

GLOBAL REPORT ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS 2022

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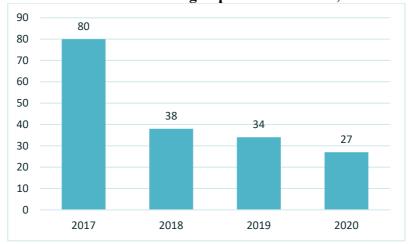
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- Albania -

Albania ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2002. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Albania – articles 22, 110/a, 110/b, 128/b of the Criminal Code (1995) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹

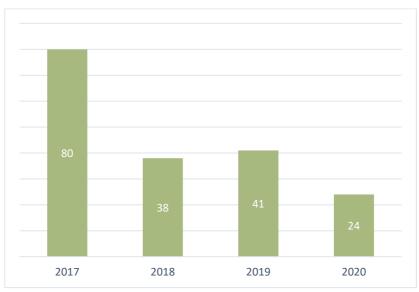
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017 – 2020



Source: Official Statistics of State Police

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020*



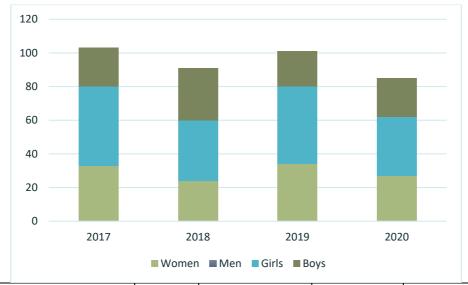
Source: Official Statistics of State Police.

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¹ See Sherloc database of legislation.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Women | 33 | 24 | 34 | 27 |
| Men | <5 | <5 | <5 | <5 |
| Girls | 47 | 36 | 46 | 35 |
| Boys | 23 | 31 | 21 | 23 |

Source: state. not state and local authorities.

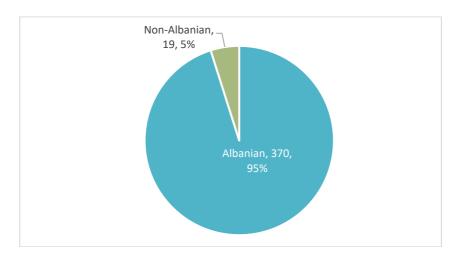
Number of victims of trafficking in persons by forms of exploitation, 2017-2020



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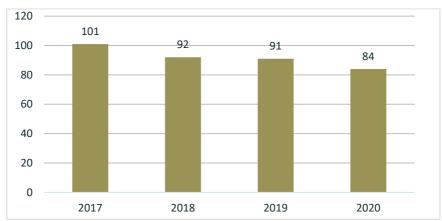
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Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot: 389)



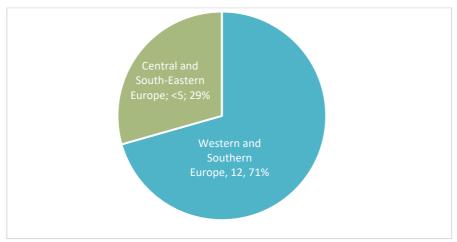
Source: Official Statistics of State Police.

Number of victims of domestic trafficking, 2017-2020



Source: Official Statistics of State Police.

Number of own citizens repatriated from other countries, by country, 2017-2020* (tot: 15)



Source: Official Statistics of State Police.

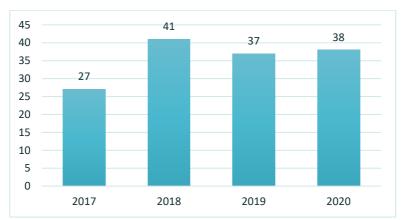
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- Bosnia and Herzegovina -

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2002. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina² – articles 182b, 185, 186, 187, 198, 207a and 207b of the Criminal Code (2003) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

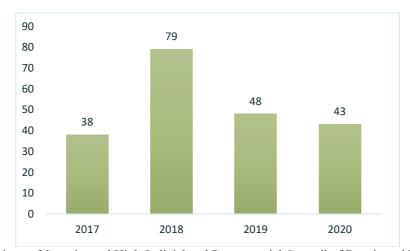
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: Ministry of Security and High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

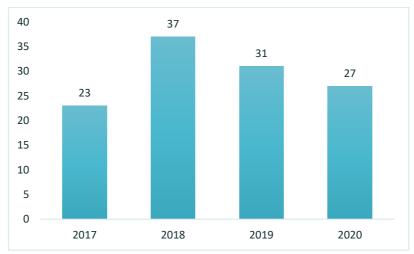
Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: Ministry of Security and High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

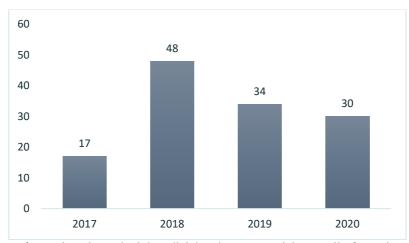
² See Sherloc database of legislation.

Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: Ministry of Security and High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

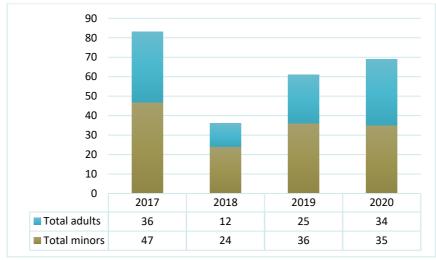
Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020



Source: Ministry of Security BiH and High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

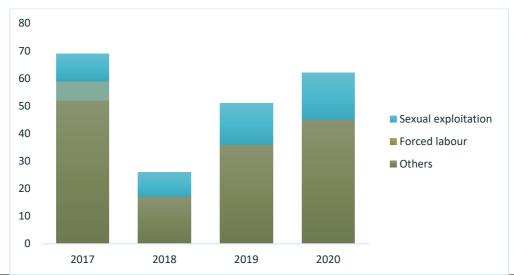
Victims

Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by age, 2017 – 2020



Source: Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*

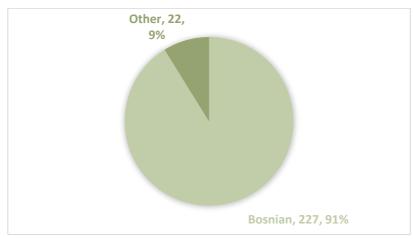


| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Sexual exploitation | 10 | 9 | 15 | 17 |
| Forced Labor | 7 | <5 | | |
| Others | 52 | 17 | 36 | 45 |

Source: Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina.

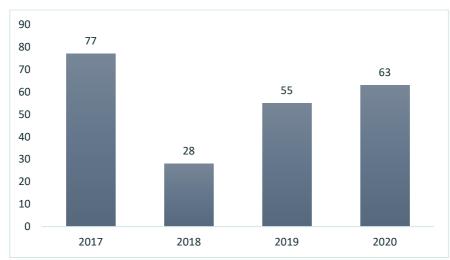
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Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot:249)



Source: Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Number of own citizens trafficked within domestic borders, 2017-2020



Source: Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina.

National Authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina reported that less than five Bosnian victims were repatriated from Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia in 2017.

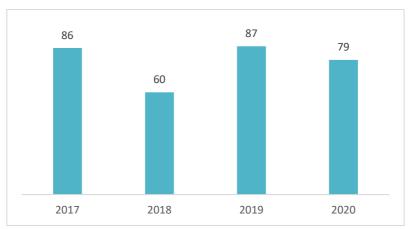
Source: Ministry of Security Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- Bulgaria -

Bulgaria ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2001. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Bulgaria – articles 159a to 159d of the Criminal Code (1968)³ – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol. Additionally, article 182b covers the sale of children.

