



# IOM CASE DATA GLOBAL FIGURES & TRENDS HUMAN TRAFFICKING<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. IOM data on human trafficking

IOM has taken a number of steps to increase the knowledge base on human trafficking and to ensure standardization of Organizational data on human trafficking.<sup>2</sup>

Data collected directly from trafficked persons, as in the IOM approach, is an **important source of information and has proven central in efforts to understand and combat human trafficking**. Research and data collection conducted within the assistance framework, such as the IOM approach, can shed light on a range of issues including risks and vulnerability factors, the needs of different groups of trafficking victims (e.g. men, women, children, victim of labour and sex trafficking); the gender dimensions of trafficking; details of the trafficking process and, albeit it to a lesser extent, the perpetrators involved, their modus operandi, the routes used and so on (Surtees & Craggs, 2010).

The below tables contained within this document are based upon IOM case data where the organization has been involved in providing direct assistance to a trafficked person in the context of an IOM counter-trafficking project. Some cases are also assisted through other IOM projects such as Assisted Voluntary Return & Reintegration programmes, resettlement programmes, family reunification programmes, and other humanitarian programmes. However, the data are only reflective of IOM assisted cases; and the aggregate data currently skew in favour of countries in which IOM has had victim assistance programmes for longer periods of time. Consequently these figures should not be understood as reflective of global counter-trafficking patterns but instead need to be supplemented with other data sources.

**Duration:** The data presented covers the period from January 2000-December 2010 or where otherwise specified.

**Response rate:** IOM is operational in 137 countries. Data was shared by 106 IOM offices; 25 offices confirmed that they have never implemented anti-trafficking project.<sup>3</sup> **This indicates a 96% response rate.**

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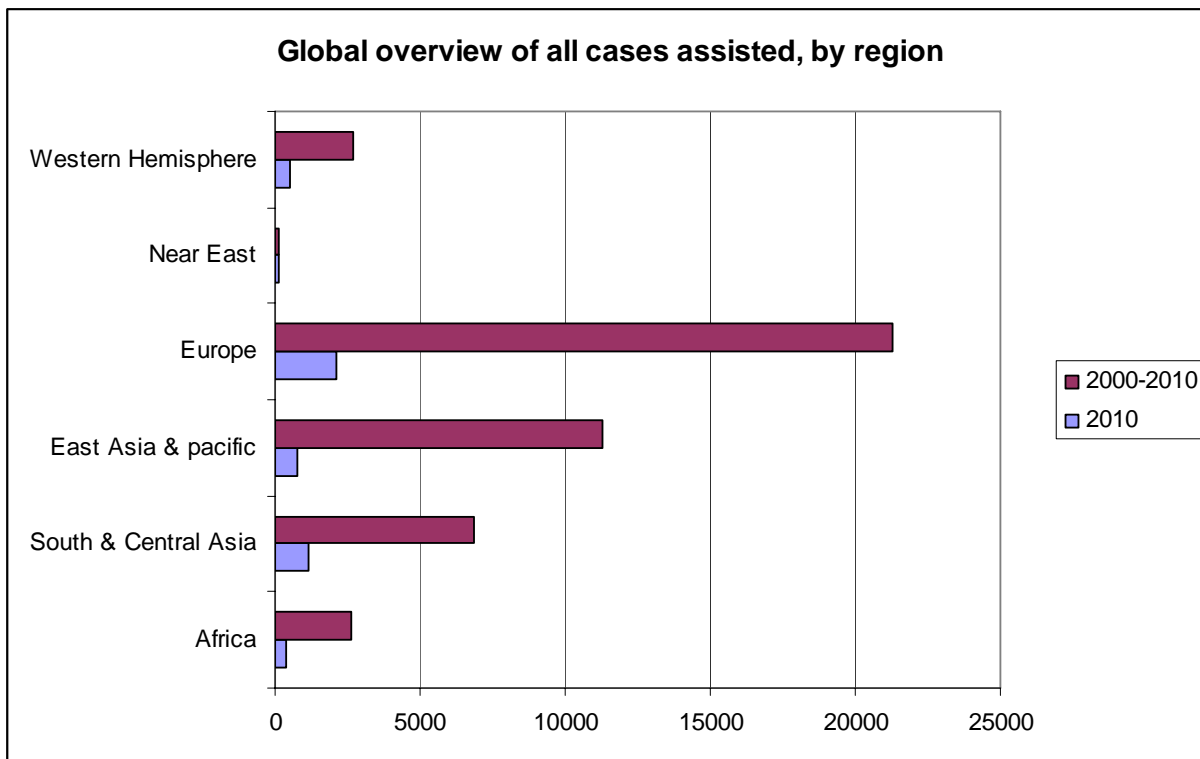
<sup>2</sup> IOM programmatic data is collected and stored through two channels: (1) the IOM MIMOSA based Human trafficking database; (2) and the 'sister' core variable approach. More detailed information can be provided on request. Please also see Surtees, R. & Craggs, S. (2010) *Beneath the surface. Methodological issues in research and data collection with trafficked persons*, Geneva: IOM & Washington D.C: NEXUS

