



2021 Human Trafficking Report Hearing February 8, 2024

San Francisco Department on the Status of Women

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Our mission is to transform San Francisco into a fully gender equitable City by championing the equitable treatment and advancement of women and girls across social, economic and political indexes through policies, programs and legislation, both within City and County government and in the private sector.



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STATUS of WOMEN in San Francisco

Per the California Budget & Policy Center Women's Well-Being Index (2020 Report), San Francisco ranks:

Health and Safety

- 56th (out of the 58 counties) in terms of safety
- 48th (out of 58) for hospital visits due to assault
- 33rd (out of 58) in terms of women receiving adequate prenatal care

Economic Security

- 50th (out of 58) when it comes to the cost of childcare
- 31st (out of 58) in terms of the percentage of women earning low wages
- 17th (out of 58) in terms of the wage gap

Civic Engagement & Political Empowerment

- 58th (out of 58) in terms of female representation in the state legislature
- 49th (out of 58) in terms of voter registration
- 40th (out of 58) in terms of female representation on our City council/Board of Supervisor

Human Trafficking in San Francisco, 2021 Data Report

Overview

- Report intended to share insight into the state of human trafficking in San Francisco
- The 2021 Report is the fifth report produced by DOSW
- It is the fourth report to cover an entire year's worth of data

Methodology

- Data was collected from 8 public and non-profit agencies
- Agencies used the federal definition of Human Trafficking
- Demographic data included:
 - age, gender and race, as well as the type of trafficking cases and services provided to victims/survivors

KEY FINDINGS

One-third of identified trafficking survivors were born **outside the U.S.**

94% of all reported cases were women (84% cisgender and 10% transgender)

91% were sex trafficking cases (9% were reported as labor trafficking cases)

Capacity building is **essential** to case identification

Recommendations

1. Reorganize the Mayor's Taskforce on Anti-Human Trafficking

- Work with law enforcement agencies to increase investigations and prosecutions of perpetrators
- Enhance services to human trafficking survivors and victims
- Raise awareness of all forms of human trafficking within CCSF
- Foster greater collaboration efforts among all San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCAHT) partner orgs

2. Build Capacity of CBOs that have a proven track record of success

- Great example: a \$150K capacity building grant resulted in a ten-fold increase in the number of survivors served by SF Safehouse

3. Identify and Invest in Closing Additional Service Gaps for Survivors

- Case management and food assistance primary services currently offered
- Shift data collection efforts toward directly surveying survivors about what other services are needed (besides case management and food assistance – i.e. safe rapid rehousing; emergency funds)

4. Improve Timeliness and Efficiencies

- Once prudent and feasible recommendations have been identified, we must move more quickly to execute on our action plans to prevent people from falling through the cracks



Thank You

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