Labor trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a person is forced to perform work via force, fraud or coercion.

Victims are unable to leave their situation.

A Hidden Crime: Living in Fear

Victims may be:
- Living in fear of U.S. authorities
- Unable to speak English
- Unfamiliar with surroundings
- Isolated, guarded or threatened psychologically
- Required to pay recruitment fees
- Unaware of their legal rights
- Culturally isolated

In Wisconsin, victims are found most often in:
- Restaurants
- Agriculture
- Landscaping

Victims worldwide of labor exploitation; 5.5 million are children

55% are women and girls; 45% are men and boys

Top Industries
1. Agriculture
2. Restaurants/foodservice
3. Landscaping
4. Hotels/Hospitals
5. Construction
6. Housekeeping
7. Commercial cleaning
8. Recreational facilities
9. Manufacturing
10. Health/Beauty

TRAFFICKERS USE VIOLENCE, THREATS, AND LIES; WITHHOLD DOCUMENTS & PAYMENT; CONTROL MOVEMENT OF VICTIMS

“...all people are equal and must be accorded the same freedom and the same dignity. Modern slavery...is a crime against humanity.”

—Pope Francis

58% reported paying a recruitment fee
52% were not shown a work contract
10% paid a fee for a job that didn’t exist

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