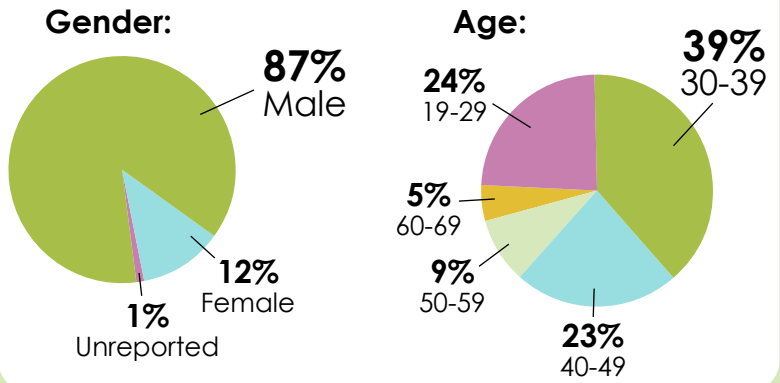


# Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania

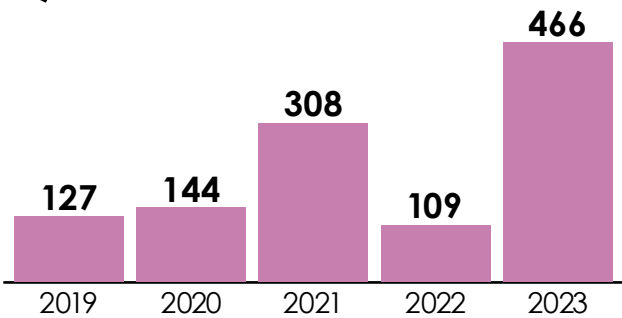
**Human trafficking** is a type of human rights abuse where people profit from the exploitation of others – mainly through the use of **force, fraud or coercion** to manipulate victims into engaging in sex acts or labor/services in exchange for something of value. Those under age 18 who exchange sex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

## Demographics of defendants convicted:



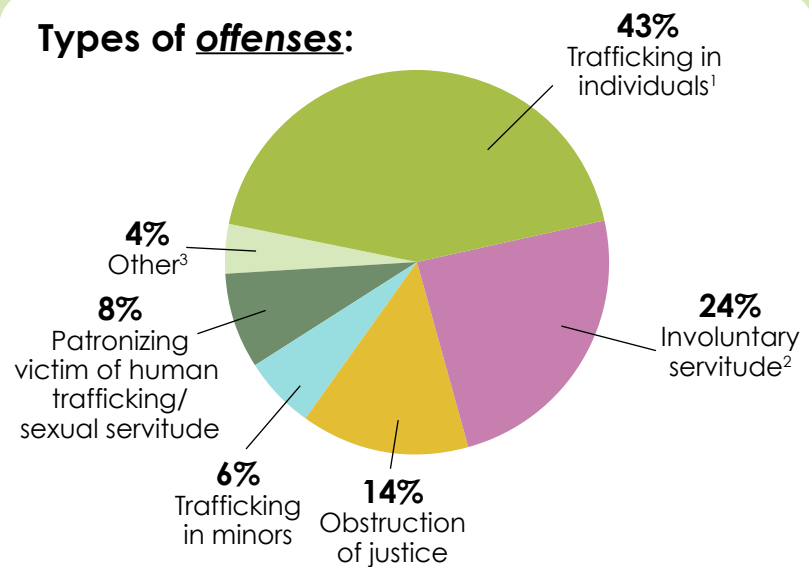
**366** human-trafficking cases were filed over the past five years.

**1,235** total human-trafficking offenses were filed:



Please note, there is a large increase in offenses filed from 2022 to 2023. This is due to a case filed in Franklin County with 200 human trafficking offenses and a case in Dauphin County with 39 human trafficking offenses.

## Types of offenses:



<sup>1</sup> recruits/entices/solicits

<sup>2</sup> duress through force, debt coercion, physical restraint, etc.

<sup>3</sup> unlawful conduct, nonpayment of wages

## 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**

## Counties with highest number of human-trafficking offenses filed:

