

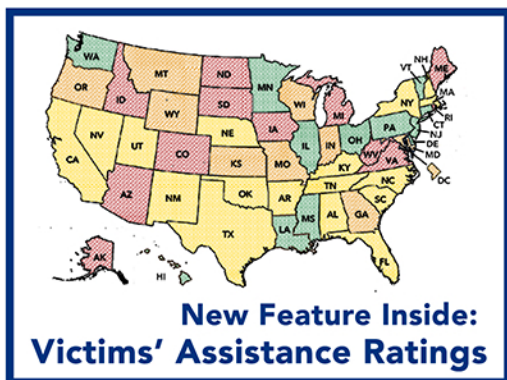
Perfect Score

All categories passed

- Delaware
- New Jersey
- Washington state

Most Improved Since 2013

- Delaware (+8)
- New Hampshire (+4.5)
- Colorado (+4)
- Pennsylvania (+4)
- Utah (+4)



Polaris rates all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on 10 categories of laws that are critical to a basic legal framework that combats human trafficking, punishes traffickers, and supports survivors. These ratings are based on statutes enacted by July 31, 2014.

TIER 1

39 STATES

(7+ points): State has passed significant laws to combat human trafficking, and should continue to take additional steps to improve and implement its laws.

	TOTAL POINTS	Sex Trafficking Provision	Labor Trafficking Provision	Asset Forfeiture (AF) and/or Investigative Tools (IT)	Training (TR) and/or Human Trafficking Task Force (TF)	Lower Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors	Posting Human Trafficking Hotline	Sale Harbors: Protecting Minors	Victim Assistance	Access to Civil Damages	Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims
Alabama	8	\$	☒	AF	TF	☒		☒	☒		
Alaska	6	\$	☒	☒	☒			☒	☒		
Arkansas	10.5	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	.5	☒	☒	*	
California	9	\$	☒	☒	☒		*	☒	☒		
Colorado	8	\$	☒	☒	☒			☒	☒	*	
Connecticut	11	\$	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Delaware	12	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Florida	10.5	\$	☒	☒	☒		.5	☒	☒	☒	
Georgia	8	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	*	
Hawaii	9	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒
Illinois	9	\$	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Indiana	8	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒		
Kansas	9.5	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	.5	☒	☒		
Kentucky	9	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	*	
Louisiana	10	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	*	
Maryland	7	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒
Massachusetts	10	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Minnesota	10	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Mississippi	11	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	*	☒	☒	☒	☒
Missouri	7	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒		☒	☒		
Nebraska	9	\$	☒	IT	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Nevada	9	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒
New Hampshire	7.5	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒	.5	☒	☒	☒	☒
New Jersey	12	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
New Mexico	8	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	*	
New York	7	\$	☒	IT	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
North Carolina	10	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Ohio	9	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	*	
Oklahoma	8	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	*	☒	☒	*	
Oregon	8	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒		
Pennsylvania	9	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒
South Carolina	9	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒		☒	☒		

- AF** Asset Forfeiture - State has an asset forfeiture statute, but does not have key investigative tools.
- IT** Investigative Tools - State has authorized key investigative tools, but does not have an asset forfeiture statute.
- *** State has passed a law that meets partial requirements of the category.

TIER 1

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	TOTAL POINTS	Sex Trafficking Provision	Labor Trafficking Provision	Asset Forfeiture (AF) and/or Investigative Tools (IT)	Training (TR) and/or Human Trafficking Task Force (TF)	Lower Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors	Posting Human Trafficking Hotline	Sale Harbors: Protecting Minors	Victim Assistance	Access to Civil Damages	Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims
Tennessee	9.5	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	.5	☒	☒	☒	
Texas	10	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	*	☒	☒	☒	
Utah	8	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	
Vermont	9	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Virginia	7	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒		
Washington	12	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Wisconsin	7	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒

TIER 2

9 STATES AND D.C.

(5-6 points): State has passed numerous laws that combat human trafficking, and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws.

Arizona	5	\$	☒	IT	☒	☒		☒	☒		
D.C.	6	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	
Idaho	6	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒		
Iowa	6.5	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒	.5	☒	☒	*	
Maine	5	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒		☒	☒		
Michigan	5.5	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	.5	☒	☒		
Montana	5	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	
Rhode Island	5	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒		☒	☒		
West Virginia	5	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	*	
Wyoming	6	\$	☒	☒	☒	☒	*	☒	☒	☒	

TIER 3

2 STATES

(3-4 points): State has made nominal efforts to pass laws to combat human trafficking, and should actively work to improve and implement its laws.