<sup>3</sup> As of May 2011, 6 IOM missions were still to share data and/or confirm non-implementation of a trafficking project. This was largely due to the concerned missions being involved in IOM humanitarian emergency operations at this time.

## 2. IOM Global & regional findings<sup>4</sup>:

IOM has globally provided assistance to individual trafficked persons on 46,554 occasions from 2000 to 2010, with 5,911 instances of assistance provided in 2010 alone. More than half (65%) of these persons related to adults aged 18 and over, whereas about twenty percent of cases (22%) were minors and about thirteen percent (13%) unknown. Two thirds (64%) of these individuals are female, one quarter are males (25%), and the sex of the individual is unknown in just over ten percent of cases (11%). In addition, individuals have been assisted by IOM after having been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation (43%), forced labour (30%), combined sexual and forced labour (4%), begging (3%), domestic servitude (0.1%), and for other or unknown purposes (20%).

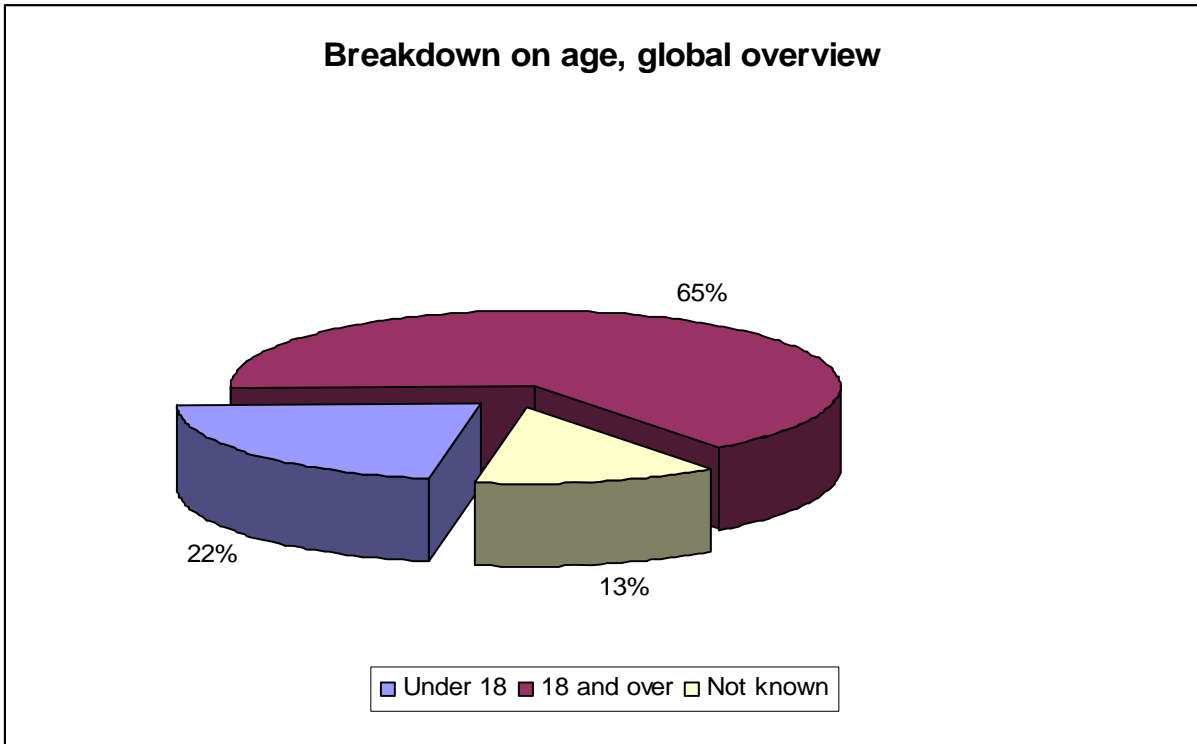
**Figure one: Bar chart of global overview of all cases assisted, by region**



