



**CENTRAL AMERICA  
AND THE CARIBBEAN**



## **–The Caribbean Islands–**

This section covers Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica, and The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica, and in The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago cover all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act of Grenada was introduced in July 2014.

### *Investigations and victims*

In 2015, the Directorate of Gender Affairs in Antigua and Barbuda reported two female perpetrators of trafficking.

Source: DoGa: Directorate of Gender Affairs, Gender Based Violence Statistics 2011-2015.

As of 2017, there have been no reported trafficking in persons cases or victims in Grenada.

Source: Criminal Investigation Department of Grenada.

Between 2014 and 2015, the Jamaican Constabulary Force Trafficking in Persons Unit conducted 31 raids, launching 35 new trafficking in persons investigations. Five persons were arrested and charged, while 18 others were arrested and charged for offences akin to human trafficking.

Source: National Task Force against Trafficking in Persons.

In the period between April 2017 and March 2018, there were 42 ongoing investigations of trafficking in persons in The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. There were 7 charges, of which 3 were in reference to the trafficking in Persons Act, and 4 in relation to other sexual offences.

Source: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Office of the United Nations, Vienna.

### *Victims*

In Antigua and Barbuda, seven female human trafficking victims were identified in 2014, while six female and two male victims were identified in 2015.

Source: DoGa: Directorate of Gender Affairs, Gender Based Violence Statistics 2011-2015.

In the same period in The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, 16 victims were identified, of which 13 were Venezuelans, 2 were Trinidad and Tobago citizens and one from other countries.

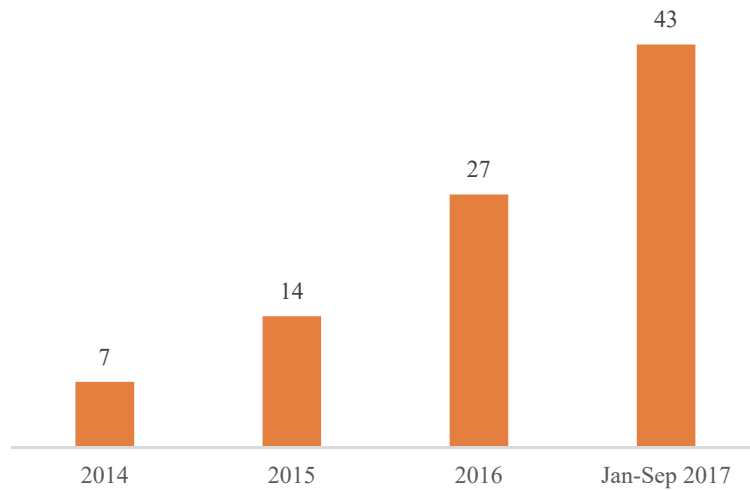
Source: Permanent Mission of the republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the Office of the United Nations, Vienna.

**–Costa Rica–**

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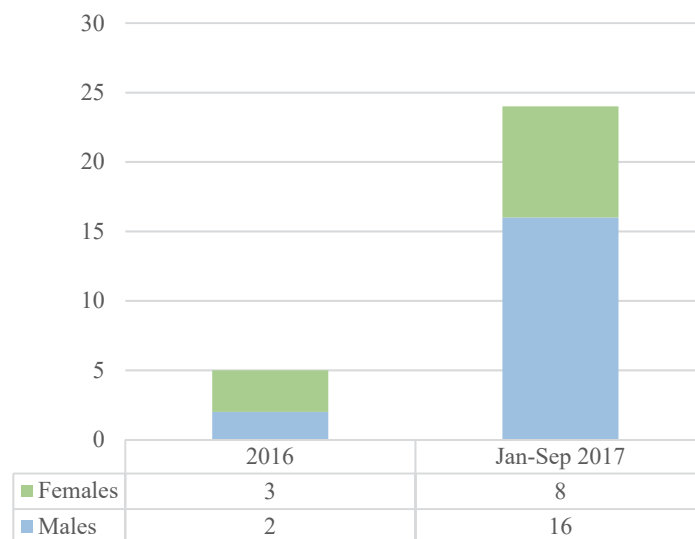
*Investigations and suspects*

**Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – September 2017**



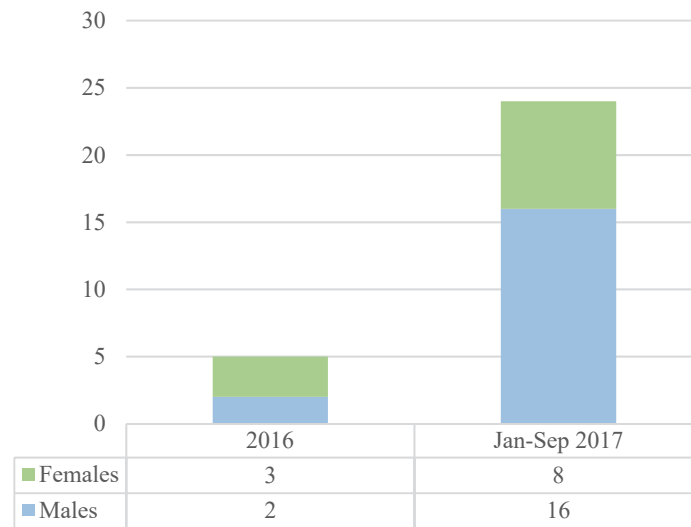
Source: Deputy Prosecutor's Office against Trafficking in Persons.

**Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been arrested for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2016 – September 2017**



Source: Deputy Prosecutor's Office against Trafficking in Persons.

## Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2016 – September 2017



Source: Deputy Prosecutor's Office against Trafficking in Persons.

Of those prosecuted in 2016, one male was convicted of trafficking in persons. In the first nine months of 2017, 10 persons were convicted, five males and five females. The majority of those convicted in 2017 were nationals of Costa Rica with citizens of other Central American countries.

Source: Deputy Prosecutor's Office against Trafficking in Persons.

### *Victims*

In 2016, five adult female victims of trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation were detected. In 2017, a total of 60 victims were identified – 23 girls, 30 women, and seven men. Of those victims detected in 2017, 53 were trafficked for sexual exploitation, 14 for organ removal, seven for a mix of forced labour and sexual exploitation, and two for illegal adoption. In 2014, victims were repatriated from the United States and Spain.

Source: Deputy Prosecutor's Office against Trafficking in Persons.

## –Cuba–

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Cuba covers trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The trafficking of minors is another offense, which legislation calls “corruption of minors.”

### *Investigations and suspects*

In 2016, 14 investigations were opened, of which two have concluded with criminal sentences for trafficking in persons.

Source: National Commission Against Trafficking in Persons.

A total of 21 cases were prosecuted in 2016. 20 were related to trafficking for sexual exploitation and one related to trafficking for the purpose of begging.

