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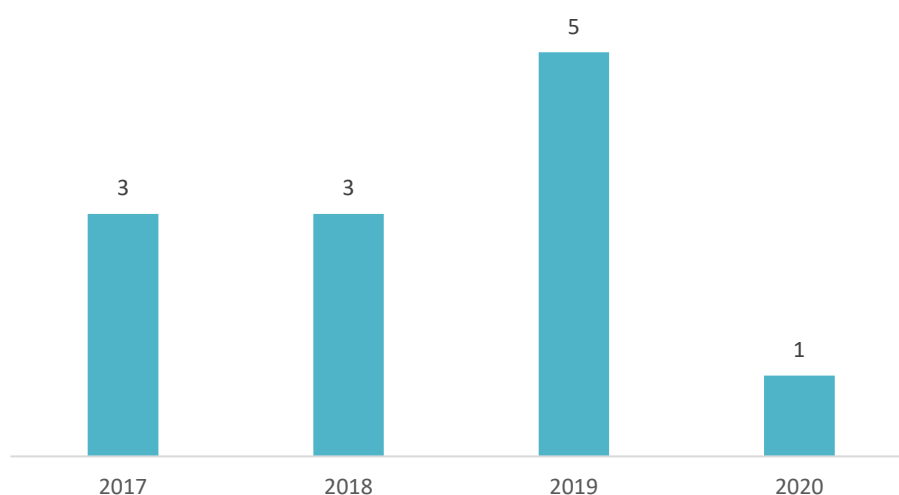
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– Algeria –

Algeria ratified the UN Trafficking Protocol in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Algeria – Loi No. 09-01 du 29 Safar 1430 correspondant au 25 février 2009 modifiant et completant L'ordonnance No. 66-156 du 8 juin 1966 portant code penal 09-01 – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.¹

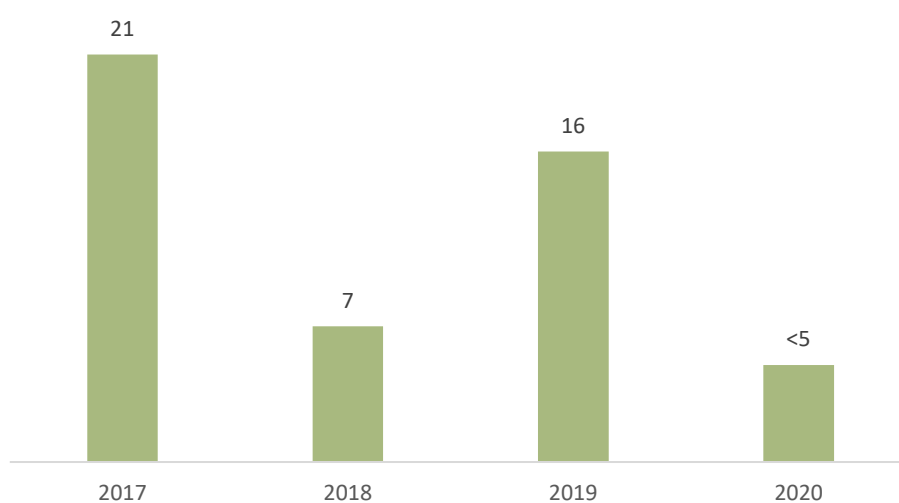
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons reported, 2017 - 2020



Source: Rapport du comité national de prévention et de lutte contre la traite des personnes.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020*

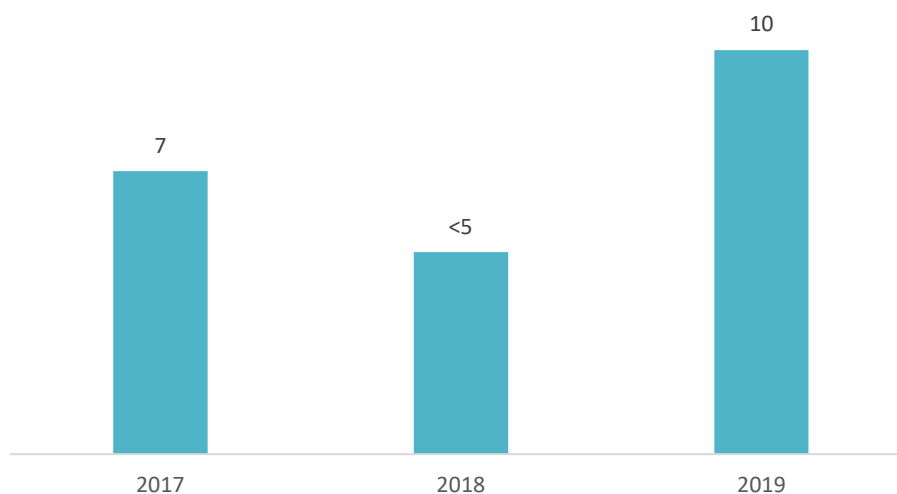


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¹ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020*



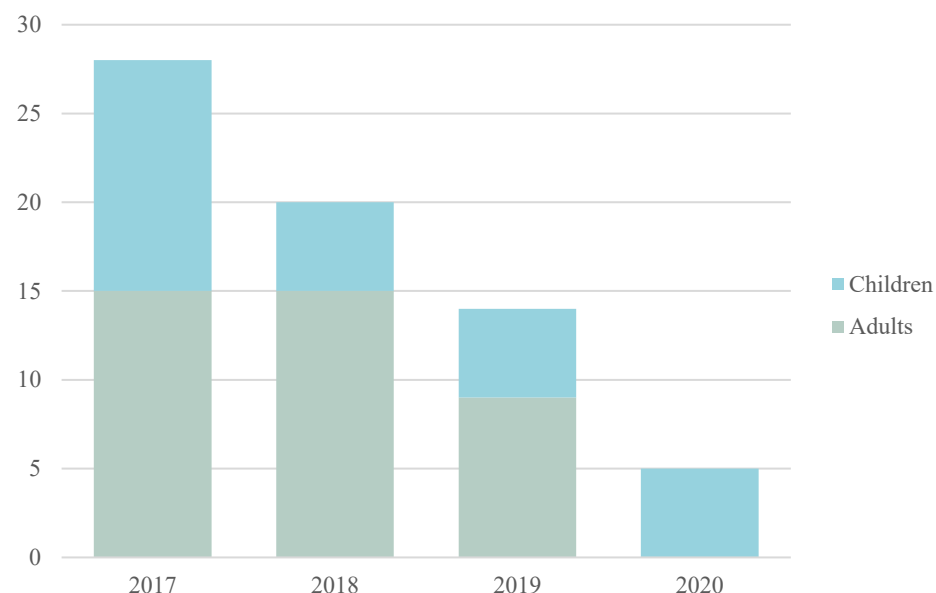
Source: Rapport du comité national de prévention et de lutte contre la traite des personnes.
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Between 2017 and 2018, nine persons were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of forced labour. The majority of the persons convicted were nationals of Algeria.

Source: Rapport du comité national de prévention et de lutte contre la traite des personnes.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2017 – 2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Children	13	<5	5	<5
Adults	15	15	9	0

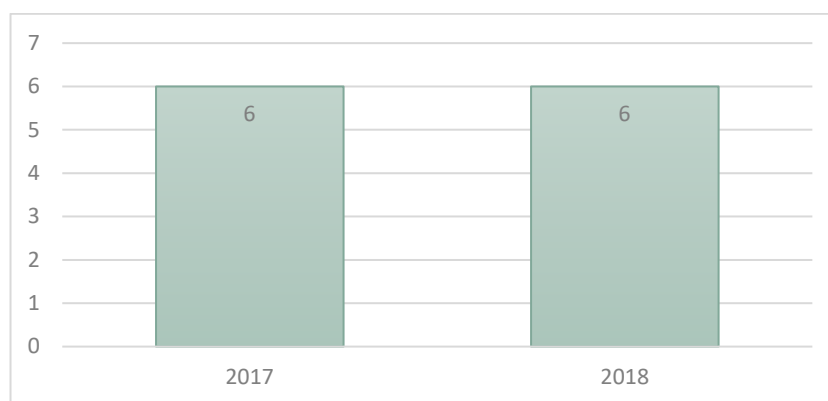
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- Bahrain -

Bahrain acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Bahrain² – Article 1 of the Law No. (1) of 2008 Regarding Combating Trafficking in Persons – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

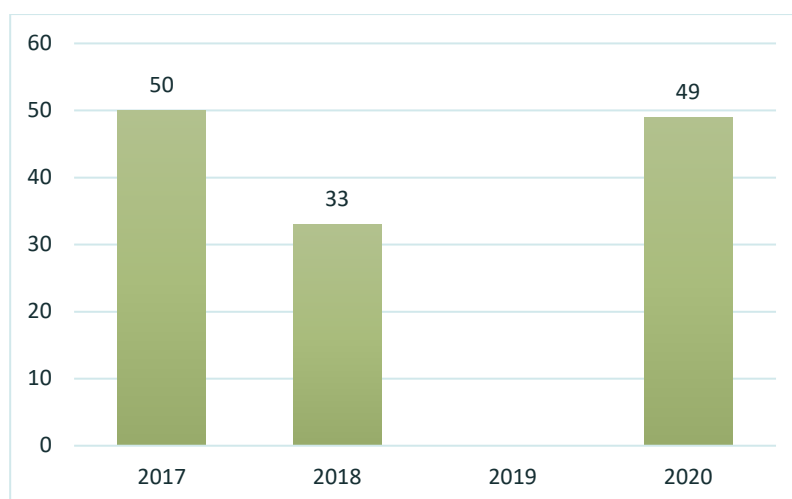
Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2018*



Source: نظام الإحالة الوطني لضحايا الإتجار بالأشخاص - إدارة التظلمات والحماية بهيئة تنظيم سوق العمل - مملكة البحرين

*Data for 2019 and 2020 was not available at the time of reporting.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*

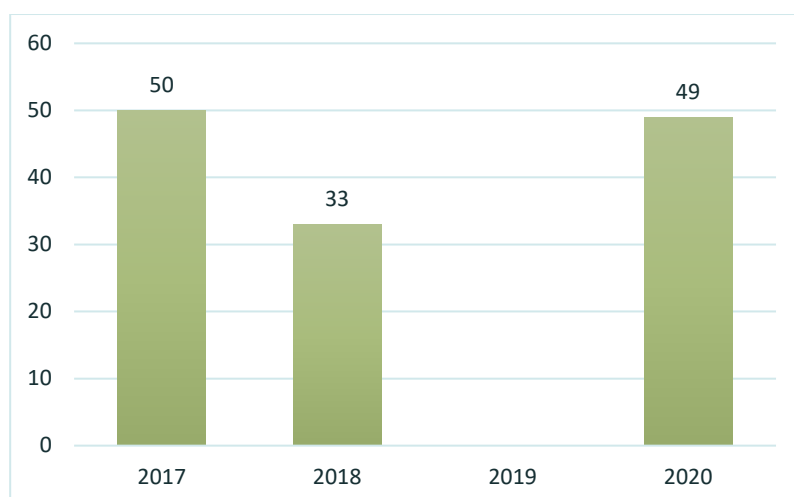


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² See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

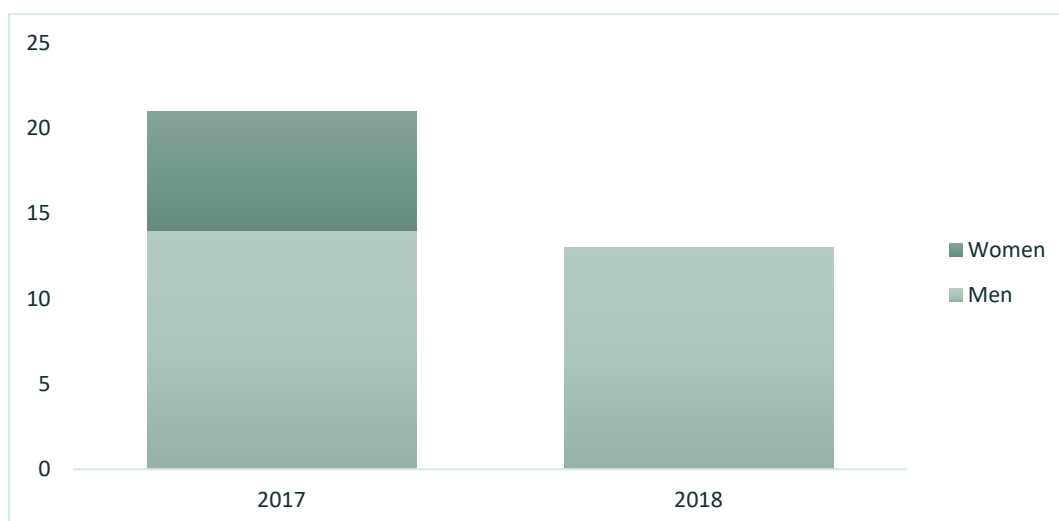
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*



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*Data for 2019 was not available at the time of reporting.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018
Men	14	13
Women	7	<5

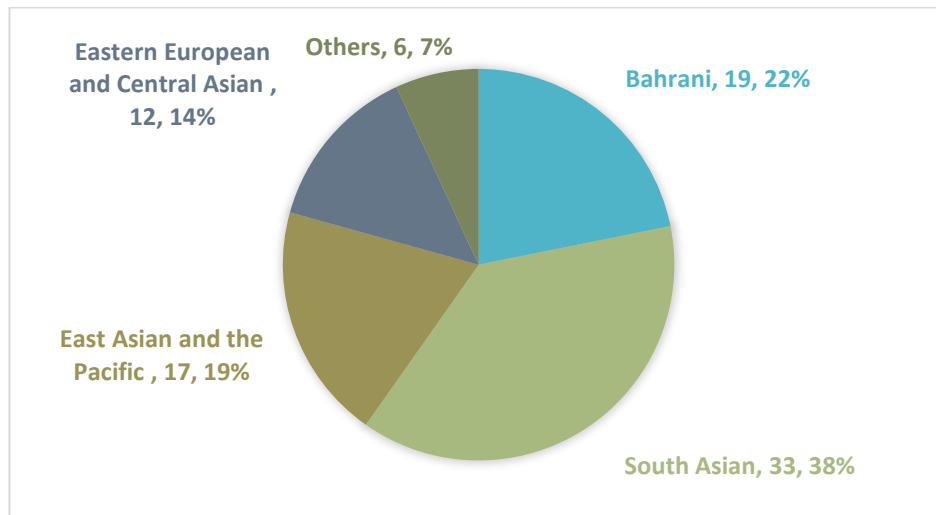
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* Data for 2019 and 2020 was not available at the time of reporting. Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

National Authorities of Bahrain reported that the majority of persons were convicted of trafficking of persons for sexual exploitation. Namely, 21 persons were convicted in 2017 and 16 persons were convicted in 2018. Less than five persons were convicted for trafficking for forced labour in 2018. Data for 2019 and 2020 was not available at the time of reporting.

Source: نظام الإحالة الوطني لضحايا الإتجار بالأشخاص - إدارة التظلمات والحماية بهيئة تنظيم سوق العمل - مملكة البحرين

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020* (tot:87)



Source: نظام الإحالة الوطني لضحايا الإتجار بالأشخاص - إدارة التظلمات والحماية بهيئة تنظيم سوق العمل - مملكة البحرين

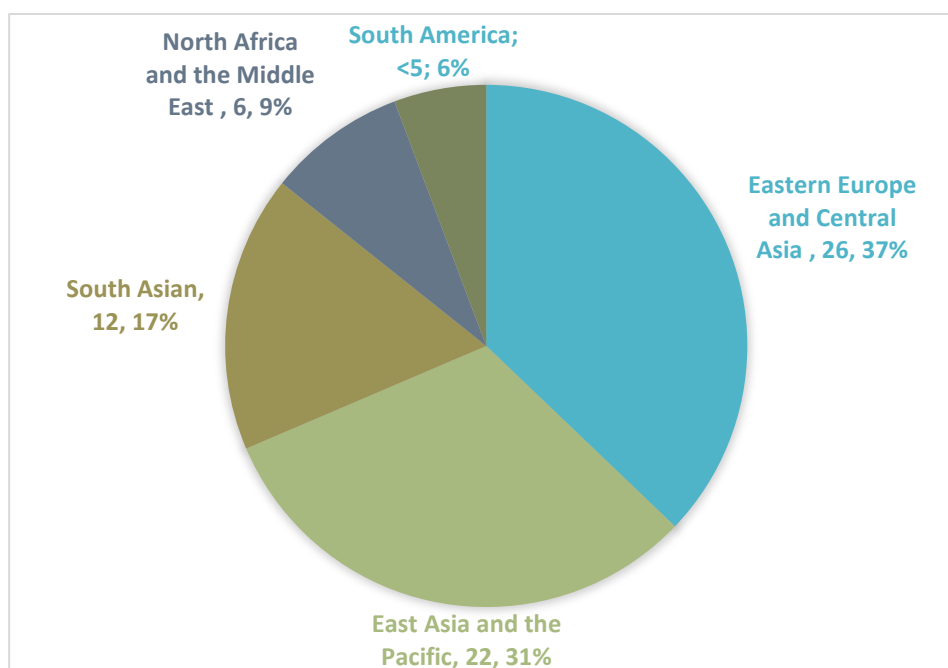
* Data for 2019 was not available at the time of reporting.

Victims

National Authorities of Bahrain reported that 15 women were identified as victims of trafficking in persons in 2017, 10 women were identified in 2018 and 45 adults in 2020. The majority of victims were trafficked for sexual exploitation. Data for 2019 was not available at the time of reporting.

Source: البحرين مملكة - العمل سوق تنظيم بهيئة والحماية التظلمات إدارة - بالأشخاص الإتجار لضحايا الوطني الإحالة نظام

Number of victims of trafficking detected, by citizenship, 2017-2020* (tot: 70)



Source: نظام الإحالة الوطني لضحايا الإتجار بالأشخاص - إدارة التظلمات والحماية بهيئة تنظيم سوق العمل - مملكة البحرين.