Investigations and suspects

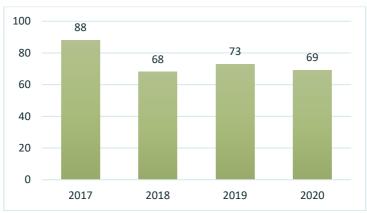
Number of newly formed criminal proceedings for trafficking in persons (2017 - 2020)*



Source: National authorities of Bulgaria.

* In 2017, 84 proceedings were formed under Articles 159a and 159d of the Criminal Code, and two under Article 182b of the Criminal Code; in 2018, 59 under Articles 159a and 159d of the Criminal Code, and one under Article 182b of the Criminal Code; in 2019, 84 under Articles 159a and 159d of the Criminal Code and three under Article 182b of the Criminal Code; in 2020, 76 under Articles 159a and 159d of the Criminal Code and 3 under Article 182b of the Criminal Code.

Number of persons under prosecutor's indictments for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*

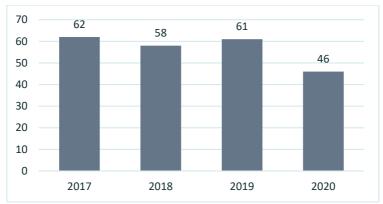


Source: Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria.

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³ See Sherloc database of legislation.

Number of persons convicted and sanctioned persons with a final court decision for trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020*



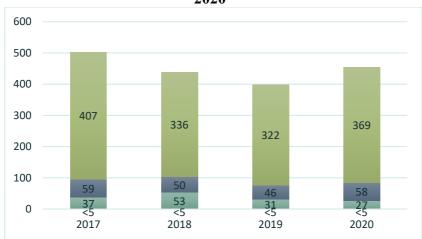
Source: Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria.

National Authorities of Bulgaria reported that from 2017 to 2020 the majority of persons were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Source: Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Victims

Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017 - 2020*

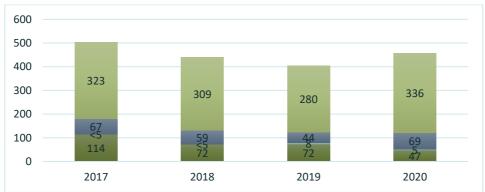


| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Women | 407 | 336 | 322 | 369 |
| Men | 59 | 50 | 49 | 58 |
| Girls | 37 | 53 | 31 | 27 |
| Boys | <5 | <5 | <5 | <5 |

Source: Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria.

^{*} Due to privacy reasons, figures below five were presented as "<5".

Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017 - 2020*



| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Sexual exploitation | 323 | 309 | 280 | 336 |
| Forced labour | 67 | 59 | 44 | 69 |
| Removal of organs | <5 | <5 | 8 | 5 |
| Others | 114 | 72 | 72 | 47 |

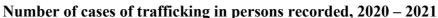
Source: Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria.

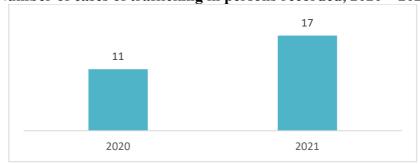
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- Croatia -

Croatia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Croatia – Article 106 of the Criminal Code⁴ – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects





Source: Ministry of Interior.

In 2021, 22 men, nine women, and less than five boys were brought into formal contact with the police and/or the criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in person.

Source: Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Croatia.

In 2021, 10 men, six women and less than five boys were prosecuted for trafficking in persons and related offences.

Source: State Attorneys Office of the Republic of Croatia.

No offender was convicted for trafficking in persons in 2021 in Croatia.

Source: Ministry of Justice and Public Administration of the Republic of Croatia.

Victims

In 2021, 19 individuals were identified as victims of trafficking in persons in Croatia (among them 10 children - five boys and five girls). Among the 19 identified victims, seven persons (mostly women and girls) were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, five men were trafficked for the purpose of forced labour, and seven persons were trafficked for the purpose of forced criminality and forced begging respectively.

In 2021, 19 individuals were identified as victims of domestic trafficking and no Croatian citizens were repatriated from other countries.

Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Croatia and Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities - Government of the Republic of Croatia.

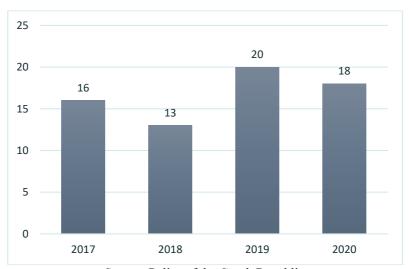
⁴ See Sherloc database of legislation.

- Czechia -

Czechia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2014. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Czechia⁵ – articles 164, 165, 166 and 168 of the Criminal Code (Act No. 40/2009 Coll. (2009) – cover all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

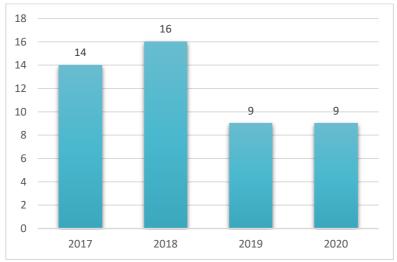
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons investigated by the police, 2017-2020



Source: Police of the Czech Republic.

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded for which a conviction was issued, 2017-2020



Source: Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, Court Statistical Data Sheets - Offences - overview # 2.

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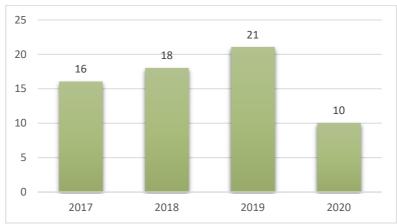
⁵ See Sherloc database of legislation.

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, 2017-2020

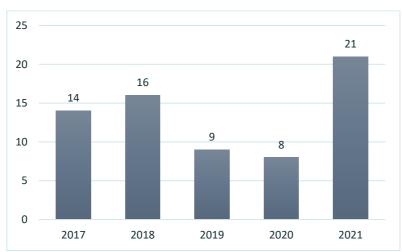
Source: Police of the Czech Republic.

Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2021



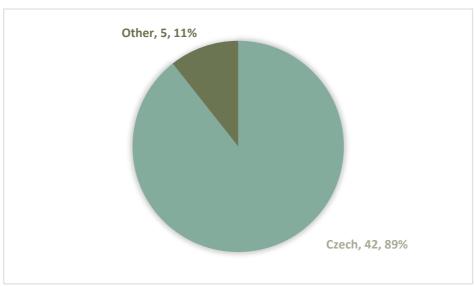
Source: Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

Between 2017 and 2021 adult males were primarily convicted of trafficking in persons, including six adult males in 2017, 12 in 2018, seven in 2019 and five in 2020. Women, girls and boys were also convicted of trafficking in persons and related offences during the same period.

Source: Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

The majority of offenders (41) were convicted for trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The remaining were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour, removal of organs, recruitment in armed conflict and other purposes. Source: Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017 – 2020



Source: Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

The majority of those persons convicted of trafficking in persons between 2017 and 2020 were citizens of Czechia. A small number were from other Central and South-Eastern European countries.