Source: National Commission Against Trafficking in Persons.

### *Victims*

The majority of detected victims were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation in 2016 with others trafficked for the purpose of corruption of minors.

Source: National Commission Against Trafficking in Persons.

Cuban victims trafficked internationally were identified in South America, Western and Southern Europe, North America and Sub Saharan Africa.

Source: National Commission Against Trafficking in Persons.

In 2016, 20 Cubans were identified as victims of trafficking in Turkey. In the same year, six Cuban children were identified as victims of trafficking in the United States.

Source: National Commission Against Trafficking in Persons.

## –Dominican Republic–

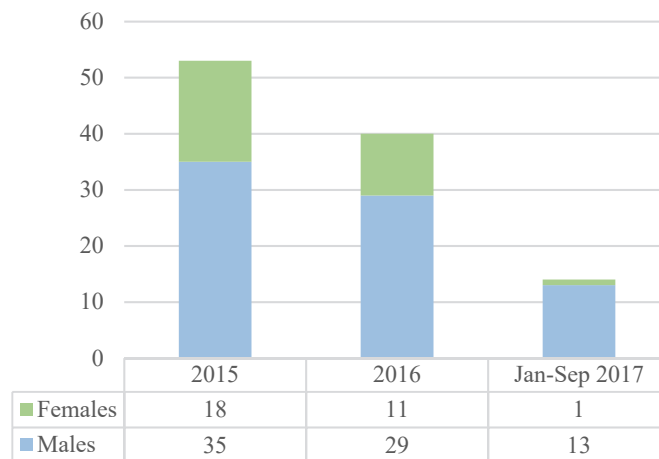
The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the Dominican Republic covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

### *Investigations and suspects*

The Dominican Republic recorded eight cases of trafficking in persons in 2014 and 2016, 15 cases in 2015, while during the first nine months of 2017, 12 cases were recorded.

Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

### **Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, by sex\*\*, 2015 – September 2017**



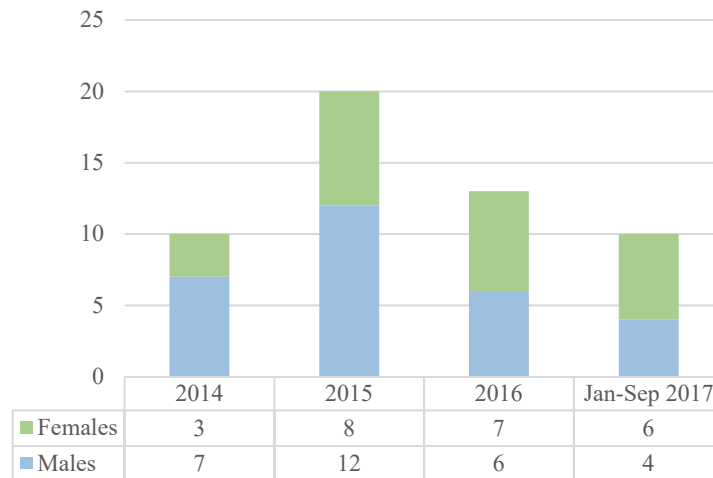
Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

\*\*Note: Formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system may include persons suspected, arrested, or cautioned at the national level.

In 2014, 66 persons were suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons. The same number of persons who were brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system were prosecuted for the crime in corresponding years.

Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

## Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – September 2017



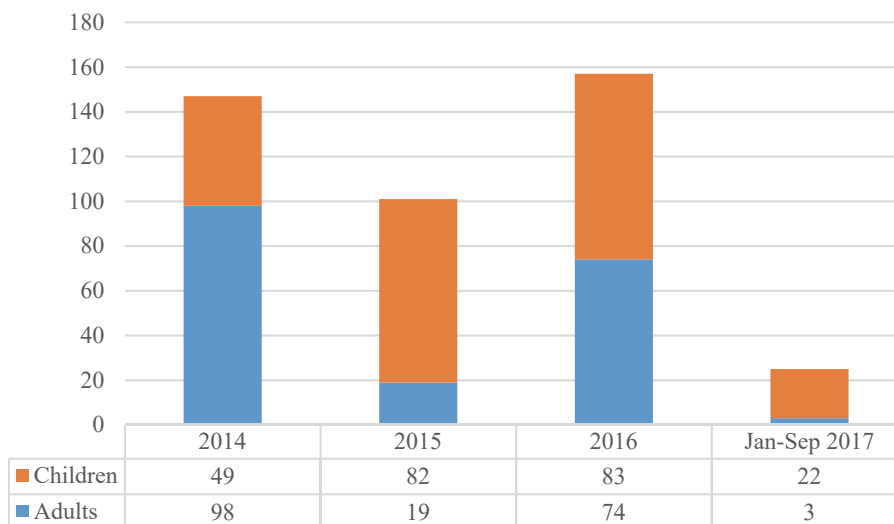
Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

The majority of persons convicted of trafficking in persons were nationals of the Dominican Republic with three persons from the Caribbean, Asia, and Western Europe. The charge of pimping was also sought or secured in conjunction with the crime of trafficking in persons.

Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

### Victims

## Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age, 2014 – September 2017



Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

### Additional information

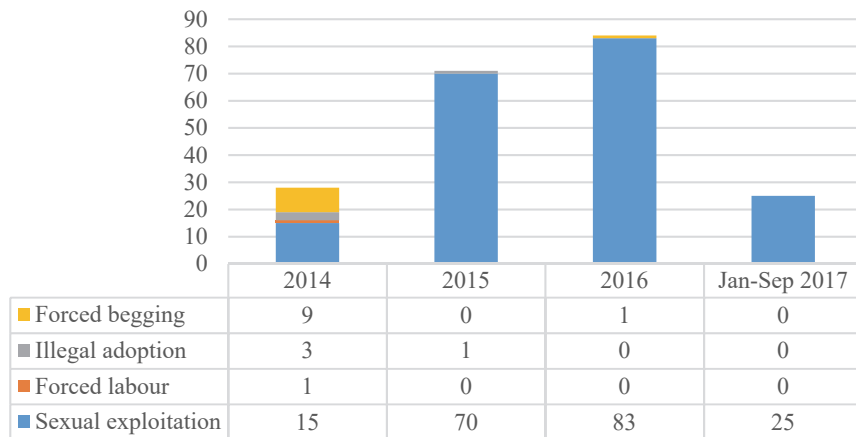
The majority of victims detected by national authorities in the indicated period, as shown by the chart above, were minors under the age of eighteen. Of these children, the majority were female, with 48 identified minor female victims in 2014 and 63 in 2016. Females were also



the majority of victims in the adult category, with 70 identified adult female victims in 2014 and 74 in 2016. 101 were nationals of the Dominican Republic and 82 were of unknown citizenships.