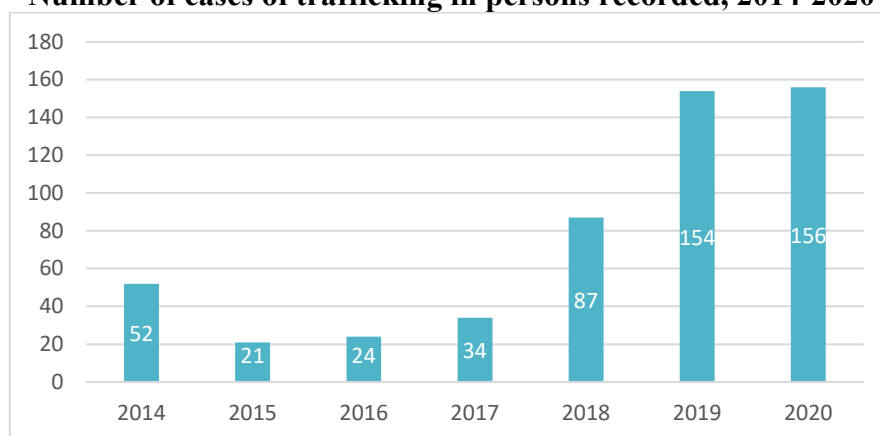
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– Egypt –

Egypt ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2004. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Egypt³ – the Egyptian Human Trafficking Law (Law No. 64 of 2010) – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

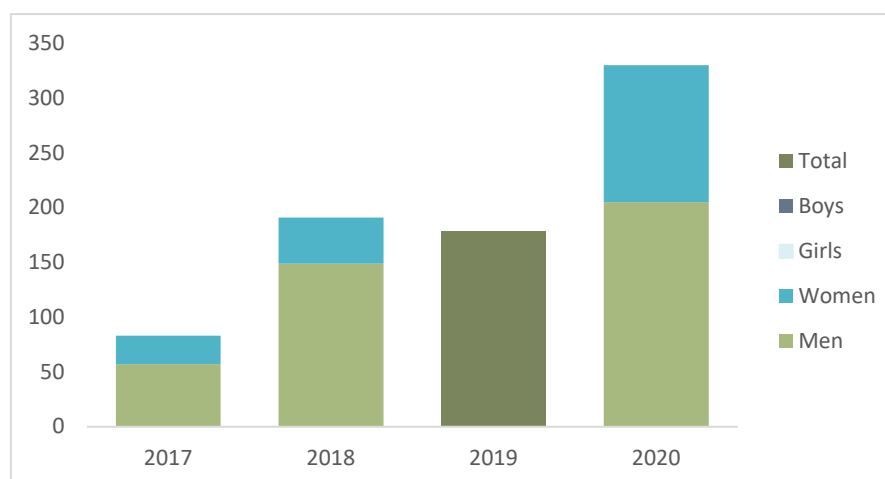
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2014-2020



Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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 and age, 2017-2020*



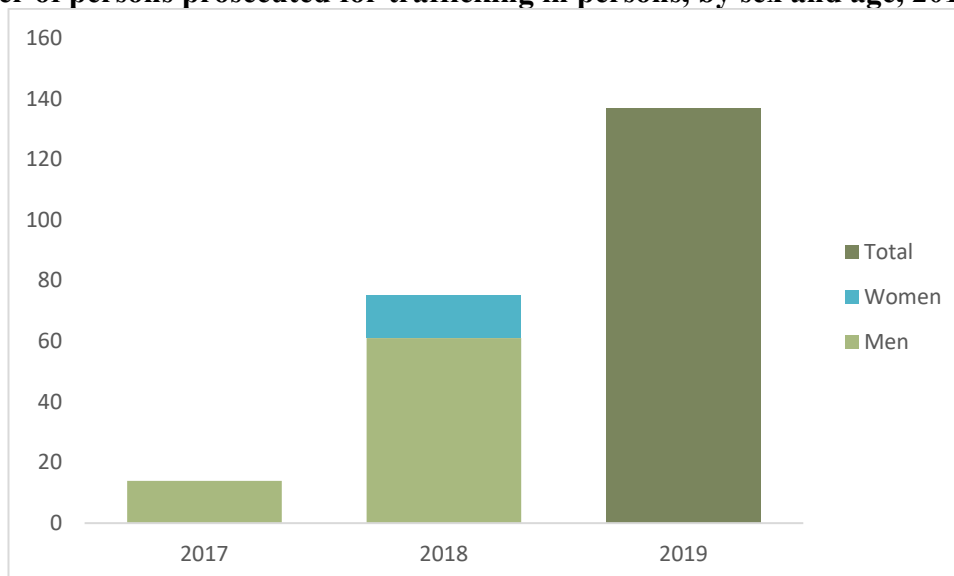
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	26	42	0	125
Men	57	149	0	205
Girls	0	<5	0	0
Boys	0	<5	0	0
Total	0	0	178	0

Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

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³ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

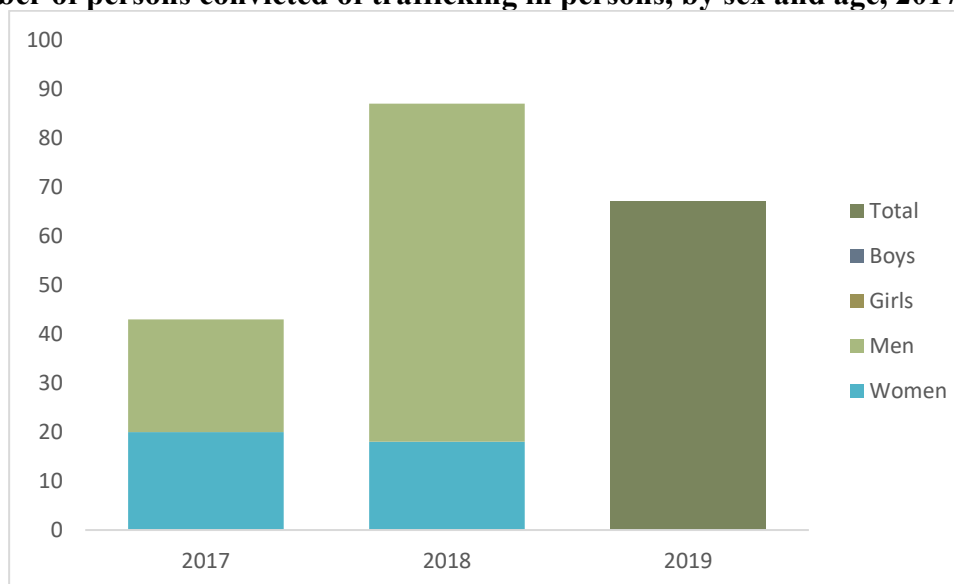
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2019*



	2017	2018	2019
Women	<5	14	0
Men	14	61	0
Total	0	0	137

Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
 *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

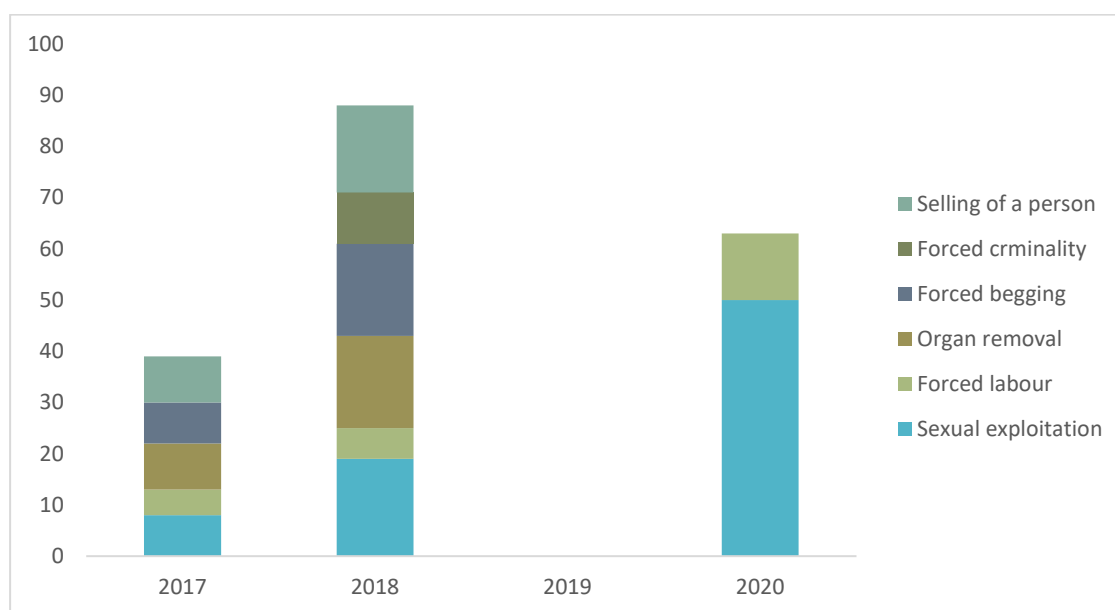
Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by sex and age, 2017-2019*



	2017	2018	2019
Women	20	18	0
Men	23	69	0
Girls	0	<5	0
Boys	0	0	0
Total	0	0	67

Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
 *Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

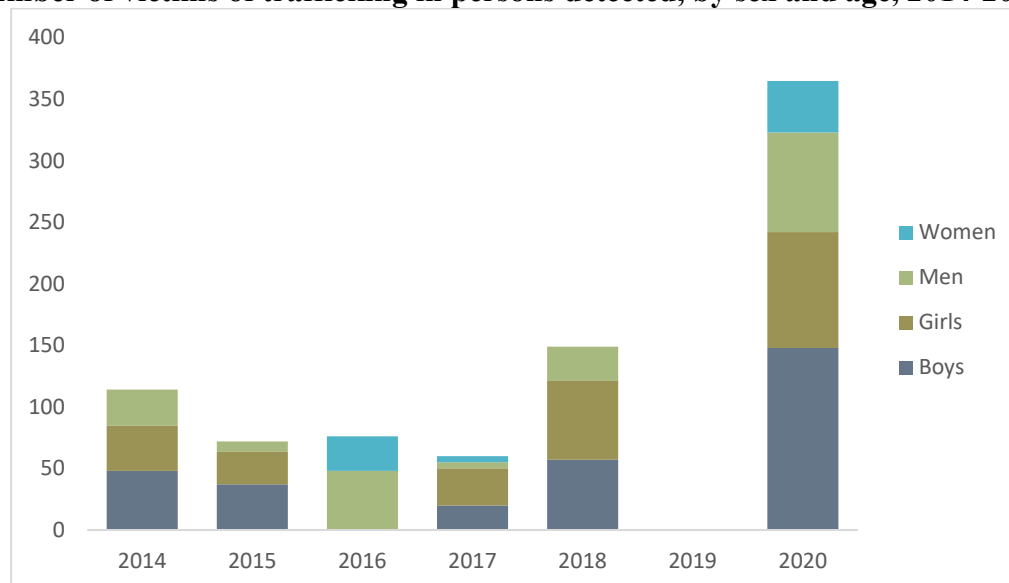
*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Between 2017 and 2018, all persons convicted for trafficking in persons were citizens of Egypt.

Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by sex and age, 2014-2020*

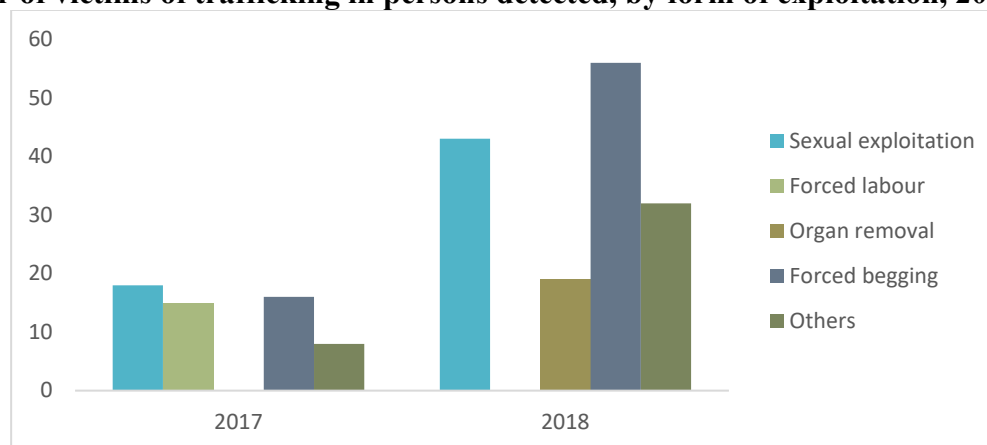


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	<5	0	28	5	<5	0	42
Men	29	8	48	5	28	0	81
Girls	37	27	<5	30	64	0	94
Boys	48	37	<5	20	57	0	148

Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

* 2019 data were not reported by National Authorities. Due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017-2018*

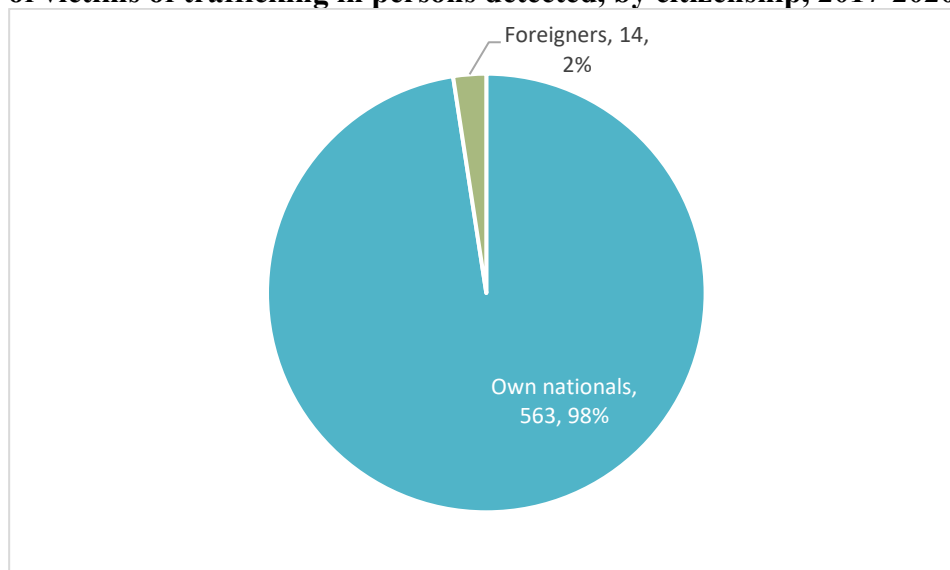


	2017	2018
Sexual exploitation	18	43
Forced labor	15	<5
Organ removal	<5	19
Forced begging	16	56
Others	8	32

Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot: 577)



Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Between 2017 and 2018, 212 citizens of Egypt were trafficked domestically.

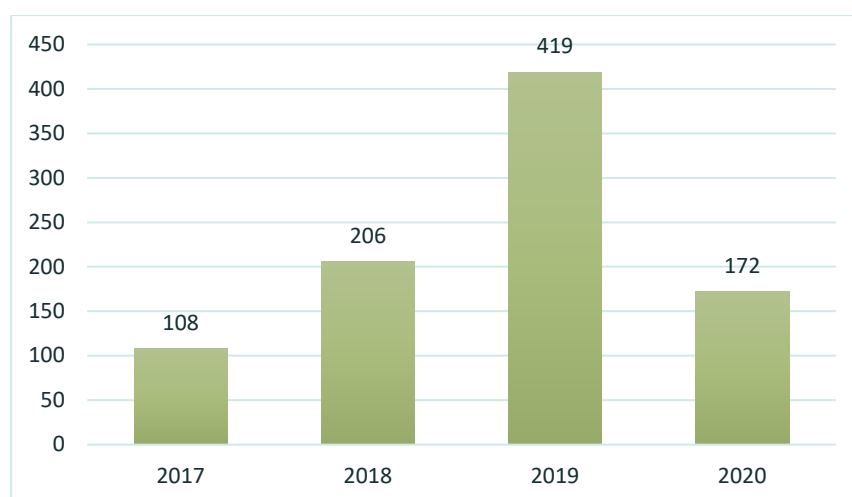
Source: The Public Prosecution Office of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

– Iraq –

Iraq accessed to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2009.⁴

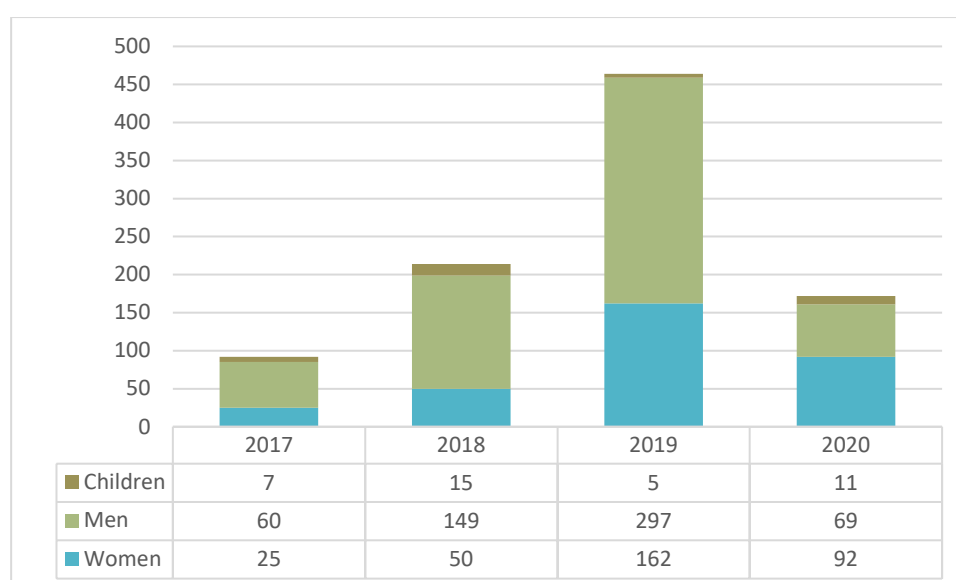
Investigations and suspects

Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: National Authorities of Iraq.

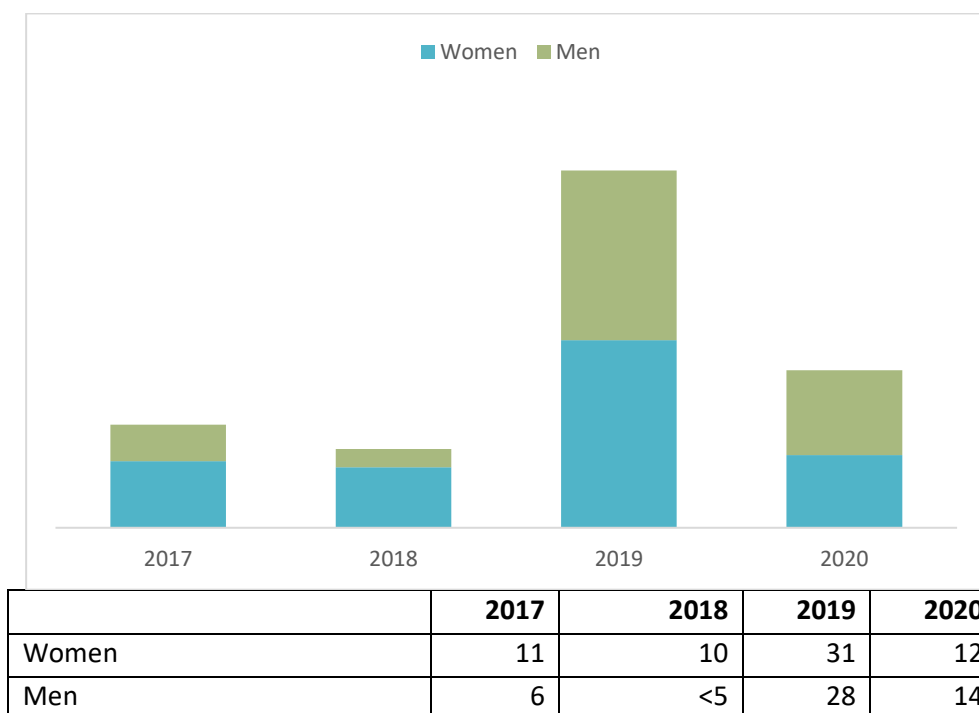
Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020



Source: National Authorities of Iraq.