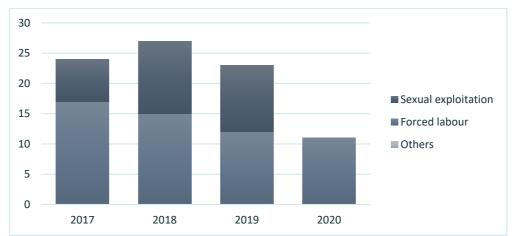
Source: Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic.

Victims

The majority of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons between 2017 and 2020 were adults, men and women.

Source: Program of Support and Protection of Victims of Trafficking of Ministry of the Interior.

Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020



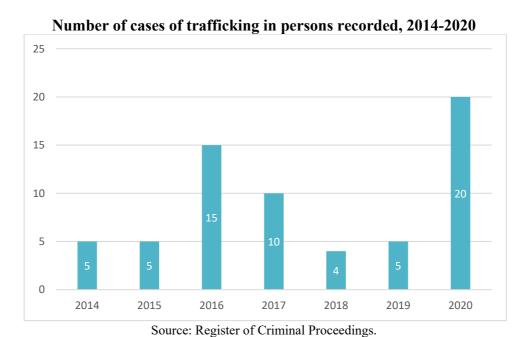
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Sexual exploitation | 7 | 12 | 11 | <5 |
| Forced labor | 17 | 15 | 12 | 11 |
| Others | 0 | 0 | <5 | 0 |

Source: Program of Support and Protection of Victims of Trafficking of Ministry of the Interior. *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

- Estonia -

Estonia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Estonia⁶ – Article 133 of the Penal Code (2002) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

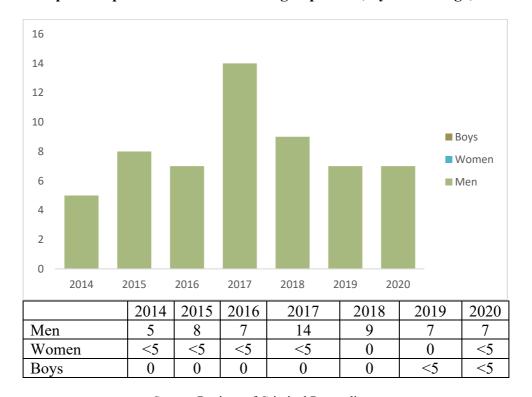
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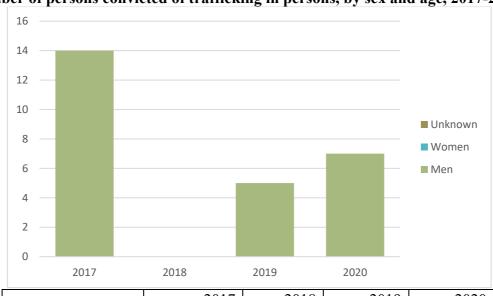
⁶ See Sherloc database of legislation.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2014-2020*



Source: Register of Criminal Proceedings. *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*

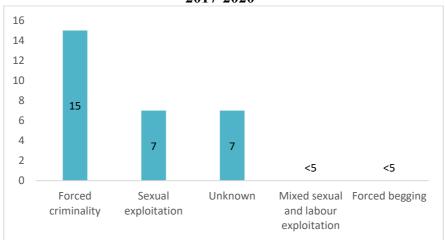


| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|
| Men | 14 | <5 | 5 | 7 |
| Women | <5 | 0 | 0 | <5 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | <5 |

Source: Information System of Courts.

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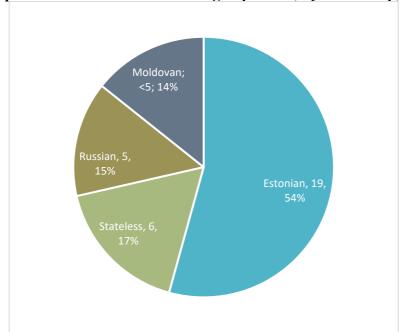
Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



Source: Information System of Courts.

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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020*

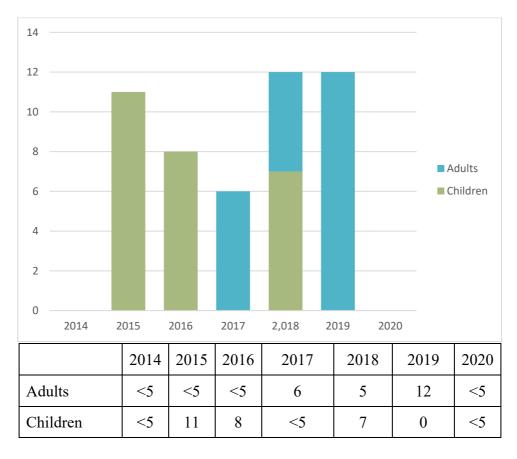


Source: Information System of Courts.

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Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by age, 2014-2020*

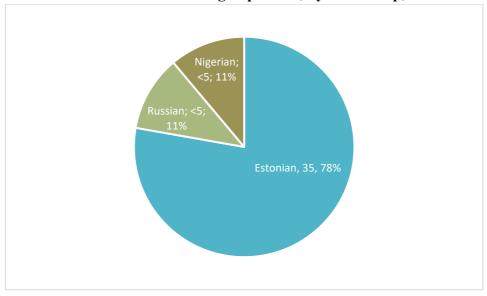


Source: National Social Insurance Board.
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Between 2017 and 2020, 20 persons were identified as victims of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The remaining identified victims were trafficked for the purpose of forced labour, forced criminality, or other.

Source: National Social Insurance Board.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020*



Source: National Social Insurance Board. *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Between 2017 and 2018, less than five citizens of Estonia, identified as victims of trafficking in persons, were repatriated from Norway and Italy.

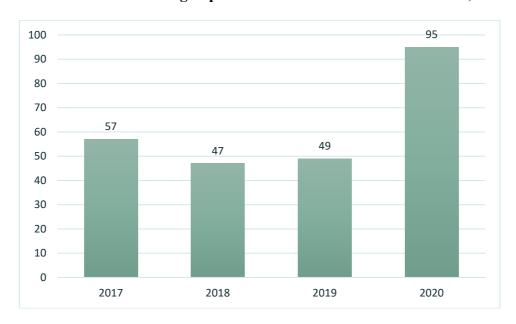
Source: National Social Insurance Board.

- Hungary -

Hungary ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2006. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Hungary⁷ – sections 192, 193 and 203 of the Criminal Code (2012) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons and related offences recorded, 2017 – 2020



Source: Unified System of Criminal Statistics of Investigative Authorities and of Public Prosecution.

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⁷ See Sherloc database of legislation.