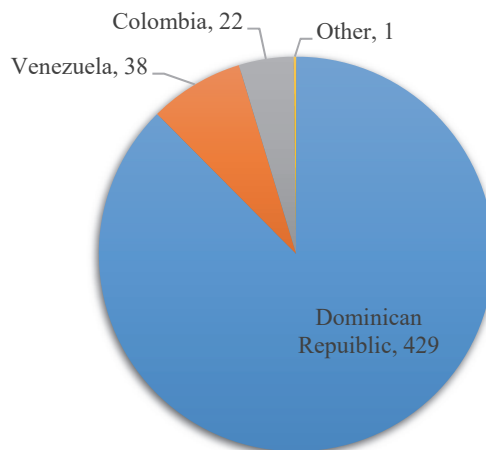
Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

**Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2014 – September 2017**



Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

**Citizenships of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, 2014 – September 2017**



Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

The majority of citizens of the Dominican Republic who were identified as victims of trafficking in persons were trafficked domestically with a small number of persons reported as repatriated in 2014 and 2016.

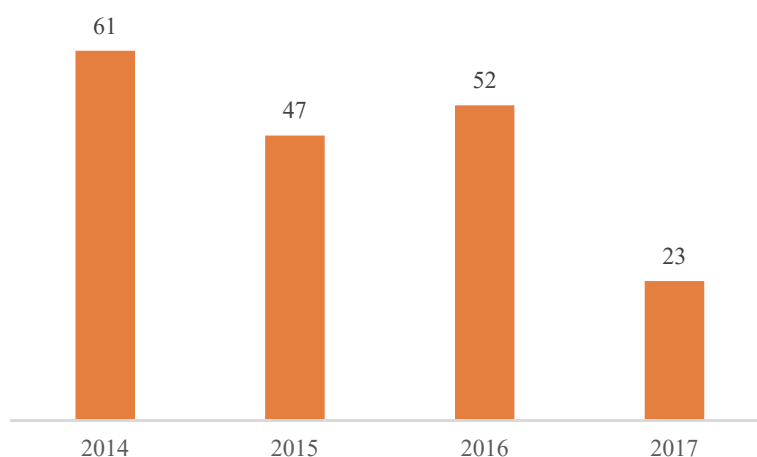
Source: Annual Report of the Special Prosecutor's Office against the Illicit Trafficking of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons.

**–El Salvador–**

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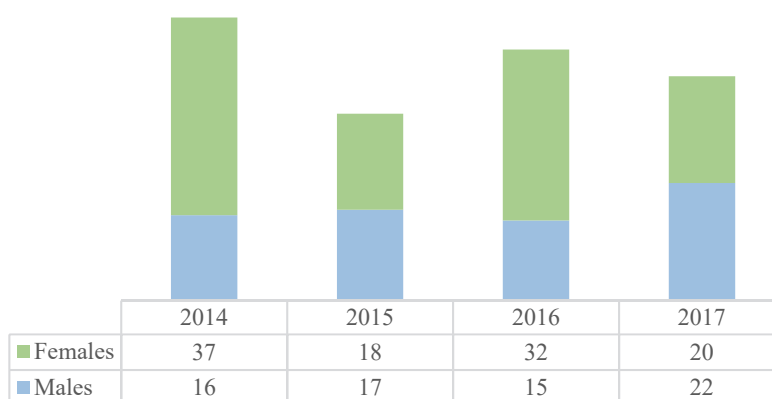
*Investigations and suspects*

**Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – June 2017**



Source: Unidad Fiscal Especializada Delitos Tráfico Ilegal y Trata de personas de la Fiscalía General de la República.

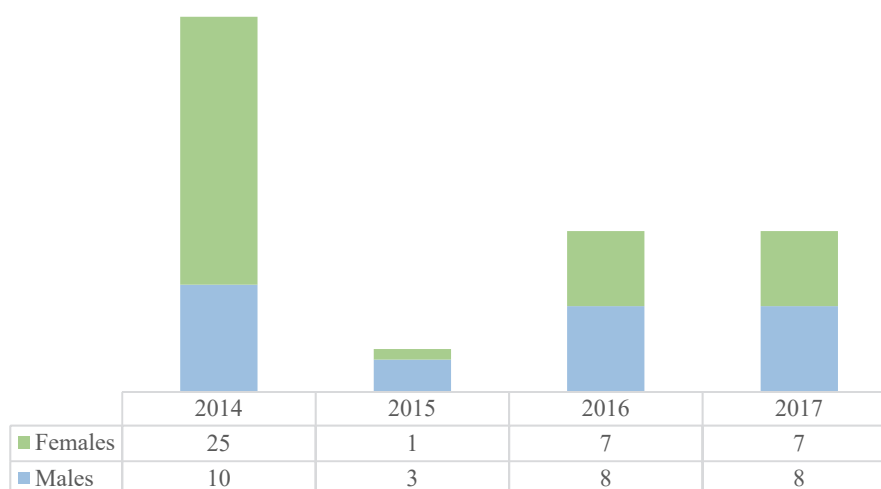
**Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, by sex\*\*, 2014 –2017**



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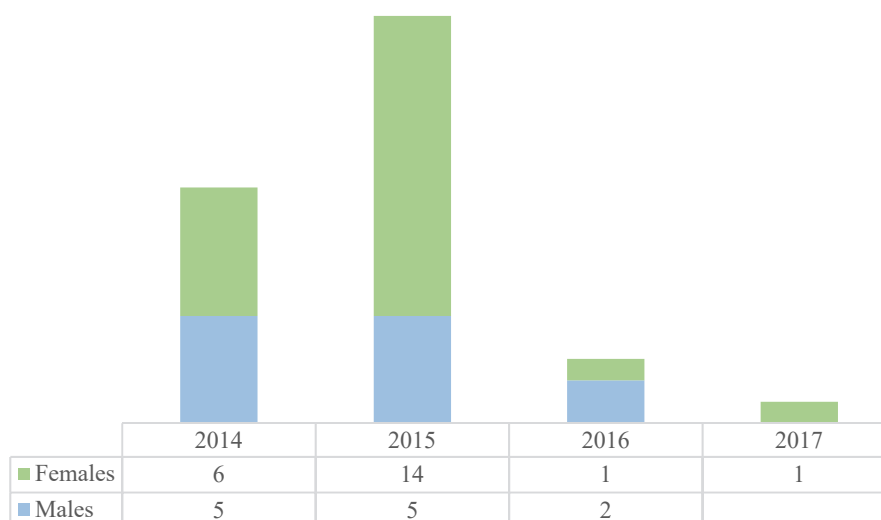
\*\*Note: Formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system may include persons suspected, arrested, or cautioned at the national level.

### Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 –2017



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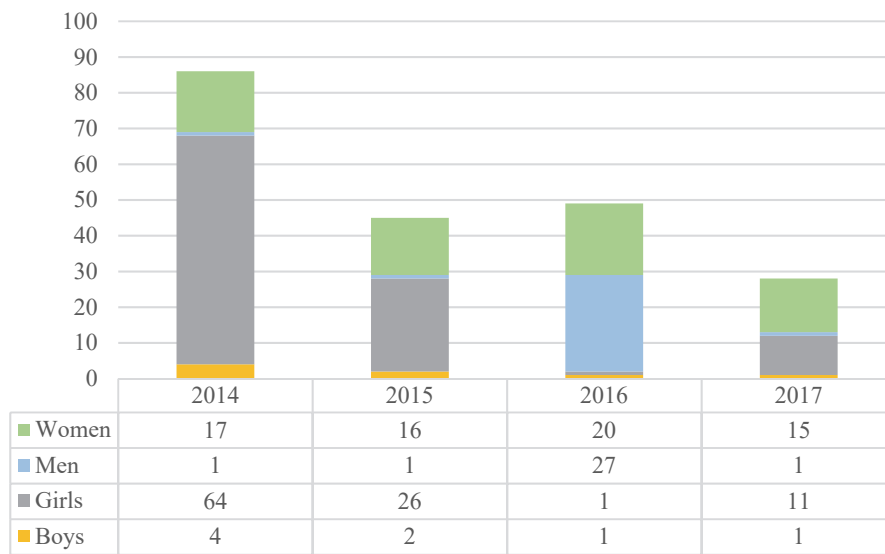
Source: Unidad Fiscal Especializada Delitos Tráfico Ilegal y Trata de personas de la Fiscalía General de la República.

Most of the convicted persons was from El Salvador with very few from other countries in Central America.

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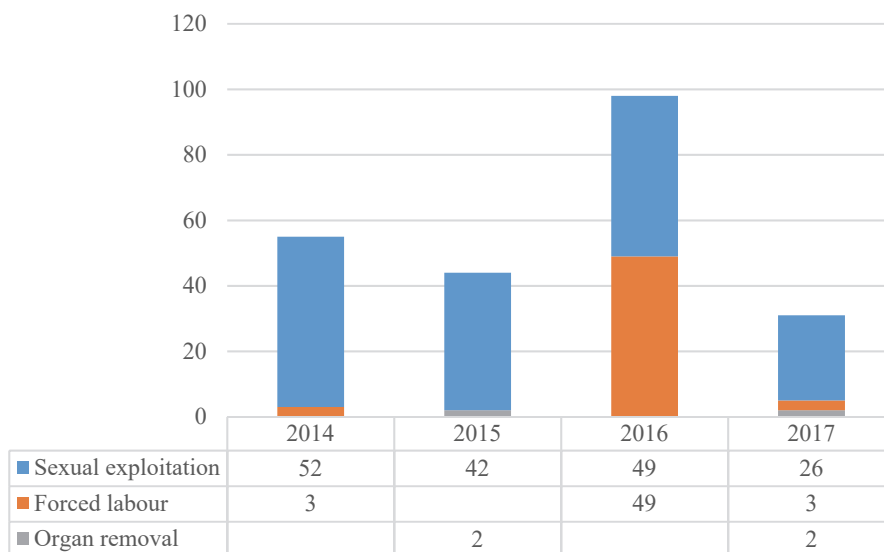
*Victims*

### Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2014 –2017



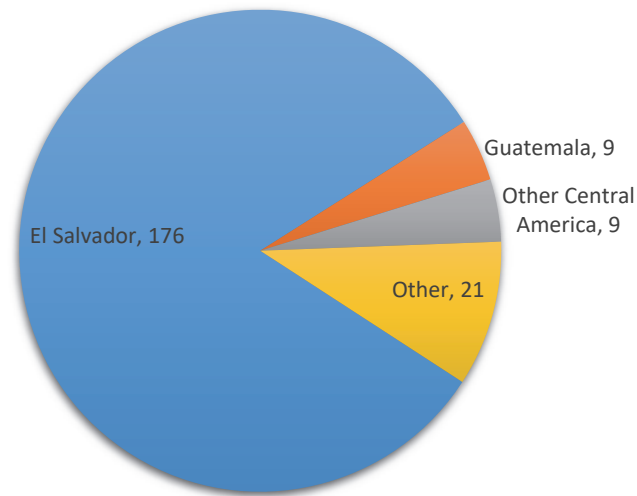
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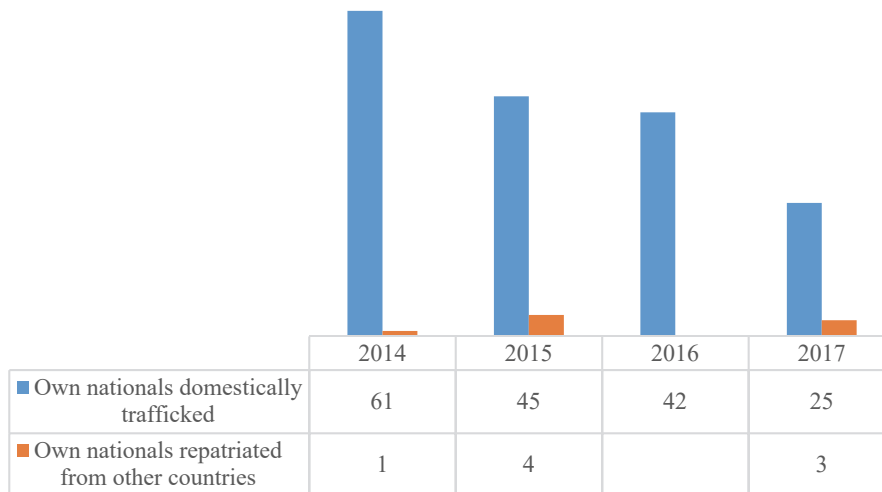
Source: Unidad Fiscal Especializada Delitos Tráfico Ilegal y Trata de Personas de la Fiscalía General de la República.

**Citizenships of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, 2014 – June 2017**



Source: Unidad Fiscal Especializada Delitos Tráfico Ilegal y Trata de Personas de la Fiscalía General de la República.

**Identified victims of trafficking, by type of trafficking, 2014 – September 2017**



Source: Fiscalía General de la República y el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.

The detected victims, which was trafficked internationally, was repatriated from countries in Central America, South Korea and Italy.