Source: IOM trafficking case data

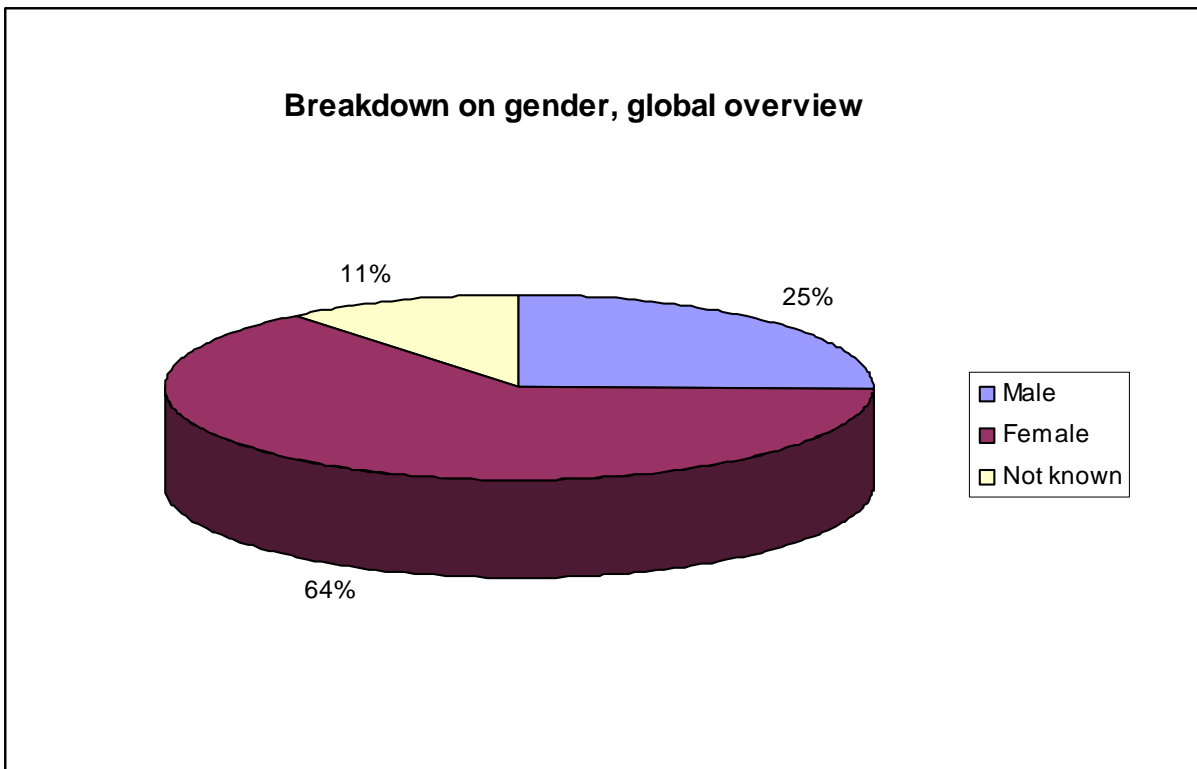
<sup>4</sup> This document should be treated as a working document. Additional information will be provided at the disaggregated regional and global level on the following variables: age, type of trafficking. In addition, IOM continues to receive updated information from several IOM field missions. In this respect, the national, regional, and global numbers may change accordingly.

