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Total Population: 65,546,000

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Child Population: 22,918,000

## TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

According to the Child Labour Survey in 1999, there are 12,065,000 children in the age 6-14; 4.2% of children in the 6-14 age group (511,000) are economically active, whereas 27.6% (3,329,000) are engaged in household related activities

According to a report published by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, 8.5% of children between the ages of 6-14 years were engaged in some form of economic activity and 23.9% were engaged in domestic labour.

For the year 2000, the ILO projected 452,000 economically active children, 190,000 girls and 262,000 boys between the ages of 10-14, representing 7.8% of this age group.

Of the 11.9 million children between the ages of 6-14 years, 1,495,000 or 12.6% are child workers based on the ILO Study of Economically Active Population.

14% of child workers in Turkey are under 10 years.

## CHILD SLAVERY

Forced labour is constitutionally banned. The prohibition has been well observed.

## CHILD TRAFFICKING

Turkey is a destination and transit country for trafficking of persons.

According to government statistics, the authorities arrested 850 members of organised gangs for trafficking during 2000.

There were no reports of trafficking in children for the purpose of forced labour; legislation in this area addresses the issue.

There is a growing problem with trafficking in women and girls from Kyrgystan, mostly to Turkey and the United Arab Emirates, for the purpose of forced prostitution.

## CHILD PROSTITUTION

See child trafficking.

## CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data.

## CHILD SOLDIERS

In 1998, it was reported that the PKK had 3,000 children within its ranks, more than 10% of whom were girls.

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# TURKEY

The youngest child witnessed with the PKK was 7 years old.

From 1994 it appears that the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) started to systematically recruit more and more children and even created children's regiments. It was claimed, for example, that a children's battalion named Tabura Zaroken Sehit Agit was composed of three divisions and was, in theory at least, run by a committee of five children aged between 8 and 12 years. Boys and girls, both are recruited by the PKK.

## CHILD SERVANTS

No confirmed data.

## OTHER HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR

According to official data, 87% of working children are employed by small-sized enterprises having one to nine workers, 7% work in medium-size enterprises (10 to 24 workers), and 6% are employed by large-scale enterprises (more than 25 workers).

Children employed at work sites and homes constitute 5% of the total working population.

Brick Factories - From the age of 10, children may work in brick factories, work which is hazardous and difficult and which teaches no extra skills.

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