

Combating Human Trafficking In Nebraska

Task Force Update 2021

Nebraska Attorney General's Office

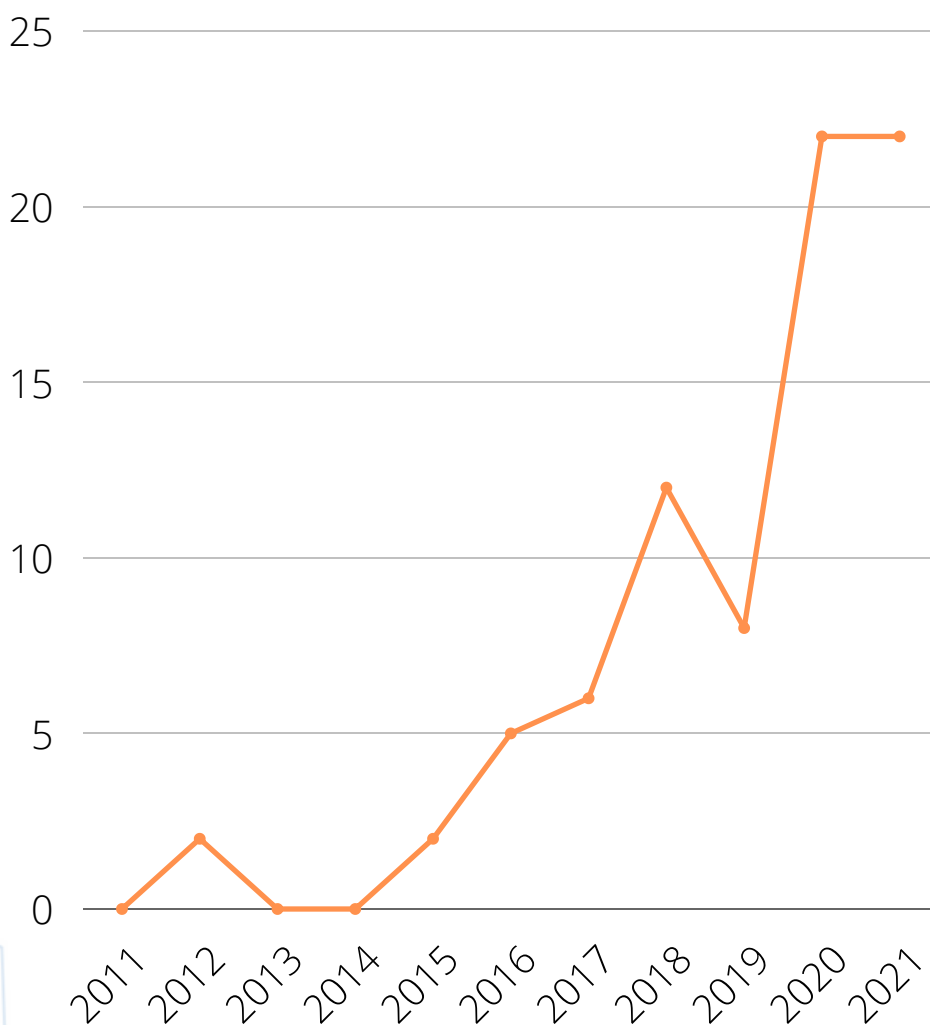


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2021 Brought More Evidence of Our State's Growing Momentum in Finding and Stopping Human Trafficking

Over Half of All Sex Trafficking Prosecutions in Our State's History Began in the Last Two Years



