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Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force

Human Trafficking Victim Report



2014









uman Trafficking, also known as modern-day slavery, is a human injustice that was recognized because someone cared to take a second look at crimes that were traditionally seen as victimless. The traction for the past thirteen years since the first human trafficking law was enacted, the Trafficking Victim Protection Act, continues to move vigorously forward with the support of law enforcement agencies, victim service providers, government agencies, concerned families, and grassroots community groups to help find plausible alternative solutions and even unconventional methods to solve a historical problem.

There is no other crime as grievous to one's personhood as that of human trafficking, combining both contemptible acts directed towards a person's human rights (bodily harm, dignity and freedom) and making corrupt business profits on top of that human damage. Crimes of this nature should be recognized for what they are, inhumane.

The mission of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) is to address labor trafficking, sex trafficking, and related crimes as a body of agencies modeling a collaborative effort in Orange County, California. The task force is designed around a victim-centered approach to address protection, prosecution, prevention, and comprehensive victim services through partnership building with stakeholders. The multidisciplinary collaboration between law enforcement, victim service providers, faith-based organizations and the community aims to leverage different agency functions and expertise; emphasizing the effectiveness of teamwork when streamlined in a coordinated manner as no one organization can address the problem alone.

The OCHTTF is led by the Anaheim Police Department (APD), Community Service Programs, Inc. (CSP), the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD), and the Salvation Army (TSA). Additional key stakeholders on the task force include the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Labor, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), the Irvine Police Department, the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the Public Law Center (PLC), the Santa Ana Police Department, and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Since 2004, the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force has assisted over 380 victims of human trafficking from twenty-six countries.

Data Collection

The Human Trafficking Victim Report is a compilation of different data collected over various time periods ranging from 2011 to 2013. There is no universal, all-inclusive tracking system or form of data collection for the task force. The information is compiled from different agencies within the task force and from different reporting systems. Victim numbers will vary throughout the report. Some victim numbers may be counted twice in cases where victim services were provided to the same victim from more than one organization, although that number will be small enough to not affect the overall percentage change. The report attempts to project the best estimated figures for Orange County, in so far as those who were identified and assisted by the task force.

Victim Report Overview

The victim report is broken down into five main sections and outlines the following:

- I. Past and Current Human Trafficking Trends
- II. 2013 Victim Demographic Analysis
- III. Law Enforcement Arrest and Prosecution
- IV. Victim Needs Assessment and State of Condition
- V. National Human Trafficking Hotline

I. PAST AND CURRENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRENDS

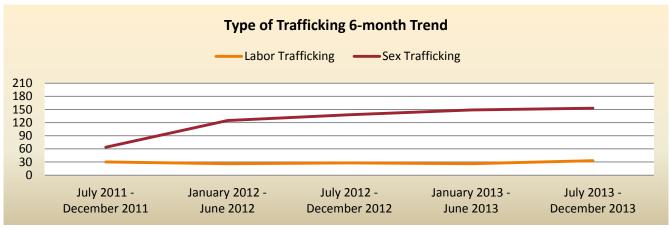
The following charts reflect 6-month trends between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013. The victim data is combined between CSP and TSA.



49 new victims/6 months or 8 new victims/month 313 total victims assisted



35% foreign, 65% U.S.

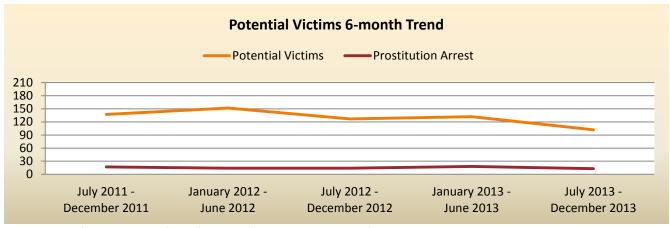


19% labor trafficking, 81% sex trafficking

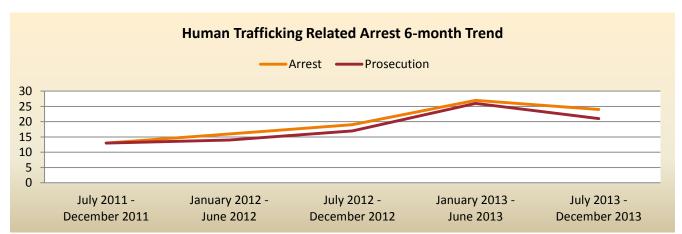


58% adults, 42% minor

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12% arrested for prostitution (out of a total of 650 potential victims)



The <u>Human Trafficking Related Arrest 6-month Trend</u> chart includes human trafficking, pimping and pandering, john arrest and other charges related to these; however it does not include prostitution arrests. 92% prosecuted

II. 2013 VICTIM DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The following table and charts reflect victims who were assisted between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. The victim data is combined between CSP and TSA.

