



# “Just Us”

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## Friday, July 30, International Day vs Trafficking of Persons

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### July 30

World Day against Trafficking in Persons is held on July 30th each year, and is an annual event. People trafficking and modern day slavery is a massive worldwide problem with very few countries immune to human trafficking, and the event by the United Nations is to raise awareness and increase prevention of that.

**Number of persons trafficked globally each year:** The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that there are currently **25 million victims** of human trafficking around the world. Human trafficking is an issue for all countries and communities.

**Number of persons trafficked in the US:** The International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that at least 12.3 million people are victims of forced labor at any given time, 2.4 million of whom toil in forced labor as a result of trafficking. The U.S. Department of State estimates that **14,500 to 17,500 people** are trafficked into the United States each year.

## No. of Sex trafficking Victims in the US who are Women and Children

It is estimated that between 15,000 to 50,000 women and children are forced into sexual slavery in the United States every year, and the total number varies wildly as it is very difficult to research. One study from the Department of Health and Human Services estimated the number between 240,000 and 325,000, while a report from the University of Pennsylvania put it at between 100,000 and 300,000. <https://deliverfund.org/blog/facts-about-human-trafficking-in-the-us/>

**Rochester Regional Coalition vs Human Trafficking (RCCAHT)** Rochester has its own organization to combat human trafficking through educational programs to community groups and health and business organizations.

Follow local events and read the latest articles regarding human trafficking at RCCAHT's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RochesterRegionalCoalitionAgainstHumanTrafficking>

**Visit RCCAHT's website <https://www.rrcaht.org/> for information about programs, articles on human trafficking, and emergency contact information.**

RCCAHT's President, Dr. Celia McIntosh, is a nurse practitioner, known locally and beyond for her work in educating health practitioners and others about symptoms frequently displayed by victims. RCCAHT hosts many online events detailing ways to recognize signs of young people who have been trafficked.

In 2020 Dr. McIntosh was recognized as one of the Black Women of the year in Rochester for her work with healthcare professionals to assist in identifying victims.

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