⁴ See [Sherlock database of legislation](#).

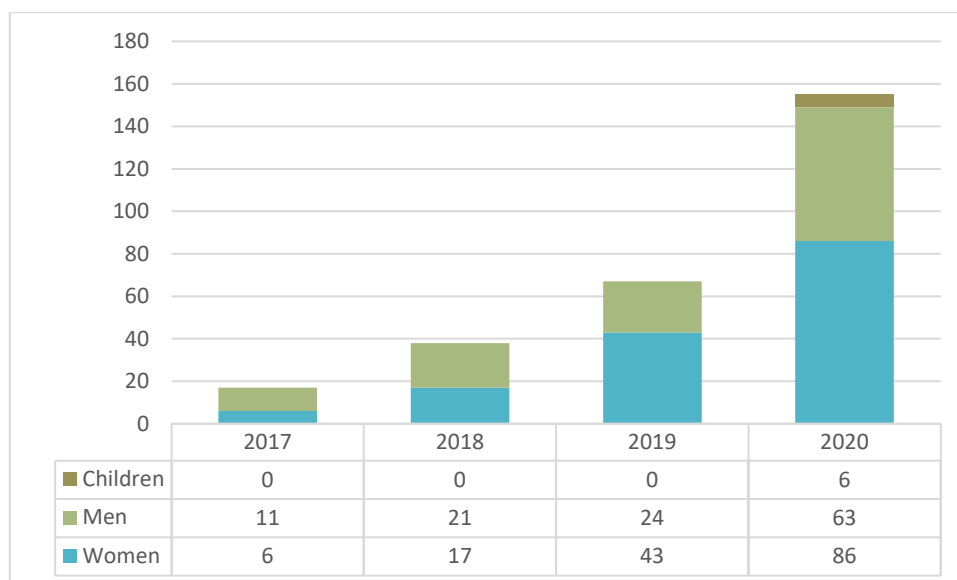
Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*



Source: National Authorities of Iraq.

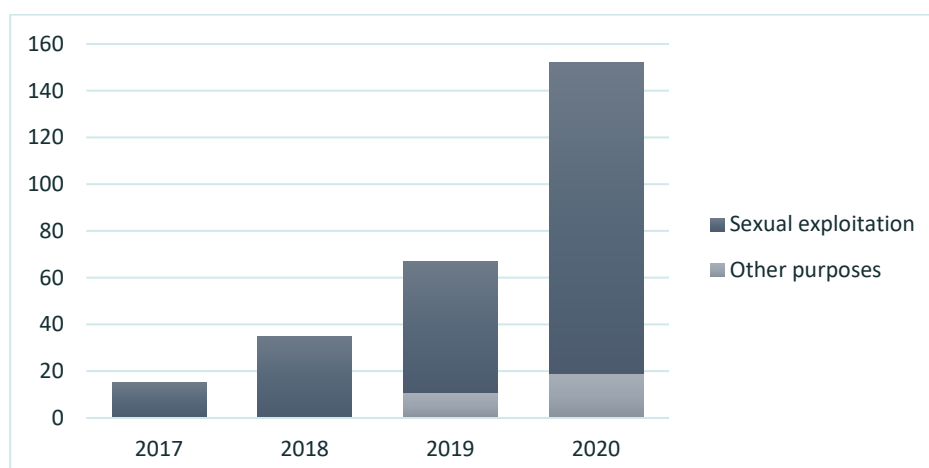
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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by age group and sex, 2017-2020*



Source: National Authorities of Iraq.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by forms of exploitation, 2017-2020*



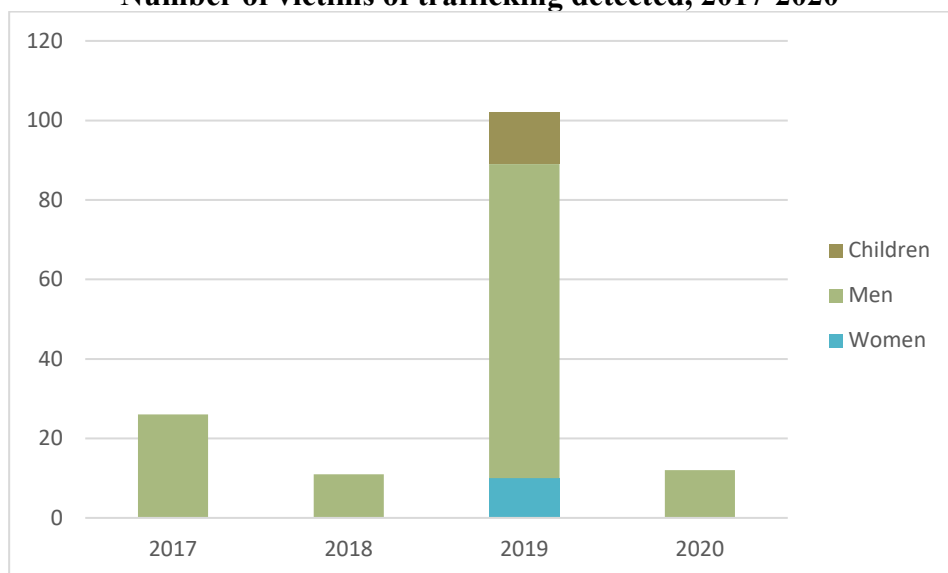
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Sexual exploitation	15	35	56	133
Other purposes	<5	<5	11	19

Source: National Authorities of Iraq.

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Victims

Number of victims of trafficking detected, 2017-2020*

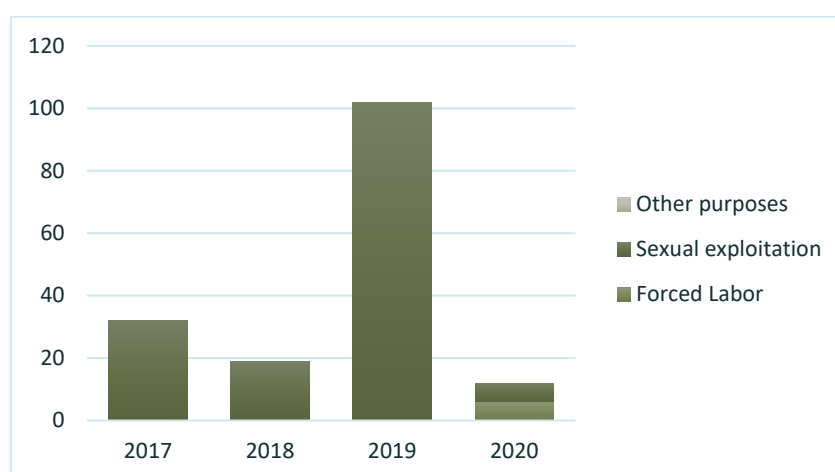


	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	<5	<5	10	<5
Men	26	11	79	12
Children	<5	0	13	<5

Source: National Authorities of Iraq.

*Note: due to privacy concerns, figures below five are presented as "<5".

Number of victims of trafficking detected, by forms of exploitation, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Sexual exploitation	32	19	102	6
Forced labour	0	0	0	6
Other purposes	0	0	0	<5

Source: National Authorities of Iraq.

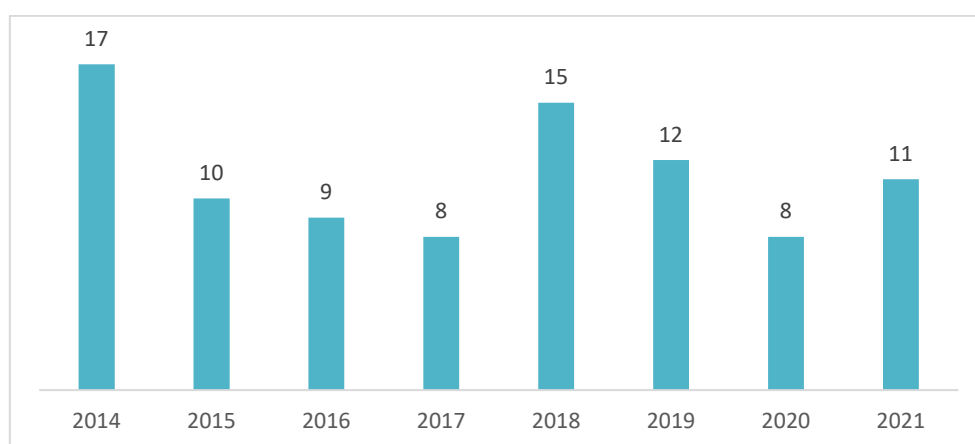
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– Israel –

Israel ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2008. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Israel - Articles 377A and 377B of the Prohibition on Human Trafficking Law (Legislative Amendments) 5766-2006 - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Investigations and suspects

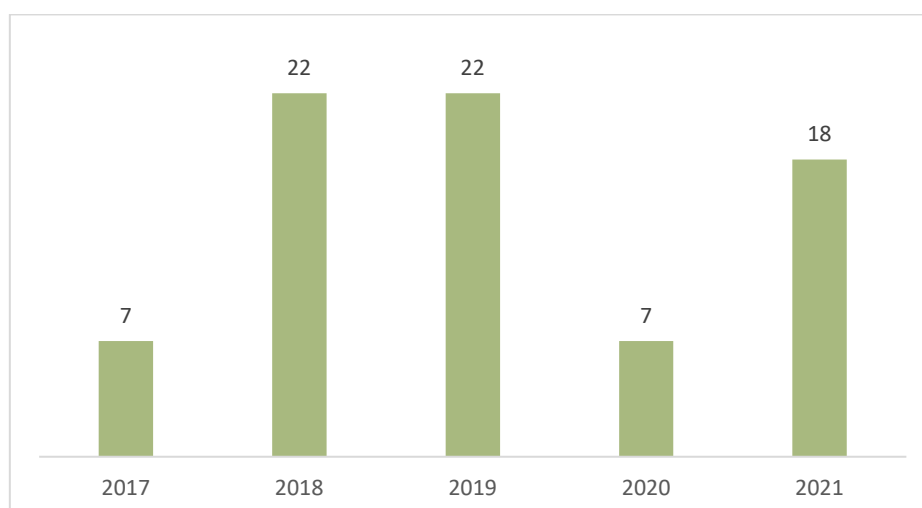
Number of investigations of trafficking in persons opened, 2014 – 2021*



Source: Israel Police.

* Articles 377A(a), 374A, 375A, 376, 376B. Investigations opened for different offences may be counted twice.

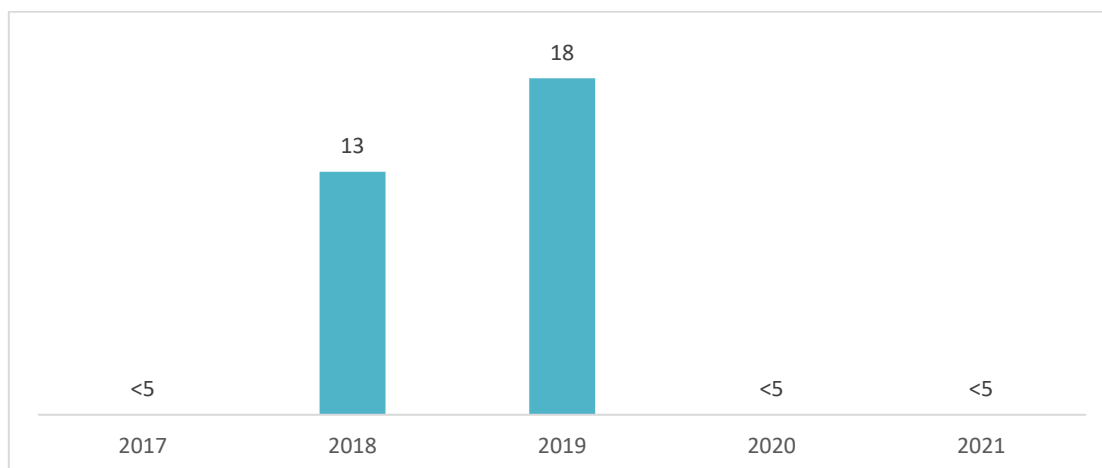
Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or cautioned for trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020*



Source: Israel Police.

* Articles 377A(a), 374A, 375A, 376, 376B. Investigations opened for different offences may be counted twice.

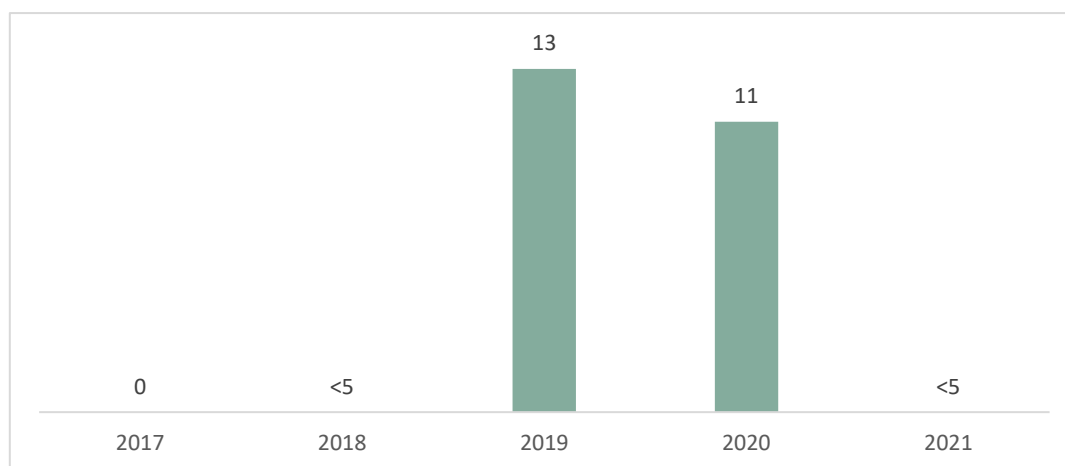
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2021*



Source: Israel State Attorney's Office.

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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2017 - 2021*



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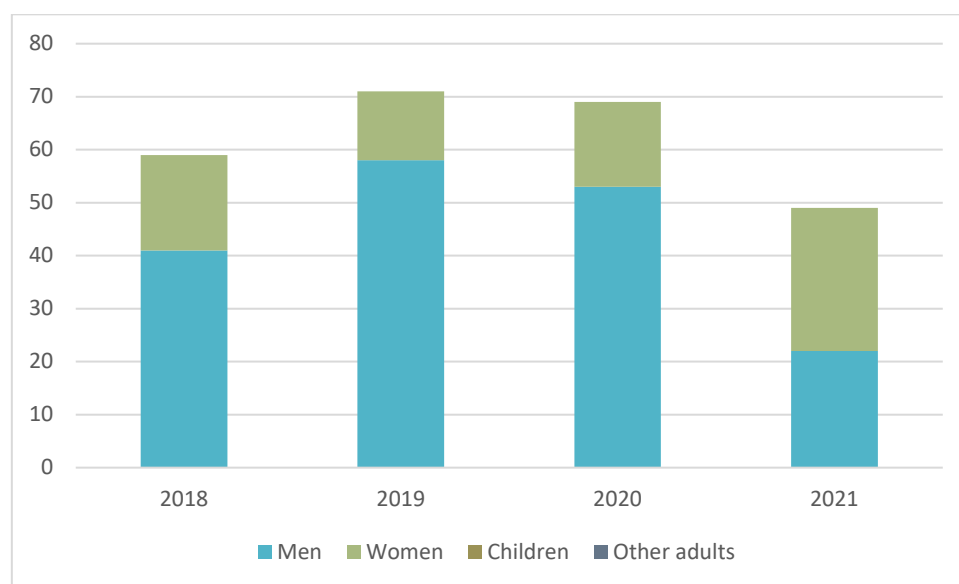
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Between 2018 and 2021, 23 persons were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation and three for the purpose of forced labour. Among them, less than five persons were citizens of Israel.

Source: Israel State Attorney's Office.

Victims

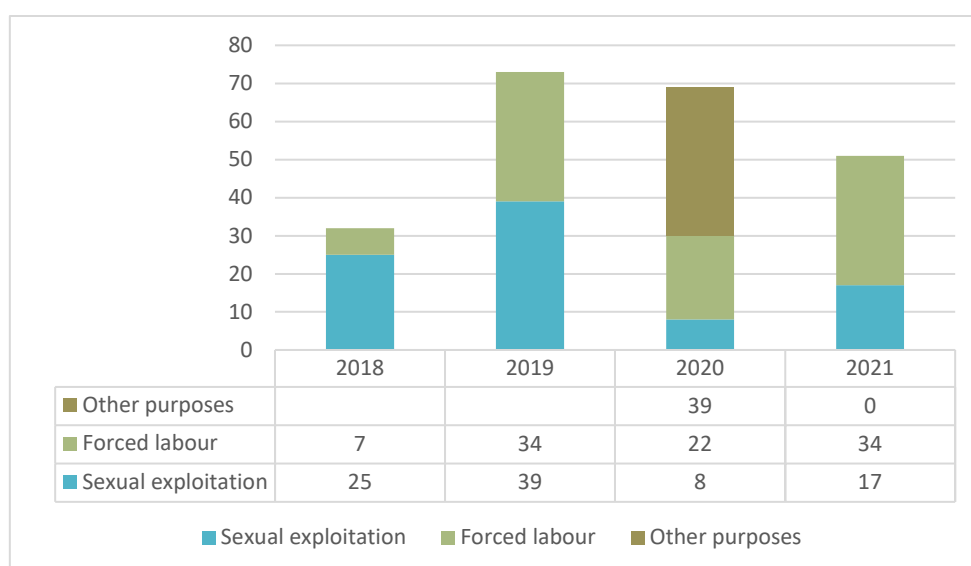
Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by age and sex, 2017 – 2021*



Source: Israeli Police.

*Due to privacy concerns, below five were presented as "<5".

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2020



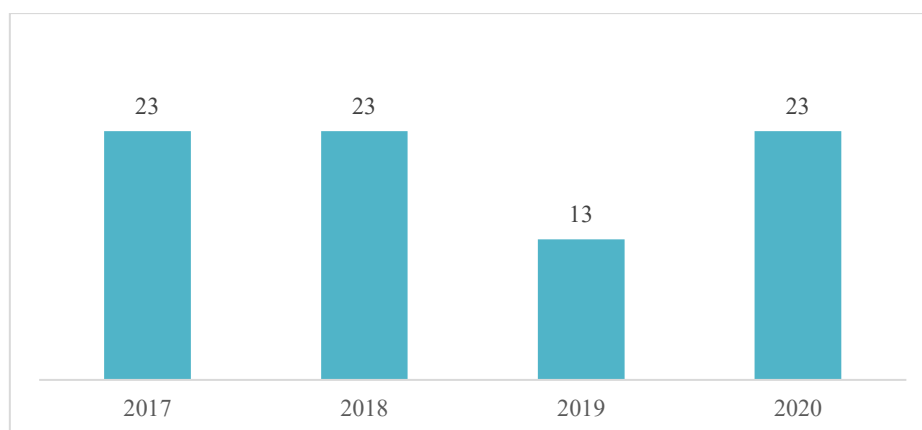
Source: Israel Police.