Figure two: Pie chart of global overview of all cases assisted, by age



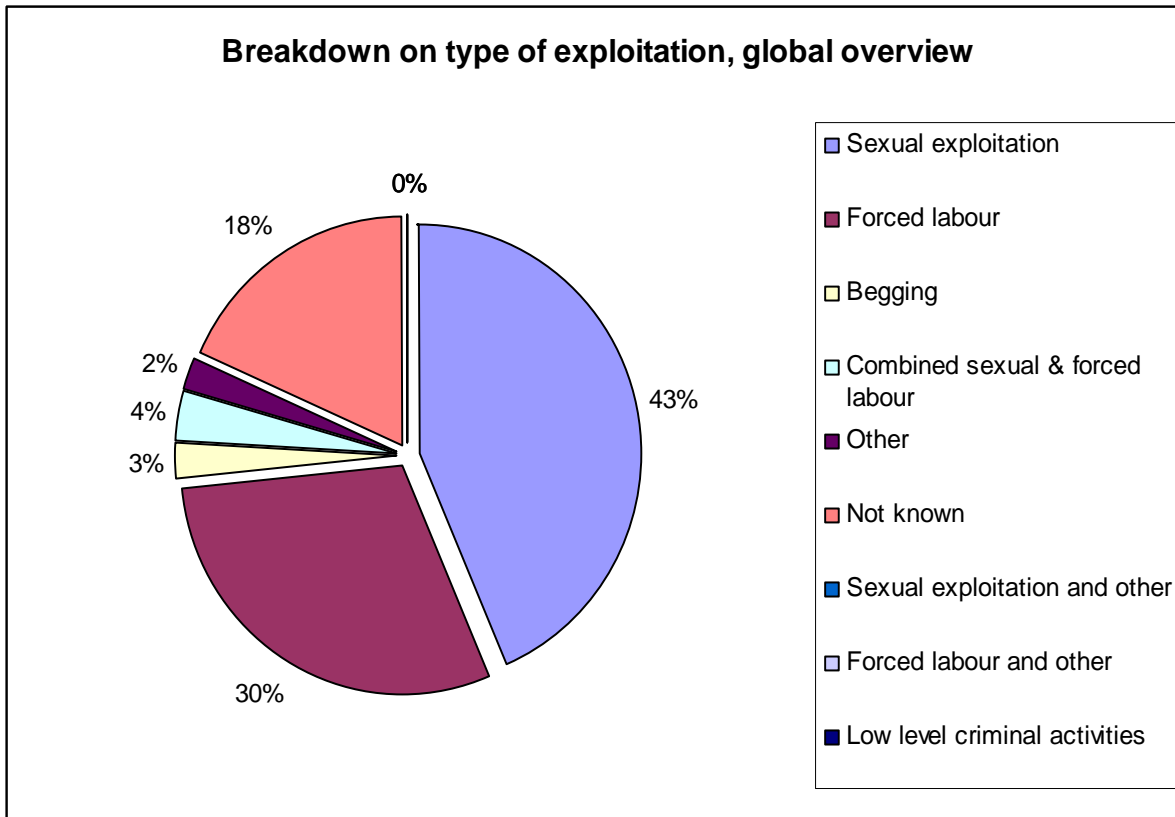
Source: IOM trafficking case data

Figure three: Pie chart of global overview of all cases assisted, by gender



Source: IOM trafficking case data

Figure four: Pie chart of global overview of all cases assisted, by exploitation



Source: IOM trafficking case data

### Data tables

Table one: Global overview of all cases assisted, by region

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Africa	735	3,691
South & Central Asia	1,128	6,867
East Asia & pacific	780	11,278
Europe	2,607	21,892
Near East	139	157
Western Hemisphere	522	2,669
<b>GLOBAL TOTAL</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>46,554</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data



**Table two: Africa regional overview of all cases assisted**

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Democratic Republic of Congo	216	656
Djibouti	26	26
Ethiopia	14	95
Ghana	27	716
Kenya	25	63
Liberia	44	44
Mali	16	152
Mauritius	1	2
Mozambique	5	24
Nigeria	97	233
Rwanda	0	3
Senegal	116	565
Sierra Leone	16	187
Somalia	10	10
South Africa	46	263
Tanzania	56	562
Zambia	20	52
Zimbabwe	0	38
<b>REGIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>3,691</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data



