

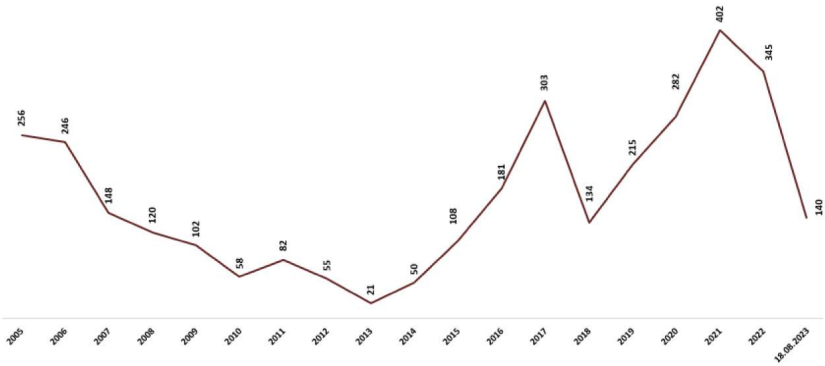
According to the Palermo Protocol, **human trafficking** means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.



4. Regulation on Combating Human Trafficking and Protecting the Victims

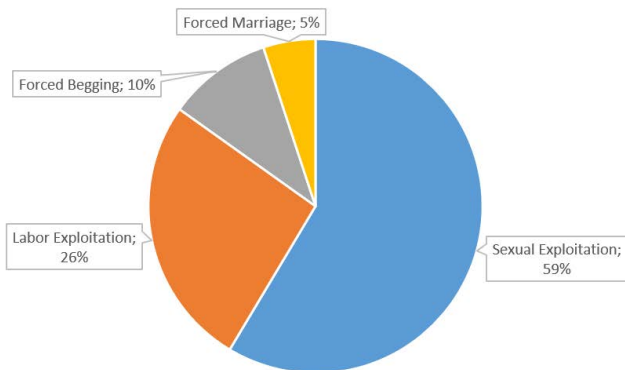
The Regulation on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protection of Victims, which was prepared based on Article 121 of the Law No. 6458 on Foreigners and International Protection and the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, entered into force upon its publication in the Official Gazette dated March 17, 2016 and numbered 29656. The purpose and scope of the Regulation is set out in Article 1 as *“to determine the procedures and principles regarding the prevention of the crime of trafficking in human beings, combating trafficking in human beings, protection of victims of trafficking in human beings within the scope of human rights without discriminating between Turkish citizens and foreigners, granting residence permits to foreign victims and support services to be provided to victims.”* The Regulation covers real persons who have been subjected to human trafficking without distinction between Turkish citizens or foreigners.

Data on identified victims of human trafficking in Türkiye by years (2005-2023)



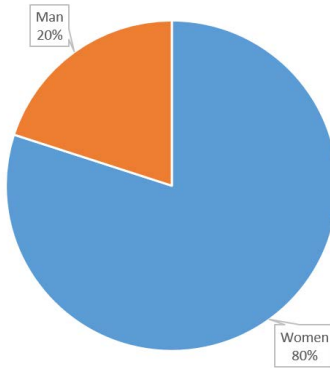
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Distribution of trafficking victims identified in Türkiye according to types of exploitation (2017-2021)



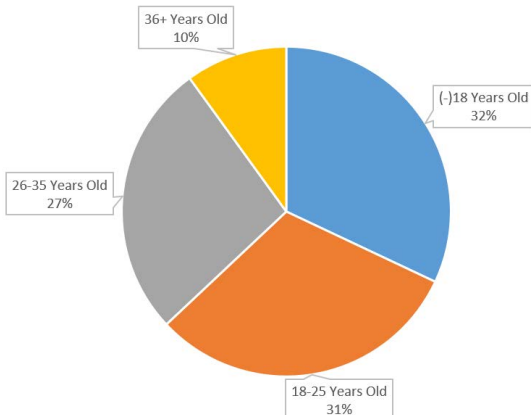
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Gender distribution of identified victims of human trafficking in Türkiye (2017-2021)



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Age distribution of identified victims of human trafficking in Türkiye (2017-2021)

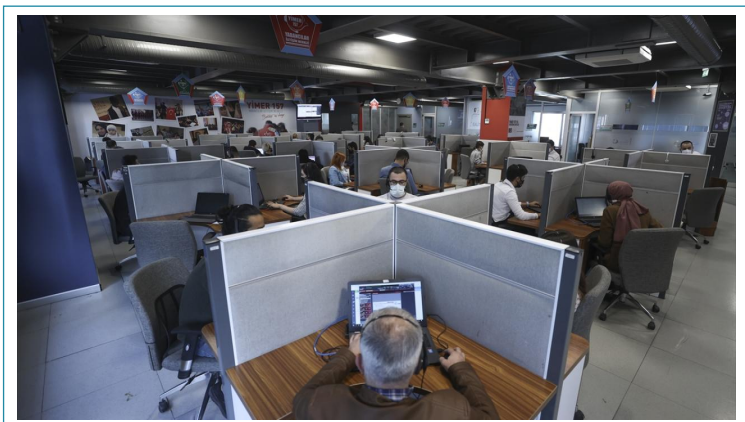


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The Foreigners Communication Center

The Foreigners Communication Center (YİMER), established as a hotline for the identification of victims of human trafficking, provides uninterrupted service 24/7 in 7 languages (Turkish, English, Arabic, Farsi, Russian, German and Pashto).

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Measures to Support Victims of Human Trafficking in Türkiye

- Residence permit up to 3 years
- Victim Support Program
- Accommodation in shelters or safe accommodation
- Utilization of health services
- Psycho-social support
- Legal support
- Vocational training
- Support in accessing the labor market
- Provision of temporary financial support to meet basic needs
- Voluntary and safe return



Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye and Combating Human Trafficking

Article 29, paragraph (4) of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings stipulates that *“Each Party shall consider appointing National Rapporteurs or other mechanisms to oversee the activities of public authorities in combating trafficking in human beings and the implementation of the provisions of national legislation.”*

Pursuant to the decision 2020/1.2 taken at the meeting of the Coordination Commission on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, which was established pursuant to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and Article 5 of the Regulation on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protection of Victims, on December 10, 2020, the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye (HREIT) was designated as the **National Rapporteur Institution** to examine and report on the activities carried out in the field of combating trafficking in human beings.

HREIT as the National Rapporteur Institution, Carries out the Following Activities


- Preparing a National Report on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings,
- Raising awareness on combating trafficking in human beings through activities such as trainings, summits, books, brochures and press releases,
- Consultations with national and international stakeholders,
- Visits to shelters serving victims of human trafficking.




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