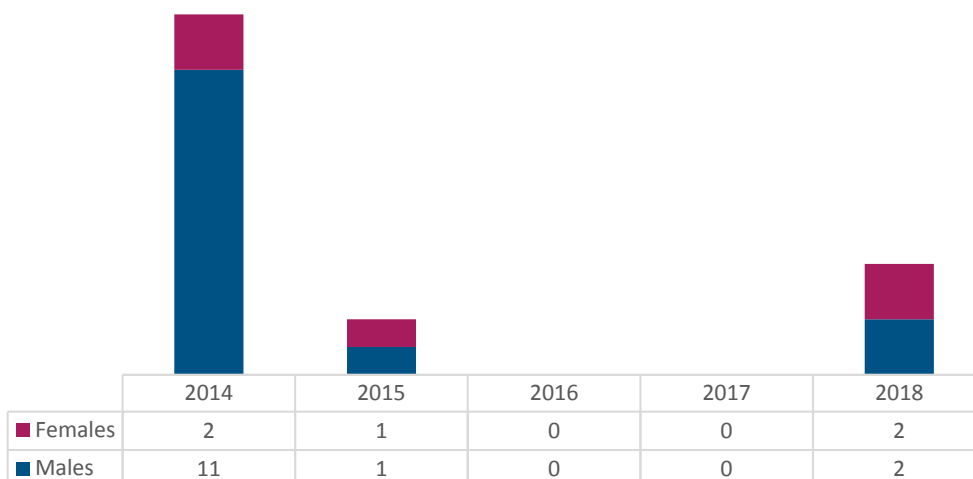
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Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – 2018



Source: Estadísticas D.G.L.C.C.O. e INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – 2017



Source: Estadísticas D.G.L.C.C.O. e INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública.

In 2018, two persons were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, and two for the purpose of forced marriage.

Source: Estadísticas D.G.L.C.C.O. e INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública.

In 2018, the Ministry of Interiors reported 17 cases of trafficking in persons, 14 persons being investigated and 2 convicted of trafficking offences. In the same year, 10 victims were identified. Seven out of these ten victims were adult women trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, and three were children, two girls trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation and one boy for illegal adoption. Nine out of these ten victims were nationals of Uruguay, and one was a national of the Dominican Republic. Among them, seven were recruited to be exploited in Uruguay and three in Europe.

Source: División Políticas de Género, Ministerio del Interior.

Victims

Between 2014 and 2018, all victims of trafficking in persons recorded by D.G.L.C.C.O., INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública were adult women, with a peak of 138 in 2014, and 95, 91, 73, and three victims reported in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively.

Source: Estadísticas D.G.L.C.C.O., INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública.

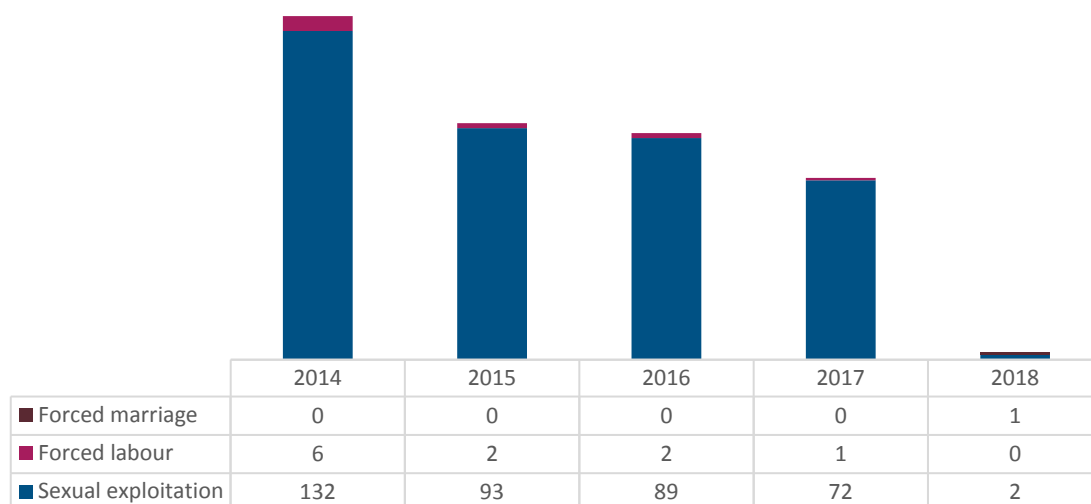
Between 2018 and 2019, 573 children were identified as potential victims of trafficking in persons in Uruguay.