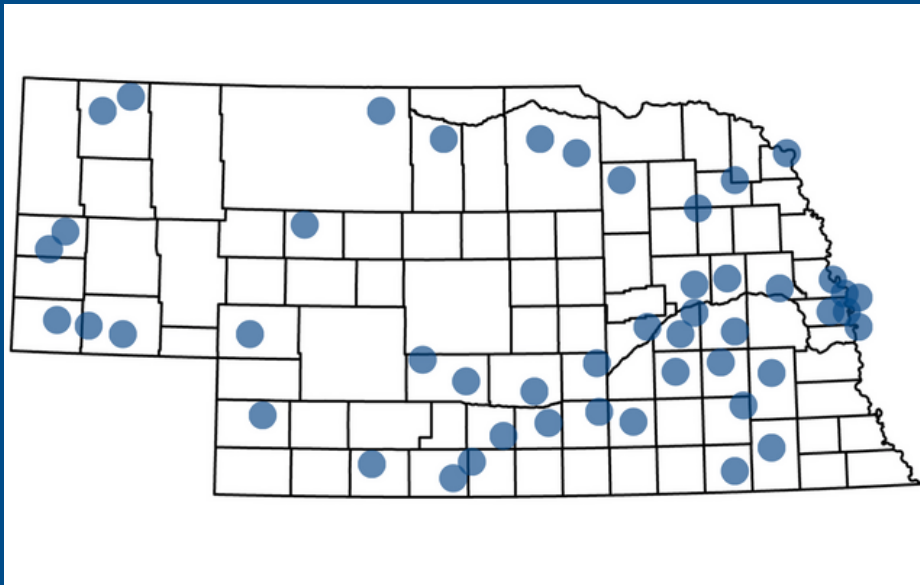
The state began 22 sex trafficking prosecutions this year and saw 14 related sentences, ranging from 90 days in jail to 176.5 years in prison.

Human Trafficking Prosecutions in Nebraska

This document highlights work done in Nebraska combatting human trafficking; some but not all these efforts here are done by Task Force partners.



Where We Have Investigated Human Trafficking



It is not just in Omaha and Lincoln; it's the whole state. A tip and investigation this year in Brainard, NE, a town of 420 people, has led to a sex trafficking prosecution. So far, this is the smallest town with a prosecution.

2021 Brought the Largest Sex Trafficking Prosecution in Our State's History

A two-week trial in rural south central Nebraska ended with the jury convicting a local person there of 13 counts including sex trafficking of a minor. His sentence totaled 176.5 to 304 years. Eighteen other felony prosecutions were connected to the 5-month exploitation of a minor victim in 2019.





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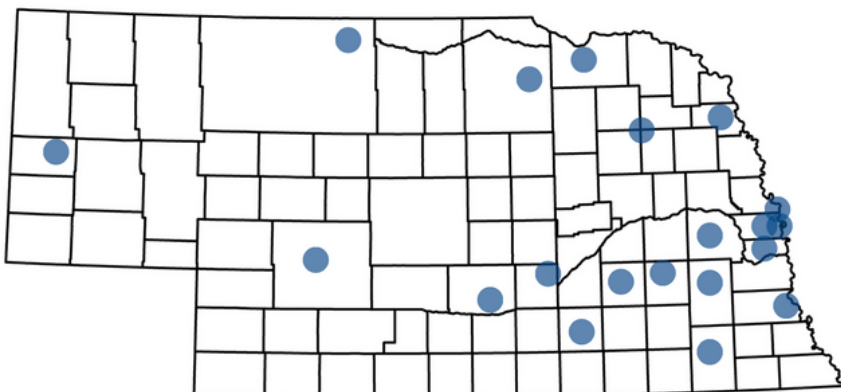
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human trafficking
prosecutions under
state law to date

43 felony convictions
 21 for human trafficking
24 pending
5 sealed
1 acquittal
2 misdemeanor convictions
1 moved to federal court
3 other dispositions

Training in 2021 Included:

- police officers
- firefighters
- probation officers
- rural electricians
- nurses
- chiropractors
- foster care staff
- National Park Service officers
- Department of Labor inspectors
- school counselors
- high school and college students
- county attorneys and clerks
- community groups



6800
people
trained



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We stand ready on behalf of Nebraskans to investigate and prosecute any human trafficking case anywhere in the state. For five years, we have been organizing regionally to make certain we are ready to investigate and stop any trafficking we uncover. The teams are also prepared to make sure each victim involved has access to all the available lifelines.

-Attorney General Doug Peterson

What Can You Do?

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888



- Learn the signs - if you see something suspicious, report it
- Call 911 in an emergency
- Get informed on our website on the human trafficking page at ago.nebraska.gov