– Jordan –

Jordan acceded to the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol in 2009. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Jordan - the Human Trafficking Prevention Law No. 9 of 2009 - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.⁵

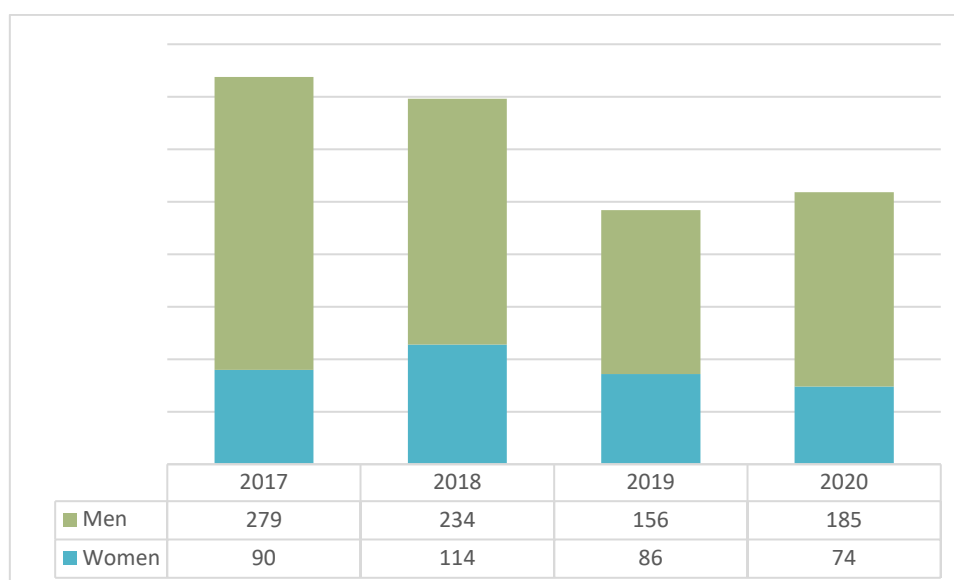
Investigations and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons registered with the Anti-Trafficking Unit (Public Security), 2017 – 2020



Source: Statistics records - Studies and Statistics Branch (unofficial translation).

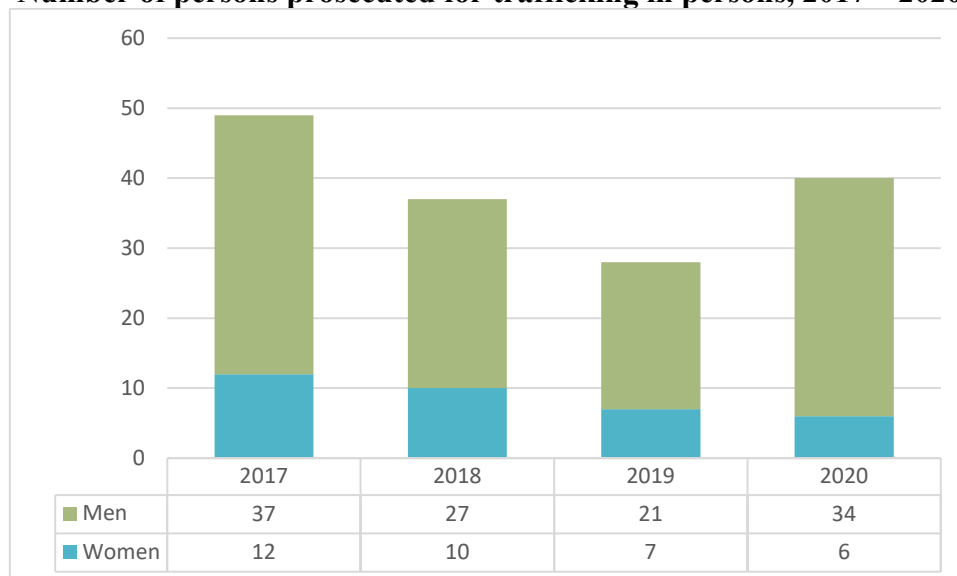
Number of persons investigated by the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (Public Security) because they were suspected of trafficking in persons and related crimes, 2017 - 2020



Source: Statistics records - Studies and Statistics Branch (unofficial translation).

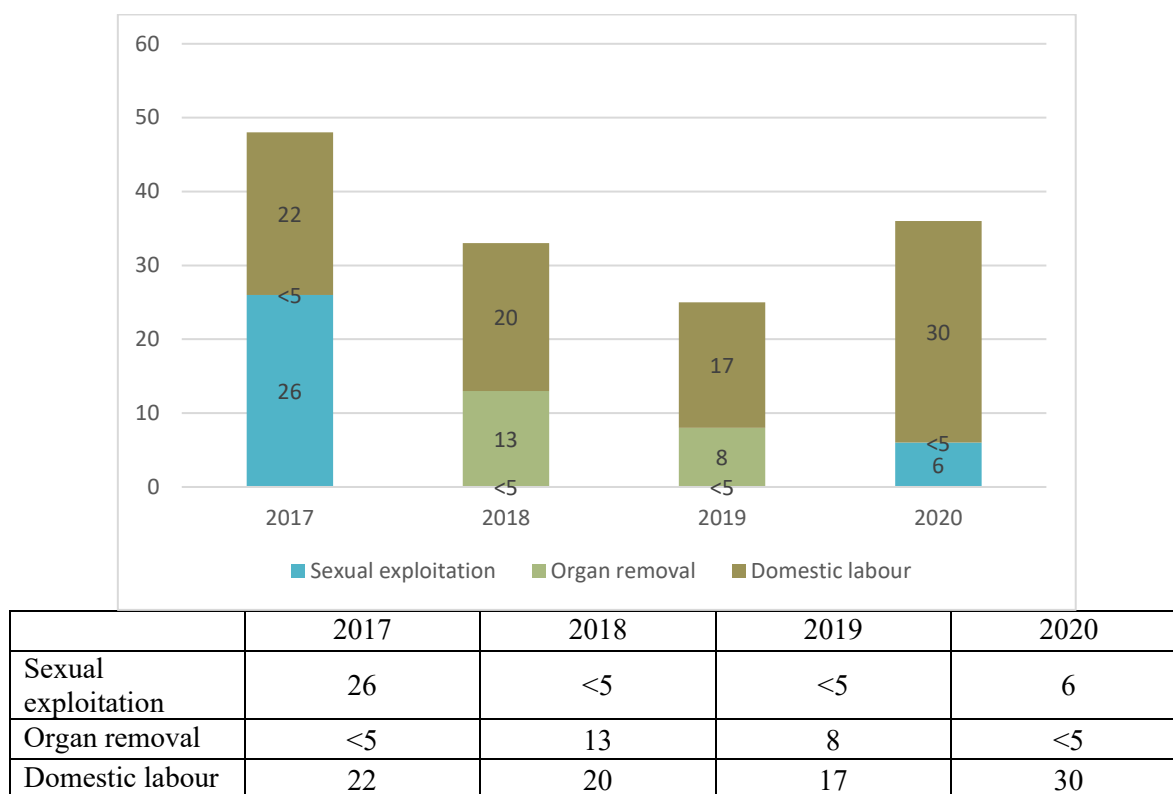
⁵ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020



Source: Statistics records - Studies and Statistics Branch (unofficial translation).

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2020*



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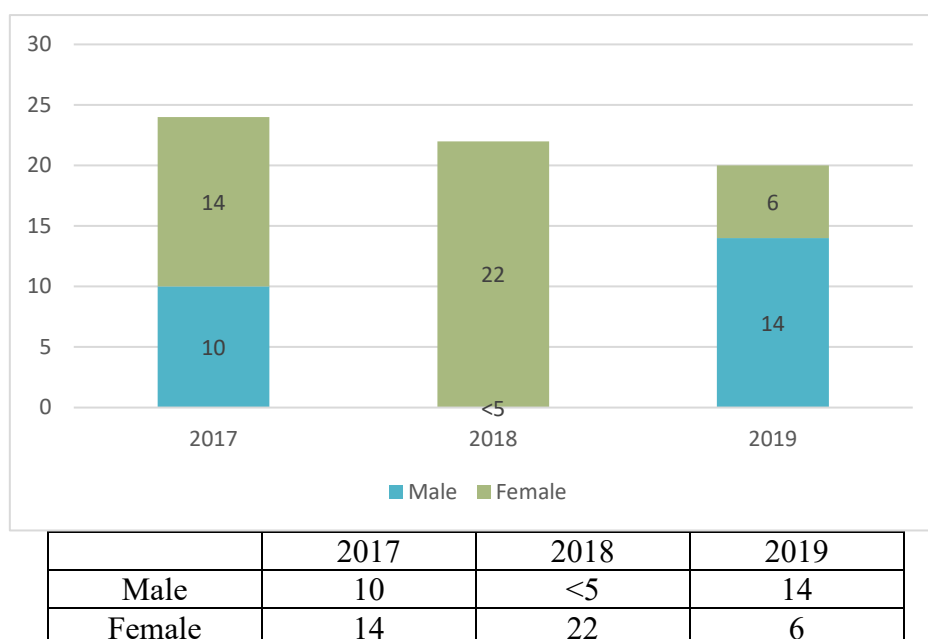
*Due to privacy concerns, figures below five were reported as "<5".

The majority of the persons convicted of trafficking in persons and related crimes between 2017 and 2020 were Jordanian nationals (132).

Source: Statistics records - Studies and Statistics Branch (unofficial translation).

Victims

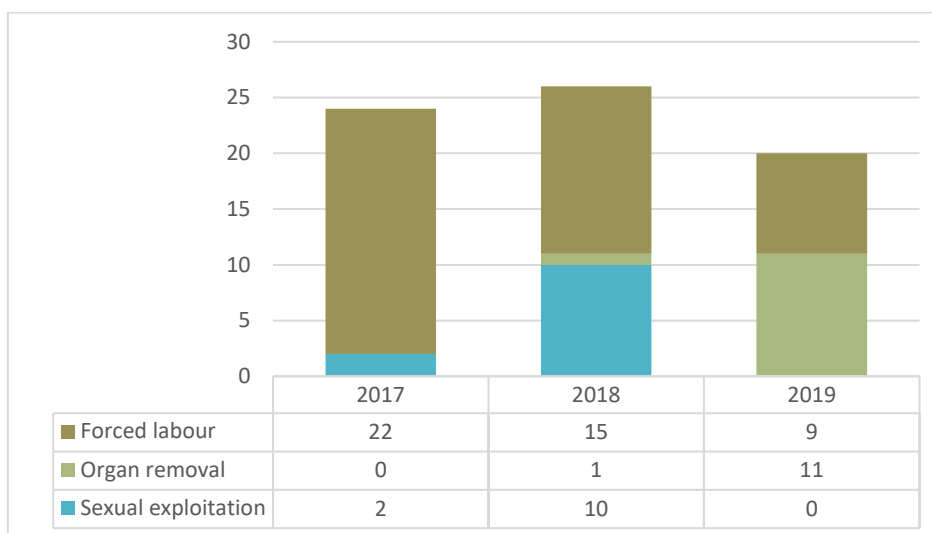
Number of victims of trafficking in persons identified based on decisions of the Courts of First Instance, 2017 – 2019*



Source: Statistics records - Studies and Statistics Branch (unofficial translation).

*Due to privacy concerns, figures below five were reported as “<5”.

Classification of trafficking in persons cases based on decisions of the Courts of First Instance, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2019



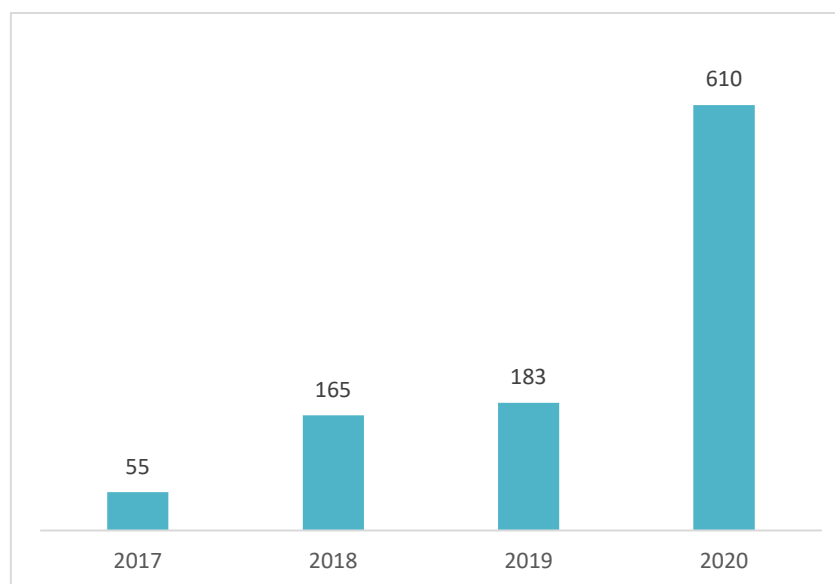
Source: Statistics records - Studies and Statistics Branch (unofficial translation).

– The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia –

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia acceded to the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol in 2007. The current legislation on Trafficking in Persons in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Article 2 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law – criminalises most forms of exploitation indicated in the UN Trafficking Protocol.⁶ Other articles of the Criminal Code are used to prosecute trafficking in persons.

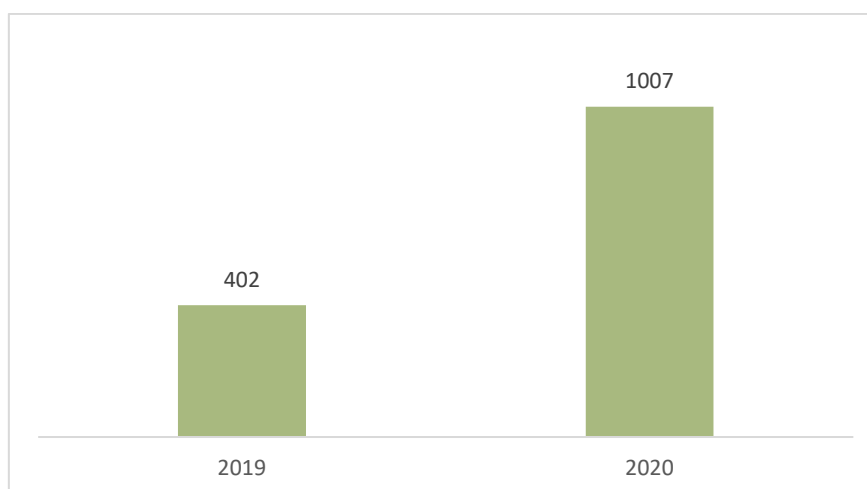
Investigation and suspects

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017 – 2020



Source: The Ministry of the Interior.

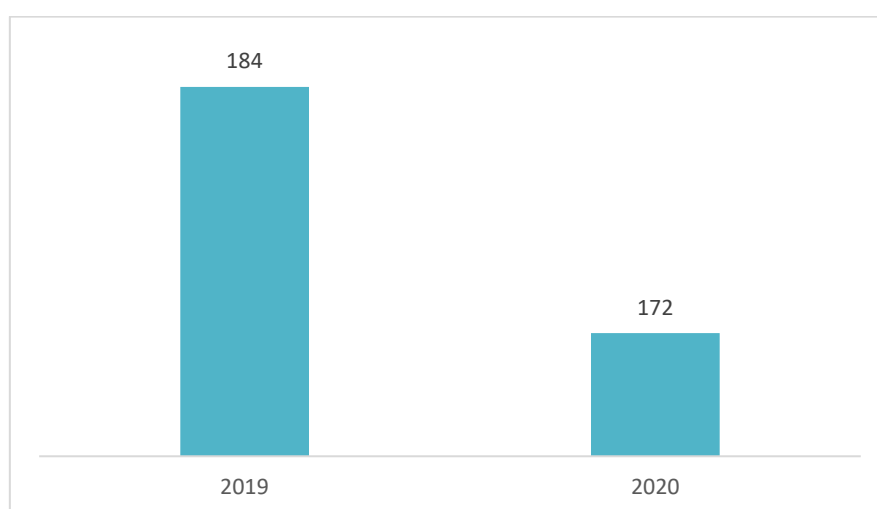
Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of, arrested for or warned for trafficking in persons, 2019 – 2020



Source: The Ministry of the Interior.

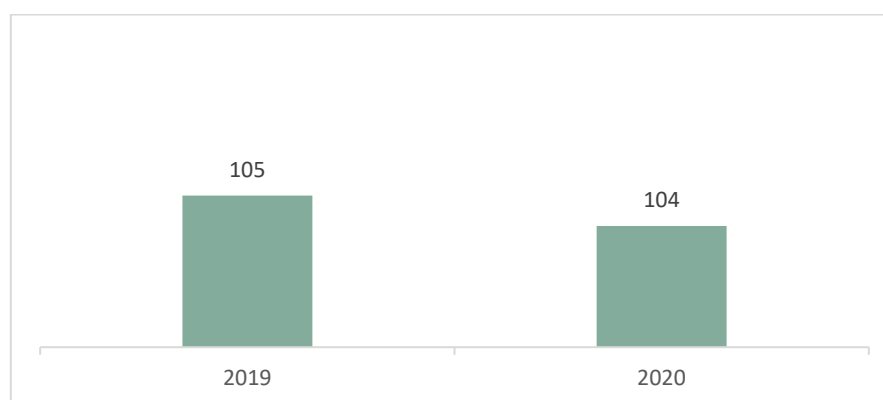
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Number of persons against whom judicial proceedings have been initiated, 2019 - 2020



Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons offences, 2019 - 2020



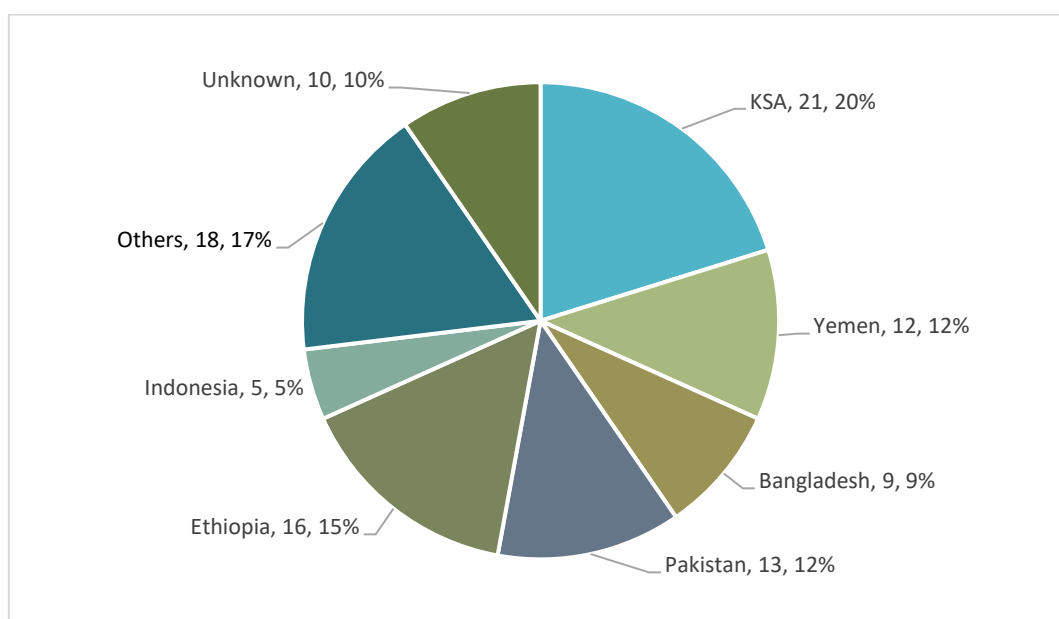
Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons offences, by form of exploitation, 2020



Source: The Ministry of Justice.