**Table three: Central & Southern Asia regional overview of all cases assisted**

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Afghanistan	107	293
Bangladesh	37	625
India	15	741
Kazakhstan	134	610
Kyrgyzstan	266	1,130
Nepal	178	188
Pakistan	2	5
Sri Lanka	13	45
Tajikistan	90	315
Turkmenistan	38	71
Uzbekistan	248	2,844
<b>REGIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>6,867</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data





*Table four: East Asia & Pacific regional overview of all cases assisted*

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Australia	0	9
Cambodia	25	1,926
Hong Kong	1	14
Indonesia	146	3,840
Japan	20	196
Laos	145	1610
Malaysia	6	11
Philippines	22	95
South Korea	1	25
Thailand	302	3,153
Timor Leste	17	32
Vietnam	95	367
<b>REGIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>11,278</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data

*Table five: Europe regional overview of all cases assisted*

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Albania	83	596
Armenia	0	33
Austria	5	8
Azerbaijan	491	527
Belarus	151	1997
Belgium	7	41
Bosnia and Herzegovina	203	939
Bulgaria	33	614
Czech Republic	0	24
Denmark	7	17
Finland	0	1
Georgia	6	39
Germany	96	1105
Greece	11	175
Hungary	18	18
Ireland	0	23
Italy	6	484
Kosovo	57	685
Latvia	1	5
Lithuania	5	148
Macedonia	0	785
Moldova	139	2741
Montenegro	1	86
Netherlands	29	257
Norway	4	39
Poland	3	49
Portugal	0	9
Romania	48	1435
Russia	0	424
Slovakia	22	78
Slovenia	0	7
Spain	22	210
Sweden	1	1
Switzerland	11	56
Turkey	26	770
United Kingdom	36	123
Ukraine	1085	7343
<b>REGIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>21,892</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data



**Table six: Near East regional overview of all cases assisted**

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Egypt	34	34
Iraq	8	24
Jordan	2	2
Lebanon	9	9
Morocco	20	22
Syria	12	12
Tunisia	2	2
Yemen	52	52
<b>REGIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>157</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data



**Table seven: Western Hemisphere regional overview of all cases assisted**

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Argentina	109	735
Chile	9	49
Colombia	12	192
Costa Rica	50	84
Dominican Republic	14	14
Ecuador	0	107
El Salvador	60	349
Guatemala	9	9
Haiti	118	522
Mexico	11	178
Nicaragua	8	69
Panama	4	11
Peru	12	26
Uruguay	1	8
The Caribbean region	14	36
The United States of America	89	270
Venezuela	2	10
<b>REGIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>2,669</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data

**Table eight: Global overview of all cases assisted, by age**

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Under 18	1728	10193
18 and over	3629	30378
Not known	554	5983
<b>GLOBAL TOTAL</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>46,554</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data

**Table nine: Global overview of all cases assisted, by gender**

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Male	2,261	11,879
Female	3,155	29,507
Not known	495	5,144
<b>GLOBAL TOTAL</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>46,554</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data

**Table ten: Global overview of all cases assisted, by type of exploitation**

	Total number of cases assisted: (year) 2010	Total number of cases assisted: (years) 2000- 2010
Sexual exploitation	1,843	19,900
Forced labour	2,629	13,902
Combined sexual & forced labour	221	1,649
Begging	190	1218
Other	307	1356
Sexual exploitation and other	1	3
Forced labour and other	0	2
Low level criminal	0	3



activities		
Not known	720	8,521
<b>GLOBAL TOTAL</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>46,554</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data

**Table eleven: Total number of distinct instances of assistance to individual trafficked persons, 2000-2010**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
<b>GLOBAL TOTAL:</b>	<b>2829</b>	<b>2058</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>2308</b>	<b>2946</b>	<b>4827</b>	<b>6395</b>	<b>6980</b>	<b>5244</b>	<b>4963</b>	<b>5911</b>	<b>46554</b>

Source: IOM trafficking case data