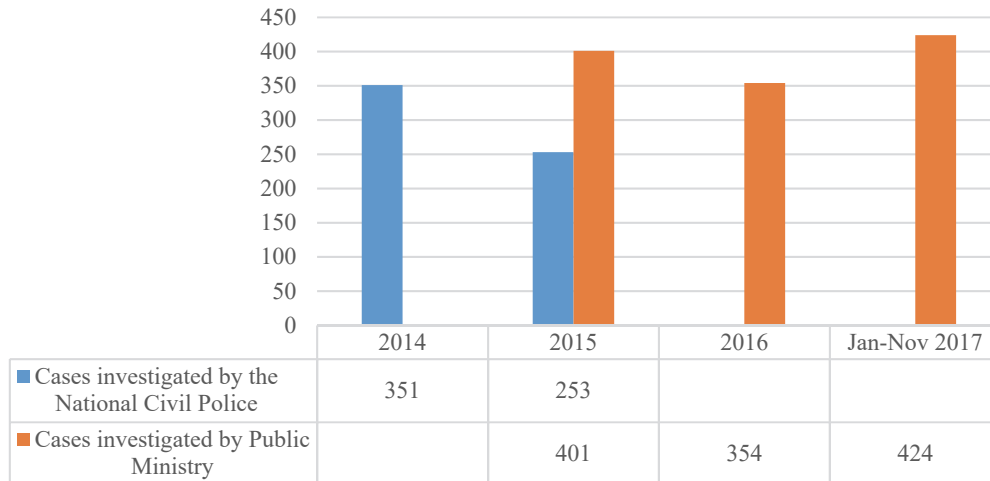
Source: Dirección General de Migración y Extranjería y el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores.

**–Guatemala–**

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Guatemala covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

*Investigations and suspects*

**Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – November 2017**



Source: Public Ministry – Prosecutor's Office of the Section Against Trafficking in Persons, National Civil Police – Section Against Trafficking in Persons.

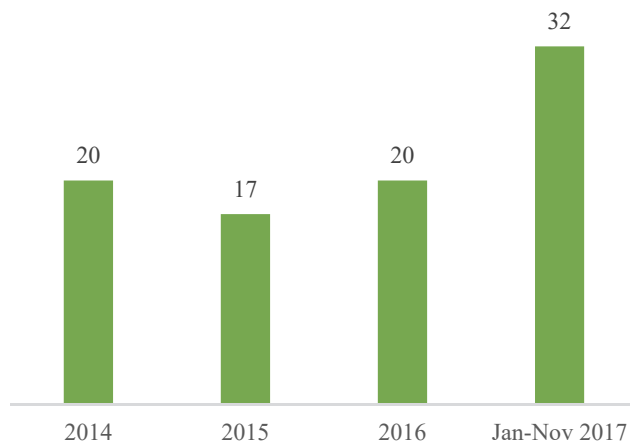
In 2014, 84 persons had formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they were suspected, arrested, or cautioned for trafficking in persons. In 2015, 79 persons were arrested for the crime by the National Civil Police. In 2016, 91 persons, 47 men and 44 women, were arrested. In 2017, 62 persons were accused of trafficking in persons, while 58 persons were arrested for the offence.

Source: Public Ministry – Prosecutor's Office of the Section Against Trafficking in Persons, National Civil Police – Section Against Trafficking in Persons.

In 2014, 65 persons were prosecuted for trafficking in persons. In 2015, 105 persons were prosecuted.

Source: Public Ministry, Judicial Agency.

## Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2014 – November 2017



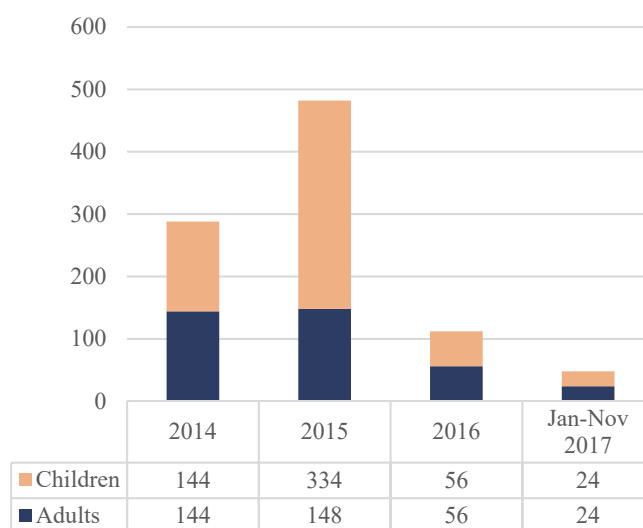
Source: Public Ministry, Judicial Agency.

The majority of persons convicted of trafficking in persons in the indicated period were citizens of Guatemala.

Source: Public Ministry – Prosecutor's Office of the Section Against Trafficking in Persons, National Civil Police – Section Against Trafficking in Persons.

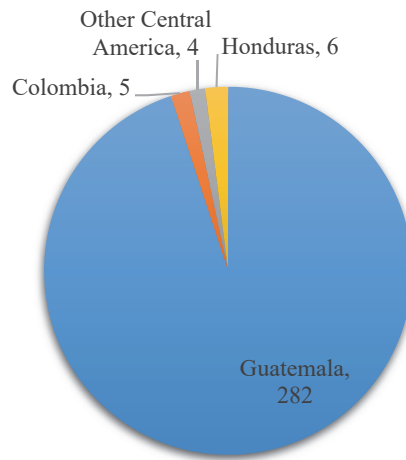
## Victims

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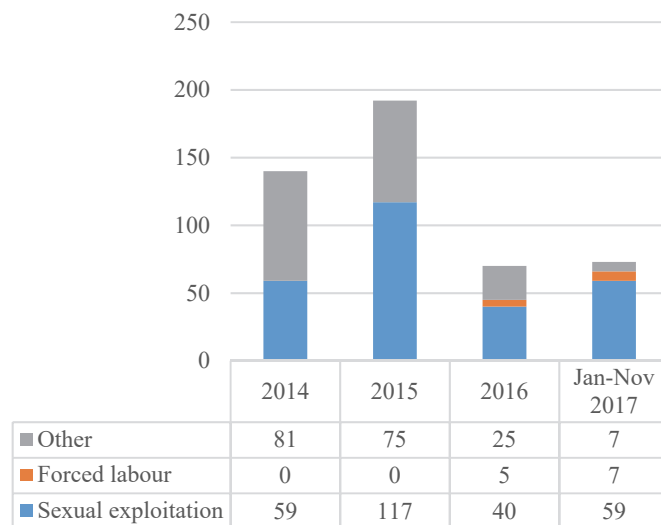
Source: Public Ministry, Judicial Agency, Secretary of Social Welfare of the Presidency, Secretariat Against Sexual Violence, Exploitation, and Trafficking in Persons, Alliance Association, Children's Shelter Association, and Survivors Foundation.

**Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2014 – November 2017**



Source: Office of the Attorney General of the Nation, Judicial Agency.

**Citizenships of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, 2014 – 2015**



Source: Public Ministry, National Civil Police.