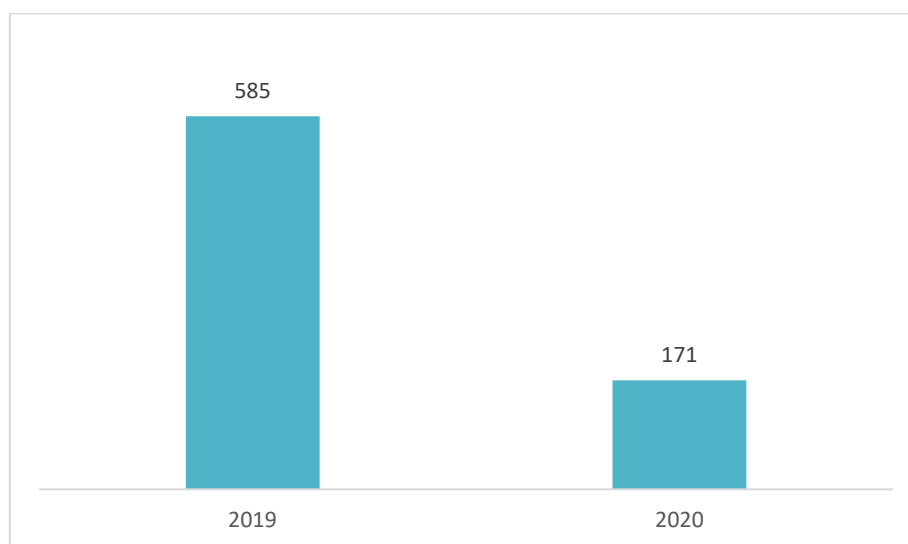
Citizenships of persons convicted of trafficking in persons offences, 2020



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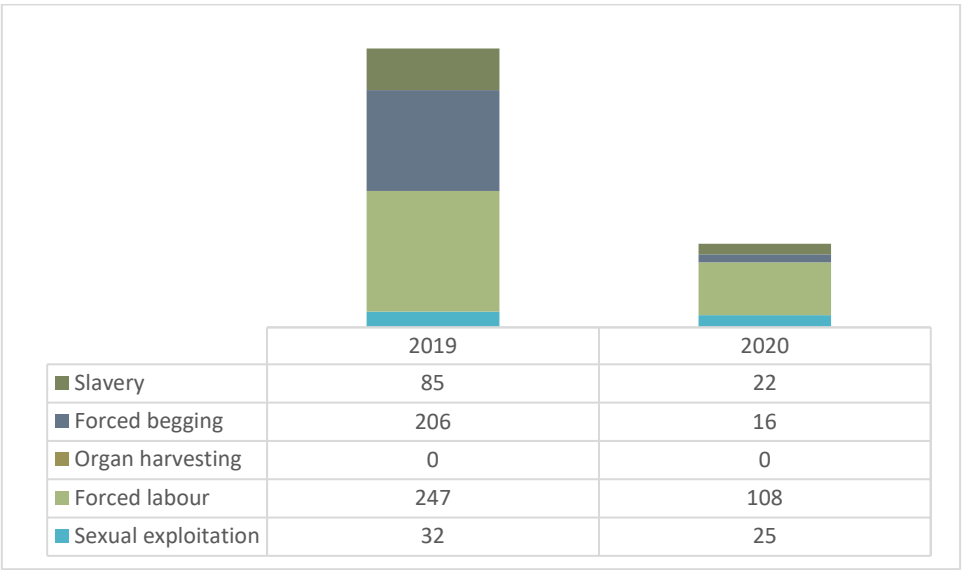
Victims

Number of identified victims of trafficking in persons, 2019 - 2020



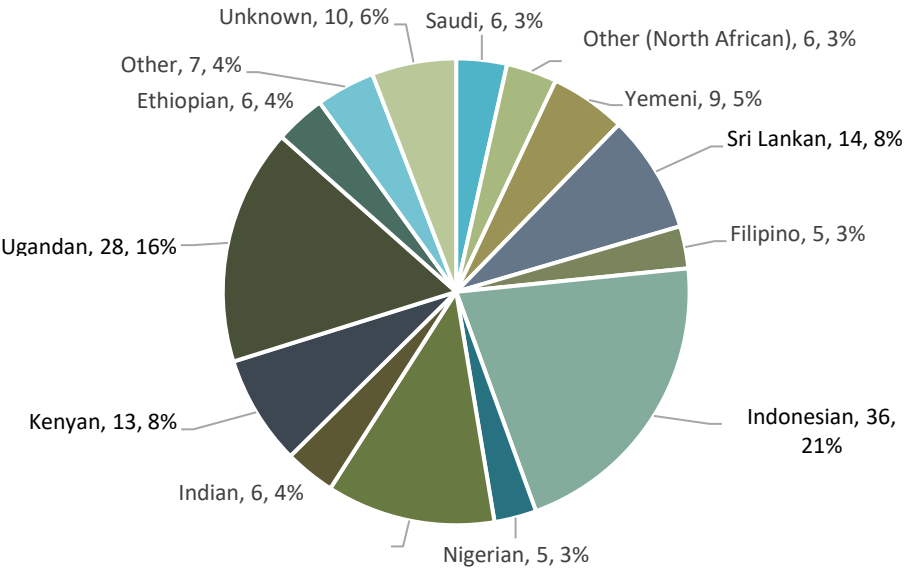
Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2020



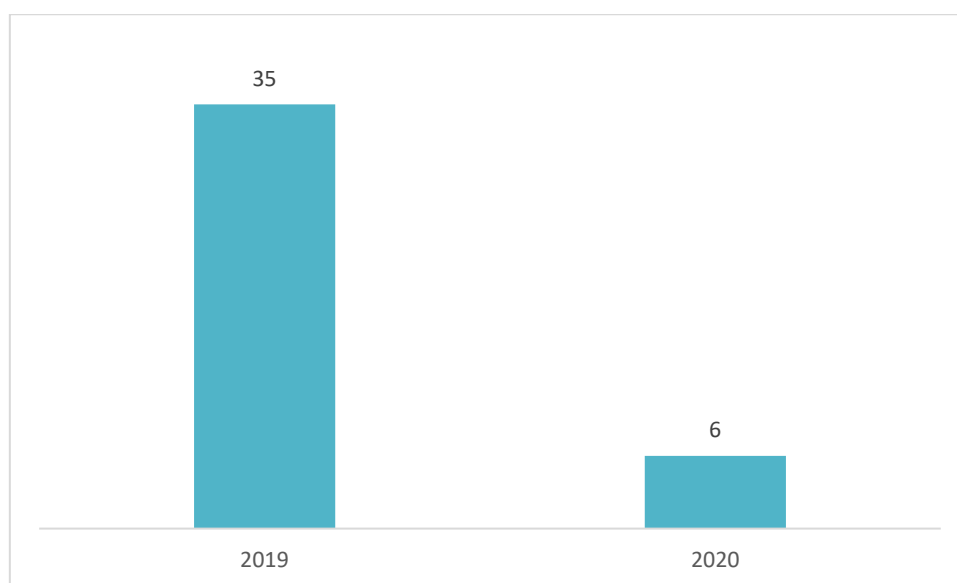
Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Citizenships of victims of trafficking in persons, 2020



Source: The Ministry of Justice.

Number of victims of domestic trafficking, 2019 - 2020



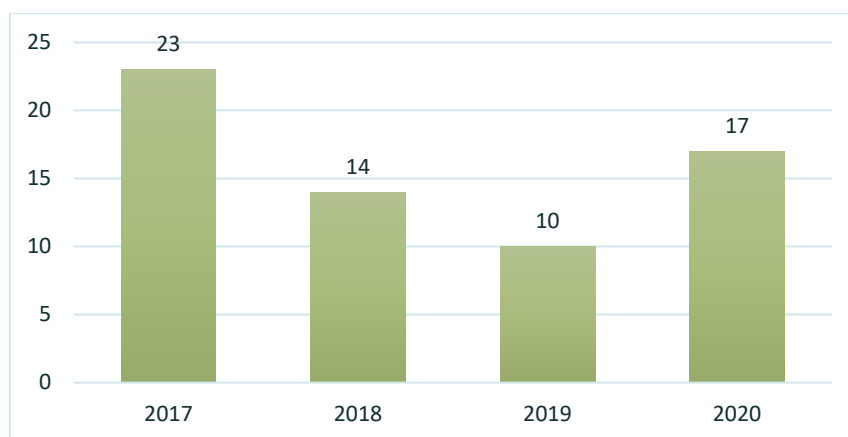
Source: The Ministry of Justice.

– Lebanon –

Lebanon ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Lebanon- Law No. 164 on Trafficking in Persons- covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.⁷

Investigations and suspects

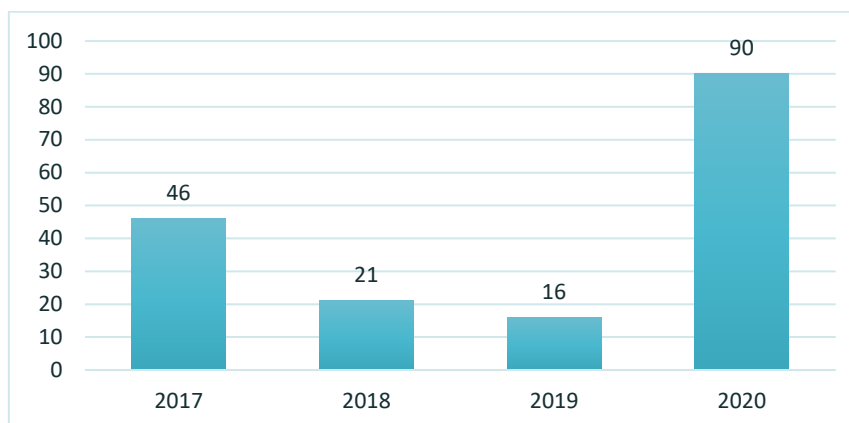
Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



مكتب مكافحة الاتجار بالأشخاص وحماية الآداب

Source: Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Morals (unofficial translation).

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, 2017-2020

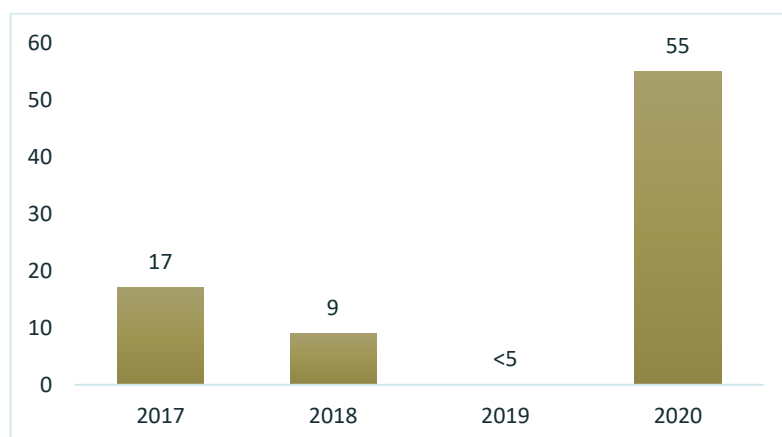


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Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, 2017-2020*

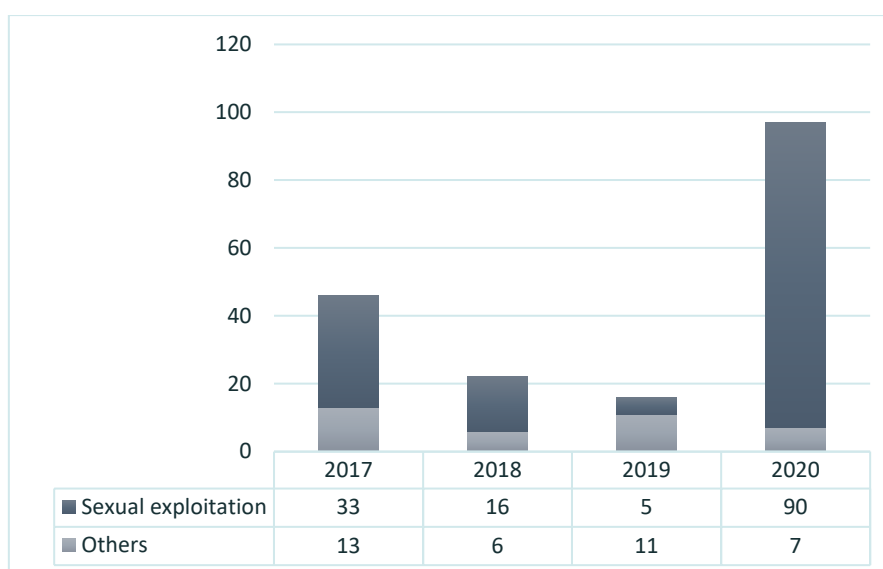


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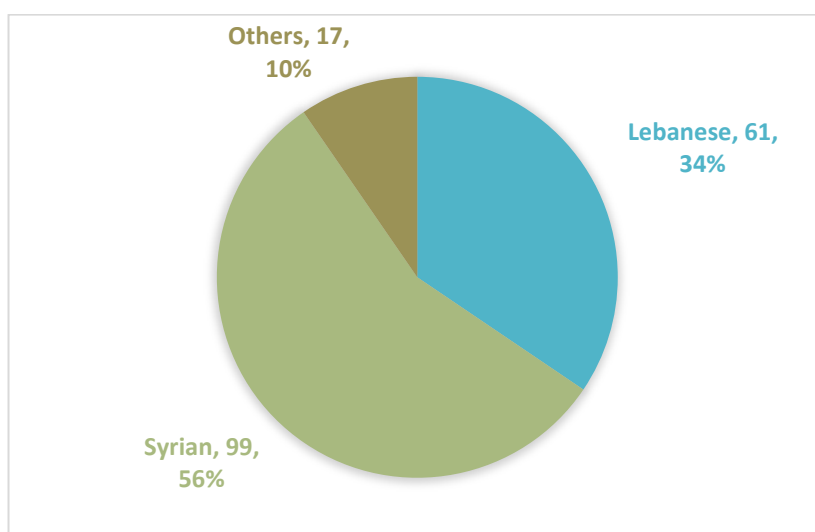
Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by forms of exploitation, 2017-2020



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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2017-2020* (tot: 177)

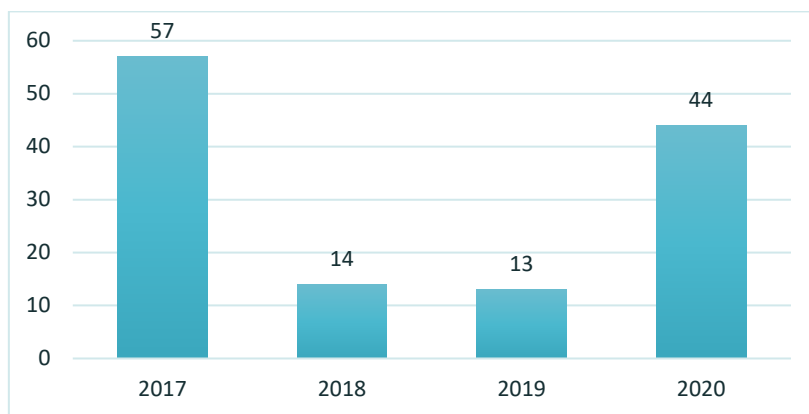


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Source: Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Morals (unofficial translation).

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking detected, 2017-2020



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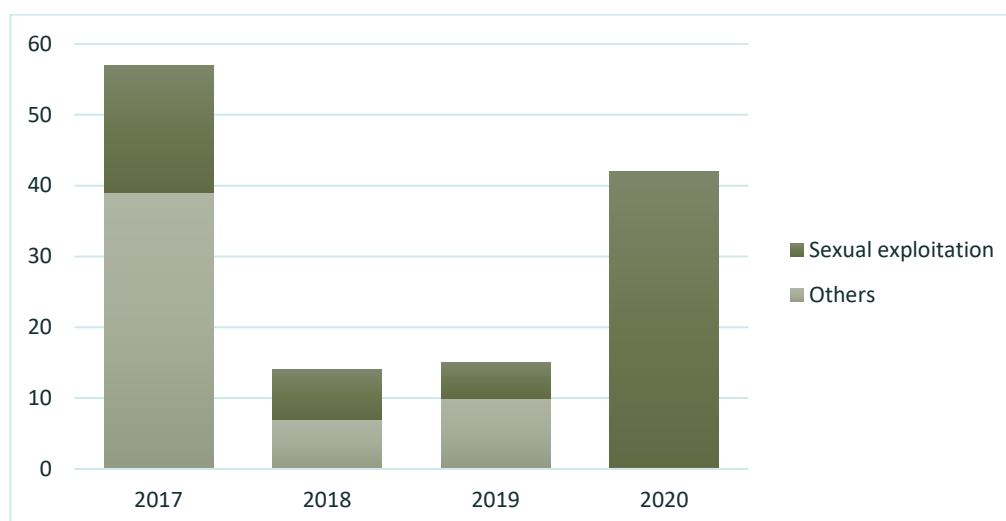
Source: Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Morals (unofficial translation).

National Authorities reported that the majority of persons identified as victims of trafficking between 2017 and 2020 were adult women.

Source: مكتب مكافحة الاتجار بالأشخاص وحماية الآداب

Source: Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Morals (unofficial translation).

