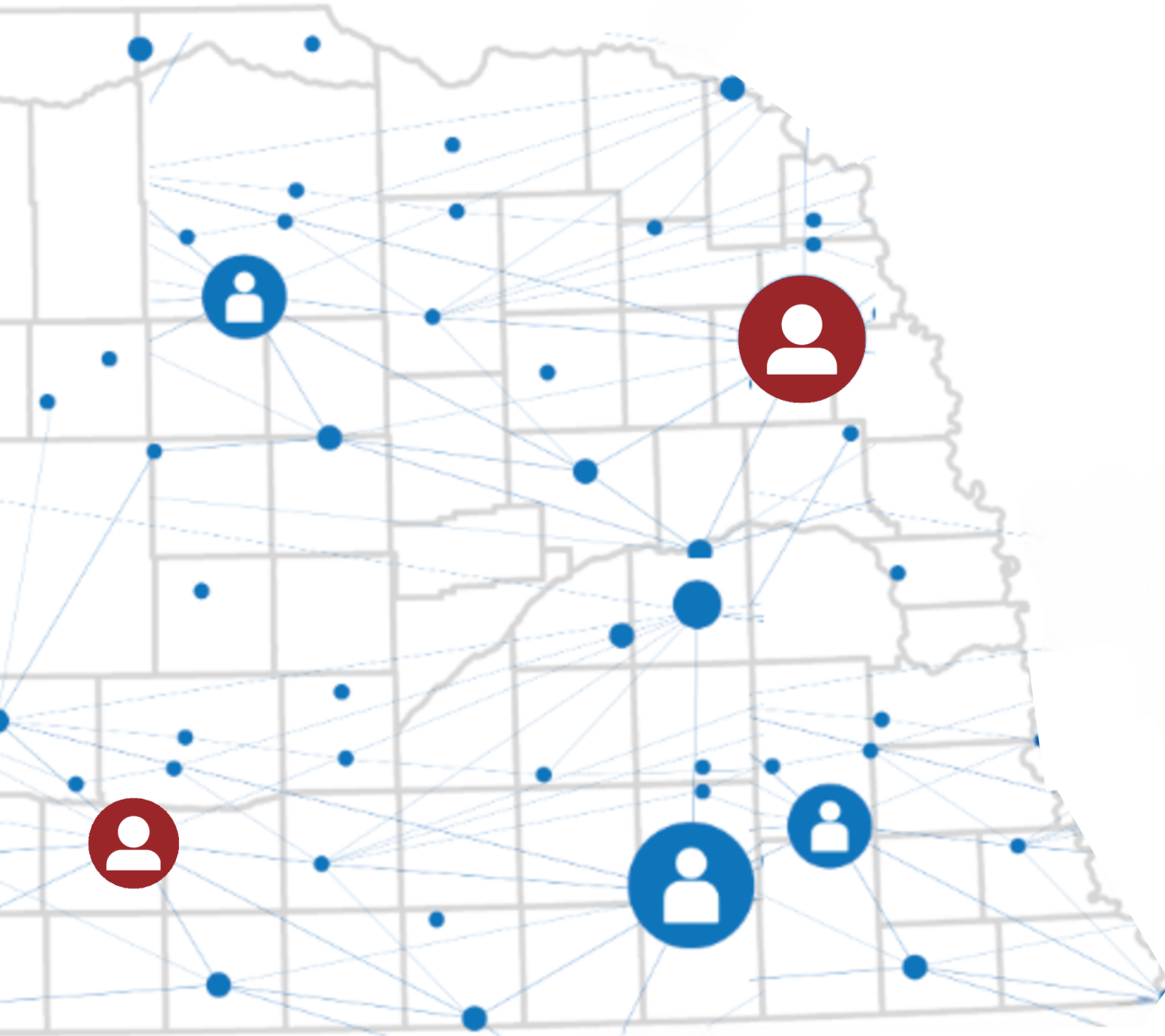




Nebraska
Human Trafficking
TASK FORCE



2024 **REPORT**



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Attorney General Update

As Attorney General, I am dedicated to making the State of Nebraska a place where survivors are supported and traffickers are held accountable.

The Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force (NHTTF) is growing every year. Comprised of law enforcement, prosecutors, healthcare professionals, service providers, advocates, and community members, NHTTF is continuously collaborating to stop human trafficking in Nebraska.

This year, we hosted our largest-ever anti-trafficking event, the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit. We had over 200 people attend, and we gained insight from many experts. As a result of the event's success, we will be hosting the 2025 Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit on September 16th in Lincoln at UNL's Innovation Campus.

