

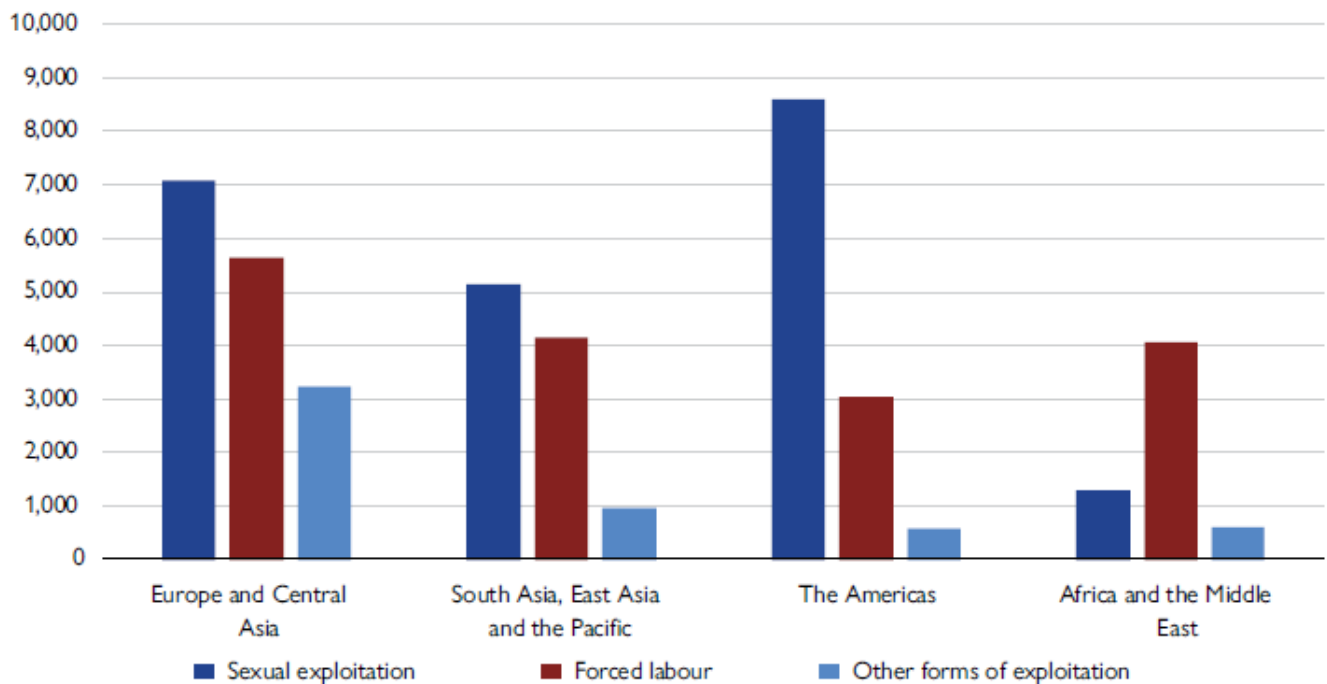


WORLD MIGRATION REPORT DATA SNAPSHOT

Victims of human trafficking

As the saying goes “a picture can be worth a thousand words”, so these data snapshots have been provided to help explain changes in migration through innovative data analysis. The “thousand words” can be found in the report itself—clicks on the link below.

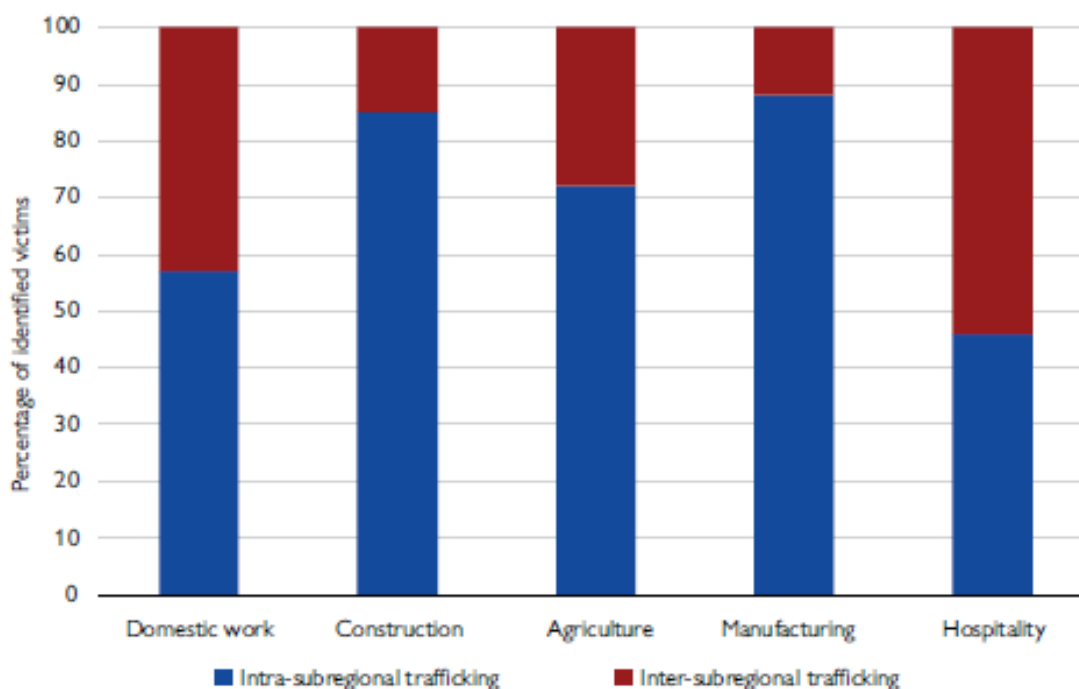
Figure 3. Number of detected trafficking victims, by form of exploitation and region of detection, 2018



Source: UNODC, 2021.

This Data Snapshot shows how the forms of exploitation vary between world’s regions based on the number of identified victims of human trafficking that were reported to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Trafficking for sexual exploitation is predominant in most regions, while the most prevalent form of exploitation in Africa and the Middle East is forced labour.

Figure 4. Percentage of identified victims, by exploitation sector and intra-/inter-subregional trafficking



Source: CTDC, n.d.d–n.d.h.

Note: Intra-subregional trafficking also covers domestic trafficking.

While migrants are more vulnerable to being trafficked during their migration journeys, including in destination countries, there are no precise data on how many migrants are victims of human trafficking worldwide.

Nevertheless, this figure gives an idea of the percentage of victims of forced labour by exploitation sector and whether trafficking is intra-subregional (within one subregion, including within one country) or inter-subregional (across different subregions). Trafficking for forced labour is predominantly taking place within a same subregion, as it is also the case for trafficking for other types of exploitations. However, among identified victims, trafficking for exploitation in the hospitality sector and, to a lesser extent, in domestic work, is more likely to span beyond victims' subregions of origin. For instance, victims in the hospitality sector predominantly come from Eastern Europe (43%) and South-East Asia (26%) and are exploited in North America (19%) and Eastern Europe (19%).

Read more about this data output on victims of human trafficking in Chapter 10 (Human trafficking in migration pathways) of the World Migration Report 2022. The full report can be accessed [here](#). The interactive data visualization platform is [here](#).

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