Forced Labor Statistics

Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work

International Labour Office

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Abstract
Fact sheet with statistics about forced labor world-wide. Includes breakdown by population, regions, gender, and age, and profits from forced labor.

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Forced Labour Statistics

**Global estimates**
- 12.3 million people are victims of forced labour
- more than 2.4 million have been trafficked
- 9.8 million are exploited by private agents
- 2.5 million are forced to work by the state or by rebel military groups

**Regional distribution of forced labour**
- Asia and the Pacific – 9,490,000
- Latin America and Caribbean – 1,320,000
- Industrialized countries (Europe, USA) – 360,000
- Middle East and North Africa – 260,000
- Transition Countries – 210,000
- Sub Saharan Africa – 660,000

**Forced labour by sex**

*Forced economic exploitation:*
- Women and girls - 56%
- Men and boys - 44%

*Forced commercial sexual exploitation*
- Women and girls - 98%
- Men and boys - 2%

**Forced labour by age**
- Children - 40 to 50%
TRAFFICKED FORCED LABOURERS (REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION)

- Asia and the Pacific - 1,360,000
- Industrialized countries (Europe, USA) - 270,000
- Latin America and Caribbean - 250,000
- Middle East and North Africa - 230,000
- Transition Countries - 200,000
- Sub Saharan Africa - 130,000

TRAFFICKED FORCED LABOUR BY FORM

- 43% of those trafficked are used for forced commercial sexual exploitation
- 32% of the trafficked victims are used for forced economic exploitation
- 25% of victims are trafficked for a mixture of the above or for undetermined reasons

PROFITS FROM TRAFFICKED FORCED LABOUR

Global – US$ 31.6 billion
- Asia and the Pacific – US$ 9.7 billion
- Industrialized countries (Europe, USA) – US$ 15.5 billion
- Latin America and Caribbean – US$ 1.3 billion
- Middle East and North Africa – US$ 1.5 billion
- Transition Countries – US$ 3.4 billion
- Sub Saharan Africa – US$ 159 million