

## CZECH REPUBLIC

### MEET A CHILD

Inkatra, a sixteen - year - old girl, was voluntarily brought to Germany for prostitution. "I was sexually abused from the age of five by a secret society in a ritual setting that involved candles, incense, meditation, drugs and alcohol. The perpetrators said that I was put on earth to serve men sexually. They told me that I would die if I tried to get away. I left home and began prostitution at age 14. I was brutally beaten by tricks and "boyfriends" -- pimps. I have survived more than thirty rapes and been left for dead more than once. I have been incarcerated numerous times". Inkatra was later brought back to the Czech Republic at the instance of her family & is under psychiatric care.

**TOTAL POPULATION**                    **10,201,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION**                **1,632,160**

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

Statistics on the number of working children below the age of 15 years in the Czech Republic are unavailable.

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

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

It is estimated that there would be 5,599,000 economically active people in 2010 in the Czech Republic with no child aged 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population

### GENDER RATIO

1052 females for 1000 males

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

### CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 67,300 children in the primary school age of 6-10 were out school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.958, progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

### CHILD SLAVERY

The law prohibits forced or compulsory labor, including by children; however, there were reports that such practices occurred .

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

### **CHILD TRAFFICKING**

The Czech Republic is a source, transit, and destination country for women and children trafficked from Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Moldova, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, China, and Vietnam into and through the Czech Republic mainly for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

Czech women and girls were trafficked to other European countries

Most traffickers were members of organized crime groups, often from Russia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, the former Yugoslavia, and East Asia and worked in cooperation with individual citizens, Slovaks, and, less often, Austrians and Germans.

### **CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY**

Girls from the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East are trafficked to the Czech Republic for sexual exploitation.

There was some evidence of a small amount of internal trafficking primarily of women, especially Romani women, and children for prostitution from areas of low employment to areas bordering Germany and Austria

Children sell themselves at the Central Railway Station in Prague and are as young as eight.

The Czech Republic is considered to be one of the biggest centres for paedophile activity in Europe.

Trafficking at the German border is not limited to paedophiles or casual child sex tourists. Pimps take young girls from the Czech Republic to Germany on Fridays and return them on Monday. Sometimes pimps take young Czech girls on the road for a month and take them to several countries.

### **CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No Confirmed Data

### **CHILD SOLDIERS**

There were no reports of under-18s 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](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp)

Child Soldiers Global Report 2004.