

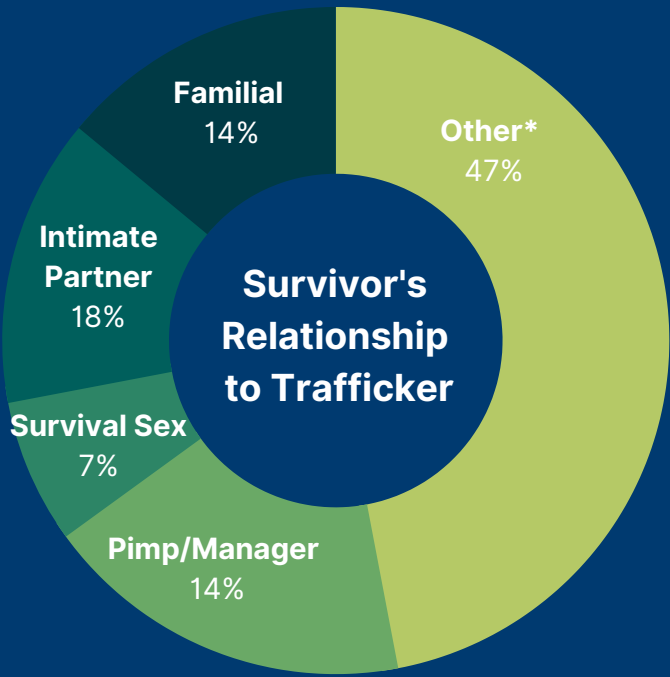
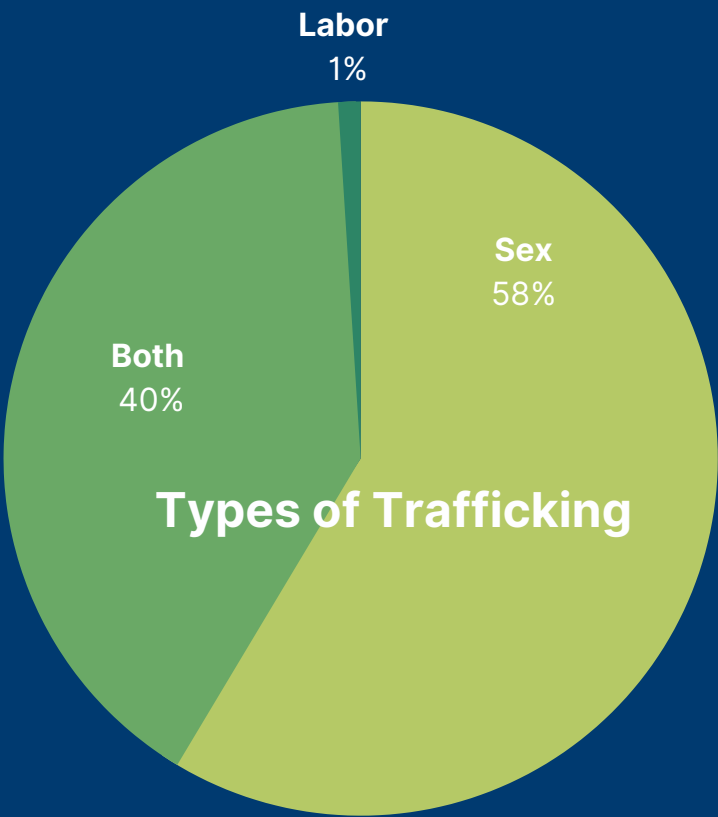
# Human Trafficking in Southwest Missouri



Region  
Demographics + Implications

## Community Snapshot

61% of trafficking survivors identified as racial or ethnic minorities



\*Other could indicate child pornography, customer or peer facilitated

2019. Nichols, Preble & Cox. "Human Trafficking in Missouri and Metro East St. Louis: Provider Based Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot".  
2019. Preble & Nichols. "State of Missouri and Metro East Anti-Trafficking Strategic Plan".

## Key Implications from the Report:



A need for more culturally sensitive human trafficking specific trainings in schools, healthcare, and law enforcement

A need for culturally competent services, as the region showed heightened victimization of Asians, people of color, and gender/sexual minorities

A need for more inclusive awareness and outreach efforts

# Top 3 Survivor Needs

## YOUTH SHELTER



### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

House of Hope  
Children's Haven



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a focus group of service providers to better understand the unique needs of trafficking survivors
- Improve infrastructure to support transitional services in education and employment

## MENTAL HEALTH



### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Restoring Wellness Counseling  
Community Mental Health  
Consultants  
Crisis Center of Taney County  
Burrell Behavioral Health  
NightLight International  
RISE Coalition



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a focus group to better identify barriers to access and to create minimum standards of care
- Partner with local businesses, donors, colleges, mental health centers, and MO development councils to expand access to services

## LEGAL SERVICES



### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Legal Aid of Western MO  
Legal Services of Southern MO  
The Victim Center  
CASA of Southwest MO



### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Collaborate with the MO Supreme Court Task Force on Human Trafficking to establish a workgroup to expand pro bono service availability, training, and funding
- Outreach to local attorneys and bar associations to expand pro bono service for human trafficking survivors

## Join the Movement Against Trafficking



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your local organizations



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informed. Join CATE!



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local officials