	Labor Trafficking	Sex Trafficking	Labor & Sex Trafficking	Other	Unknown	Total Victims
Gender						
Female	28	177	3	3	4	215
Male	8	1	1	0	0	10
Transgender	0	1	0	0	0	1
Age						
Adult	35	116	4	3	4	162
Minor	1	63	0	0	0	64
Nationality						
Foreign	31	32	4	3	2	72
United States	5	147	0	0	2	154
Total Victims	36	179	4	3	4	226

Top countries: United States, Mexico, Philippines, South Korea, United Kingdom, China, Vietnam

New countries: Iran, Kenya, North Korea

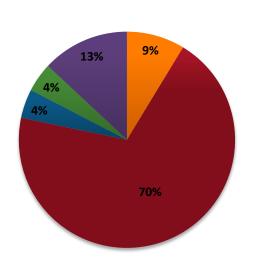
Top sex trafficking: Prostitution, Stripping/Exotic Dancing, Pornography Production

Top labor trafficking: Domestic Servitude, Commercial Food Production, Commercial Cleaning

Human Trafficking Victims Labor Sex Labor & Sex Other Unknown 2% 16%

Immigration Status

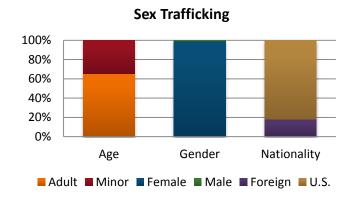
■ CP ■ T-visa ■ SIJS ■ Green Card ■ Others

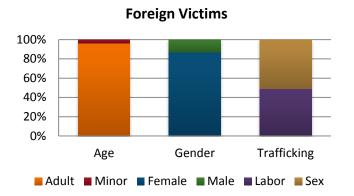


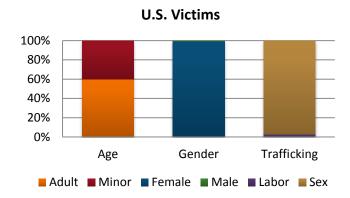
The <u>Immigration Status</u> chart shows the different types of immigration relief and remedies assisted on 12 cases from PLC in 2013.

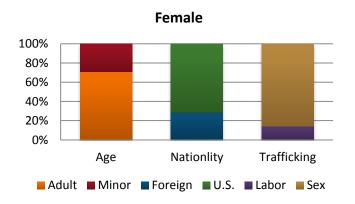
CP = Continued Presence SIJS = Special Immigration Juvenile Status

