

Connecticut's Human Trafficking- Related Case Statistics

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Issue

Summarize the arrests and case outcomes for human trafficking offenses in Connecticut for calendar years 2013 through 2018. **This report has been updated by OLR Report [2022-R-0152](#).**

Summary

The tables below summarize Judicial Branch case statistics for specific human trafficking-related offenses (see Table 1) in Connecticut for calendar years 2013 through 2018. Table 2 provides human trafficking-related arrests and Table 3 provides case outcomes for charges during that same period. Over the period examined, there were 513 total human trafficking arrests, ranging from a high of 141 arrests in 2014 to a low of 58 arrests in 2016. Nearly 40% of these arrests were for promoting a minor in an obscene performance (197 out of 513), and 20% for enticing a minor by computer (first offense) (99 out of 513).

Over this same period, for human trafficking-related offenses there were 85 guilty findings, 11 dismissed charges, and 184 charges that were nolle (i.e., not prosecuted). Approximately 35% of the guilty findings were for charges of promoting a minor in an obscene performance (30 out of 85), and 25% for enticing a minor by computer (second offense) (21 out of 85).

Please note that the case outcomes should not be associated with the arrest figures because the outcomes represent charges that may have taken several years to resolve. For example, a 2013 guilty finding may be related to an arrest that occurred in 2011, which is not reflected in the arrest data shown below. The Judicial Branch cautions that it would not be accurate to develop ratios using arrests and outcomes in the same year.

Human Trafficking Offenses and Associated Penalties

Offenses and Classifications

This report includes data for the human trafficking offenses shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Human Trafficking Offenses and Classifications

Offense	Statute	Classification
Promoting Prostitution in the First Degree	CGS § 53a-86	Class B felony
Promoting Prostitution - Victim Under Age 18	CGS § 53a-86(a)(2)	Class B felony with nine month mandatory minimum and a \$15,000 fine
Enticing a Minor by Computer (First Offense)	CGS § 53a-90a	Class D felony
Enticing a Minor by Computer (Second Offense)	CGS § 53a-90a*	Class C felony
Enticing a Minor by Computer (Subsequent Offense)	CGS § 53a-90a**	Class B felony
Enticing a Minor by Computer - Victim Under Age 13	CGS § 53a-90a(b)(2)	Class B felony with five year mandatory minimum for the first offense and 10 years for any subsequent offense
Misrepresentation of Age to Entice a Minor	CGS § 53a-90b	Class C felony
Trafficking in Persons	CGS § 53a-192a	Class A felony
Employing a Minor in an Obscene Performance	CGS § 53a-196a	Class A felony with 10 year mandatory minimum
Promoting a Minor in an Obscene Performance	CGS § 53a-196b	Class B felony

Penalties

The law generally imposes the following penalties based on the classification of the crime:

- A class A felony is punishable by 10 to 25 years in prison, a fine up to \$20,000, or both.
- A class B felony is punishable by one to 20 years in prison, a fine up to \$15,000, or both.
- A class C felony is punishable by one to 10 years in prison, a fine up to \$10,000, or both.
- A class D felony is punishable by up to five years in prison, a fine up to \$5,000, or both.

Human Trafficking Arrests

Table 2 shows the total arrests made for each offense each calendar year (2013 through 2018).

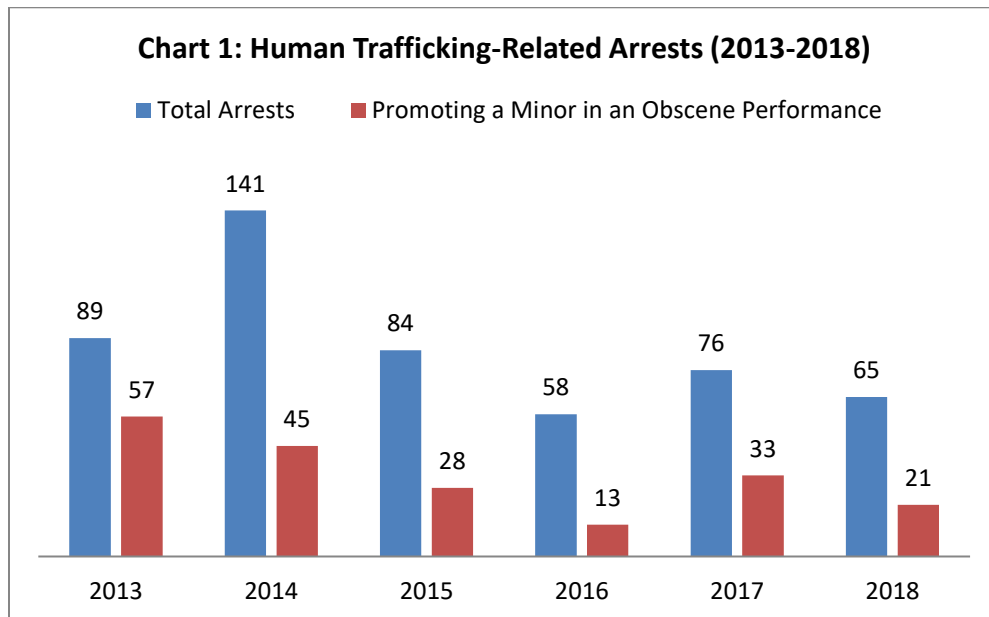
Table 2: Human Trafficking Arrests for Calendar Years 2013 through 2018