Number of victims of trafficking detected, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



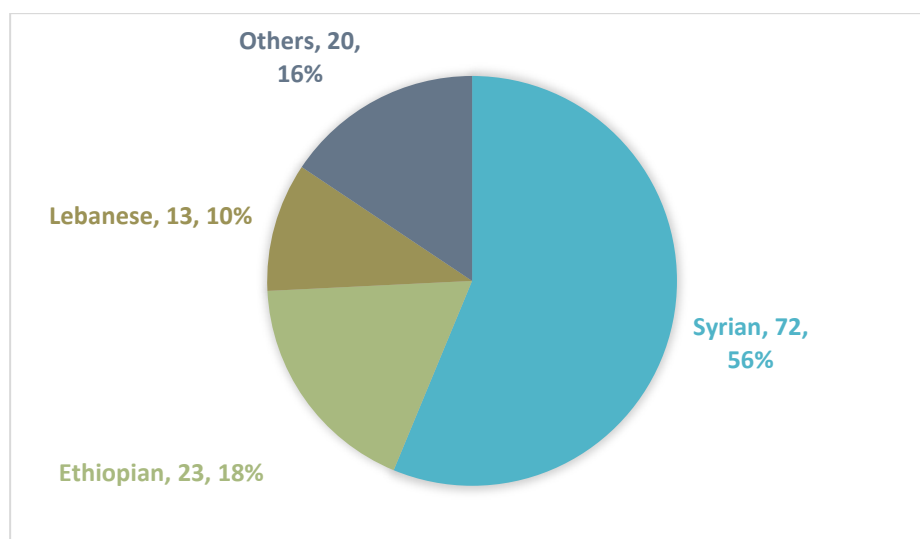
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Sexual exploitation	18	7	5	42
Others	39	7	10	<5

Source: مكتب مكافحة الاتجار بالأشخاص وحماية الآداب

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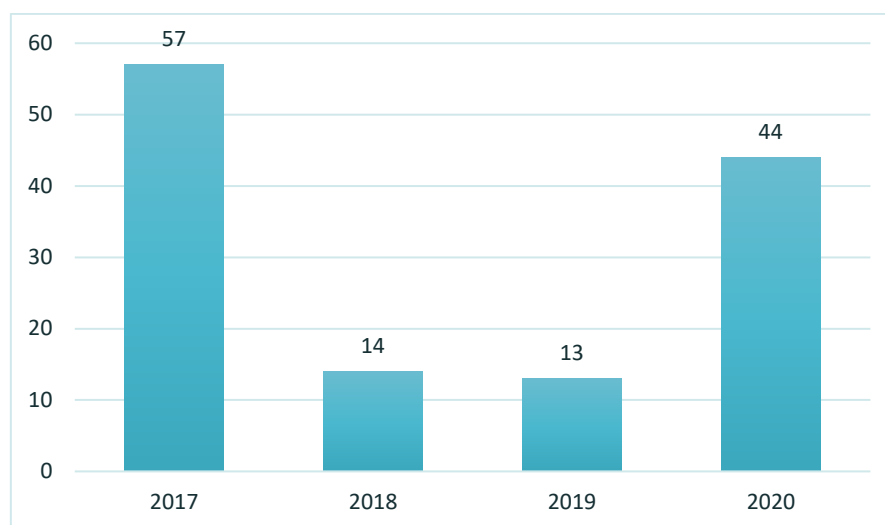
Number of victims of trafficking detected, by citizenship, 2017-2020 (tot: 128)



Source: مكتب مكافحة الاتجار بالأشخاص وحماية الآداب

Source: Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Morals (unofficial translation).

Number of own citizens trafficked within domestic borders, 2017-2020



Source: مكتب مكافحة الاتجار بالأشخاص وحماية الآداب

Source: Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Morals (unofficial translation).

National Authorities reported that less than five victims of trafficking in persons were repatriated from other countries (namely, Togo and Spain) in 2017 and 2018. No victim was repatriated in 2019 and 2020.

Source: مكتب مكافحة الاتجار بالأشخاص وحماية الآداب

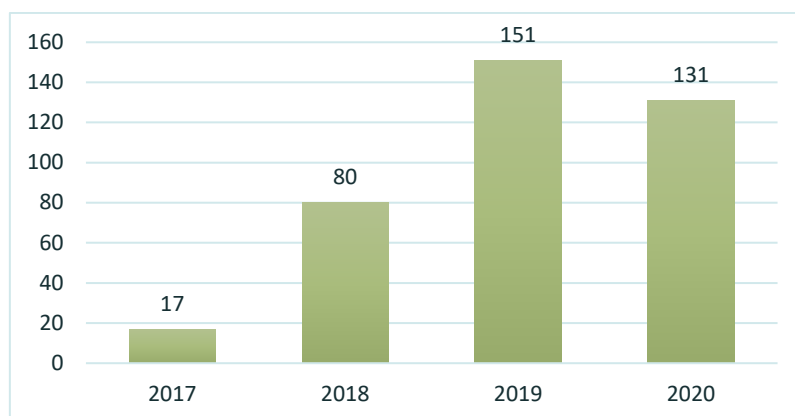
Source: Office of Combating Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Morals (unofficial translation).

- Morocco -

Morocco acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2011. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Morocco - Loi n° 27--14 relative à la lutte contre la traite des êtres humains - was introduced in August 2016.⁸

Investigations and suspects

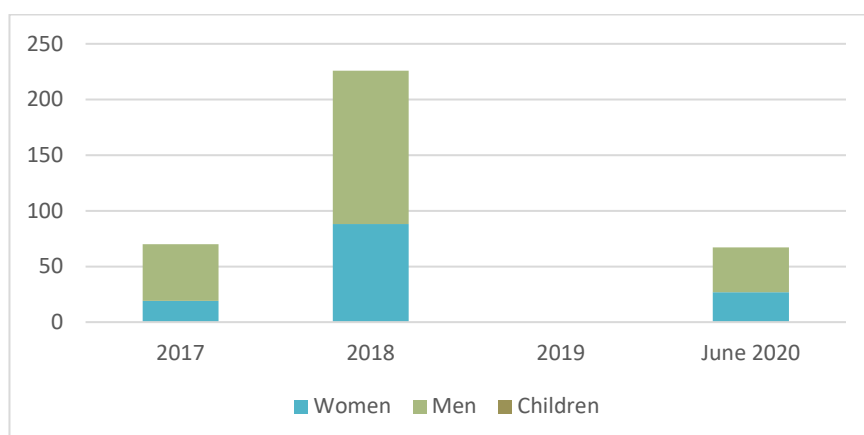
Number of offences of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: National Authorities of Morocco.

In 2019, National Authorities of Morocco registered 141 cases of trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation, 15 cases of trafficking in persons for forced labour and eight cases of trafficking in persons for other purposes.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, by age and sex, 2017-2020*



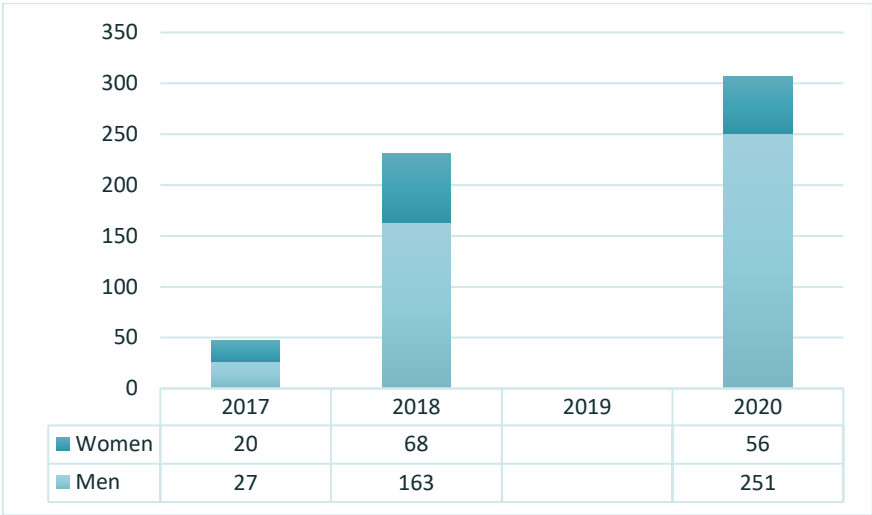
	2017	2018	2019	June 2020
Women	19	88	NA	27
Men	51	138	NA	40
Children	0	0	NA	<5

Source: National Authorities of Morocco.

* data for 2019 was not available at the time of reporting. Due to privacy concerns, figures below five were reported as "<5". Due to privacy concerns, figures below five were reported as "<5".

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Number of persons against whom prosecution was commenced for trafficking in persons, by age and sex, 2017-2020*

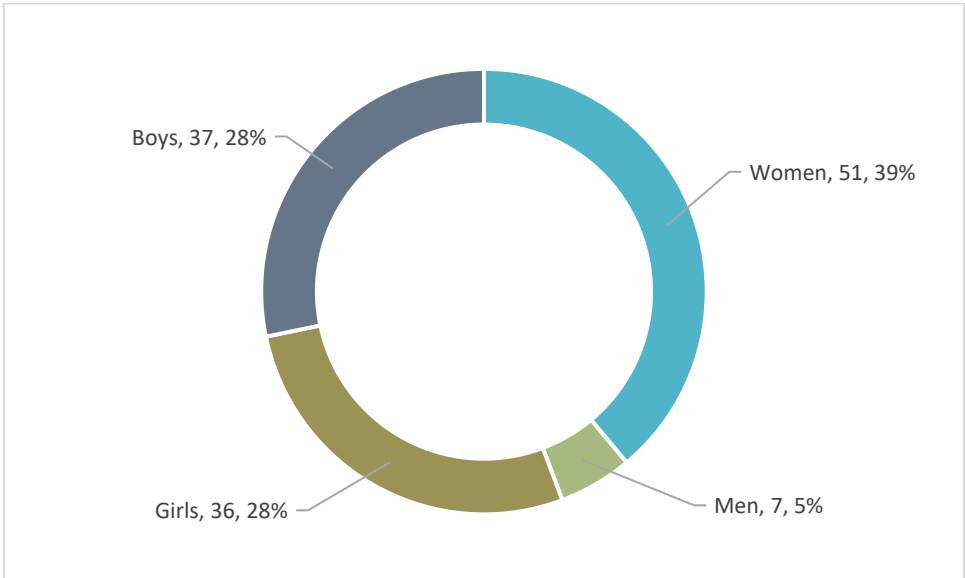


Source: National Authorities of Morocco.

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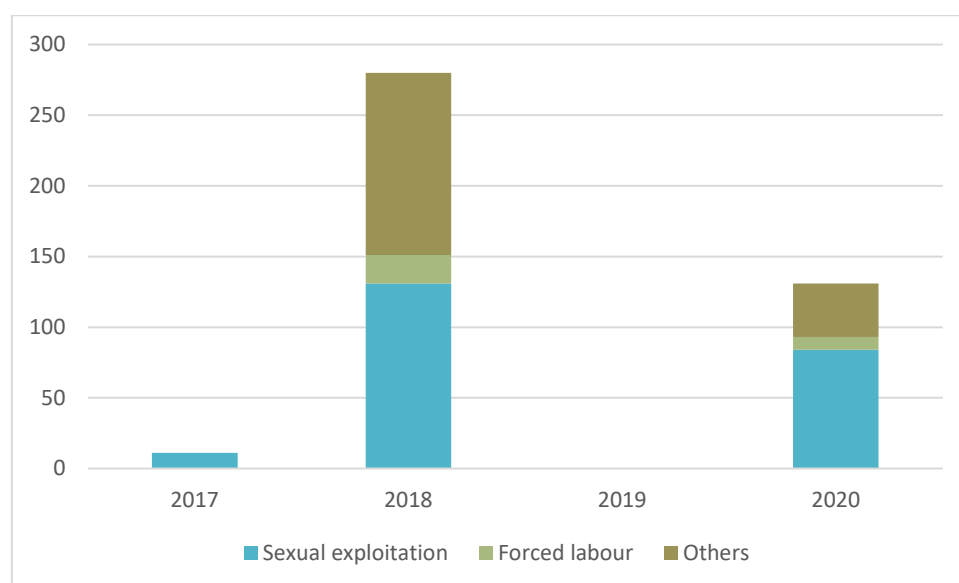
Victims

Number of victims of trafficking detected, by sex and age, 2020



Source: National Authorities of Morocco.

Number of victims of trafficking detected, by form of exploitation, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Sexual exploitation	11	131		84
Forced labour	0	20		9
Others	<5	129		38

Source: The National Authorities of Morocco.

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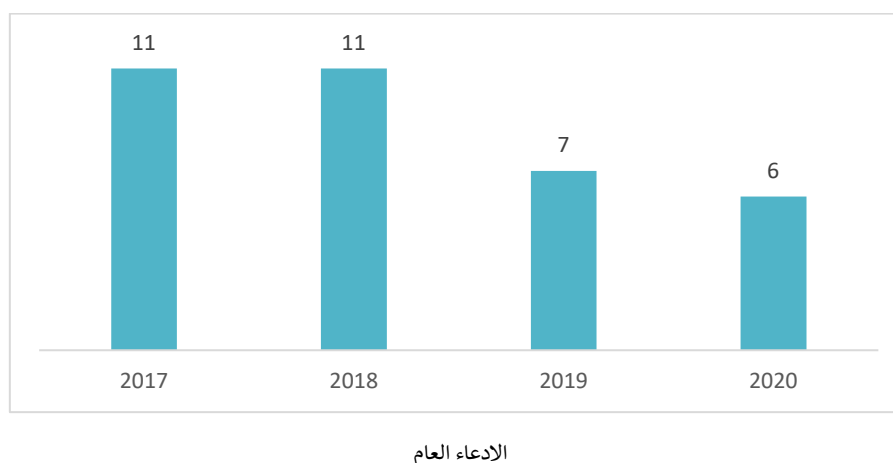
National Authorities of Morocco reported that the large majority of those identified as victims of trafficking in persons in 2020 were Lebanese nationals (126 of 131 victims).

Source: The National Authorities of Morocco.

- Oman -

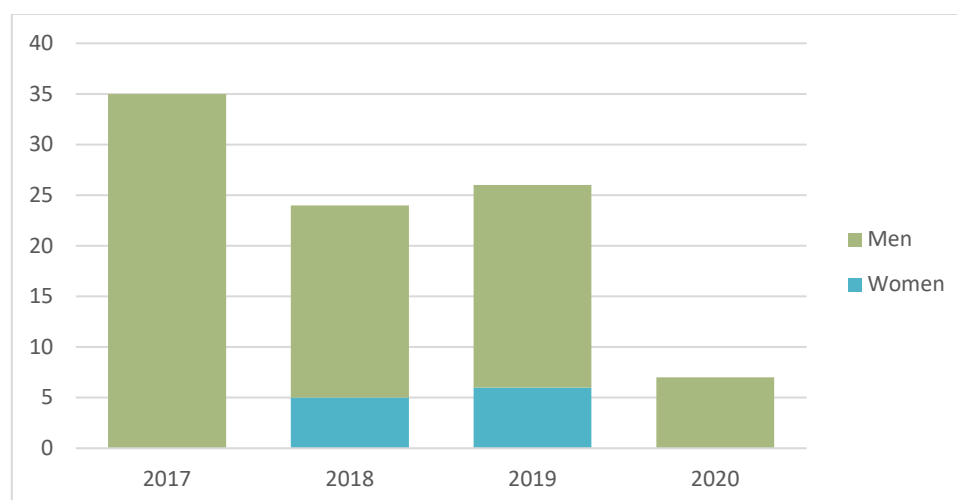
Oman acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2005. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Oman- the 2008 Anti-Trafficking Law (Royal Decree No 126)- covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.⁹

Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017-2020



Source: Public Prosecution (unofficial translation)

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, 2017-2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	<5	5	6	<5
Men	35	19	20	7

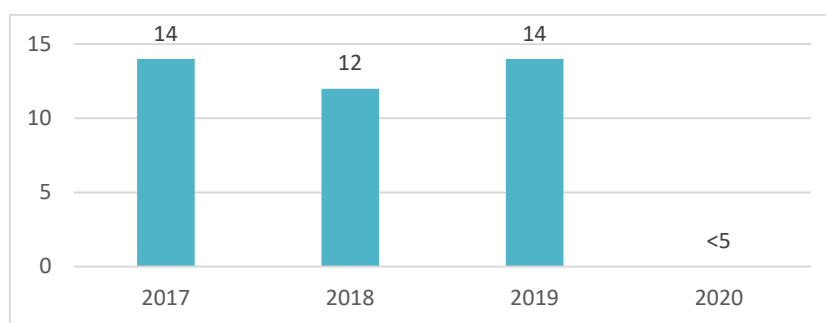
الادعاء العام

Source: Public Prosecution (unofficial translation)

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⁹ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020*



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Source: Public Prosecution (unofficial translation)

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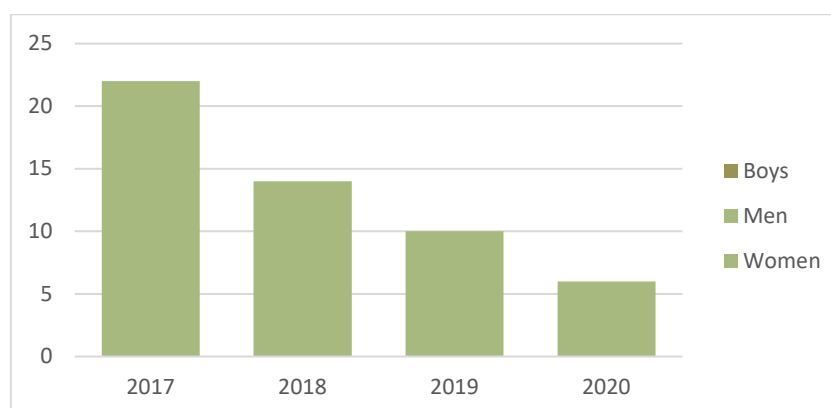
In 2017 and 2018, all offenders were convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The majority of the offenders convicted of trafficking in persons in Oman between 2017 and 2020 were of Bangladeshi nationality.

الادعاء العام

Source: Public Prosecution (unofficial translation)

Victims

Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking by age and gender, 2017 – 2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	22	14	10	6
Men	<5	<5	0	0
Boys	0	<5	0	0

الادعاء العام

Source: Public Prosecution (unofficial translation)

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Between 2017 and 2020, the large majority of women identified as victims were trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation (51). The remaining were victims of trafficking for forced labour. The majority of the victims identified in the reporting period were citizens of Bangladesh (35). Less than five citizens of Oman were identified as victims of domestic trafficking in 2019, no other victims of domestic trafficking were identified in the reporting period.

الادعاء العام

Source: Public Prosecution (unofficial translation)

- Qatar -

Qatar acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2009. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Qatar- the Law No 15 on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2011)¹⁰- criminalises trafficking for sexual exploitation and forced labour in respect to both adults and children.

The National Authorities of Qatar reported that no cases of trafficking in persons were filed between 2017 and 2020. Less than five children (girls) of Pakistani Nationality were identified as victims of trafficking in persons in Qatar in 2019. No victims was reported in 2017, 2018 or 2020.

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The National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (unofficial translation)

¹⁰ [See Sherlock database of legislation.](#)

– Sudan –

Sudan acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2014. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Sudan – Article 14 of the Sudan Armed Forces Act (2007) and Article 7 of the Combating of Human Trafficking Act (2014)¹¹ – covers most forms of trafficking indicated in the Protocol.

