

HAITI

MEET A CHILD

A lady abducted Naje from a village in the north of Capital of Haiti, 'Port-au-Prince'. "I had never seen her before. She chose me to be her restavek child (domestic labourer) & convinced my parents for some money. She took me on foot to her home in the capital. She beat me frequently; I felt scared and trapped by her. Eventually one day, she 'fired' me, told to leave her house and return to my rural home. I had no means to return home nor even a precise idea as to where my home was. On the streets of Port-au-Prince for a time, I got a boy of my own age, whose mother asked me to stay in the house for the care of the family's five children and do not go to school (although the family's children go to school)". However, Jean does have time to play, gets adequate food and is not beaten. He still wants to go to his real family.

TOTAL POPULATION 8,106,000

CHILD POPULATION 3,485,580

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 2001, the ILO estimated that 22.3 percent of children ages 10 to 14 years in Haiti were working.

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

There would be an estimated 4,270,000 economically active people in 2010. Of them 195,000 would be children in the age group 10-14 accounting for 18% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population.

GENDER RATIO

1030 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

No confirmed data

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

No confirmed data

CHILD SLAVERY

A 2002 survey by the FAFO Institute for Applied Social Sciences estimated that 173,000, or 8.2 percent of children aged 5 to 17 years, were child domestic workers.

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Another survey by the National Coalition for Haitian Rights estimated that 1 in 10 children in Haiti is a domestic worker.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

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

In 2002, a joint IOM/UNICEF study found that between 2,000 and 3,000 Haitian children are trafficked each year to the Dominican Republic for work as beggars or in the agriculture and construction sectors

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

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

CHILD PROSTITUTION

Majority of the commercial sex workers surveyed were street children and were in the 13 to 17 age range, although some were found to be under 10 years old.

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CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

The presence of under-18s, including children as young as 12, was reported in irregular, loosely-formed armed political groups operating across the country.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

Children are known to work on family farms and in the informal sector in order to supplement their parents' income.

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