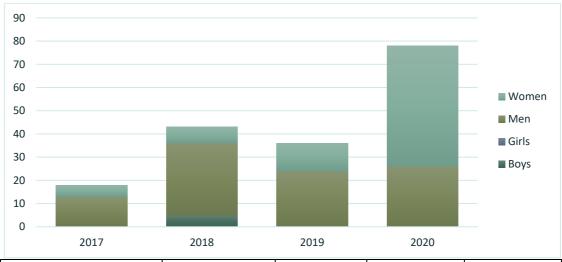
Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons and related offences, by sex and age, 2017 – 2020*



Source: Unified System of Criminal Statistics of Investigative Authorities and of Public Prosecution (abbreviated as "ENyÜBS" in Hungarian)

^{*}Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017 – 2020*



| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Women | 5 | 7 | 12 | 52 |
| Men | 13 | 31 | 24 | 26 |
| Girls | <5 | 0 | <5 | <5 |
| Boys | <5 | 5 | <5 | <5 |

Source: Unified System of Criminal Statistics of Investigative Authorities and of Public Prosecution (abbreviated as "ENyÜBS" in Hungarian)

*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons and related offences, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



Source: Statistical database of the National Office for the Judiciary *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

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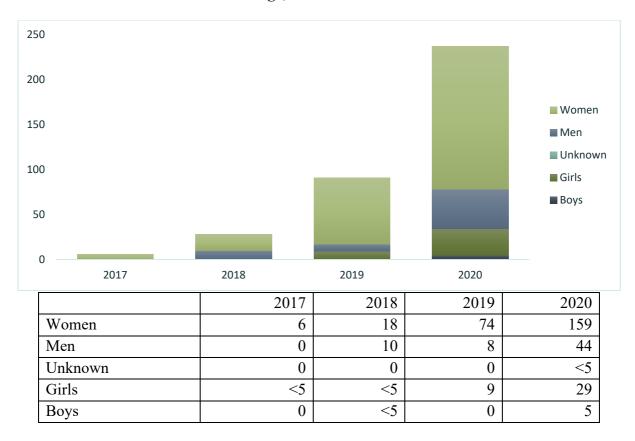
Among those convicted of trafficking in persons between 2017 and 2020, 44 were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation in 2017. Source: Statistical database of the National Office for the Judiciary.

National Authorities of Hungary reported that the majority of the persons convicted of trafficking in persons between 2017 and 2020 were Hungarian citizens. Other offenders were of Romanian and Chinese nationality.

Source: Statistical database of the National Office for the Judiciary

Boys

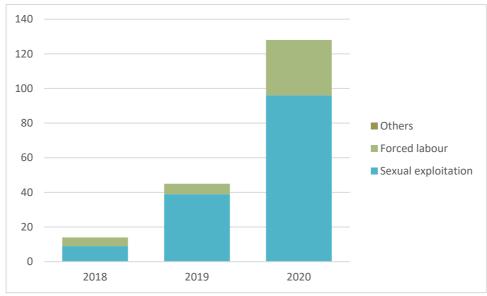
Number of victims of trafficking in persons and related offences detected, by sex and age, 2017 – 2020*



Source: EKAT system - web-based platform for the identification and referral of victims of trafficking in human beings operated by the Ministry of Justice

*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

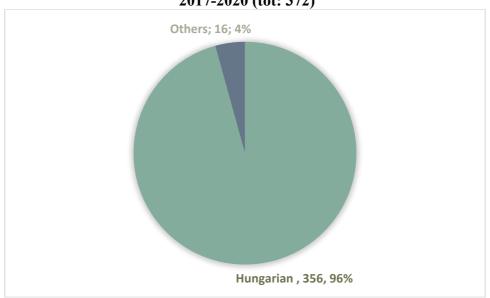
Number of victims of trafficking and related offences detected, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|
| Sexual exploitation | 9 | 39 | 96 |
| Forced labour | 5 | 6 | 32 |
| Others | <5 | <5 | <5 |

Source: EKAT system - web-based platform for the identification and referral of victims of trafficking in human beings operated by the Ministry of Justice *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of victims of trafficking and related offences detected, by nationality, 2017-2020 (tot: 372)



Source: EKAT system - web-based platform for the identification and referral of victims of trafficking in human beings operated by the Ministry of Justice

Number of own citizens trafficked within domestic borders and repatriated from other countries, 2017-2020



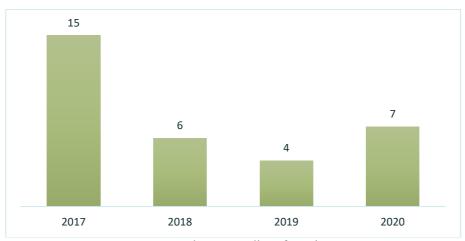
Source: EKAT system - web-based platform for the identification and referral of victims of trafficking in human beings operated by the Ministry of Justice

- Latvia -

Latvia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Latvia – section 154.1 and 154.2 of the Criminal Code (1998) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.⁸

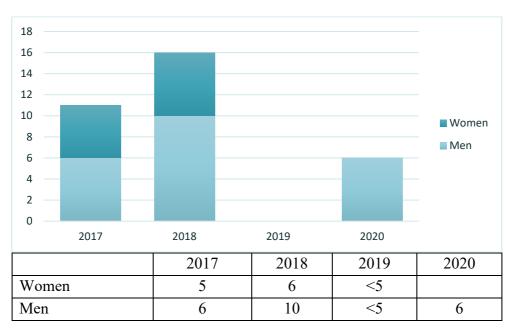
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: The State Police of Latvia.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



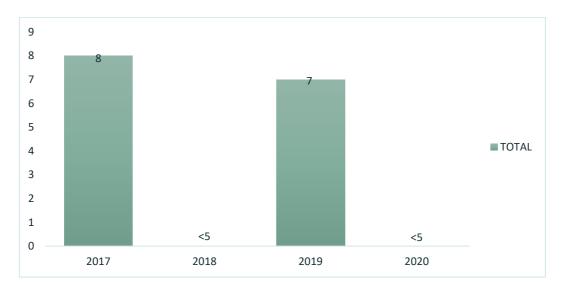
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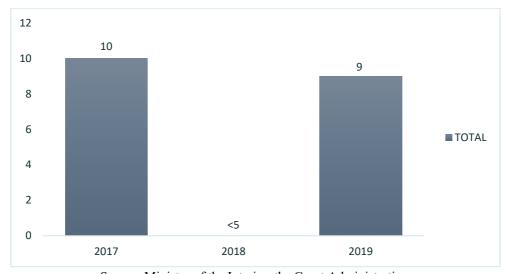
⁸ See Sherloc database of legislation.

Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



Source: The State Police of Latvia. *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2019*



Source: Ministry of the Interior, the Court Administration. *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

All persons convicted of trafficking in persons between 2017 and 2020 were citizens of Latvia.

Source: Ministry of the Interior, Court Administration

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



Source: State Police of Latvia and service providers

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*

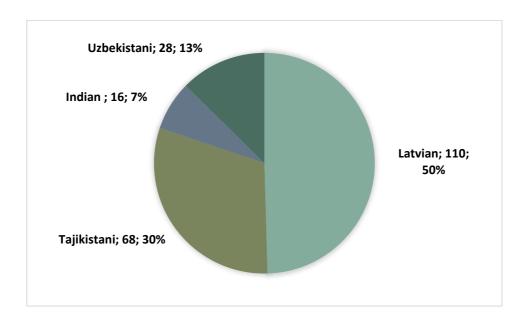


Source: State Police of Latvia and service providers

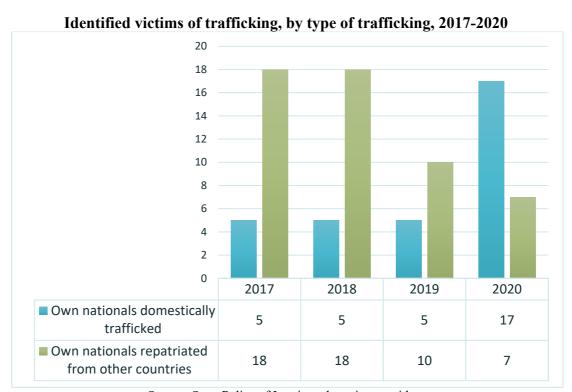
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Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by citizenship, 2017-2020