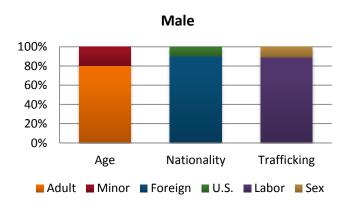


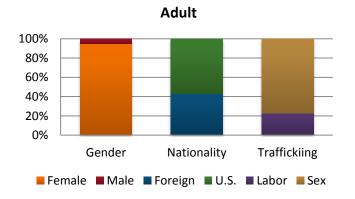


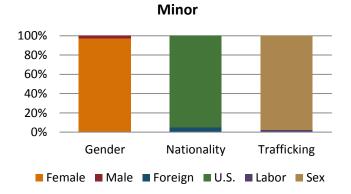








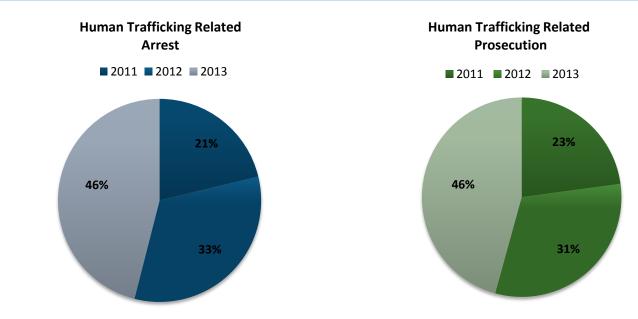




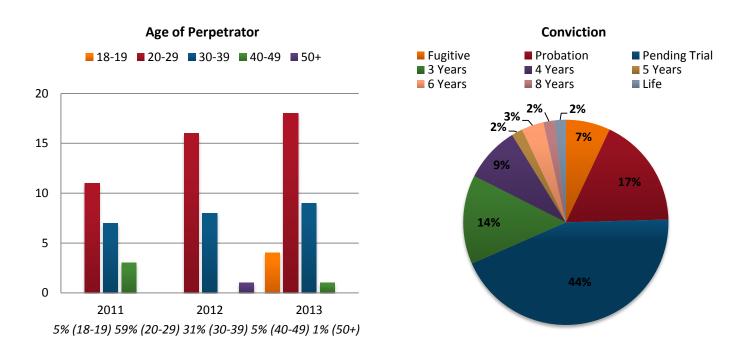
III. LAW ENFORCEMENT ARREST AND PROSECUTION

The following table, <u>Human Trafficking Related Arrest</u> chart, and <u>Human Trafficking Related Prosecution</u> chart reflect data from APD and HBPD.

Year	Human Trafficking Related Arrest	Human Trafficking Related Prosecution
2013	52	48
2012	37	33
2011	24	24



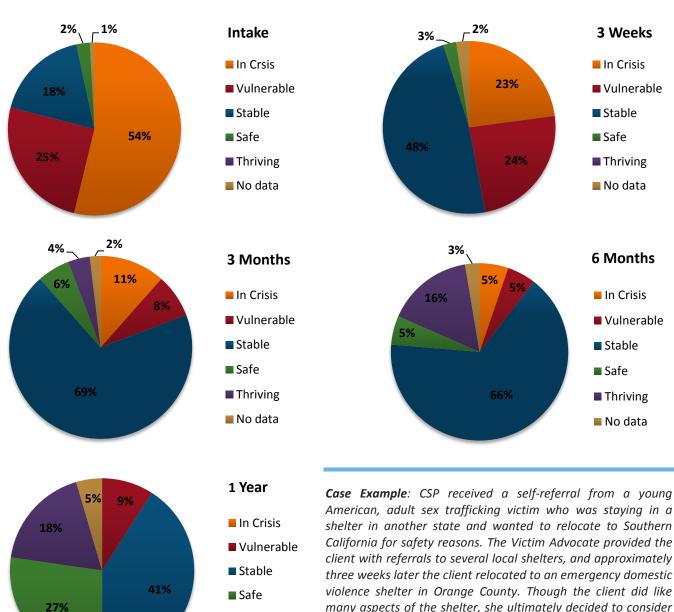
The <u>Age of Perpetrator</u> chart and <u>Conviction</u> chart reflect data from APD and does not include john arrests.



IV. VICTIM NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND STATE OF CONDITION

The following charts show an overview of the victims assisted by CSP and their progress in six needs assessment categories (food/shelter, medical, social/emotional, employment/education, legal/immigration, and life skills). For each assessment period, victims who have exited the program early or have not been in the program long enough to reach the assessment period were not included in the data evaluation. Note: For case examples, the use of the term "client" is often used in reference to the victim to avoid victim stigmatization.

Category Assessment: Food and Shelter

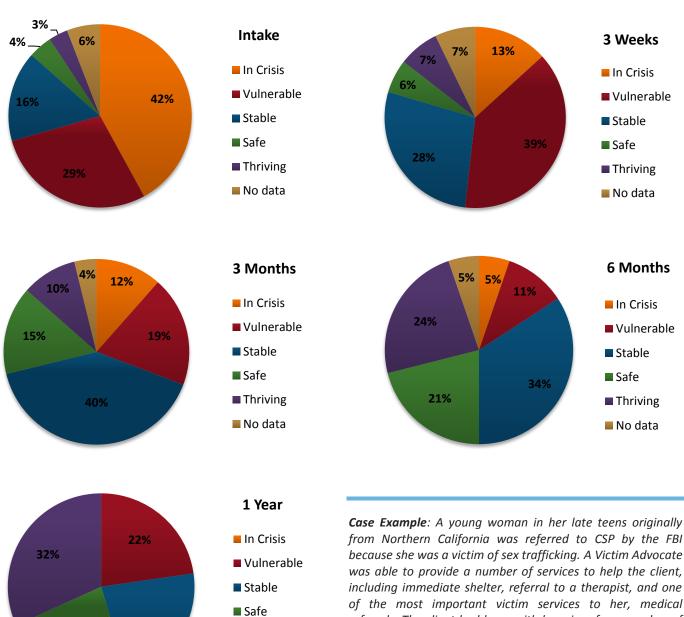


shelter in another state and wanted to relocate to Southern California for safety reasons. The Victim Advocate provided the client with referrals to several local shelters, and approximately three weeks later the client relocated to an emergency domestic violence shelter in Orange County. Though the client did like many aspects of the shelter, she ultimately decided to consider other options. The advocate helped locate additional resources for her, assisted her in completing housing applications, and transported her to shelter intake appointments. The client was accepted into a transitional housing program within a few days and moved out of the domestic violence shelter.