Offense	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Promoting Prostitution in the First Degree	3	10	12	11	2	6	44
Promoting Prostitution - Victim Under Age 18	0	2	0	0	6	0	8
Enticing a Minor by Computer (First Offense)	13	26	22	15	7	16	99
Enticing a Minor by Computer (Second Offense)	4	12	1	6	9	6	38
Enticing a Minor by Computer (Subsequent Offense)	3	0	1	0	1	0	5
Enticing a Minor by Computer - Victim Under Age 13	0	0	1	2	2	0	5
Misrepresentation of Age to Entice a Minor	1	21	1	0	0	1	24
Trafficking in Persons	2	3	11	7	6	8	37
Employing a Minor in an Obscene Performance	6	22	7	4	10	7	56
Promoting a Minor in an Obscene Performance	57	45	28	13	33	21	197
Total	89	141	84	58	76	65	513

Source: Connecticut Judicial Branch

Arrest Trends

As the data in Table 2 shows, over the last six years, total arrests for human trafficking crimes saw a high of 141 in 2014 and a low of 58 in 2016 (see Chart 1 below). The crime of promoting a minor in an obscene performance saw the highest number of arrests in all years except 2016 when it was second to arrests for the first offense of enticing a minor by computer.



Human Trafficking Case Outcomes

For cases resolved in calendar years 2013 through 2018, Table 3 shows the total charges that had a guilty finding or were dismissed or not prosecuted (i.e., nolle).

Table 3: Human Trafficking Case Outcomes for Calendar Years 2013 through 2018

Year	Guilty	Dismissed	Nolle
<u>Promoting Prostitution in the First Degree</u>			
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	2
2015	1	0	3
2016*	2	1	2
2017	0	0	4
2018	1	0	5
Total	4	1	16
*One conviction was vacated in 2016			
<u>Promoting Prostitution - Victim Under Age 18</u>			
2013	0	0	0
2014	2	0	0
2015	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0
Total	2	0	0
<u>Enticing a Minor by Computer (First Offense)</u>			
2013	6	0	10
2014	3	0	4
2015	1	0	7
2016	4	2	12
2017	3	0	7
2018	2	0	2
Total	19	2	42
<u>Enticing a Minor by Computer (Second Offense)</u>			
2013	2	0	1
2014	3	1	5
2015	4	0	12
2016	6	1	1
2017	4	0	2
2018	2	0	1
Total	21	2	22

Year	Guilty	Dismissed	Nolle
<u>Enticing a Minor by Computer (Subsequent Offense)</u>			
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	0	1
2016	1	0	0
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1
<u>Enticing a Minor by Computer - Victim Under Age 13</u>			
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0
2017	1	0	0
2018	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0
<u>Misrepresentation of Age to Entice a Minor</u>			
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	0	9
2016	1	0	8
2017	0	0	1
2018	0	0	1
Total	1	0	19
<u>Trafficking in Persons</u>			
2013	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	0	2
2016	2	1	3
2017	1	0	1
2018	1	1	2
Total	4	2	8
<u>Employing a Minor in an Obscene Performance</u>			
2013	0	2	3
2014	0	0	17
2015	0	1	3
2016	0	0	0
2017	1	1	2
2018	1	0	0

<i>Year</i>	<i>Guilty</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Nolle</i>
Total	2	4	25
<u>Promoting a Minor in an Obscene Performance</u>			
2013	8	0	11
2014	11	0	7
2015	4	0	9
2016	4	0	2
2017	1	0	20
2018	2	0	2
Total	30	0	51
Grand Total	85	11	184

Source: Connecticut Judicial Branch

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