The majority of victims of trafficking in persons who were citizens of Guatemala were trafficked domestically. Those victims who were trafficked internationally were repatriated from Central America, Western Europe, and North America.

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



## –Honduras–

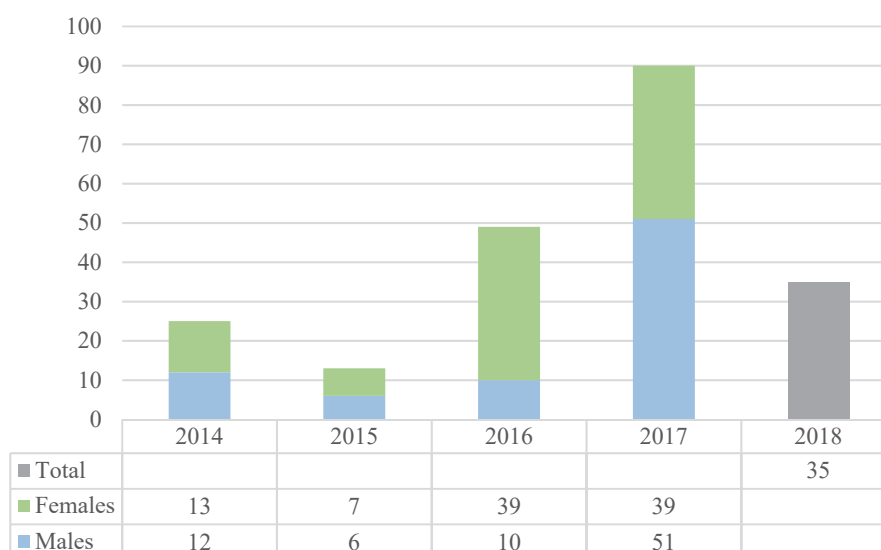
The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Honduras covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

### *Investigations and suspects*

In 2014, one case of trafficking in persons was recorded. In both 2015 and 2016, eight cases of trafficking in persons were recorded, respectively. In 2017, 17 cases, while in 2018, 31 cases of trafficking in persons were recorded.

Source: Public Ministry, Inter-institutional Commission Against Commercial Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons (CICESCT).

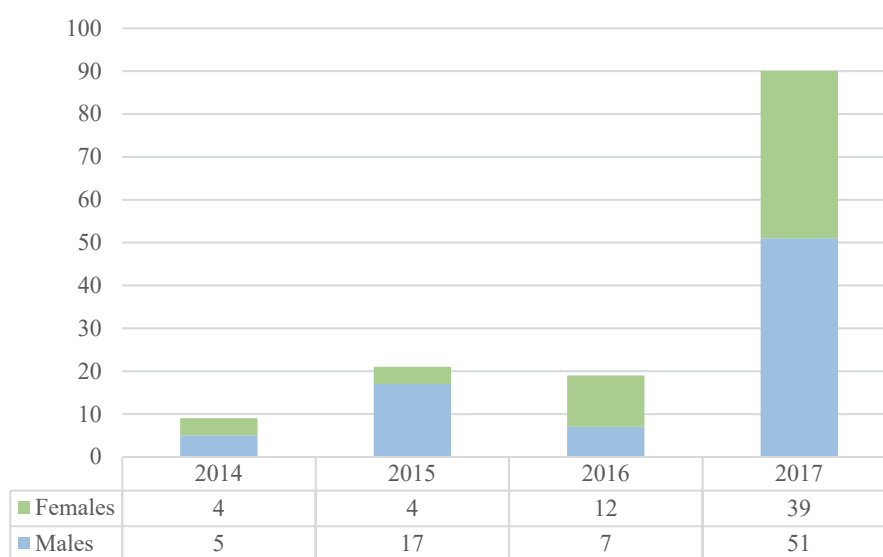
### **Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, by sex\*\*, 2014 – 2018**



Source: Public Ministry.

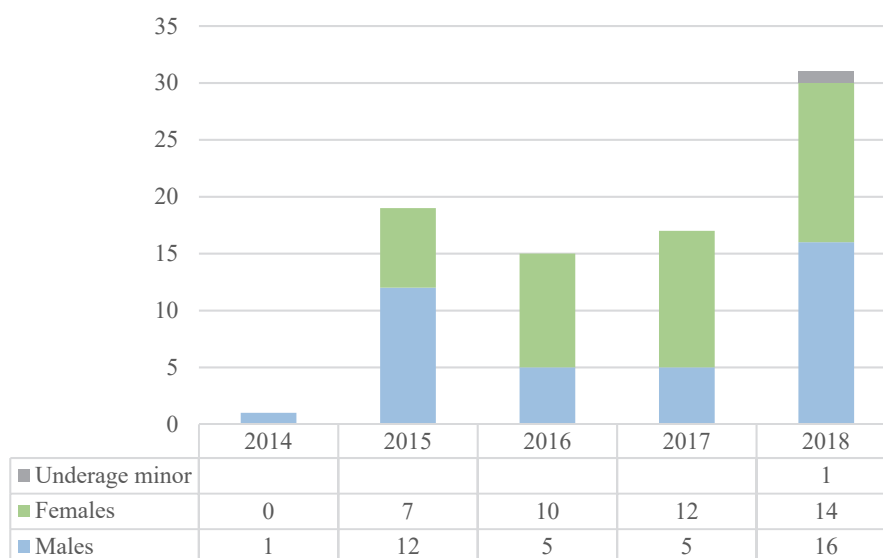
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### Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – 2017



Source: Public Ministry.

### Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – 2018



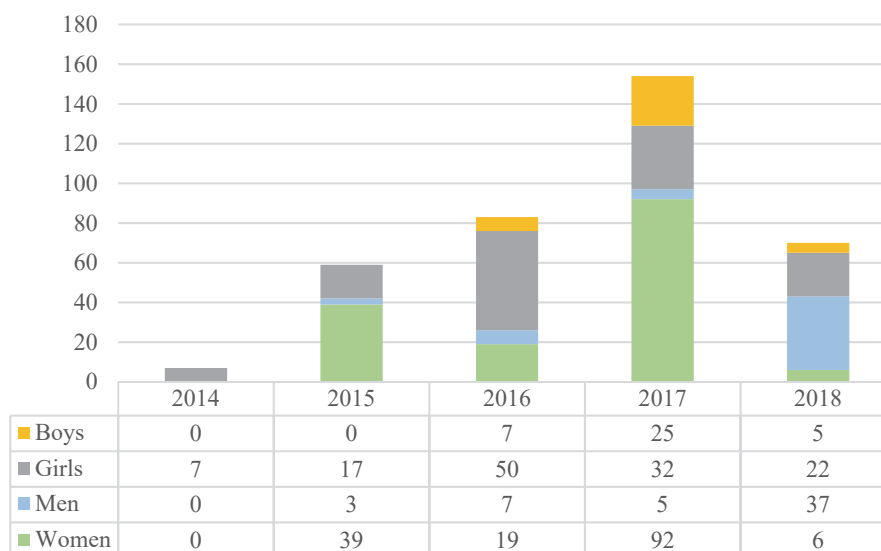
Source: Public Ministry.

