

# NATIONAL AND LOCAL STATISTICS



## FOSTER YOUTH

### National

- As of fiscal year 2022, approximately 400,000 children were in foster care across the United States.
- Each year, over 23,000 youth age out of the U.S. foster care system without permanent families.

### California

- California has the highest number of foster care placements, with 45,924 children currently in care as of fiscal year 2022.
- Children under age 1 enter foster care at disproportionately higher rates than any other age group.

### Los Angeles County

- Los Angeles County has over 33,000 children in the foster care system.
- Many children in California's foster care system experience frequent placement changes; for instance, children who are in foster care for 24 months or longer, 15% experienced 5 or more placements.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### National

- In 2021, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received reports of 10,359 human trafficking cases in the U.S., involving 16,554 individual victims.
- Sex trafficking accounted for 72% of these cases, labor trafficking for 11%, and both sex and labor trafficking for 4%.

### California

- California consistently has the highest number of human trafficking cases reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- Young girls and women constitute 99.4% of sex trafficking victims in California.

### Los Angeles County

- As of October 31, 2023, Los Angeles County identified 487 human trafficking victims, including 364 minors.
- Figueroa Street in Los Angeles is recognized as a major hub for underage sex trafficking, with girls as young as 12 coerced into prostitution.

SOURCE: [National Human Trafficking Hotline](#) | [California Attorney General](#)



## UNDERSERVED YOUTH

### National

- In 2022, approximately 11.5% of U.S. youth aged 16 to 24 were neither in school nor employed, often referred to as "disconnected youth."

### California

- More than 1 in 10 Californians between the ages of 16 and 24 were not in school, working, or looking for a job in 2022.



### Los Angeles County

- In 2021, approximately 12.9% (~144,000) of 16-24-year-olds in Los Angeles County were neither in school nor at work.
- Certain neighborhoods, such as Green Meadows, Vermont Vista, and Watts, have nearly a quarter of all young people classified as opportunity youth or disconnected youth.



## ARISE LOS ANGELES PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN:



### Providing Safe Housing

- Offering stable and supportive environments for girls and young women who have experienced trauma.

### Mental Health Services

- Providing access to counseling and therapy to address trauma and mental health challenges.



### Educational Support

- Assisting foster youth in completing high school and pursuing higher education opportunities.



### Preventing Trafficking

- Implementing programs that educate and protect youth from exploitation and trafficking.