

Slavery is not merely a historical relic. According to the International Labor Organization (ILO) more than 40 million people worldwide are victims of modern slavery. Although modern slavery is not defined in law, it is used as an umbrella term covering practices such as forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking. Essentially, it refers to situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power.

In addition, more than 150 million children are subject to child labor, accounting for almost one in ten children around the world.

### Facts and figures:

- An estimated **40.3 million people** are in modern slavery
- There are 5.4 victims of modern slavery for every 1,000 people in the world.
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- **1 in 4 victims** of modern slavery are **children**.
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- Out of the 24.9 million people trapped in forced labor, **16 million people** are exploited in the **private sector** such as domestic work, construction or agriculture;
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- **4.8 million** people in forced **sexual exploitation**,
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- **Women and girls** are disproportionately affected by forced labor, accounting for **99% of victims** in the commercial **sex industry**, and 58% in other sectors.

<http://www.un.org/en/events/slaveryabolitionday/background.shtml>

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