Most of those convicted of trafficking in persons in the indicated period were Honduran nationals, and two persons from the Honduras neighbouring countries.

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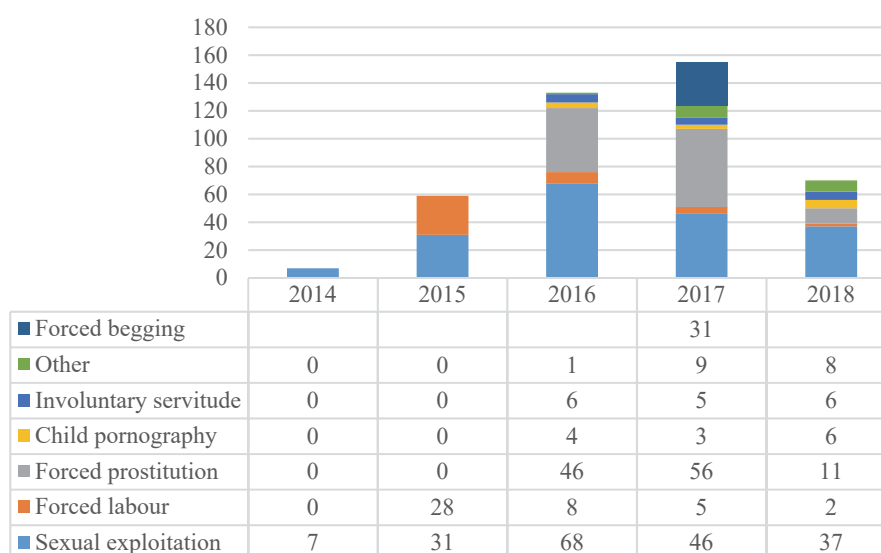
## Victims

### Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2014 – 2018



Source: Public Ministry, Inter-institutional Commission Against Commercial Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons (CICESCT).

### Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2014 –2018

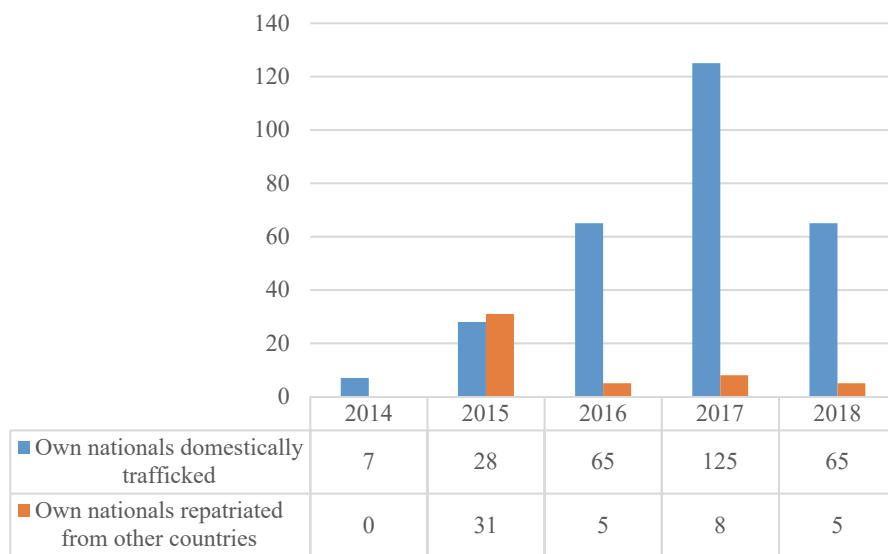


Source: Public Ministry, Inter-institutional Commission Against Commercial Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons (CICESCT).

The majority of identified victims of trafficking in persons in the indicated period were citizens of Honduras. Others were from other Central American countries.

Source: Public Ministry, Inter-institutional Commission Against Commercial Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons (CICESCT).

### Identified victims of trafficking, by type of trafficking, 2014 –2018



Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inter-institutional Commission Against Commercial Exploitation and Trafficking in Persons (CICESCT).

Most Honduran victims who were trafficked internationally were repatriated from Mexico. Others were repatriated from other Central American countries or Europe.

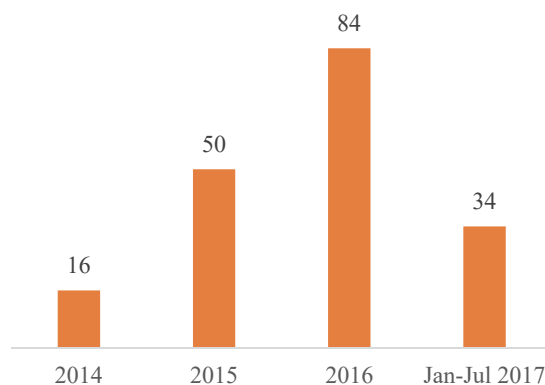
Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (SRECI) and International Organization for Migration (IOM).

**–Panama–**

The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Panama covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

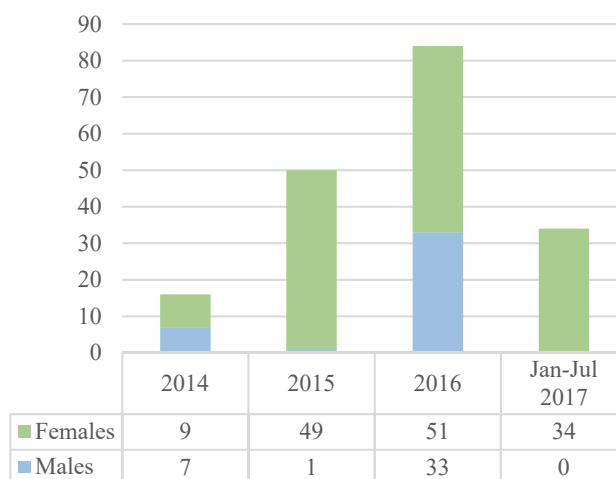
*Investigations and suspects*

**Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014 – July 2017**



Source: Family Prosecutor's Office, Public Ministry, Police Information Directorate – Foreign Affairs and Immigration Section, and National Police of Panama.

