

NORTHWEST VICTIM SERVICES MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

# WOMEN'S HISTORY & VICTIM ADVOCACY



Judge Lori A. Dumas

# JUDGE DUMAS CARES ABOUT THE CHILDREN IN PHILADELPHIA

**“Judge Dumas has placed herself at the forefront of juvenile justice reform through her development of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania’s WRAP Court, which has reshaped the way young victims of human-trafficking experience our justice system,”** said President Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. **“Her reputation for working to improve the lives of young people in Philadelphia is highly regarded and we’re incredibly proud of the way she has represented the judiciary, and our courts. She will be an asset to the NCJFCJ’s board, and serve as a testament to the benefits of forward-thinking and creative solutions in the area of juvenile justice.”**

**WRAP court stands for ‘Working to Restore Adolescents’ Power’ and it is aimed at helping a specific cohort of children and young people who are at risk of or are a victims of commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. These young people come through the court system due to delinquency and (or) dependency matters.**

**WRAP was created in response to Pennsylvania’s lack of safe harbor legislation. It was also created because there were children in our system who needed specialized attention from the courts due to the trauma they had undergone.**

**The program helped Dumas win the first Innovator of the Year Award from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.**

**Don’t always assume that the juvenile is the root cause of the problem.... Always consider the role of the family, school, and community. – From the Pennsylvania Juvenile Delinquency Bench book, a guide for juvenile court judges.**

**“Judge Lori Dumas sets the bar for innovative and trauma-responsive judicial decision-making,”** said Judge Anthony (Tony) Capizzi, NCJFCJ president. **“Her extraordinary work for children and families in Philadelphia will be an asset to the NCJFCJ and can propel us to the next level.”**

# JUDGE LORI A. DUMAS

The legal career of Judge Lori A. Dumas has spanned over 30 years. She served on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas for 19 years before being elected to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. While on the Court of Common Pleas, she served in every major trial division and immediately prior to her election to the Commonwealth Court, she was assigned to the Civil Trial Division where she presided over civil jury and non-jury trials with an extensive caseload, including, but not limited to, Contracts, Property Disputes, Equitable Title Issues and Real Estate Transactions.

Judge Dumas is an adamant advocate for justice. Her involvement with Task Forces, Think Tanks, and Trainings both locally and nationally has made her a key player in several high priority projects and her work has placed Philadelphia's court system in the national spotlight. She has a keen eye for areas of need and has used rigorous analysis to develop several innovative initiatives as viable solutions.

Judge Dumas is a graduate of Duke University and North Carolina Central University School of Law. She completed the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania, Diverse Force Board Governance Program and is also a Georgetown Fellow, specializing in Crossover Systems. Judge Dumas also holds an Executive Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University.

Judge Lori A. Dumas is a former board member of Northwest Victim Services.

# DUMAS

Judge Lori Aretta



## LORI A. DUMAS



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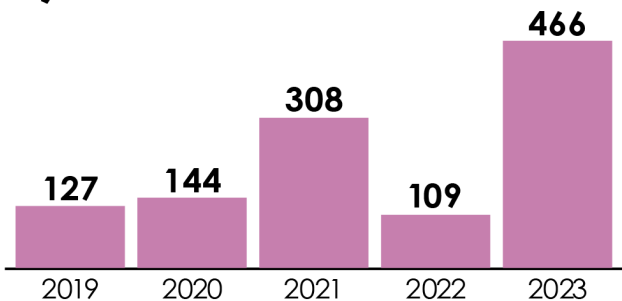


# Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania

**Human trafficking** is a type of human rights abuse where people profit from the exploitation of others – mainly through the use of **force, fraud or coercion** to manipulate victims into engaging in sex acts or labor/services in exchange for something of value. Those under age 18 who exchange sex for something of value are human trafficking victims, regardless of whether force, fraud or coercion is involved.

**366** human-trafficking cases were filed over the past five years.

**1,235** total human-trafficking offenses were filed:



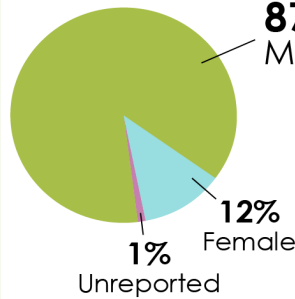
Please note, there is a large increase in offenses filed from 2022 to 2023. This is due to a case filed in Franklin County with 200 human trafficking offenses and a case in Dauphin County with 39 human trafficking offenses.

