

Homelessness creates vulnerability to Human Trafficking.

A recent study found that approximately **68% of the youth who had either been trafficked or engaged in survival sex or commercial sex** had done so while homeless.*

HOMELESSNESS IS A GLOBAL PROBLEM GREATLY IMPACTING YOUTH.



An estimated 2 percent (150 million) of the world's population **may be homeless.** **



Another 20 percent lack adequate housing. **



Each year, an estimated 4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness, of which 700,000 are unaccompanied minors, meaning they are not part of a family or accompanied by a parent or guardian. ***



Most nights approximately **41,000 unaccompanied youth** ages 13-25 **experience homelessness.** ****

FOSTER CHILDREN ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) estimates that **more than 100,000 children are currently being exploited in the United States**. Foster children, in particular, often fall victim. According to the National Foster Youth Institute, it is estimated that **60% of youth being sexually exploited commercially have a history in the child welfare system.*******

Many youth that age out of the foster care system are left with few options for safe and stable housing. Some youth, because they can't find placement in their community are sent elsewhere further deteriorating their social network. Multiple and overlapping barriers compound and create vulnerabilities to abuse, exploitation, and human trafficking.

Homelessness has many origins; the global challenge is daunting. Much of it is caused by communities and systems that don't work. **Many solutions are needed; there is no one solution.**

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT VULNERABLE YOUTH

The Set Free Movement is working to protect vulnerable young people when, how, and where we can. **January is Human Trafficking Awareness month, please look for the following:**

- Next week look for Camile's story and how she and others in Seattle are helping to foster new futures for youth.
- Check out what's going on in [Jackson, Michigan with MyPlace](#)- a home for young women who have aged out of the foster care system.
- Protect your own children from [Online Sexual Exploitation Download and use this tool here.](#)

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