Source: INAU.

Judicial Authorities also reported that 71 victims were identified in 2017, in relation to the prosecution of the following crimes: child sexual exploitation, child trafficking, Law 18.250/2008, Articles 77, 78, 79, sexual abuse, sexual abuse without body contact, dissemination of pornographic material, online recruitment of children for sexual exploitation and pedopornographic purposes.

Source: Poder Judicia, Republica Oriental del Uruguay.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2014 – 2018

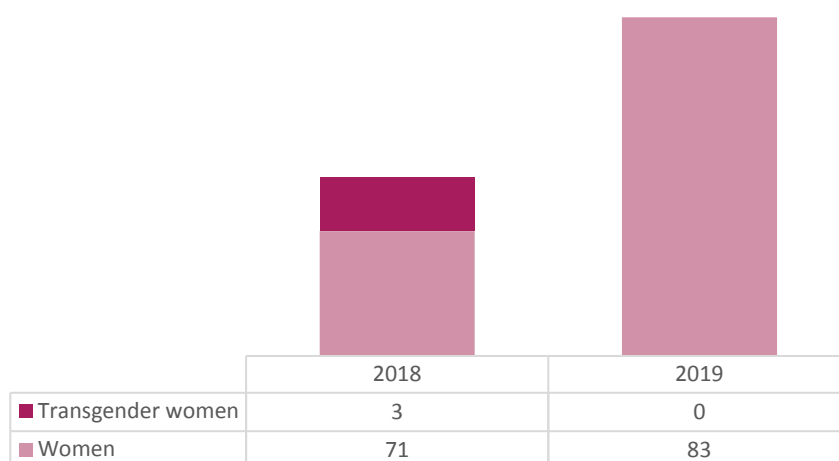


Source: Estadísticas D.G.L.C.C.O. e INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública.

All victims identified in 2018 by D.G.L.C.C.O., INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública were citizens of Uruguay subject to domestic trafficking.

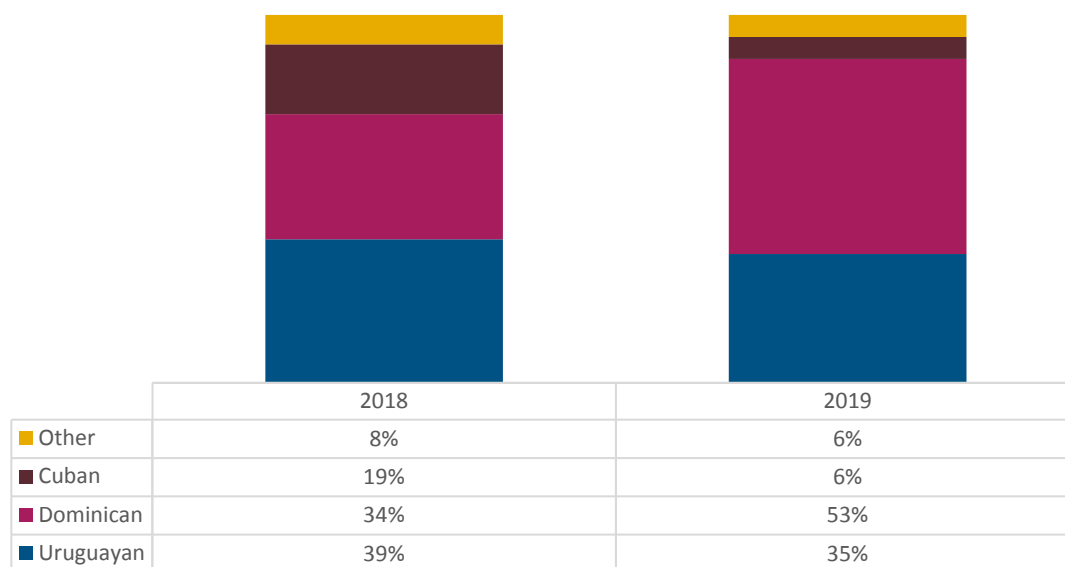
Source: Estadísticas D.G.L.C.C.O. e INTERPOL y Sistema de Gestión de Seguridad Pública.

