

STATISTICAL AND OFFICIAL DATA - HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SPAIN

In Spain, human trafficking is a crime persecuted and punished by the Criminal Code. The purpose of this crime is exploitation, which includes sexual, labor, begging, trafficking of organs, and slavery. The consent of the victim becomes irrelevant when it is shown that it was obtained by unlawful means

The lack of data regarding the true extent of human trafficking seriously compromises the capacity of potential measures to combat this crime, especially considering the transnational dimension of this crime. The lack of data also hinders the realistic evaluation of the impact of any future plan for intervention

Minor situation

There is a widespread lack of data regarding the number of child victims of trafficking. The Ombudsman Institution points out that, when dealing with child arrivals, authorities must give notice to the public prosecutor's office and must record the arrival of the minor in a separate database. Furthermore, authorities must confirm the legal relationship between the minor and the adult(s) with whom they are travelling.

The lack of action protocols leads to the absence of early detection of minors, and places them in an at-risk situation. The lack of police records that include data of minors exacerbates this situation.

Weaknesses have also been identified in the monitoring of trafficked minors born in Spain. Merely registering these children is not enough.

Finally, there are no common action protocols to detect trafficked minors between the regional agencies that protect minors

Sexual exploitation

According to estimations by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Europe, only one in twenty potential victims of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation is identified. In light of the data provided by the CICO, this trend has been confirmed in Spain. Thus, in 2009, 6,157 individuals were identified as being at risk, of which 1,301 were identified as victims; in 2010, 15,075 people were detected as being at risk, of which 1,641 were eventually identified as victims; in 2011, 14,370 were detected as being at risk, of which 1,082 were eventually identified as victims.

Spain also confirms the trend noted by UNODC in its report on trafficking for sexual exploitation in Europe with regard to the sex of the victims, who are almost entirely women

With regards to the profile of individuals at risk for becoming victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation in Spain, for 2009 and 2010, the Spanish Center for Intelligence to Combat Organized Crime described the typical profiles as being a Romanian woman between the ages

of 18 and 32, and a Brazilian woman between the ages of 33 and 42. The data provided for 2011 was not collected by nationality, but makes reference to Romanian, Brazilian and Paraguayan nationalities. The information provided by this Institution in 2011 is limited, and notes only that 47% of the victims came from America, 45% came from Europe and 7% came from Africa.

Those data and information come from Spanish Ombudsman Report " Human Trafficking in Spain: Invisible Victims", 2012

Other official data comes from EUROSTAT

Data from EUROSTAT "Trafficking in human beings" Statistical working papers /2014 edition

In 2013 Eurostat published the [first working paper](#) on Trafficking in Human Beings in Europe. This publication constitutes the second working paper at the EU level on statistics on trafficking in human beings and contains data for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Number of registered victims coming into contact with the authorities (per 100 000 inhabitants)

		<i>Spain</i>	<i>Romania</i>	<i>Czech</i>	<i>EU (average)</i>
2010	Victims Total	1605	1154	131	9710
	Victims per 100.00 inhabitants	3,5	5,7	1,3	1,6
	Males ratio	0,6	5,1	0,1	0,4
	Females ratio	6,3	6,2	0,1	2,2
2011	Victims Total	234	1048	101	9438
	Victims per 100.00 inhabitants	0,5	5,2	1	1,6
	Males ratio	0,1	3,9	0,0	0,9
	Females ratio	0,9	6,4	0,1	2,5
2012	Victims Total	125	1041	100	10998
	Victims per 100.00 inhabitants	0,3	5,2	1,0	2,2
	Males ratio	0,0	3,8	0	1,0
	Females ratio	0,5	6,5	0	3,0

Obviously the data officially reported by Spanish Government are not very reliably, taking into account the high differences between years.