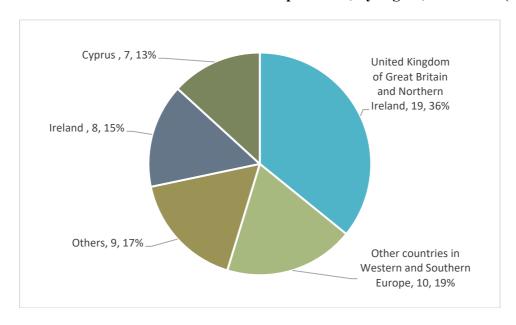


Source: State Police of Latvia and service providers



Source: State Police of Latvia and service providers

Countries from where identified victims were repatriated, by region, 2017-2020 (tot: 53)



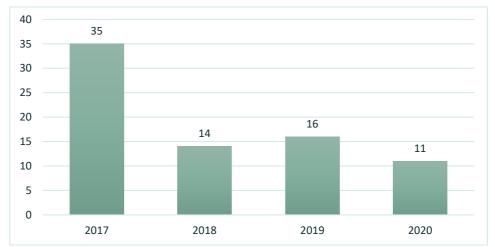
Source: State Police of Latvia and service providers

- Lithuania -

Lithuania ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. Trafficking in persons is criminalised under Articles 147, 147.1, 147.2 and 157 of the Criminal Code (2000).⁹

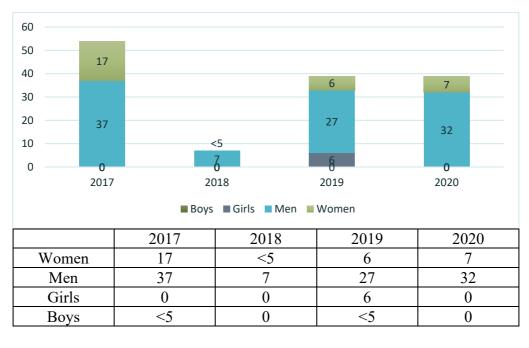
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*



Source: Police department under the Ministry of the Interior and Prosecutors General Office.

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 and age, 2017-2020*



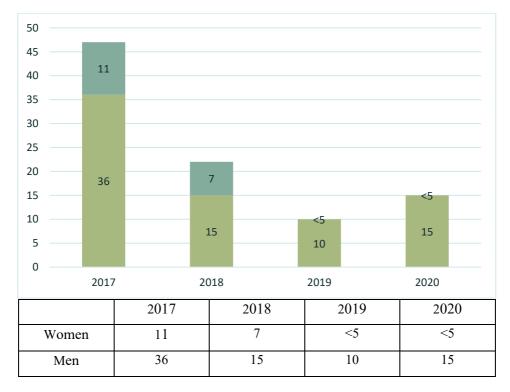
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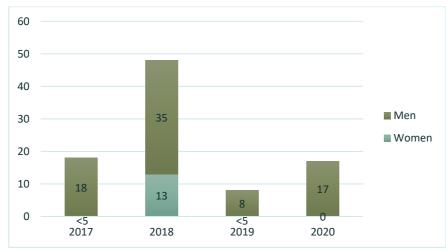
⁹ See <u>Sherloc database</u> of legislation.

Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



Source: Prosecutors General Office.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017 – 2020*



Source: Lithuanian Courts Administration.

Victims

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Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017 - 2020*

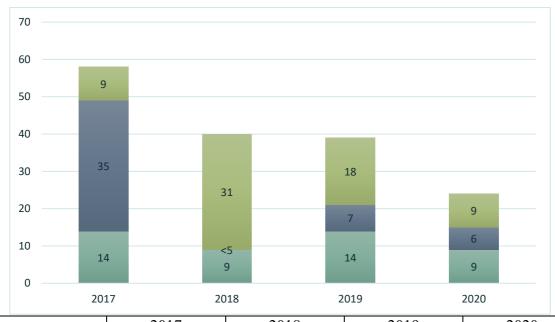


| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Women | 20 | 34 | 17 | 16 |
| Men | 30 | 9 | 18 | 7 |
| Girls | <5 | 0 | <5 | 0 |
| Boys | <5 | <5 | <5 | <5 |

Source: Police department under the Ministry of the Interior and Prosecutors General Office.

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Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| Sexual | 9 | 31 | 18 | 9 |
| exploitation | | | | |

| Forced labour | 35 | <5 | 7 | 6 |
|---------------|----|----|----|---|
| Others | 14 | 9 | 14 | 9 |

Source: Police department under the Ministry of the Interior and Prosecutors General Office.

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In 2020, Lithuanian authorities reported that 15 own nationals were trafficked domestically and 6 were repatriated from other countries.

Source: Police department under the Ministry of the Interior and Prosecutors General Office.

- Montenegro -

Montenegro succeeded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2006. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Montenegro – Article 444 of the Criminal Code (2003) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol. ¹⁰

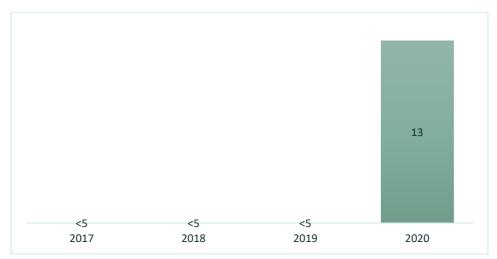
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: Records of the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and the Operational Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Montenegro.

Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*



Source: Records of the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and the Operational Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Montenegro.

*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

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¹⁰ See Sherloc database of legislation.

Between 2017 and 2020, six persons (all adults) were convicted of trafficking in persons in Montenegro. In the same period, 8 people were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour. Other offenders were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced marriage, forced begging, and other forms of exploitation. The offenders convicted were citizens of Montenegro, Pakistan and Kosovo. Source: Records of the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and the Operational Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Montenegro.

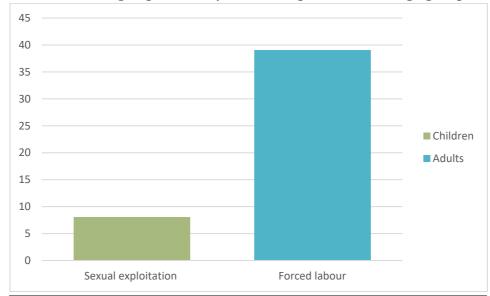
Victims

Between 2017 and 2020, 16 victims of trafficking were identified by the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and the Operational Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Montenegro. Most identified victims were children, of which seven were girls. Other victims included men and women.

In 2020, the Team for formal identification of victims of trafficking in persons identified 62 victims of trafficking in Montenegro. Among them, 27 were men, 15 women, 10 girls, 6 boys and less than five were other children.

Source: Records of the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and the Operational Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Montenegro.

Number of victims of trafficking identified by the Team for formal identification of victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation and age group, 2020*



| | Sexual exploitation | Forced labour |
|----------|---------------------|---------------|
| Adults | <5 | 39 |
| Children | 8 | <5 |

Source: Team for formal identification of victims of trafficking in persons. *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Between 2017-2020, the victims of trafficking identified were citizens of Montenegro, Pakistan, Kosovo, Taiwan, Province of China, and Serbia.

Between 2017-2020, the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and the Operational Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Montenegro reported six victims of domestic trafficking.

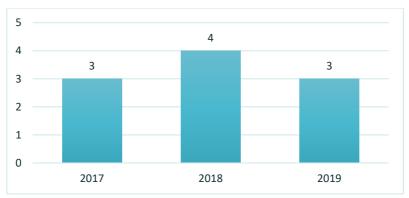
Source: Records of the High State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica and the Operational Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Montenegro.