■ Thriving

No data

Category Assessment: Medical



Case Example: A young woman in her late teens originally from Northern California was referred to CSP by the FBI because she was a victim of sex trafficking. A Victim Advocate was able to provide a number of services to help the client, including immediate shelter, referral to a therapist, and one of the most important victim services to her, medical referrals. The client had been with her pimp for a number of years and had not been to the doctor during that entire time. CSP was able to not only connect her to resources for STI (sexually transmitted infection) testing and a well women's exam that were free, but also helped her apply for Medi-Cal so that she could connect with a primary care physician for the first time in her life.

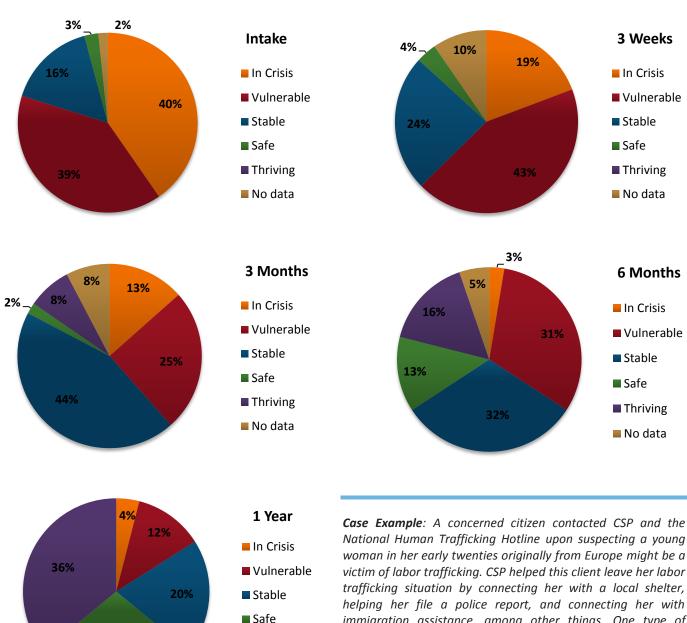
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■ Thriving

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Category Assessment: Social and Emotional



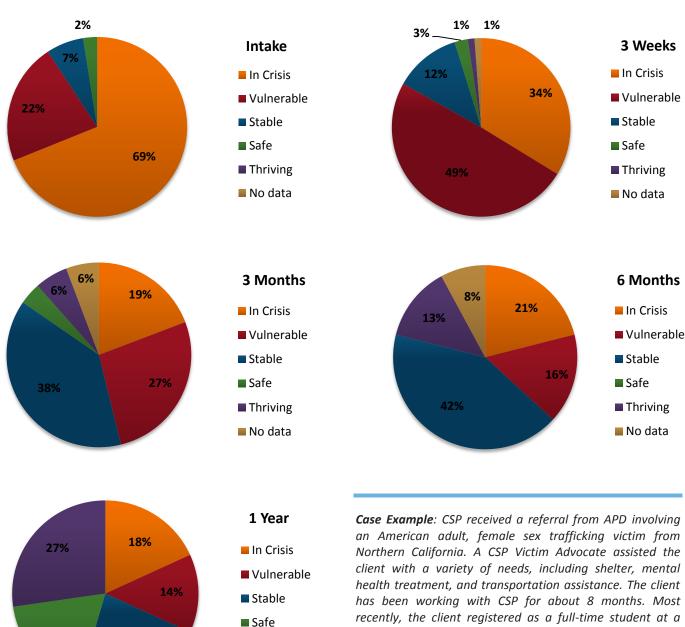
National Human Trafficking Hotline upon suspecting a young woman in her early twenties originally from Europe might be a victim of labor trafficking. CSP helped this client leave her labor trafficking situation by connecting her with a local shelter, helping her file a police report, and connecting her with immigration assistance, among other things. One type of assistance that the client shared would be very helpful at the beginning was social and emotional support as she was from out of the country and had been kept isolated by her trafficker. She stated she had nightmares, anxiety, and trouble sleeping. CSP was able to connect her with a therapist that worked with her on these issues until the client felt stable, and through the shelter and task force client events the client was able to expand her network of support.