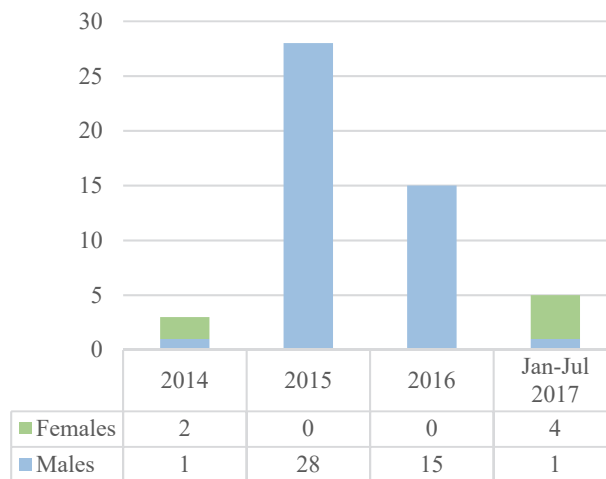
**Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, by sex\*\*, 2014 – July 2017**



Source: Family Prosecutor's Office, Public Ministry, Police Information Directorate – Foreign Affairs and Immigration Section, and National Police of Panama.

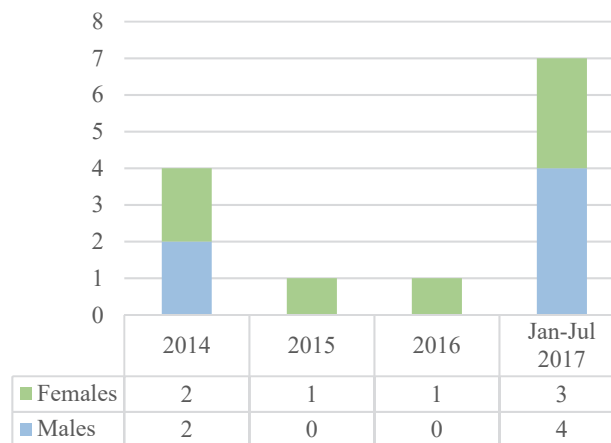
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### Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2014 – July 2017



Source: Specialized Prosecutor's Office against Organized Crime.

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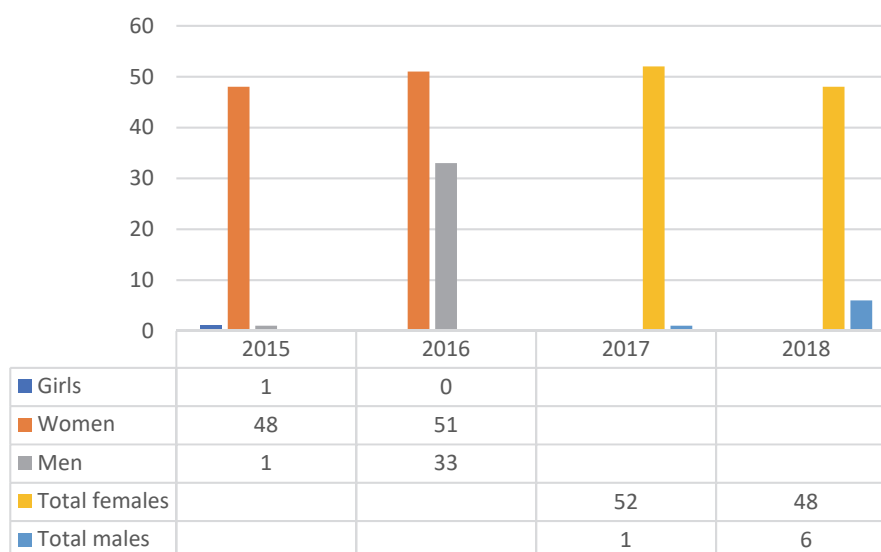
Source: Specialized Prosecutor's Office against Organized Crime.

The persons convicted of trafficking in persons between January 2014 and July 2017 were citizens of Panama, other Central American and Caribbean countries, and South American countries.

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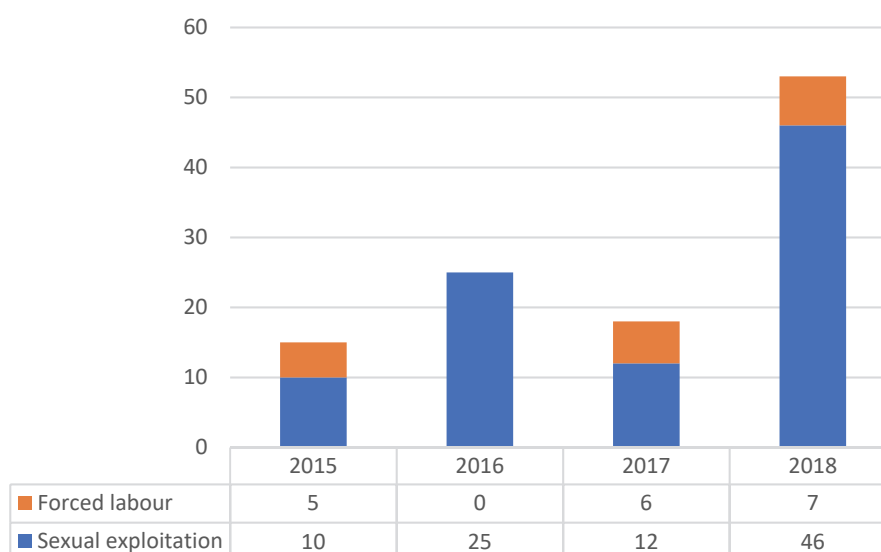
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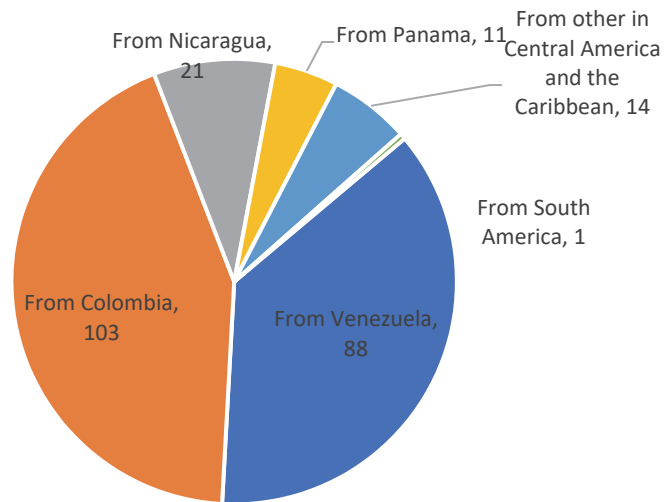
Source: Section for foreign affairs, DIP, National Police/General Secretariat National of the Commission to combat Trafficking in Persons

### Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2015 – 2018



Source: Section for foreign affairs, DIP, National Police/General Secretariat National of the Commission to combat Trafficking in Persons

**Citizenships of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons by state authorities, 2015 – 2018**



Source: Section for foreign affairs, DIP, National Police/General Secretariat of the National Commission to combat Trafficking in Persons.