- North Macedonia -

North Macedonia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in North Macedonia – articles 418, 418a and 418d of the Criminal Code (2009) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol. ¹¹

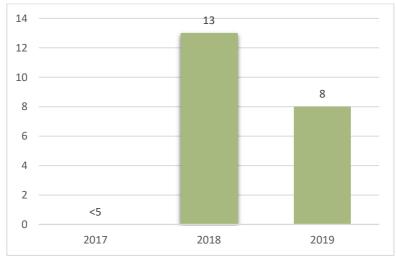
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons, 2017-2019



Source: National Commission for fight against trafficking in human beings and illegal migration.

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 and age, 2017-2019*



Source: National Commission for fight against trafficking in human beings and illegal migration.
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¹¹ See Sherloc database of legislation.

Between 2017 and 2020, nine persons were prosecuted and 10 convicted of trafficking in persons and related crimes in North Macedonia.

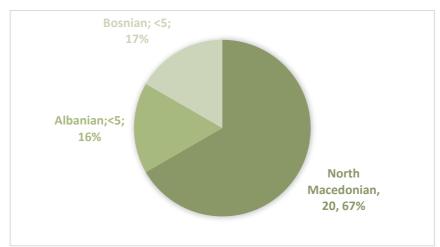
Source: National Commission for fight against trafficking in human beings and illegal migration.

Victims

Between 2017 and 2020, authorities identified 24 victims, of which the majority were adults (18) and mostly trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Other forms of exploitation reported included forced labour, forced marriage, forced begging, and mixed sexual and labour exploitation.

Source: National Commission for fight against trafficking in human beings and illegal migration.

Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, by citizenship, 2017-2020*



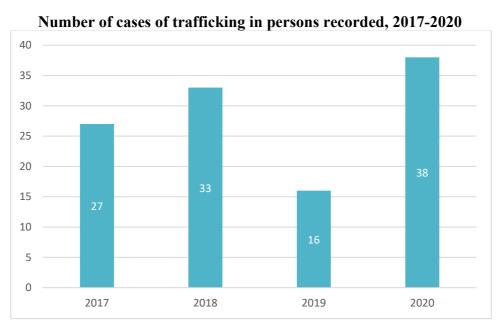
Source: National Commission for fight against trafficking in human beings and illegal migration.

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- Poland -

Poland ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Poland – Articles 115, para. 22¹² and 189a, para. 1 and 2¹³ of the Criminal Code – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

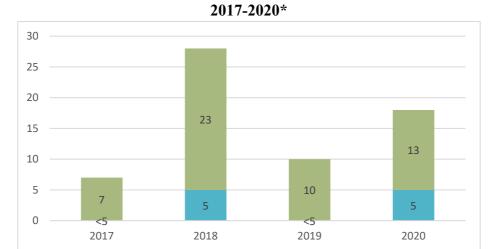
Investigations and suspects



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Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, by sex,

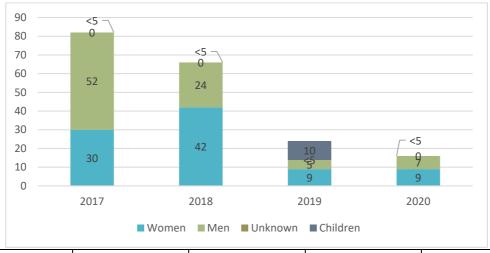


| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Men | 7 | 23 | 10 | 13 |
| Women | <5 | 5 | <5 | 5 |

Source: Polish Police Statistical Databases.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by sex and age group, 2017-2020*

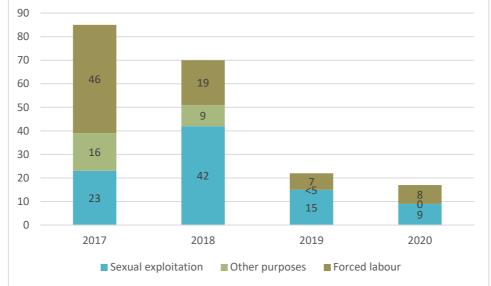


| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Children | <5 | <5 | 10 | <5 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | <5 | 0 |
| Men | 52 | 24 | 5 | 7 |
| Women | 30 | 42 | 9 | 9 |

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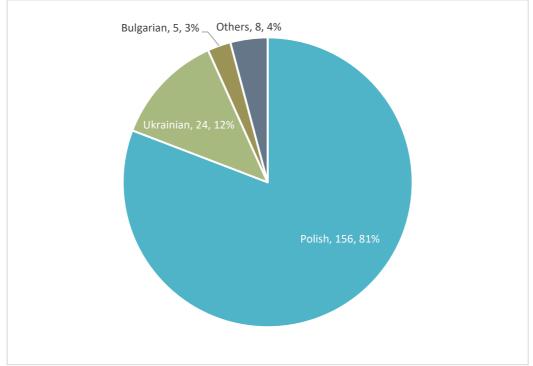
Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Forced labour | 46 | 19 | 7 | 8 |
| Other purposes | 16 | 9 | <5 | 0 |
| Sexual | 23 | 42 | 15 | 9 |
| exploitation | | | | |

Source: Polish Police Statistical Databases.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot: 193)



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In 2020, eleven Polish citizens, less than five Colombian citizens and less than five Bulgarian citizens

were identified as victims of trafficking in persons.

Source: Polish Police Statistical Databases.

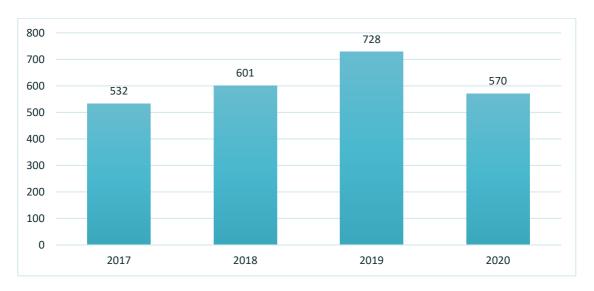
In 2020, nine Polish citizens, identified as victims of trafficking in persons, were trafficked domestically, and eight Polish citizens, identified as victims of trafficking in persons, were repatriated from other countries. The countries of repatriation included Germany, United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

- Romania -

Romania ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2002. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Romania – articles 210, 211, 212, 213 and 216 of the Criminal Code (2009)¹⁴, as well as articles 12 and 13 of Romanian Law n. 678/2001 on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2001) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

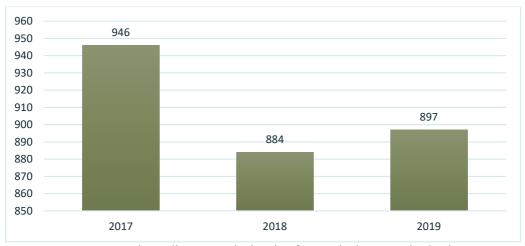
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: The Direction for Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism, Public Ministry

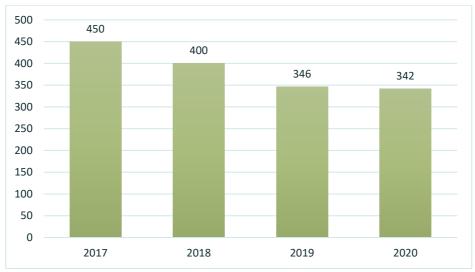
Number of persons suspected of trafficking in persons, 2017-2019



