

**UNITED STATES**  
People from about 60 countries – the list led by those from **Latin America** – feature among victims of human trafficking into US, where they can be trapped in servitude as domestics, as pickers or processors of food products, or coerced into sex industry. **(Whereas people–smuggling involves migrant’s consent, trafficking involves deception and ongoing exploitation - both marks of slavery.)**

**BRAZIL**  
Officials say 40,000-50,000 people enslaved in Brazil – in all countries, such state estimates tend to be low. Slave workers effectively kept captive, mainly in Amazon region, through beatings, death threats, withholding pay. Brazilian timber, beef, pigiron and gold among products tied to slavery. But an offensive by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has geared up laws and Labour Ministry inspection squads. Result: 6,000-7,000 freed from slavery each year, more than in rest of world combined

**WESTERN EUROPE**  
In 2003, estimated 400,000 people a year trafficked (as distinct from smuggled voluntarily) into **western Europe** for range of subjugated labour. Largest current group from **eastern Europe**, but all world regions feature. Those caught in system chiefly sent to work in agriculture, food processing, service sector and sex industry - often after being lied to by recruiting agents

**RUSSIA and EASTERN EUROPE**  
Soviet Union’s breakup makes fertile ground for enslavement involving traffickers and gangmasters. Trafficking within – and out of – **Russia and eastern Europe** (particular black spot, **Moldova**) includes coercion of women into prostitution in **Europe, Israel, the Gulf states and Japan**. In ex-Soviet **central Asian republics**, children and women increasingly sold into sex trade

**JAPAN**  
Huge volume of women trafficked into Japan for sex industry makes it top user of slave labour among rich nations. Special “entertainment visas” sanction system. Until recently, about 100,000 young women a year brought in. Despite partial crackdown, trade still involves an estimated 40,000-50,000 women a year

**CHINA and BURMA**  
**China and Burma** are among handful of countries where state engages in slavery: In **China**, prison system now comprises vast network of factories using forced labour under harsh punishment regimes to make range of products, including for export. In **Burma**, military regime rounds up villagers to work as slaves on army, infrastructure, and tourism facilities

**SOUTH ASIA (Pakistan, India, Nepal)**  
World’s largest enslaved group is here, the estimated 10m-12m in debt bondage – working for pittance in perpetuity to repay emergency loans from landholders or other owners

**INDONESIA**  
In Indonesia, fisheries buy or abduct children, then confine them on offshore platforms to man fishing nets. **EU and US** are among buyers of resulting frozen fish and shrimp exports. For women from **Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines**, internal enslavement in domestic service and sex trade prevalent; such labour also exported – often into conditions of domestic and/or sexual servitude in **Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and other Gulf states, Japan**

**EAST AFRICA**  
In **Sudan**, state sanctions slavery. Amid ethnic and secessionist conflict, *murahleen* militias of Arab Baggara clans armed by government have abducted thousands of women and children of (black) Dinka peoples for slave labour on the land, in herding, as household slaves, in forced marriage. In **Uganda**, children enslaved as soldiers by anti-government Lord’s Resistance Army, and by Sudanese forces

**WEST AFRICA**  
Internal slavery high. Brokers buy and traffic children within and between **Mauritania, Mali, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Ghana, Nigeria** and environs - for work in cocoa, coffee, cotton, fishery, mines, or as domestics, prostitutes. **Nigeria**, particularly, traffics onward to **Europe**

Number of slaves\*

- More than 250,000
- 25,000 to 250,000
- 5,000 to 25,000
- Less than 5,000
- No data

Slave labour used both internally and exportedMainly a receiver of slave labour and products

\*All estimates are conservative  
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