Education continues to be a priority for our office. In 2024, a Nebraska human trafficking case went to federal trial. This trial began because patrol officers on the front lines were able to correctly identify human trafficking after attending a previous NHTTF training. Our team is regularly contacted by front-line partners who have attended NHTTF training and know we are here to answer questions, provide direction, or help understand the law.

Stories like these are why we continue our work. By reading this report, you become part of a network of educated Nebraskans combating human trafficking.

Nebraska Attorney General
Mike Hilgers





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2024 Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit

Kearney, NE



On September 18, 2024, the Nebraska Attorney General's Office hosted the inaugural Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit at the Younes Center in Kearney.

This day-long event featured multiple speakers and collaborative panels from various professions, including national and local organizations working to combat trafficking.

2024 Summit Topics:

Online Exploitation

Labor Trafficking
Assessment

How Law Enforcement and Advocacy Partner to
Support Survivors

Threat Assessments for Survivors of Human
Trafficking and Intimate Partner Violence

How Nonprofits and
Businesses Are Working to
Combat Human Trafficking

2025 Summit

Lincoln, NE

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 16, 2025

Registration available June 16, 2025

The featured speaker is Jane Anderson, Senior Attorney Advisor with AEquitas. Jane's experience in the courtroom and developing policies and procedures enables her to assist prosecutors and allied professionals in developing a victim-centered, offender-focused approach to cases of human trafficking and abuse.

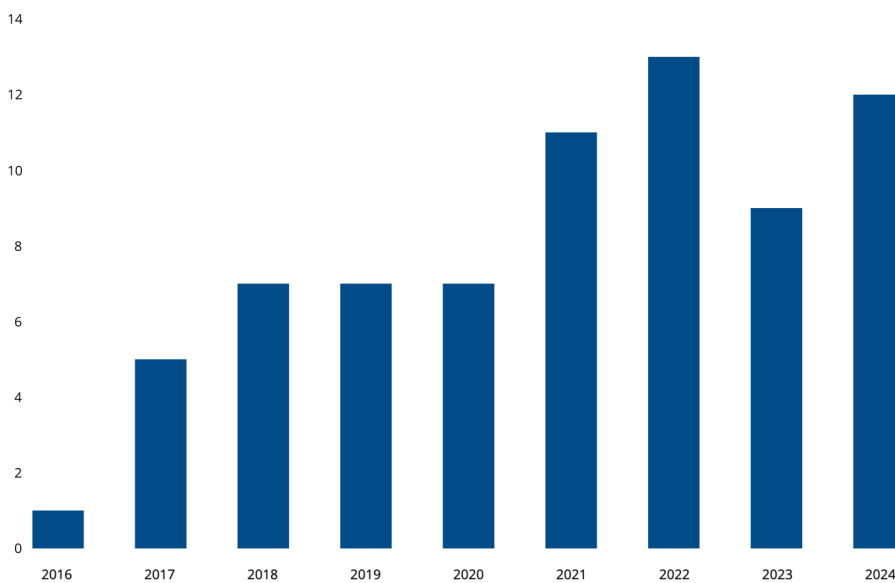


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Human Trafficking Cases in Nebraska

Number of Sex Trafficking Defendants Convicted of Felonies Per Year



Depending on the case, prosecutors may choose to prosecute trafficking defendants with related felony charges to ensure that those who traffic in Nebraska are held accountable.



27 Convictions

in state history for trafficking or attempted trafficking under Nebraska's Human Trafficking statute.

When possible, prosecutors will seek convictions under **Nebraska's Human Trafficking Statute**, which carries the penalties of:

Sex or labor trafficking of a minor:

20 years to life

Sex or labor trafficking of an adult:

1-50 years

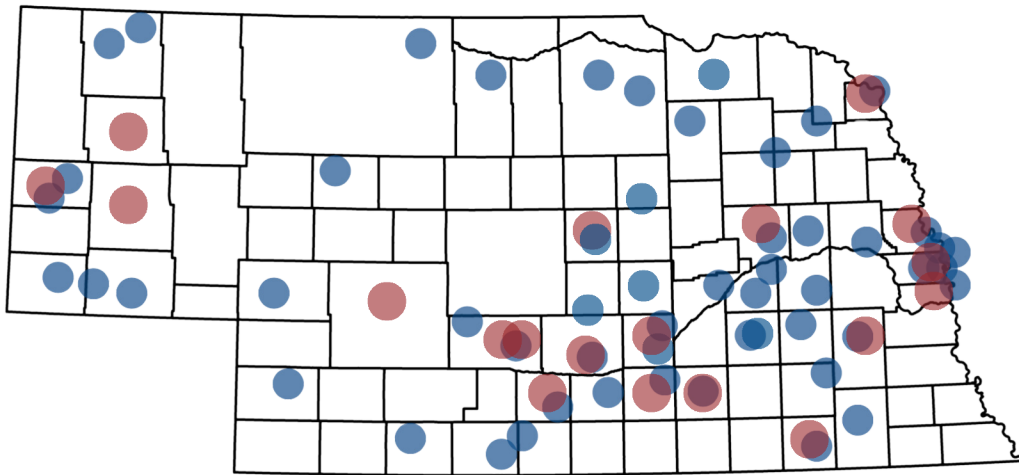
Counties with Ongoing Prosecutions for Human Trafficking:

Dawson | Douglas | Hall | Lancaster | Platte



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Human Trafficking Investigations and Hotline



Blue dots represent the locations of human trafficking investigations since the formation of NHTTF.

Red dots represent locations of calls in 2024 to the Nebraska Human Trafficking Hotline.

2024 Nebraska Human Trafficking Hotline Calls

Hotline Calls

113 Calls to



833-PLS-LOOK

94 Law Enforcement Tips



15 Law Enforcement Dispatches



4 Requests for Resources





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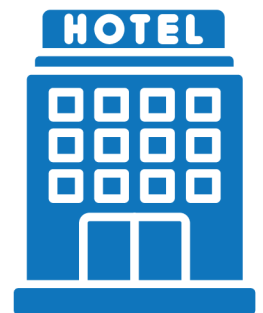
Ongoing Education

In 2024, the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force trained well over 2,000 individuals across Nebraska on understanding human trafficking, recognizing the risk factors and warning signs of trafficking, how to report suspected cases of human trafficking occurring in their community, and other pertinent issues.



Hotel, Motel, and High School Training

In 2024, the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force created and distributed a [video](#) to help hospitality staff recognize and report human trafficking. The Task Force also created a [video](#) to educate high school students on the warning signs of grooming and human trafficking.



2024

Successful Statewide Training Initiative

Beatrice
Columbus
Grand Island
Lexington
Lincoln
North Platte
O'Neill
Scottsbluff



2,000 + People Trained

- Judges
- Prosecutors
- Law Enforcement
- Game and Parks Officers
- Firefighters
- Corrections Employees
- College Students
- Medical Professionals
- Mental Health Professionals
- Tribal Leaders
- Advocates
- Corporate Management



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2025 Human Trafficking Posters

NHTTF launched a new poster design in 2025. The QR code on the poster directs the public to identify and report human trafficking to law enforcement.

Posters will be displayed at truck stops and rest stops across the state. Posters can be found on our [website](#).



Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons

NHTTF works to provide healthcare entities with the resources necessary to connect survivors with vital medical and psychological services. In 2024, NHTTF team members collaborated with Twelve Clans Unity Hospital in Winnebago to develop their own forensic nursing team to serve all survivors of trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence.



The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Liaison in the Nebraska Attorney General's Office works within the communities to ensure all resources are communicated with the tribes. Given the unique vulnerabilities these communities face, including geographic isolation and historical marginalization, tribal organizations and advocacy groups are working to strengthen protections and provide education about the risks and realities of trafficking.



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HALT Fund

On May 8, 2024, the Nebraska Bankers Association launched the HALT Human Trafficking Fund to support the work of nonprofit and local government organizations throughout the state by providing financial support to those working to eliminate human trafficking in Nebraska.

This partnership formed as a powerful step in the fight against human trafficking in Nebraska. The mission of HALT is to eradicate human trafficking in Nebraska through education, collaboration, and support. Those seeking to learn more can visit www.haltfund.org.

What Can You Do?

Nebraska Human Trafficking Hotline

1-833-PLS LOOK

1-833 (757-5665)



- Learn the signs of human trafficking.
- Call 911 in an emergency.
- Get informed by watching our human trafficking video series at AGO.Nebraska.gov.
- Attend the 2025 Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit. Registration opens on June 16, 2025, at AGO.Nebraska.gov.



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Legislation Passed in 2024



During the 2024 legislative session, [the Nebraska Unicameral passed LB934](#), which, in part, will combat the proliferation of child exploitation, human trafficking, and sexual assault content online. Passage of the bill allows the Attorney General to hold online actors and platforms accountable for purveying sexual abuse content, including content that exploits children and trafficking survivors.

The bill is a continuation of the [ongoing partnership](#) between the Legislature, the Attorney General, and the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force.

Thank you, Senators

Nebraska has a long history of passing laws that protect the vulnerable through anti-human trafficking legislation. These laws enable our office to prosecute this egregious crime and help ensure that justice is served. State senators are a crucial component in the fight against human trafficking, and Nebraska is a safer place because of their dedicated work.

— Mike Hila