

## Get the Facts :: Common Statistics

Learn about the plight of vulnerable children in India through these facts and figures. Source links are provided so you can read the reports in detail. Contact us if you have any questions.

### Orphans in India

There are 25.7 million orphans throughout India today.

25.7 million >> India has more orphans than any other country in the world.

>> <http://www.whfc.org/WHFFC/projects/india.asp>

### Sex Trade

Trafficking of minor girls is a \$1-billion-a-year industry in Mumbai.

Little girls—some as young as 7 or 8 years old—are being forced into the sex trade.

>> [http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report\\_using-minors-in-prostitution-is-a-billion-dollar-industry-in-the-city\\_1083952](http://www.dnaindia.com/mumbai/report_using-minors-in-prostitution-is-a-billion-dollar-industry-in-the-city_1083952)

### Sex Slave Age Profile

1998 average age of 18 years

2000 average age of 15 years

2003 12-year-olds readily available

2007 8-year-olds readily available

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70% of women are forced into prostitution and 20% of these are child prostitutes. >> [Child prostitution in India](http://www.pucl.org/from-archives/Child/prostitution.htm), PUCL Bulletin, August 1987. p.1 <http://www.pucl.org/from-archives/Child/prostitution.htm>

82 new girls are being trafficked into sexual slavery every day

- More than 200,000 persons were believed to be trafficked into, within, or through the country annually; 15 percent of the country's estimated 2.3 million prostitutes were children, while the U.N. reported that an estimated 40 percent were below 18 years of age.
- [200,000 trafficked annually / 40% (avg % of minors) = 30,000 girls trafficked annually = 82 girls trafficked per day]

>> India Human Rights Report, The Human Rights report is submitted to the Congress of the United States of America by the Department of State; <http://www.ncbuy.com/reference/country/humanrights.html?code=in&sec=6f>

### Second Generation Sex Slaves

95% of girls born in the district become enslaved. >> <http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes/india.htm>

### India's Extreme Poverty Cycle

In extreme poverty, a single meal a day is a luxury.

>> <http://www.hrsolidarity.net/mainfile.php/2007vol17no03/2549/>

In India, almost half of all women are illiterate. >> <http://www.indiaedu.com/education-india/women-edu.html>

Seventy-five percent of India's population lives in rural poverty.

>> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/poverty-in-india-rural-urban-migration/3210.html>

When it comes to children in crisis, no country can rival India. The pervasive brokenness within Indian society is harshest for its 44 million vulnerable children. >> [Operation World](#)

Although it is officially outlawed, many mothers abort females before birth. >> [Child prostitution in India](http://www.pucl.org/from-archives/Child/prostitution.htm), PUCL Bulletin, August 1987. p.1 <http://www.pucl.org/from-archives/Child/prostitution.htm>

There are 20 million working children in India. >> <http://www.childlabor.in/child-labour-in-india.htm>

More than 700 million people in India live on just \$2 a day.

>> [http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/learn/world-vision-india?open&lpos=ctr\\_txt\\_India#history](http://www.worldvision.org/content.nsf/learn/world-vision-india?open&lpos=ctr_txt_India#history)

According to a report by Human Rights Watch, more than 15 million children in India are bonded laborers forced to work long hours in harsh conditions with little care given for their well being or their future. >> US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, 1999, 25 February 2000