



2021 National Outreach Survey for Transportation

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The global transportation industry and its associated infrastructure are the lifeblood of economic, social, and cultural growth around the world. Airlines, railroads, motorways, and the internet have connected us to a greater degree than at any other time in our history, enabling us to trade goods, exchange ideas, distribute humanitarian aid, and provide opportunity to millions of people every year. However, the industry is often an unwilling participant in human trafficking.

The scope and scale of transportation enables human traffickers to hide their criminal activities in plain sight because it presents significant challenges to government regulation and law enforcement. The staggering number of victim movements across the globe, whether within a country, across borders, or online, make intervention of trafficking in transport methods nearly impossible. Governments need data-driven predictive analysis to allocate resources and budgets in the human trafficking space to make this crime visible and disrupt their criminal activities.



Such analysis requires comprehensive frontline data, which until now has not been available to the counter-trafficking community. Frontline data from the 2021 National Outreach Survey for Transportation (NOST) comes from industry employees, direct victim service providers, and sex and labor trafficking survivors. Through their voices, we can understand which transportation modes are used during recruitment, exploitation, extraction or escape, and during the healing journey of each survivor. Creating, compiling, analyzing, and sharing this combination of data provides the transportation industry the ability to identify where it can have a positive impact on policy, enforcement, and survivor healing. To develop that understanding, we will draft **custom survey questions in partnership with the following groups:**

Multi-Modes of
Transportation

Sex and Labor
Trafficking Survivors

Direct Victim Service
Providers

The U.S. Department of Transportation identifies transportation modes as Aviation, Maritime, Pipelines, Railroads, Roadway, and Transit. In addition, we will open the 2021 National Outreach Survey for Transportation for participation by public and private transportation industry segments and also include academia and practitioners in multiple Working Groups, through our Collaborative Research Model. By being inclusive, we hope to provide a more comprehensive picture of the trafficking landscape for use by industry, regulators, law enforcement, and service providers.

In the end, we believe front line data and predictive analysis can be used by actors across the transportation industry and government agencies to:

- Inform awareness and training programs
- Improve enforcement and preventative actions
- Focus legislation
- Improve survivor resource allocation to drive more effective outcomes over the next decade

We are actively seeking the participation of Transportation Associations, Unions, Companies, and other entities in the private and public sector, both in the United States and globally, to become an Oversight Agency (OA) to distribute the survey to your members or employees. The NOST offers over 70 language translations and the data collected will be made available in an open-source platform. There is no cost to participate nor to access the data once collected.

United Against Slavery is committed to being survivor- and trauma-informed. Our NOST team includes a Survivor Leader Advisory Council (SLAC) that includes sex and labor trafficking survivors. Each survivor was paid the same hourly rate of participation as our research team.

Survey Launch Date: Early July 2021

Data Release Date: Estimated April 2022

For more information on how to participate, please visit:

<https://www.unitedagainstsavery.org/impact-award-team> or email research@unitedagainstsavery.org