

CHILE

MEET A CHILD

Eugene, 13 is a fruit-picker in a town in Chile's central valley. She and many children who work along with her in the fields are continuously exposed to toxic pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, many of which are banned. They are not provided with protective clothing & adequate work implements. The pesticides often cause nausea. Despite all these problems, they are forced to work long hours.

TOTAL POPULATION **15,988,000**
CHILD POPULATION **4,156,880**

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 2000, the ILO estimated that less than 1 percent of children ages 10 to 14 in Chile were working.

The US Dept.of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

Children who work are active in the following sectors: agriculture,ranching, shepherding, meat and shellfish processing, fishing, bagging groceries in supermarkets, domestic service, and street sales.

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

In 2010, the economically active population is estimated to be 7,590,000 with no child aged 10-14 years being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1020 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 195,600 primary school aged children between 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

Chile has an EDI of 0.958 suggesting that its progress towards achieving education for all is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

CHILD SLAVERY

No confirmed data

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Chile is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor.

Traffickers are known to contact victims and their families directly or through advertisements offering jobs as domestic help, models, or product promoters.

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY.

According to a 2003 study conducted by the Chilean National Department of Children's Affairs (SENAME), at least 3,700 children were victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

In 1998 "Operation Cathedral" exposed a link between a Chilean paedophile network and the international pornography trade. This network involved 20 countries, including a provider in Chile.

There are reports of children as young as 7 years old who are exploited through child prostitution and sex tourism in Chile, mainly in the four largest cities of the country: Concepcion, Temuco, Valparaiso and Santiago.

Chile is reportedly a sex tourism destination, although the national tourist authorities have tended to deny the existence of this problem or to minimise its extent.

In June 2003, a man from the United States was arrested in a Chilean airport for having in his possession child pornographic material.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

Children are also involved in the sale of drugs and prostitution.

CHILD SOLDIERS

Under-18s could be recruited into the armed forces with parental consent. And there was no information on the number of under-18s serving in the armed forces.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No confirmed data

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

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ECPAT CSEC Database, http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

The US Dept. of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004