## Cracking down on Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania



**Human trafficking** is a type of human rights abuse where people profit from the exploitation of others – mainly through the use of **force**, **fraud** or **coercion** to manipulate victims into engaging in sex acts or labor/services in exchange for something of value. All persons under age 18 who exchange sex for something of value are humantrafficking victims, regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion is involved.

**200 human-trafficking** <u>**cases**</u> were filed since 2015 when Pennsylvania's first comprehensive human-trafficking law (Act 105) took effect.

#### On these cases, 784 total humantrafficking <u>offenses</u> were filed:



### Victims of human trafficking may:

- 1. Not have access to their own travel or ID documents
- 2. Not be in control of their own **financial** records, money or bank account
- 3. Have very few personal possessions
- 4. Work excessively **long/unusual hours** with little or no pay
- 5. Not able to clarify **their address/living situation**

#### **Demographics of defendants convicted:** Gender: Age: 3097





# Counties with highest percentage of human-trafficking <u>offenses</u> filed:



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All human-trafficking data is from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2019. Human-trafficking offenses filed and disposed as convictions as recorded in Pennsylvania's Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS) and Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS). Title 18, Sections 3012 (A and B1), 3015 (A2i), 3016, 3013 (A), 3011 (A, A2, A1, B) and 3014.