North Dakota	4	\$	☒	IT	☒	☒		☒	☒		
South Dakota	4	\$	☒	AF	☒	☒		☒	☒		

TIER 4

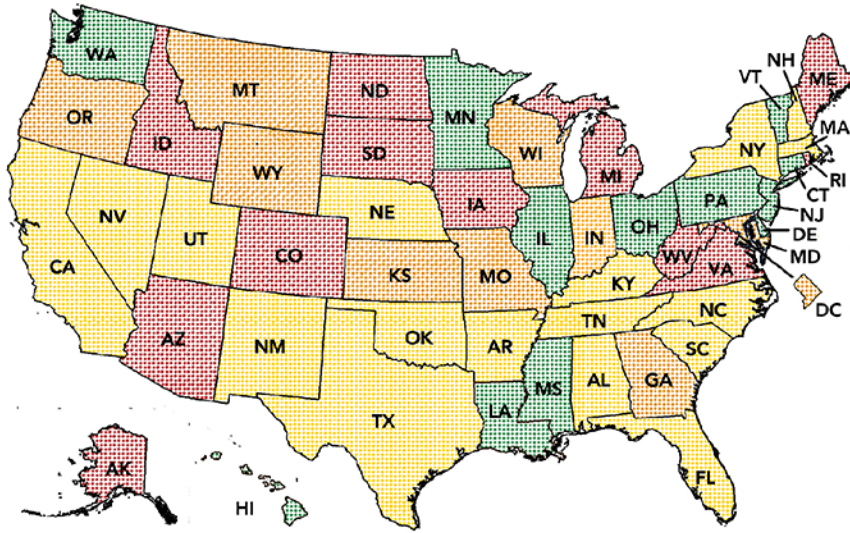
0 STATES

(0-2 points): All states have enacted the minimal legal framework to combat human trafficking and now surpass this tier.

Total States	51	51	42	31	46	25	22	38	36	18
Per Category			IT	TF						
			37	20						

- TR** Training - State law has mandated or encouraged training for law enforcement, but does not have a statute to create or encourage a dedicated task force or commission.
- TF** Human Trafficking Task Force - State law has created or encouraged a dedicated task force or commission, but has not mandated or encouraged training for law enforcement.
- .5** Half Point - State law only provides either 1) services for child victims, or 2) immunity from prosecution or diversion from juvenile delinquency proceedings.

2014 STATE RATINGS ON VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE LAWS



Since 2011, Polaris has rated all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on 10 categories of laws that are critical to a basic legal framework to address human trafficking. Over time, we have seen tremendous improvement in state laws, and 39 states have now earned 7 or more points – achieving a Tier 1 rating. Nonetheless, there is still a significant absence of laws that assist and protect victims of trafficking.

For this reason, Polaris chose to rate states separately based solely on five of Polaris's existing state ratings categories that focus on victims' assistance. We encourage states to take these next steps and to understand that to truly address human trafficking, we must also ensure that the victims of this crime and abuse receive the assistance they need to rebuild their lives.



.5 Half Point - State law only provides either 1) services for child victims, or 2) immunity from prosecution or diversion from juvenile delinquency proceedings.

***** State has passed a law that meets partial requirements of the category.

TIER 1

12 STATES
(4-5 points): State has passed significant laws to support victims, and should continue to take additional steps to improve and implement its laws.

	TOTAL POINTS						TOTAL POINTS				
	Human Trafficking Hotline	Safe Harbor for Minors	Victim Assistance	Access to Civil Damages	Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims		Human Trafficking Hotline	Safe Harbor for Minors	Victim Assistance	Access to Civil Damages	Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims
Connecticut	5					Mississippi	4		*		
Delaware	5					New Jersey	5				
Hawaii	4					Ohio	4				*
Illinois	4					Pennsylvania	4				
Louisiana	4				*	Vermont	5				
Minnesota	4					Washington	5				

TIER 2

17 STATES
(3-3.5 points): State has passed numerous laws to support victims of human trafficking and should take more steps to improve and implement its laws.

