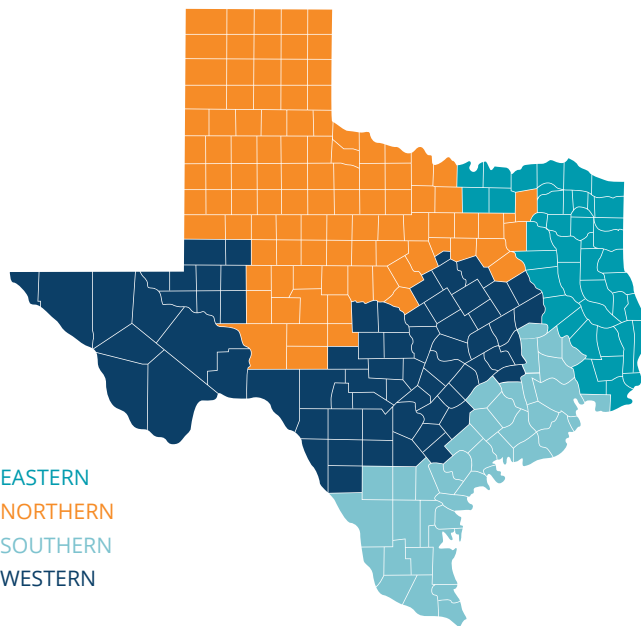
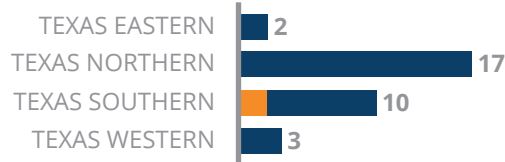


■ SEX TRAFFICKING ■ FORCED LABOR

NEW CRIMINAL CASES BY DISTRICT



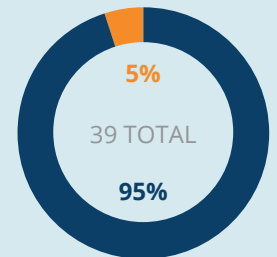
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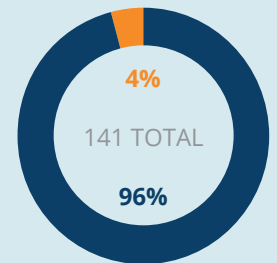
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NEW DEFENDANTS



ACTIVE DEFENDANTS



CONVICTED DEFENDANTS



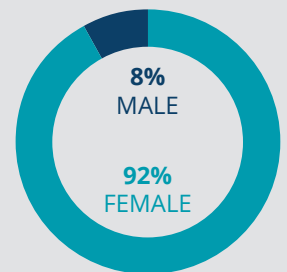
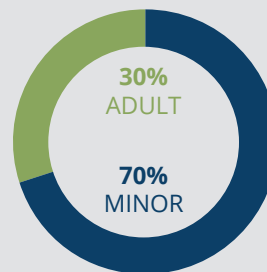
32 TOTAL

CONVICTION RATE

91%

2 resolved at trial court

VICTIMS



IMPRISONMENT

94%

defendants were sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

136

months was the average prison sentence.

RESTITUTION

30%

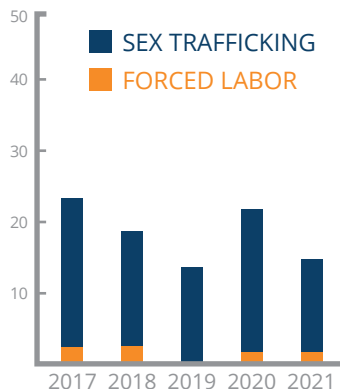
(9 of 30) of defendants (in cases w/ at least one ID'ed victim) ordered to pay restitution.

*2 defendants are excluded because defendants were convicted in cases without identified victims

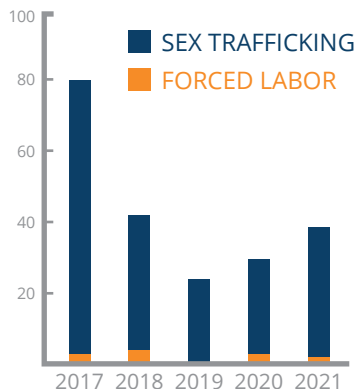
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sex trafficking cases charged outside of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act

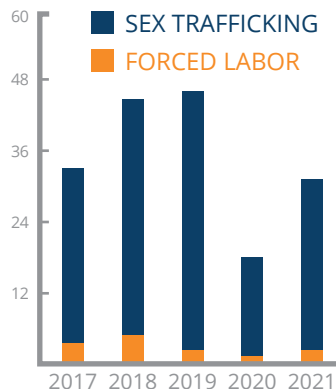
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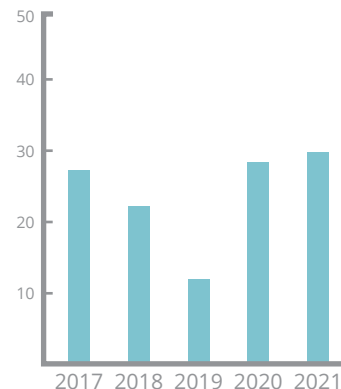
NEW CRIMINAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFENDANTS TREND



CONVICTIONS TREND



RESTITUTION TRENDS (% DEFS ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION EACH YEAR)



*Convicted defendants that were in cases where the government did not name a trafficking victim in the charging instrument have been excluded for purposes of restitution calculations.

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An undercover operation by investigators from the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission and the Houston Police Department spurned further investigation, which resulted in sex trafficking charges against five defendants. Officers conducted an operation involving a bar called Puerti Alegre, located in Houston, Texas, to arrest persons involved with an illegal prostitution operation. The bar, owned and operated by the five defendant family members, was equipped with back rooms designated for commercial sex acts and had reportedly been running a commercial sex operation since 2007.

Investigators interviewed at least three victims (two adults and one minor), who stated they were initially hired as waitresses but were forced into prostitution shortly thereafter. The victims stated that after working as a waitress for a period of weeks or months, the defendants informed them they were required to have sex with customers. When they refused, the defendants threatened them with deportation, stated they would harm them or their families if they didn't comply, and brandished firearms to reinforce these threats. The victims were forced to see 4-5 buyers per night while one or two of the defendants stood guard outside the rooms and took payments from the buyers. The defendants also required the victims to pay for use of the room, cleaning fees, and if they missed a day or arrived late. One of the victims eventually informed the defendants she did not want to continue engaging in commercial sex acts, and the defendants had her physically assaulted.

On April 22, 2021, a grand jury indicted Marie Botello-Morales, Edgar Morales, Arian Botello, and Yudy Lucatero on counts of sex trafficking and conspiracy to commit sex trafficking. The case is pending resolution.

METHODOLOGY: The 2021 Federal Human Trafficking Report includes every federal human trafficking prosecution filed within the year involving a crime within Chapter 77 of the U.S. Code, as well as human trafficking cases charged or resolved outside of Chapter 77 if there was substantial evidence of compelled or coerced labor, services, or commercial sex. HTI compiled this Report through a comprehensive examination of public court documents in federal human trafficking cases, as well as a detailed review of news stories and government press releases. Data within the State Reports are consistent with the 2021 Report's methodology.

SCOPE: The Report's findings are not a prevalence estimate of human trafficking in the United States, but instead serve as an objective summary of the federal response to combat human trafficking. The Report does not capture data from state prosecutions, state civil suits, or unreported human trafficking cases.



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