## Victims of human trafficking may:

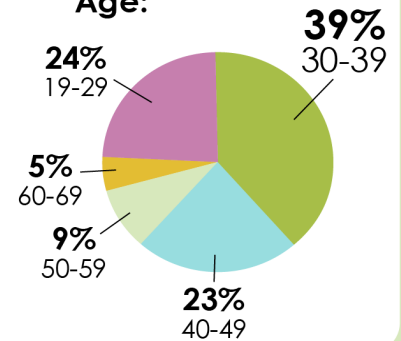
1. Not have access to their own **travel or ID documents**
2. Not be in control of their own **financial records, money or bank account**
3. Have very few **personal possessions**
4. Work excessively **long/unusual hours** with little or no pay
5. Not able to clarify **their address/living situation**

## Demographics of defendants convicted:

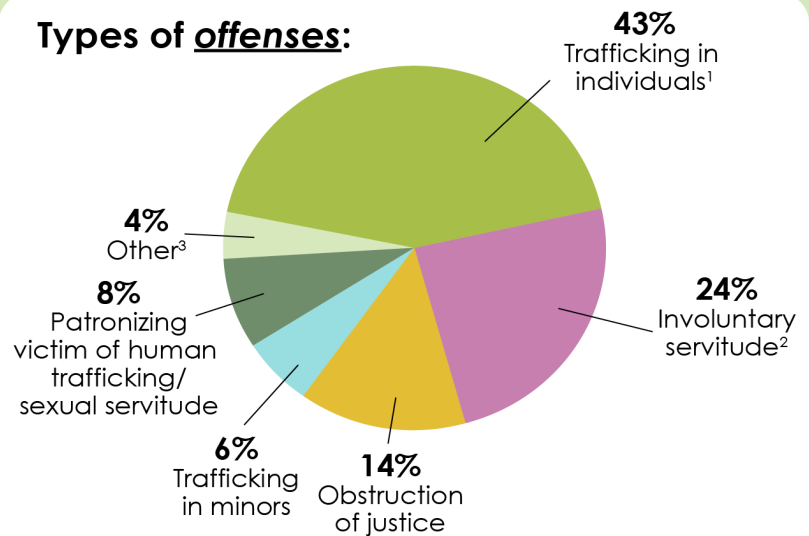
### Gender:



### Age:



## Types of offenses:

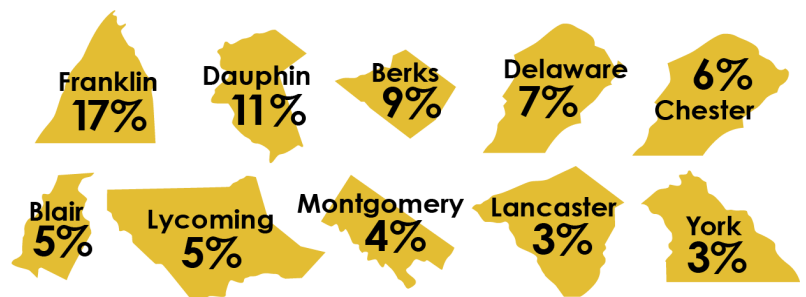


<sup>1</sup> recruits/entices/solicits

<sup>2</sup> duress through force, debt coercion, physical restraint, etc.

<sup>3</sup> unlawful conduct, nonpayment of wages

## Counties with highest number of human-trafficking offenses filed:



**The Salvation Army Greater Philadelphia New Day to Stop Trafficking** exists to foster safety, prevent revictimization, and advocate for social change for survivors and those at risk of trafficking through trauma-informed, survivor-centered, and accessible services.



For immediate support, call the Philadelphia 24/7 anti-human trafficking hotline:  
**267-838-5866**



THE SALVATION ARMY  
GREATER PHILADELPHIA  
NEW DAY TO **STOP** TRAFFICKING

Learn more at  
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Working every day to create brighter futures in Philadelphia

**HOW WE SUPPORT SURVIVORS:**

**Drop-In Center and Police Assisted Diversion (PAD) Program**

- Basic Needs (meals, clothing & showers)
- Diversions
- Case Management
- Community Engagement & Street Outreach
- Support Groups

**New Day New Home**

- Transitional Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Case Management

**Community Anti-Trafficking Services (CATS)**

- Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force
- Victim Advocacy
- Youth-Focused Services
- Working to Restore Adolescents' Power (WRAP)
- Labor Trafficking and Immigration
- Peer Mentorship
- Community Engagement

**Survivor-Led Programming**

- Survivor Advisory Council

**Training and Advocacy**

- Prevention and Education
- Systems Advocacy



**Ways to Get Involved**

To connect with us for internship, training, speaker requests, donations or other opportunities in anti-trafficking work, please contact Heather LaRocca at [Heather.LaRocca@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Heather.LaRocca@use.salvationarmy.org)

To volunteer your time in one of our programs or donate much-needed items, please email us at [NewDayDropin@gmail.com](mailto:NewDayDropin@gmail.com)



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