■ Thriving

■ No data

28%

Category Assessment: Employment and Education



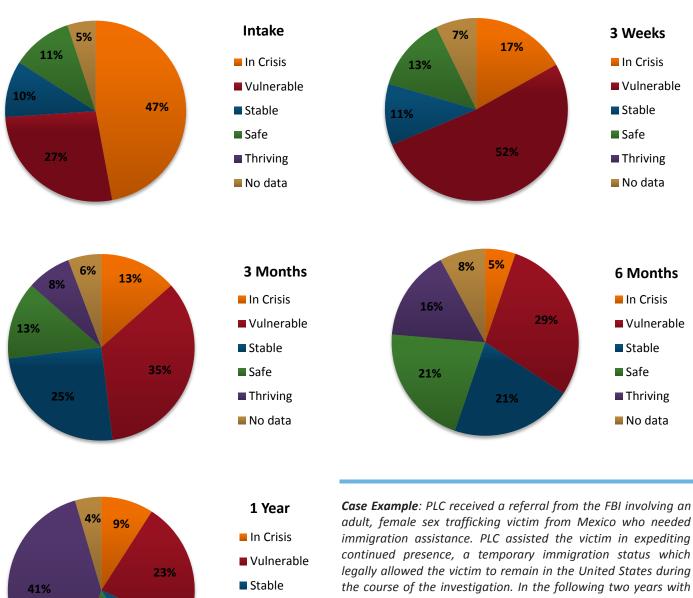
recently, the client registered as a full-time student at a local community college. CSP paid for the full cost of her text books. As part of the aftercare program and moving clients towards self-sufficiency and self-empowerment, the client was able to seek employment opportunities on her own without much assistance.

■ Thriving

■ No data

18%

Category Assessment: Legal and Immigration



adult, female sex trafficking victim from Mexico who needed immigration assistance. PLC assisted the victim in expediting continued presence, a temporary immigration status which legally allowed the victim to remain in the United States during the course of the investigation. In the following two years with the help of TSA the victim also received life skills mentoring, referral to therapy, employment assistance, victim advocacy, food, medical, and other needed benefits with the added help of a Human Trafficking Victim Certification Letter issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to identify her as a foreign-born victim of human trafficking in the U.S. Once the prosecution is completed PLC will provide additional assistance in applying for a T nonimmigrant status for the victim, a visa available to human trafficking victims that will grant residency and eligibility to work in the United States for four years.

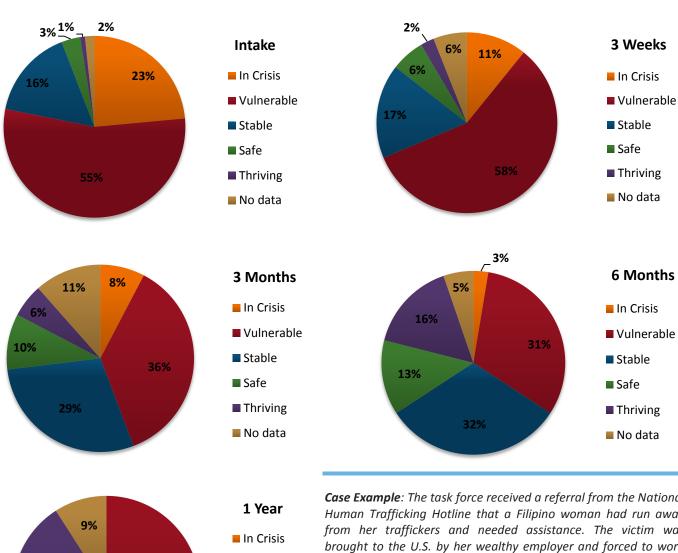
■ Safe

■ Thriving

■ No data

14%

Category Assessment: Life Skills



Case Example: The task force received a referral from the National Human Trafficking Hotline that a Filipino woman had run away from her traffickers and needed assistance. The victim was brought to the U.S. by her wealthy employer and forced to work 16 hours a day, 7 days a week without payment under emotional duress. The client entered TSA program with only the clothes on her back and no understanding of where she was or her rights in the United States. TSA has seen tremendous growth in the client through the life skills mentors/volunteers and Case Managers as she learned how to use the bus, purchase food at the market, register for an English and computer class, and was introduced to other survivors at the task force monthly life skill building activities. She eventually learned English and received permission to work. At that point, the volunteer mentors helped her create a resume, apply for jobs and practice interviewing skills. She quickly got a job and has moved on to other goals such as learning to drive a car as she prepares to reunite with her children. The client has moved from a state of crisis to self-sufficiency in the last two years in many ways because of the help of the life skills mentors who assisted in accomplishing each of her goals.