Number of potential victims of trafficking who have contacted the national referral system, 2018 – 2019



Source: Sistema de Información de Género en base a registros del Sistema de Respuesta a la Violencia.

Percentage of potential victims of trafficking who have contacted the national referral system, by nationality, 2018 – 2019



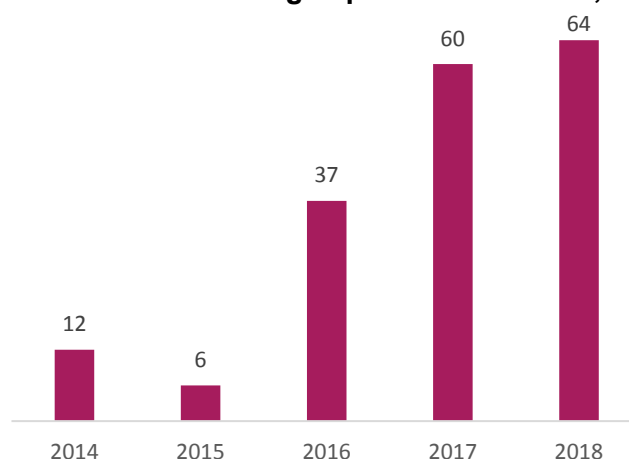
Source: Sistema de Información de Género en base a registros del Sistema de Respuesta a la Violencia.

– Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) –

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Venezuela covers trafficking of girls and women as well as international trafficking of males.

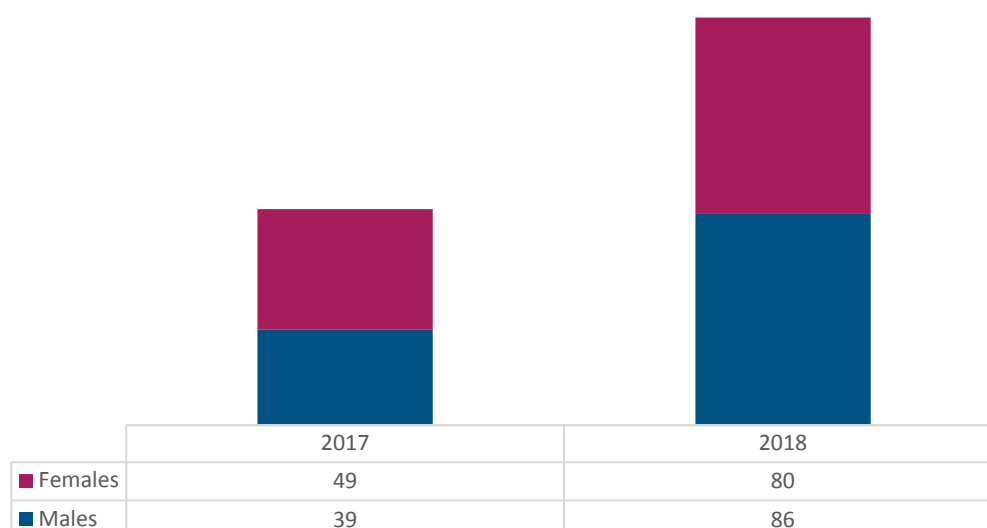
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – 2018



Source: Public Prosecutor's Office.