Source: Romanian Police-General Direction for Combating Organized Crimes

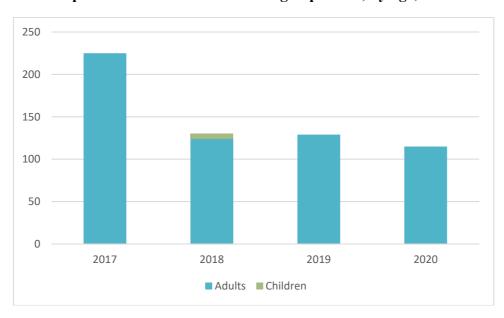
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Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: Direction for Investigation of Organized Crime and Terrorism - Public Ministry

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by age, 2017 – 2020*



| | Adults | Children |
|------|--------|----------|
| 2017 | 225 | <5 |
| 2018 | 124 | 6 |
| 2019 | 129 | <5 |
| 2020 | 115 | <5 |

Source: Superior Council of Magistracy - Ministry of Justice

^{*} Due to privacy reasons, figures below five were presented as "<5".

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by sex and age, 2014 – 2020



Source: The Direction for Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism-Public Ministry

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2020



Source: The Direction for Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism-Public Ministry

National Authorities of Romania reported that the large majority of victims of trafficking in persons identified between 2017 and 2020 were Romanian citizens (2438). Other victims comprised German (10), Latvian (less than five), Moldavian (less than five) and Portuguese citizens (less than five).

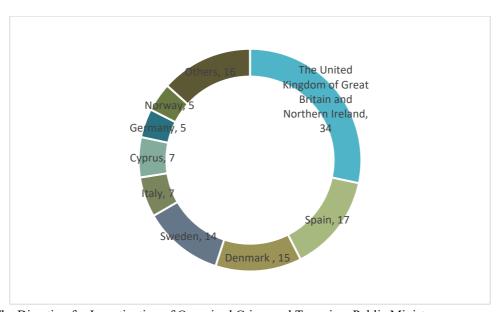
Source: The Direction for Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism-Public Ministry

Identified victims of trafficking, by type of trafficking, 2017-2020



Source: The Direction for Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism-Public Ministry

Countries from which victims of trafficking in persons were repatriated, 2017-2020 (tot: 120)



Source: The Direction for Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism-Public Ministry

National Authorities of Romania reported that the large majority of victims of trafficking repatriated from other countries came from Western and Southern Europe.

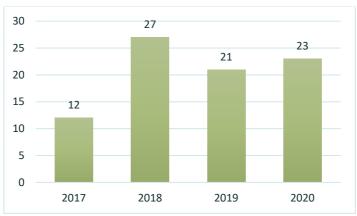
Source: The Direction for Investigation of Organised Crime and Terrorism-Public Ministry

- Serbia -

Serbia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2001. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Serbia – Article 388 of the Criminal Code (2005) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹⁵

Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020

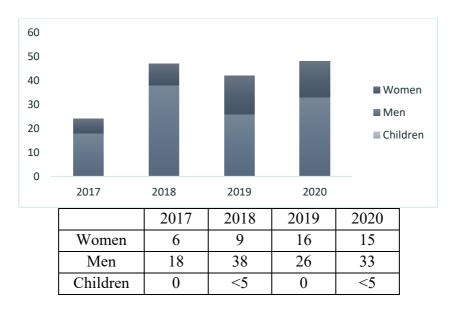


Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia.

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¹⁵ See Sherloc database of legislation.

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 and age, 2017-2020*



Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia.

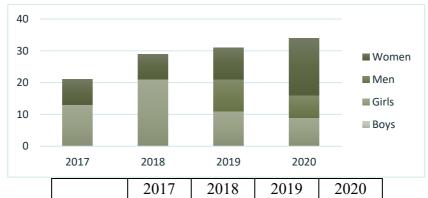
Between 2017 and 2020, 166 persons were convicted of trafficking in persons and related offences. The large majority of persons convicted of trafficking in persons were Serbian nationals (148), the remaining originated from Central, Western and South-Eastern Europe as well as from Sub-Saharan Africa.

Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia.

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Victims

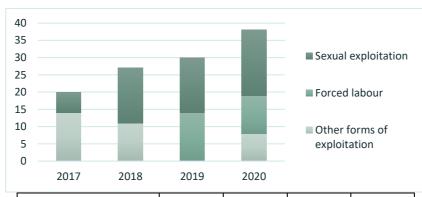
Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Women | 8 | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| Men | 0 | <5 | 10 | 7 |
| Girls | 13 | 21 | 11 | 9 |
| Boys | 0 | <5 | <5 | <5 |

Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 - 2020*



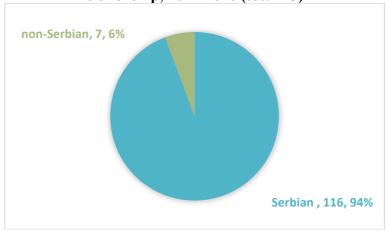
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Sexual exploitation | 6 | 16 | 16 | 19 |
| Forced labour | 0 | <5 | 14 | 11 |
| Other forms of | 14 | 11 | <5 | 8 |
| exploitation | | | | |

Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia.

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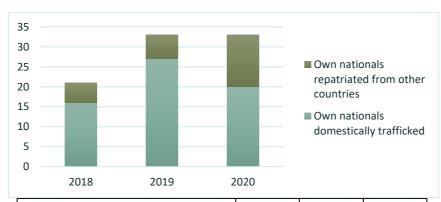
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Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot: 123)



Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia.

Number of own citizens trafficked within domestic borders and repatriated from other countries, 2017-2020*



| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Own nationals domestically | 16 | 27 | 20 |
| trafficked | | | |
| Own nationals repatriated from | <5 | 6 | 13 |
| other countries | | | |

Source: Ministry of Interior of Republic of Serbia.

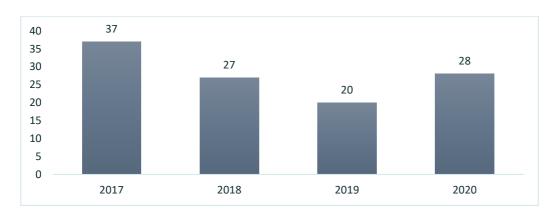
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- Slovakia -

Slovakia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Slovakia – section 179 of the Act No. 300/2005 Coll. Criminal Code (2005) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol. ¹⁶

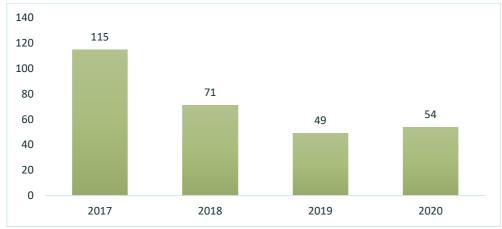
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: Statistics of the National Unit Combating Illegal Migration of the Bureau of Border and Foreign Police of the Presidium of the Police Corps of the Slovak republic.

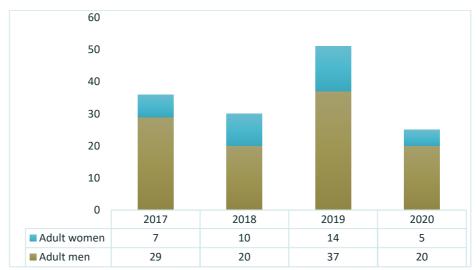
Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: National Unit Combating Illegal Migration of the Bureau of Border and Foreign Police of the Presidium of the Police Corps of the Slovak Republic.