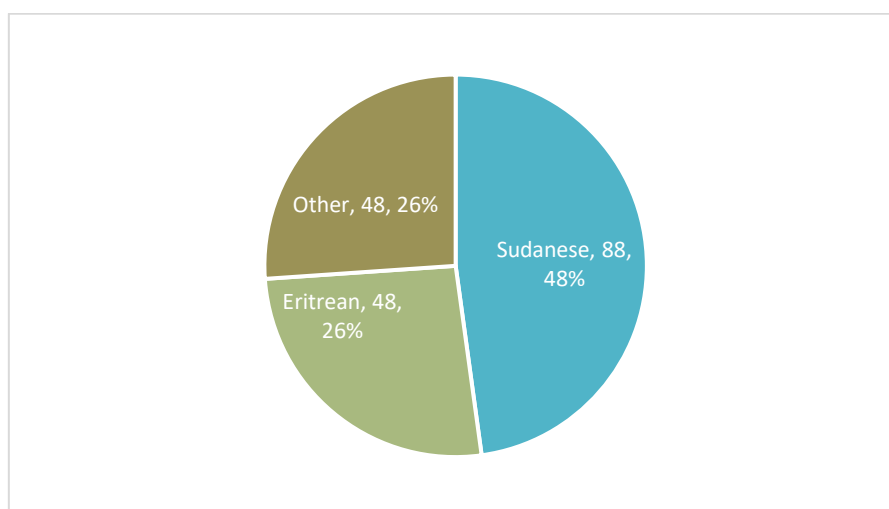
Investigations and suspects

In 2021, national authorities reported 90 cases of trafficking in persons and 26 investigations.

In the same year, 184 persons were suspected of trafficking in persons, including 173 males, and 11 females. Among them, national authorities identified 92 adults and 15 children.

Source: National authorities of Sudan.

Number of persons brought into formal contact with the police and/or criminal justice system because they have been suspected of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2021 (tot: 184)



Source: National authorities of Sudan.

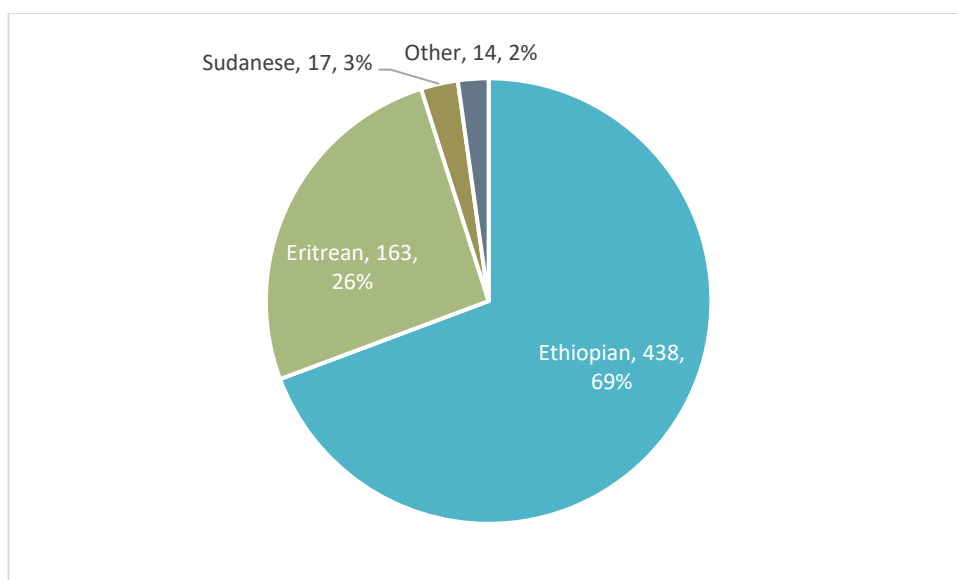
¹¹ See [Sherloc database of legislation](#).

Victims

In 2021, 633 victims of trafficking in persons were identified by the authorities, of whom 400 were males, and 233 were females. Among them, 47 were children.

Source: National authorities of Sudan.

Number of victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2021 (tot: 632)



Source: National authorities of Sudan.

– The Syrian Arab Republic –

The Syrian Arab Republic ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2009. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the Syrian Arab Republic – Legislative Decree 3 of 2010 – covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

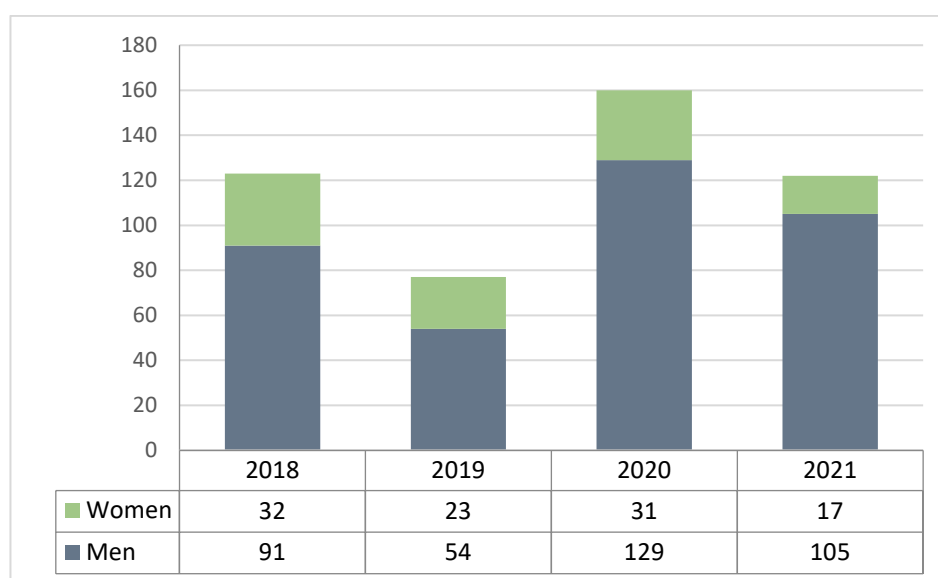
Investigations and suspects

Between 2018 and 2021, the authorities of the Syrian Arab Republic investigated six cases of trafficking in persons.

Source: الجمهورية العربية السورية - وزارة الداخلية- إدارة مكافحة الإتجار بالأشخاص

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons (unofficial translation).

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 age and sex*, 2018 – 2021

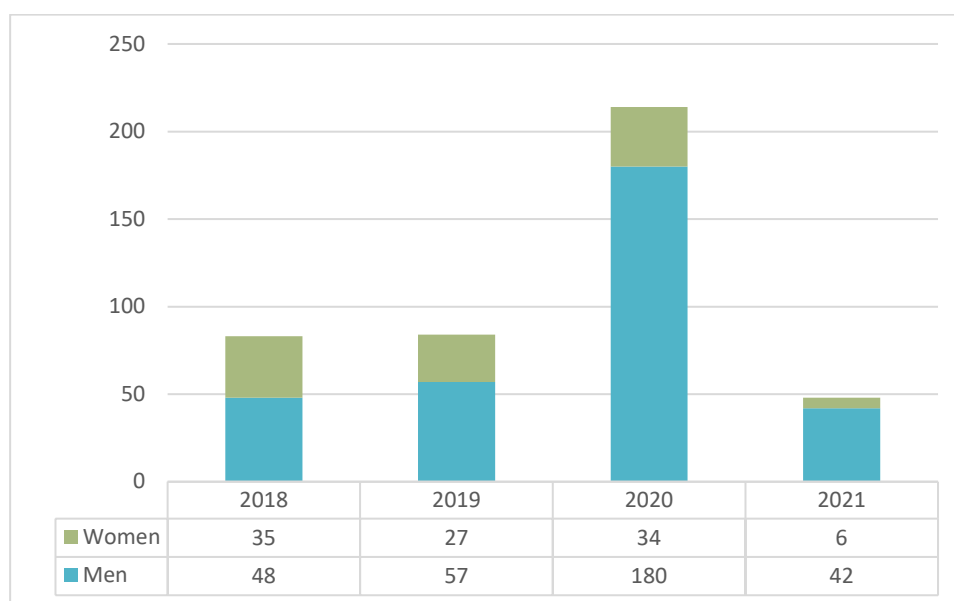


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Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons (unofficial translation).

*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 age and sex, 2018 –2021



Source: الجمهورية العربية السورية - وزارة الداخلية- إدارة مكافحة الإتجار بالأشخاص

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons (unofficial translation).

Between 2018 and 2021, twelve persons were convicted of trafficking in persons in the Syrian Arab Republic. In 2018, five persons, men, women and children, were convicted; in 2019 no convictions were reported; in 2020 and 2021, less than five and five persons respectively were convicted of trafficking in persons, they were all adults (men and women). Offenders were mostly convicted of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced criminality and illegal adoption. All convicted offenders were citizens of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Source: الجمهورية العربية السورية - وزارة الداخلية- إدارة مكافحة الإتجار بالأشخاص

Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons (unofficial translation).

Victims

Between 2018 and 2021, 15 children were identified as victims of trafficking in the Syrian Arab Republic, of which the majority were girls. Among them, eight children were trafficked for the purpose of forced labour and six for sexual exploitation.

Between 2018 and 2021, 20 Syrian nationals were identified as victims of domestic trafficking. Seven people were identified in 2019 and in 2021, while less than five victims were reported in 2018 and 2020 respectively.

Source: الجمهورية العربية السورية - وزارة الداخلية- إدارة مكافحة الإتجار بالأشخاص

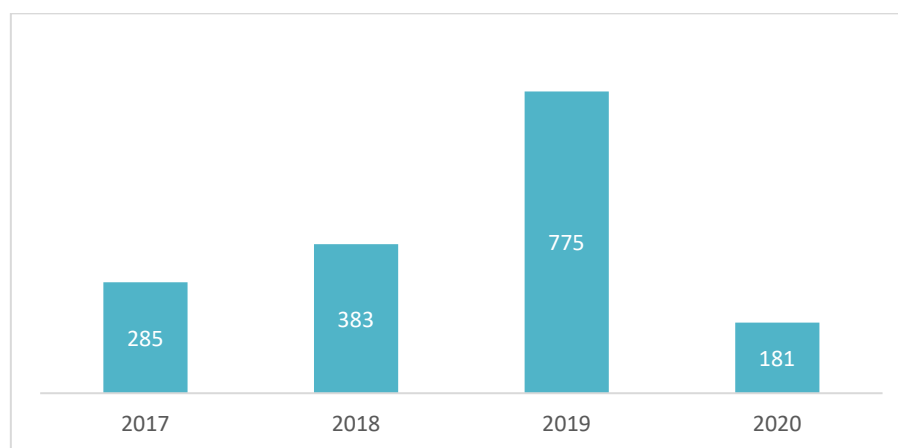
Source: Ministry of Interior - Department of Combating Trafficking in Persons (unofficial translation).

- Tunisia -

Tunisia ratified the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2003. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in Tunisia - the Organic Law No. 2016-61 of August 3, 2016, relating to the prevention and fight against human trafficking - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.¹²

Investigations and suspects

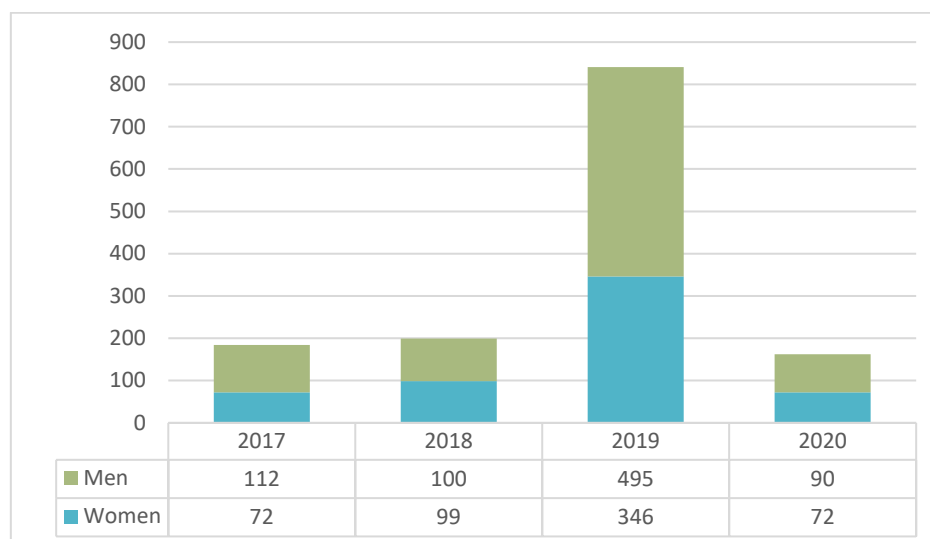
Number of cases of trafficking in persons reported, 2017 - 2020



وزارة الداخلية

Source: Ministry of Interior Affairs (unofficial translation)

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, 2017 - 2020

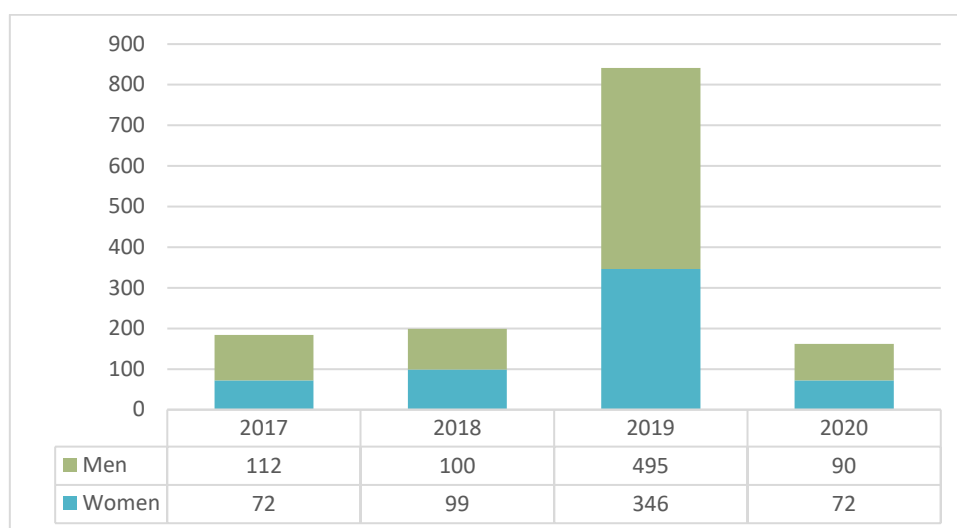


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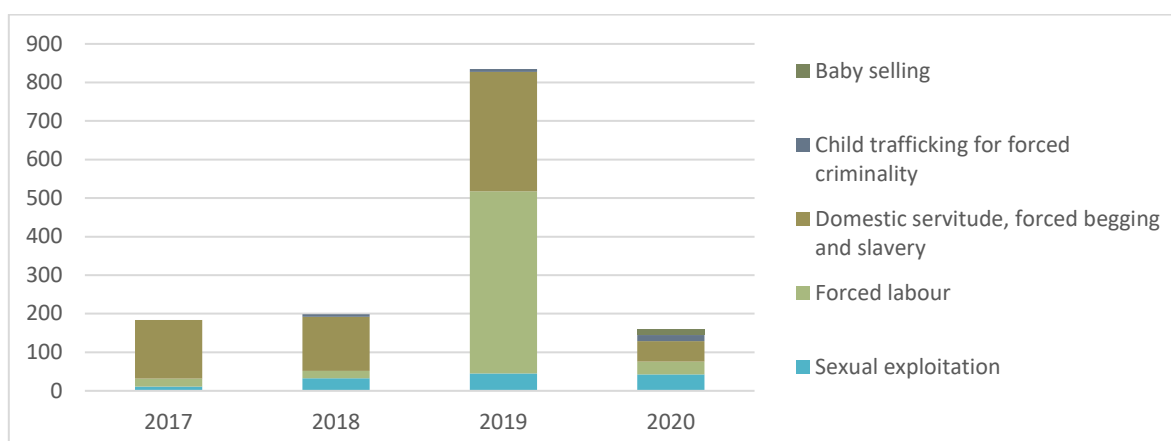
Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, by sex, 2017 - 2020



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Source: Ministry of Interior Affairs (unofficial translation).

Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by form of exploitation, 2017 - 2020*



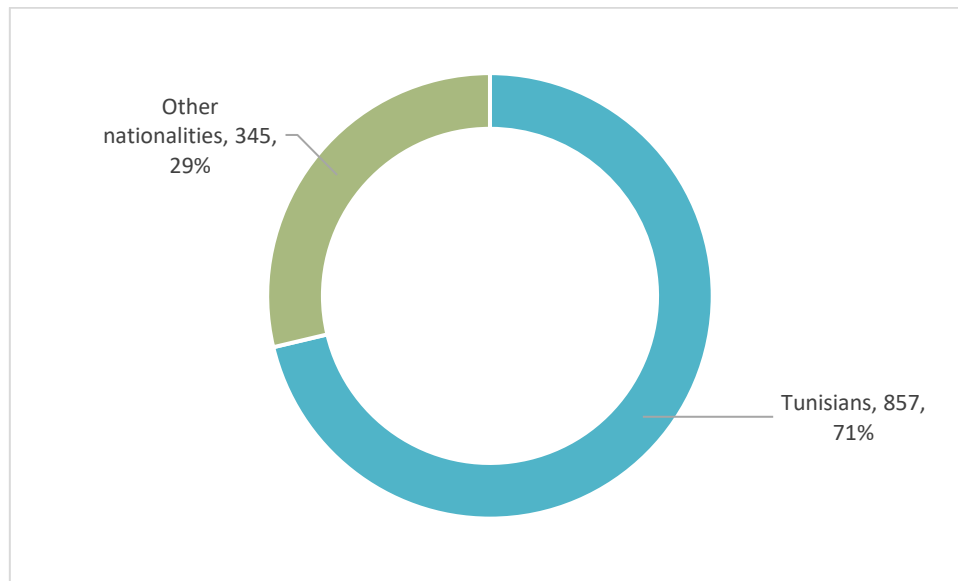
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Sexual exploitation	11	33	45	43
Forced labour	21	19	473	33
Domestic servitude, forced begging and slavery	152	140	309	53
Child trafficking for forced criminality	0	7	8	16
Baby selling	0	0	<5	14

وزارة الداخلية

Source: Ministry of Interior Affairs (unofficial translation)

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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2018 – 2020 (tot: 1,202)

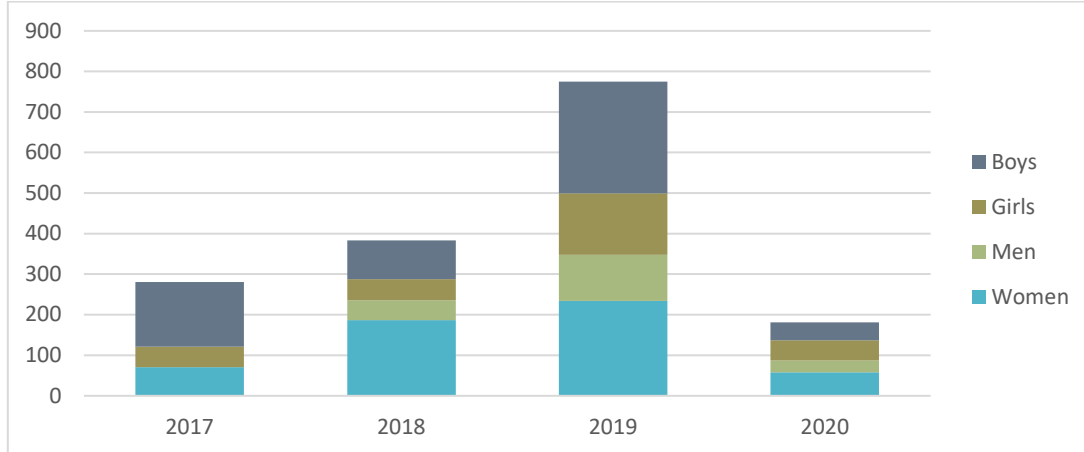


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Source: Ministry of Interior Affairs (unofficial translation).