Alabama	3					New Mexico	3				*
Arkansas	3.5		.5		*	New York	3				
California	3		*			North Carolina	3				
Florida	3.5		.5			Oklahoma	3		*		*
Kentucky	3				*	South Carolina	3				
Massachusetts	3					Tennessee	3.5		.5		
Nebraska	3					Texas	3		*		
Nevada	3					Utah	3				
New Hampshire	3.5		.5								

TIER 3

9 STATES AND D.C.
(2-2.5 points): State has made nominal efforts to pass laws to support victims of human trafficking, and should actively work to improve and implement its laws.

D.C.	2					Missouri	2				
Georgia	2				*	Montana	2				
Indiana	2					Oregon	2				
Kansas	2.5		.5			Wisconsin	2				
Maryland	2					Wyoming	2		*		

TIER 4

12 STATES
(0-1.5 points): State has not made minimal efforts to pass laws to support victims of human trafficking and should take major steps to improve its laws.

Alaska	1					Michigan	.5		.5		
Arizona	1					North Dakota	0				
Colorado	1				*	Rhode Island	0				
Idaho	0					South Dakota	1				
Iowa	1.5		.5		*	Virginia	1				
Maine	1					West Virginia	1				*

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

The State Ratings on Human Trafficking Laws tracks the presence of the following 10 categories of state statutes to advocate for a basic anti-trafficking legal framework while highlighting existing gaps. The Ratings do not measure the implementation of these laws. Because Categories 3 and 4 each merit two points, a state can earn a total of 12 points.



1. Sex Trafficking

A statute that criminalizes sex trafficking and includes elements of inducing another through force, fraud, or coercion to engage in a commercial sex act. Some states have related laws in the prostitution code and were given credit if they had the same criminal elements.



2. Labor Trafficking

A statute that creates the crime of labor trafficking or trafficking in persons, in which a person is compelled through force, fraud, or coercion into providing labor or services.



3. (a) Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking

A statute that amends existing Racketeer Influential and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act statutes to include the forfeiture of assets used in the course of the crime or acquired with proceeds from the crime of human trafficking.

(b) Investigative Tools for Law Enforcement

A statute that amends existing Racketeering (RICO) statutes to include the crime of human trafficking or authorizes the use of wiretapping by law enforcement in human trafficking investigations.



4. (a) Training on Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement

A statute that mandates or encourages law enforcement to be trained in human trafficking issues and the law.

(b) Human Trafficking Commission or Task Force

A statute that creates, establishes, or encourages a task force, commission, or advisory committee dedicated to addressing human trafficking.



5. Lower Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors

A statute that ensures that the elements of force, fraud, or coercion are not required for a trafficker to be prosecuted for the sex trafficking of a minor.



6. Posting a Human Trafficking Hotline

A statute that mandates or encourages the public posting of a human trafficking hotline, such as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline or a state human trafficking hotline.



7. Safe Harbor - Protecting Sexually Exploited Minors

A statute that recognizes sexually exploited individuals under 18 as victims of a crime in need of protection and services by granting immunity from prosecution or diverting minors from juvenile delinquency proceedings, and instead directing them to child welfare services. In order to receive full credit, the state must have provisions that relate to both immunity or diversion and services for the child.



8. Victim Assistance

A statute that provides assistance, mandates the creation of a victim services plan, or funds programs to help victims of human trafficking. Victim services and protection may include counseling, job assistance, housing, continuing education, legal services, and/or a human trafficking caseworker privilege.



9. Access to Civil Damages

A statute that provides victims of human trafficking with the ability to seek civil damages from their traffickers.



10. Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims

A statute that permits victims to have convictions for prostitution that were committed as a result of being trafficked vacated from their criminal records.

About Polaris

Polaris is a leader in the global fight to eradicate modern slavery. Named after the North Star that guided slaves to freedom in the U.S., Polaris acts as a catalyst to systemically disrupt the human trafficking networks that rob human beings of their lives and their freedom. By working with government leaders, the world's leading technology corporations, and local partners, Polaris equips communities to identify, report, and prevent human trafficking. Our comprehensive model puts victims at the center of what we do -- helping survivors restore their freedom, preventing more victims, and leveraging data and technology to pursue traffickers wherever they operate. Learn more at www.polarisproject.org.

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