



Data from the National Human Trafficking Hotline reveal trends in labor trafficking among temporary guest-worker visa holders. A study of hotline data from 2015-2017 identified 800 victims who held temporary visas during their exploitation. Further study of the US temporary guest worker program reveals patterns of abuse that can lead to labor trafficking.

This resource is designed as an introduction to the different temporary visas, the trends in exploitation among visa holders, and the potential signs of a human trafficking victim. While many temporary visa holders are never exploited, the risk of labor trafficking and exploitation demands our attention.

The following chart describes the visas that Polaris identified nationally as potentially at-risk