Victims

Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by sex and age, 2017 - 2020*



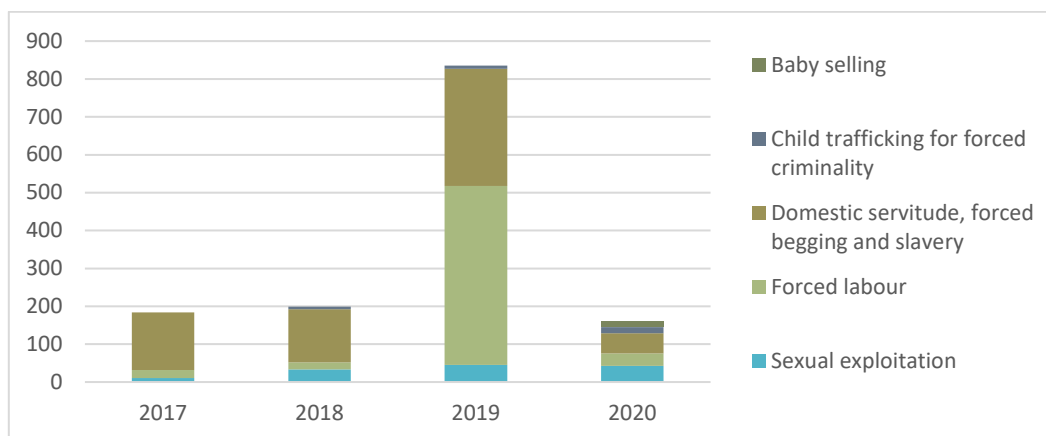
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Women	71	187	234	58
Men	<5	49	114	29
Girls	50	52	151	50
Boys	160	95	276	44

وزارة الداخلية

Source: Ministry of Interior Affairs (unofficial translation).

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Number of victims of trafficking in persons detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 -2020*



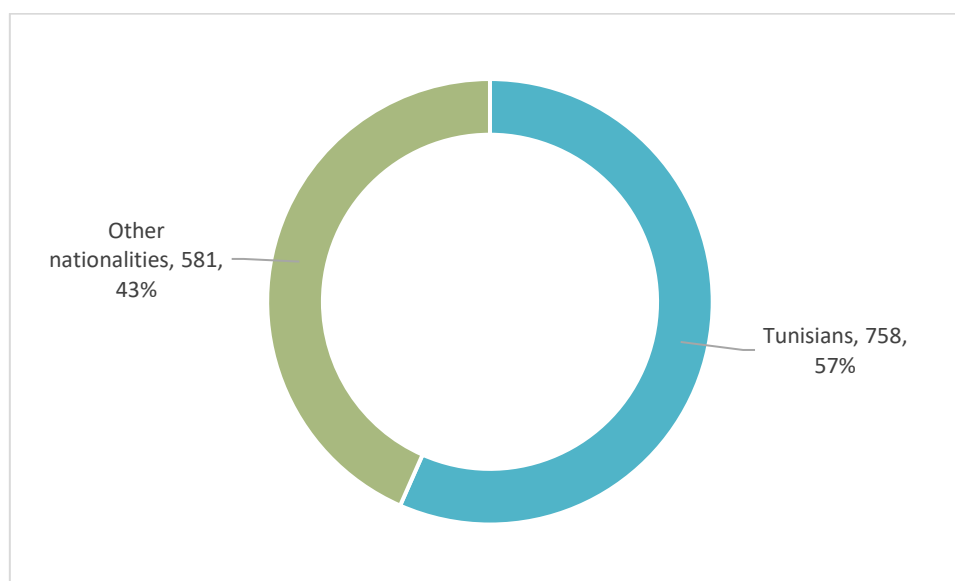
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Number of persons identified as victims of trafficking in persons, by citizenship, 2018 – 2020 (tot: 1,339)



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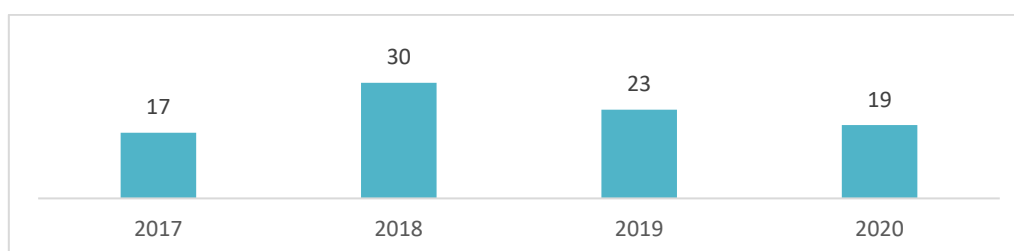
Source: Ministry of Interior Affairs (unofficial translation).

– United Arab Emirates –

The United Arab Emirates acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children in 2002. The current legislation on trafficking in persons in the United Arab Emirates - Federal Law No. 51 of 2006 on Combating Human Trafficking Crimes - covers all forms of trafficking indicated in the UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol.¹³

Investigations and suspects

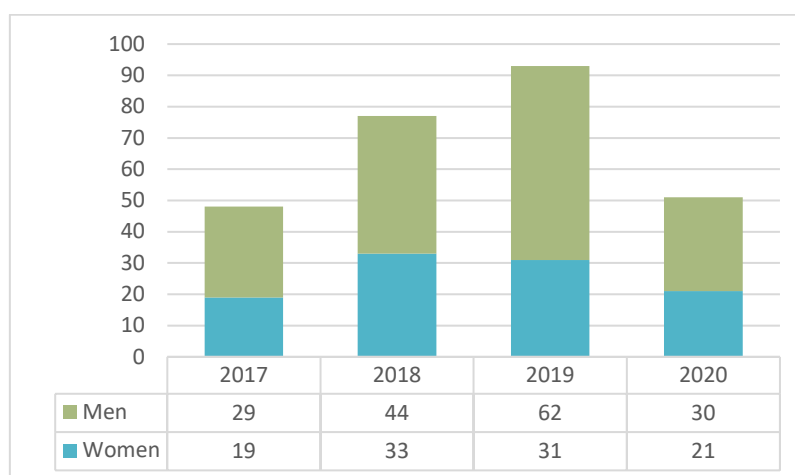
Number of cases of trafficking in persons recorded, 2017 – 2020



Source: النيابة العامة الاتحادية والمحلية

Source: Federal and local public prosecutors (unofficial translation).

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2017 - 2020

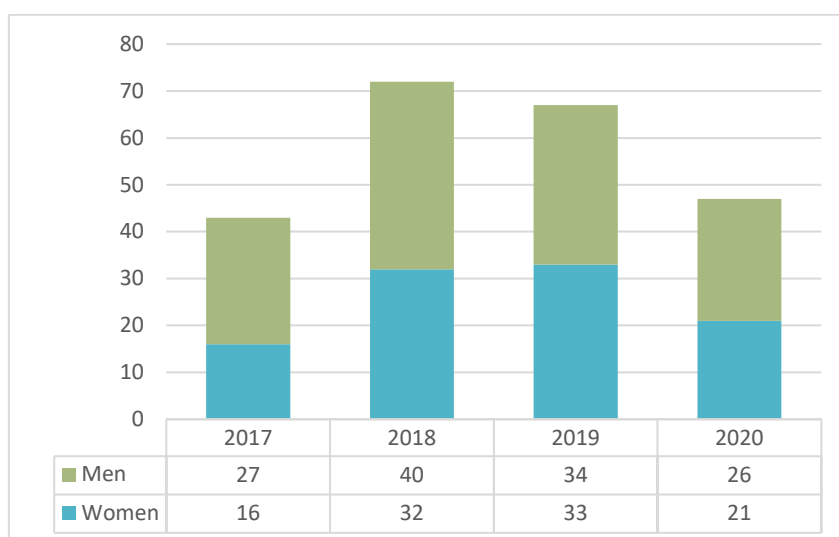


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Number of persons convicted of trafficking in persons, 2017 – 2020

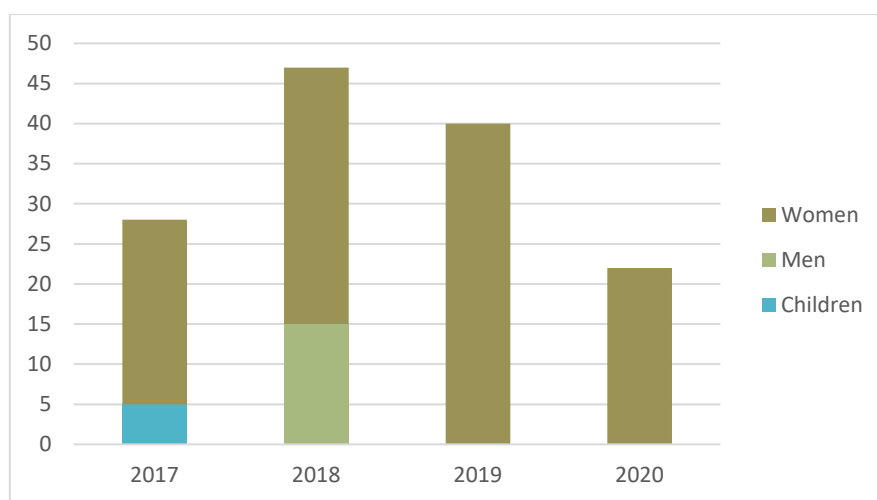


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Victims

Number of victims of trafficking detected, by age and sex, 2017 – 2020*

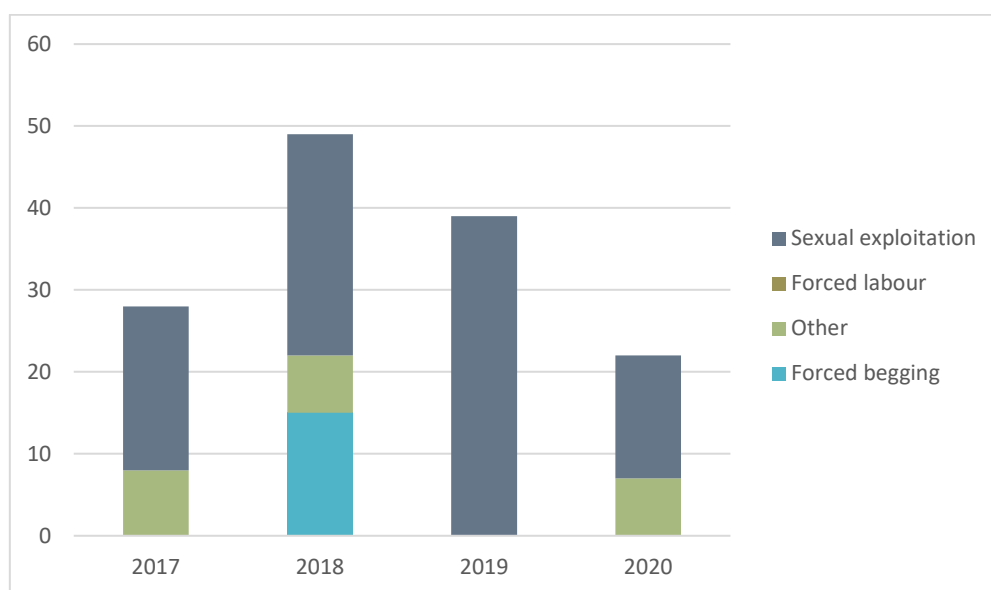


Source: النيابة العامة الاتحادية والمحلية

Source: Federal and local public prosecutors (unofficial translation).

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Number of victims of trafficking detected, by form of exploitation, 2017 – 2020*



	2017	2018	2019	2020
Forced begging	0	15	0	<5
Other	8	7	<5	7
Forced labour	0	<5	0	0
Sexual exploitation	20	27	39	15

Source: النيابة العامة الاتحادية والمحلية

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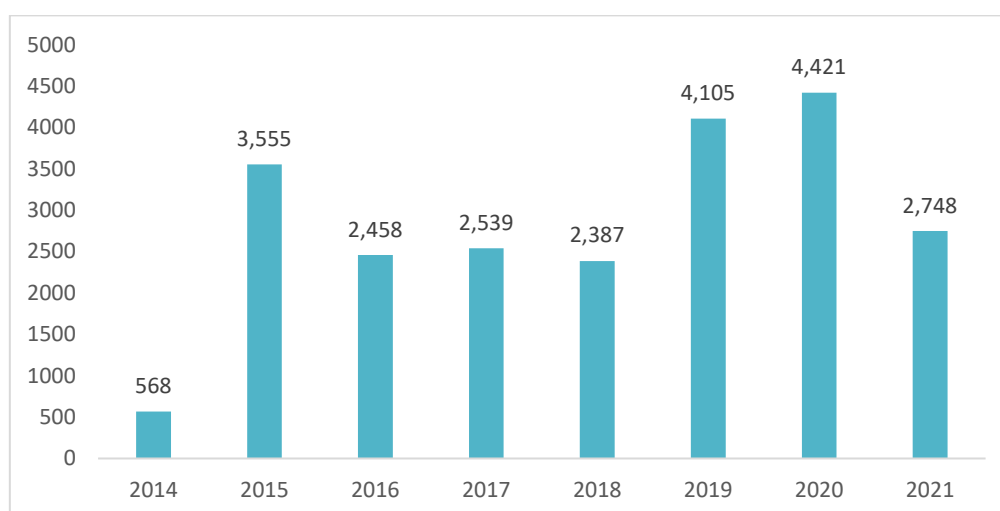
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- Yemen -

Yemen is not a party to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

Offenders

Number of grave violations verified to have been committed (mostly by armed groups) against children between 2014 and 2021



Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2019/453, S/2021/761, S/2022/493.

Victims

Between January 2019 and December 2021, 3,350 boys and 953 girls were victims of grave violations. During this same period, 169 out of 4,303 of these children were victims of multiple violations.

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2021/761 and S/2022/493.

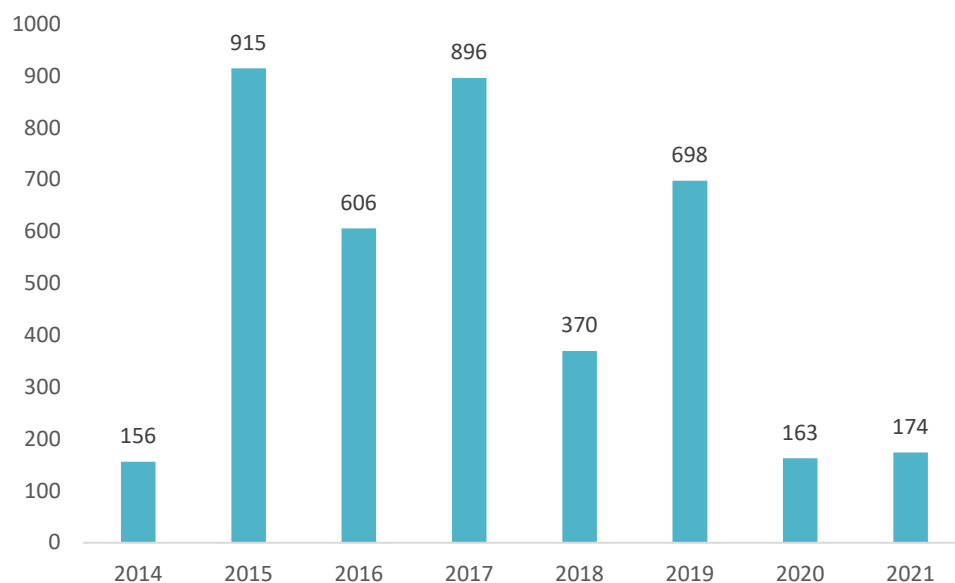
From 1 April 2013 to 31 December 2021, 36 incidents of sexual violence affecting 22 boys and 14 girls were reported.

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2019/453, S/2021/761, S/2022/493.

From January to December 2020, 300 child soldiers were identified as belonging to armed groups, and 200 of them were put on community reintegration programmes.

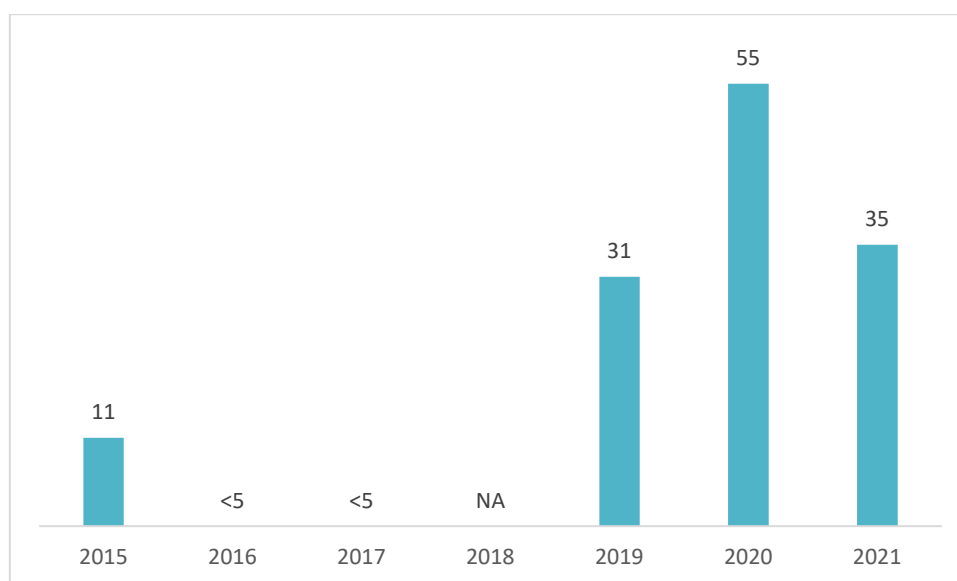
Source: International Organisation for Migration Yemen Annual report 2021.

Number of children (aged between 9 and 17) recruited and used in armed conflict from 2014 to 2021



Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2019/453, S/2021/761, S/2022/493.

Number of Children verified as having been abducted from 2015 to 2020*



Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Children	11	<5	<5	NA	31	55	35

Source: United Nations Secretary-General, Reports on Yemen S/2019/453, S/2021/761, S/2022/493.

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