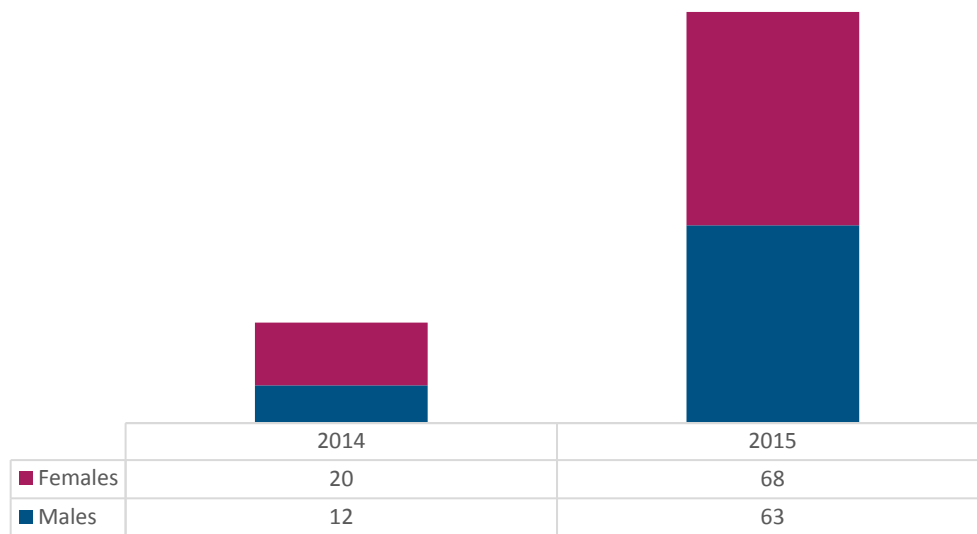
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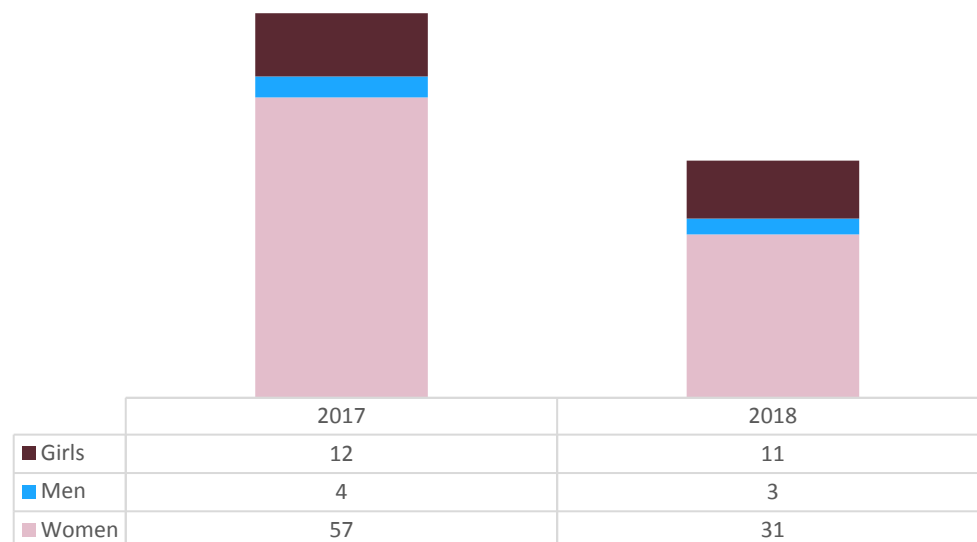
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017 – 2018



Source: Public Prosecutor's Office.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2017 – 2018



Source: Public Prosecutor's Office.