

ESTONIA

MEET A CHILD

Riae, 15, a Russian boy, was engaged in Prostitution in Tallinn, capital city of Estonia. "I ran away from my home as I didn't want to go to school. I had no contacts when I came here but some street children of my age took me in cellars or empty houses in nights. Very soon, I became addicted to drugs. Once, I saw an advertisement inviting young boys, for waiters in a club. In fact, it was a ring of male prostitutes. Addiction problems, need for food and money forced me to accept their offer", says Riae, who is recovering in a support centre meant for prostitutes.

TOTAL POPULATION 1,349,000
CHILD POPULATION 229,330

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR
No confirmed data

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, the estimated economically active population is 724,000 with no children from the age group 10-14 years being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO
1190 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 4,500 children of the primary school age group of 7-12 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005.

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

An EDI of 0.981 suggests that progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005.

CHILD SLAVERY
No confirmed data

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Estonia is primarily a source and transit country for a small number of women and children trafficked internally and abroad — to surrounding Nordic and EU countries for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in
Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Estonia is a source country for women and girls trafficked internally and abroad for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation.

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

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

There is also evidence that children are involved in drug trafficking, and there is a connection between drug use and children engaged in prostitution.

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CHILD SOLDIERS

Seventeen year olds were probably serving in the armed forces. The law stated that the minimum voluntary recruitment age was 18, but government officials indicated that in practice 17 year olds could enlist. And under-18s were serving in the Defence League which is classed, in law, as part of the armed forces.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No Confirmed Data