

KOSOVO

TOTAL POPULATION 1,970,000
CHILD POPULATION 650,100

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR
No confirmed data

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION
No confirmed data

GENDER RATIO
Not available

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL
No confirmed data

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG
No confirmed data

CHILD SLAVERY
Refer Child Trafficking

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Kosovo is a source, transit, and destination point, primarily for women and children trafficked for sexual exploitation and, to a lesser degree, domestic servitude.

Women are trafficked into Kosovo predominantly from Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine. According to the International Organization for Migration, (IOM) a majority of the women and girls from Moldova trafficked into Kosovo had been promised a job in Italy. Women and girls are now being trafficked out of Kosovo into countries in Western Europe, including Italy, Netherlands and the UK. Some of them are girls as young as 12 years old.

Once the trafficked women get to Kosovo, some begin by working as waitresses, serving meals or drinks. Others are forced into prostitution immediately, often expected to work as waitresses during the day, and as prostitutes at night.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

"So does this mean we have rights?" Protecting the human rights of women and girls trafficked for prostitution in Kosovo, Amnesty International, May 2004

Women trafficked into Kosovo are sold into slavery. They are asked to pay off the debt that the 'owner's had incurred in buying them. Women report paying off one debt, only to be faced with another, in a cycle of debt-bondage from which it is almost impossible to escape.

Of 253 internally trafficked women who were supported by the centre for protection of women and children (CPWC) between 2000 and 2002, 81% were under the age of 18 years. In 2003, the CPWC assisted an additional 92 cases, 79 per cent of whom were under 18 years old.

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

In 2004, UNMIK's Trafficking and Prostitution Investigation Unit (TPIU) made 77 arrests, conducted 2,386 raids, and assisted 48 victims, 17 percent of whom were minors.

Also refer Child Trafficking

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Kosovo remains part of the state of Serbia and Montenegro, administered by the UN, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution. Owing to its unresolved status, Kosovo has no armed forces.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No confirmed data

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CSUCS Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004.