

## IRAN

### MEET A CHILD

Every day, seven days a week, **Hashid**, aged 5, stands in the middle of four lanes of unrelenting, heaving Tehran traffic, waiting for the lights to go red. He then weaves his way through the fumes and noise, tapping on the sides of cars. If he is lucky, a driver will lean out of his window and pluck from his hand a small sheet of paper - a poem written by the great Persian poet Hafez - in return for the equivalent of 15 US cents. The lights will go green and he will then have to carefully negotiate his way back to his spot dwarfed by the cars. Thick smog of fumes fills his tiny lungs as he waits for the next red light. Hamid's parents allow him to spend a day at the school every month - going to school is his day off. "I like it here, it's better than being on the road all day".

**TOTAL POPULATION** 67,433,000  
**CHILD POPULATION** 22,252,890

Population Reference Bureau

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

No confirmed data

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

By the year 2010, an estimated 34,832,000 people would be economically active with no child in the age group 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population.

### GENDER RATIO

961 females for 1000 males

### CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 1,097,200 children in the primary school age group of 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

An EDI of 0.872 suggests that the level of progress towards achieving education for all is medium

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### CHILD SLAVERY

Internal trafficking of women and girls for sexual exploitation and children for forced labor also takes place.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in  
Persons Report 2005

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

Iran is a source, transit, and destination country for women and girls trafficked for the purposes of sexual and labor exploitation.

Women and girls are trafficked to Pakistan, Turkey, and Europe for sexual exploitation.

Afghan women and girls are trafficked to Iran for sexual exploitation, and for sexual and labor exploitation in the context of forced marriage.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION**

No Confirmed Data

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No Confirmed Data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

The Iranian armed forces and official paramilitary groups, the Basij, recruited 15 year olds. And the Mujahedeen Khalq Organization (MKO) and Kurdish armed opposition groups were alleged to have children in their ranks.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers 2004.

**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

No Confirmed Data