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BJS RELEASES REPORTS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics today released *Human Trafficking Data-Collection Activities, 2020*. This report describes BJS’s activities during 2019 and 2020 to collect data and report on human trafficking as required by the Combat Human Trafficking Act of 2015 (34 U.S.C. § 20709(e)(2)(B)). The report details ongoing and completed efforts to measure and analyze the nationwide incidence of human trafficking, to describe characteristics of human-trafficking victims and offenders, and to describe criminal justice responses to human-trafficking offenses by state and local law enforcement, prosecutors and courts.

BJS also released *Human-Trafficking Offenses Handled by State Attorneys General Offices, 2018*. This report details the information reported by state attorneys general offices in 43 states, the District of Columbia and three territories on their human trafficking laws in 2018. The report describes the jurisdiction of state attorneys general offices over labor- and sex-trafficking offenses, their prosecution of human-trafficking offenses and their staffing or resources to handle human-trafficking cases. It also describes offices that provide victim services, train other entities to recognize and combat human trafficking, and participate in human-trafficking task forces.

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(NCJ 256001) by BJS Statistician Erica Smith

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(NCJ 254803) by BJS Statistician Suzanne M. Strong, Ph.D. (former)

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