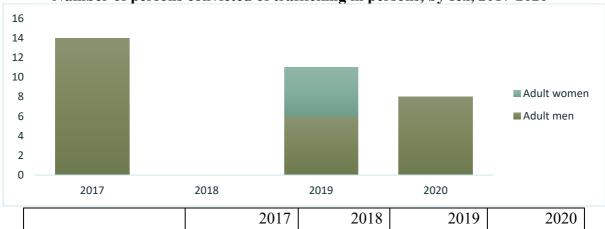
¹⁶ See Sherloc database of legislation.

Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020



Source: General Prosecutor's Office.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020*



| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Men | 14 | <5 | 6 | 8 |
| Women | <5 | <5 | 5 | <5 |

Source: Ministry of Justice.

National Authorities of Slovakia reported that the majority of the persons convicted of trafficking in persons between 2017 and 2020 were Slovakian citizens. Other persons convicted of trafficking in persons include Czech and Romanian citizens. Source: Ministry of Justice

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Victims

Number of victims of trafficking detected, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



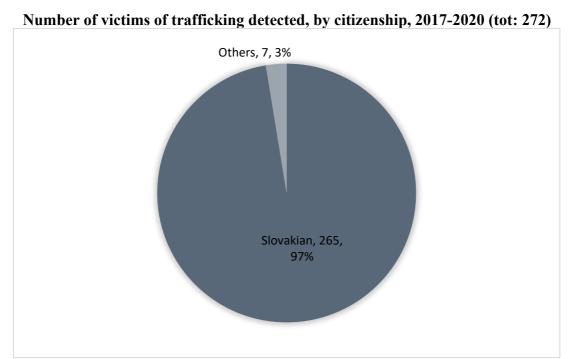
Source: Ministry of the Interior.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 - 2020



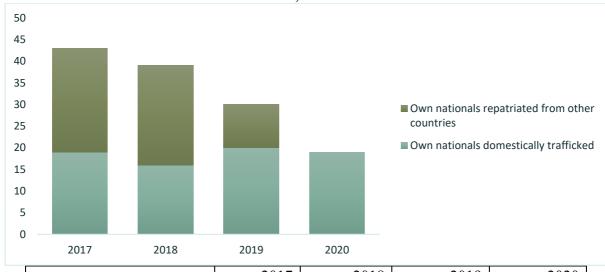
Source: Ministry of the Interior.

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Source: Ministry of the Interior.

Number of own citizens trafficked within domestic borders and repatriated from other countries, 2017-2020*

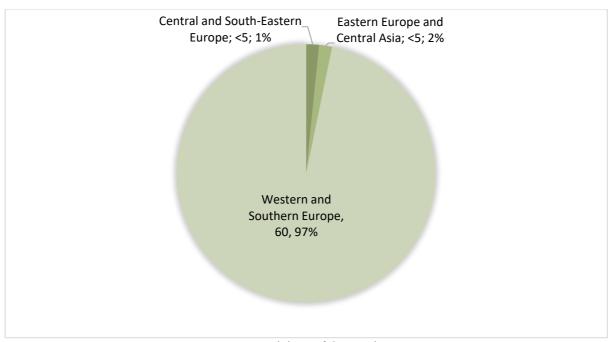


| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Own nationals repatriated | 24 | 23 | 10 | <5 |
| from other countries | | | | |
| Own nationals | 19 | 16 | 20 | 19 |
| domestically trafficked | | | | |

Source: Ministry of the Interior.

Regions from which identified victims were repatriated, 2017 - 2020 (tot: 62)*

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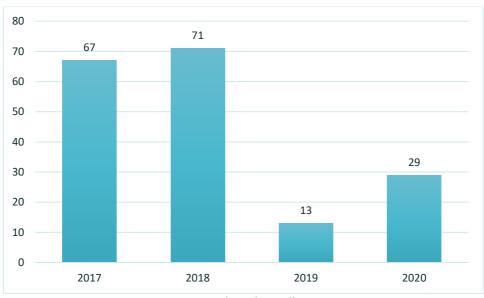
Source: Ministry of the Interior.
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- Slovenia -

Slovenia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Slovenia –Article 113 of the Penal Code – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.¹⁷

Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: Slovenian Police.

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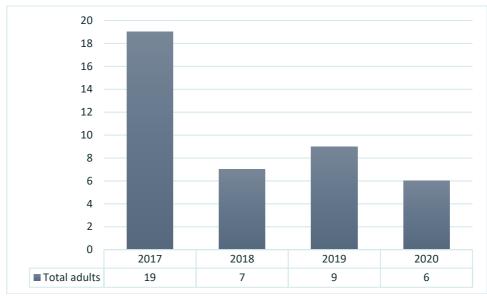
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Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



Source: Slovenian Police.

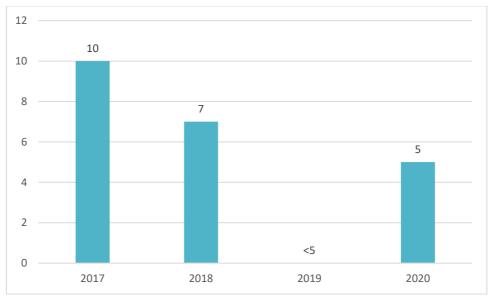
Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, by age, 2017-2020



Source: Specialized State Prosecutor's Office.

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Number of persons convicted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017-2020*



Source: Specialized State Prosecutor's Office.

National Authorities of Slovenia reported that, between 2017 and 2020, persons convicted of trafficking included Slovenian, Chinese and Montenegrin citizens.

Among the persons convicted for trafficking in persons, 8 were convicted for sexual exploitation and less than five for domestic servitude in 2017; 7 were convicted for sexual exploitation in 2018; less than five were convicted for sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and exploitation for commission of criminal offences, respectively in 2019; and 5 were convicted for exploitation for commission of criminal offences in 2020.

Source: Specialized State Prosecutor's Office.

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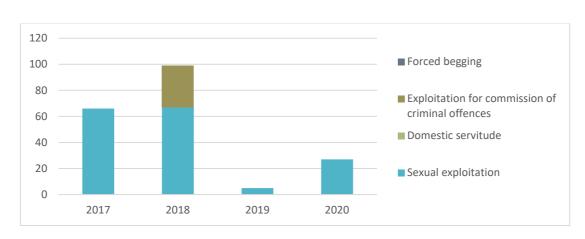
Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2017 – 2020*



Source: Slovenian Police.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



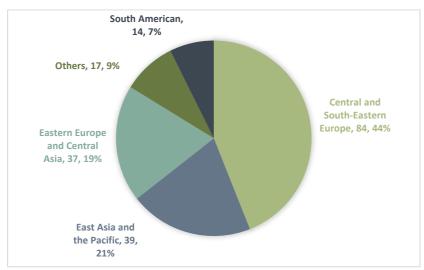
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Sexual exploitation | 66 | 67 | 5 | 27 |
| Domestic servitude | 0 | 0 | <5 | 0 |
| Exploitation for commission of criminal | 0 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| offences | | | | |
| Forced begging | 0 | <5 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Slovenian Police.

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Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot: 191)



Source: Slovenian Police.

National Authorities of Slovenia reported that between 2017 and 2020, five Slovenian citizens were trafficked within domestic borders.

Source: Slovenian Police.