37%

27%

9%

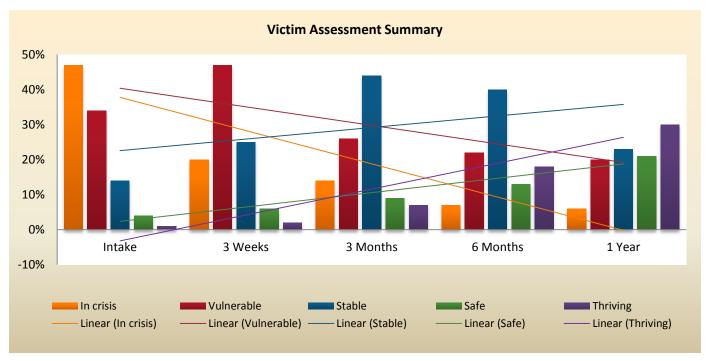
■ Vulnerable

■ Stable

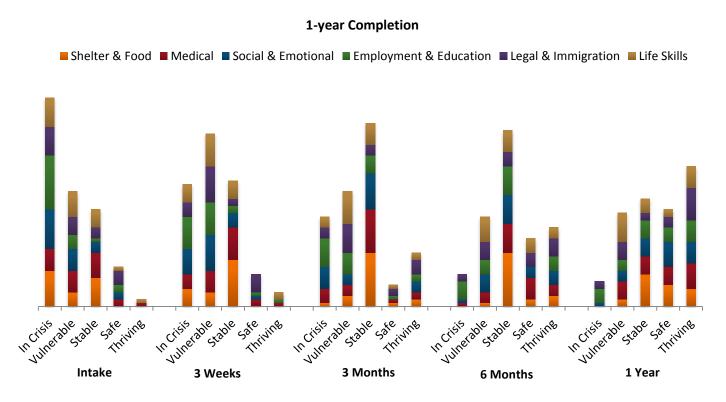
■ Thriving

■ No data

■ Safe



The <u>Victim Assessment Summary</u> chart shows the trends of the state of conditions (crisis, vulnerable, stable, safe, thriving) of all the victims evaluated in all category assessments (food/shelter, medical, social/emotional, employment/education, legal/immigration, life skills) combined.

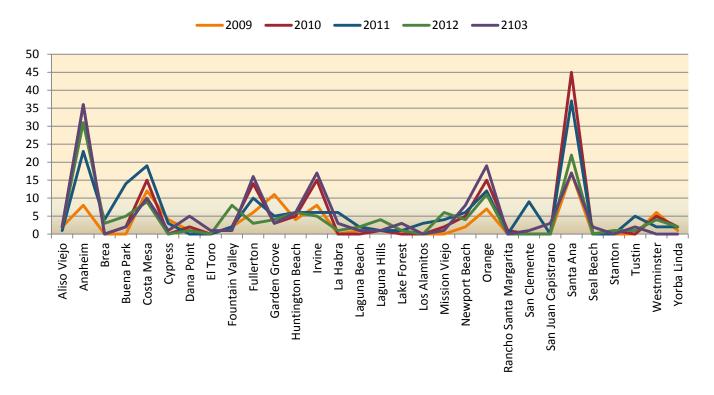


The <u>1-year Completion</u> chart shows the state of conditions of 22 victims who continuously received assistance for one year.

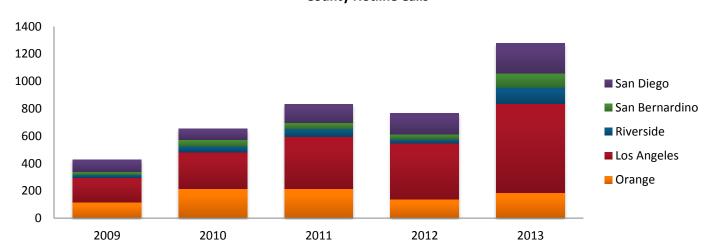
V. NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

The following charts reflect data from the Polaris Project, who runs the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline. The number of hotline calls made does not solely reflect potential human trafficking crimes being reported. Calls range from tips to general information. For more information on state and national hotline statistics, you can download Polaris Project's full annual reports from their website at http://www.polarisproject.com.

Orange County Hotline Calls



County Hotline Calls



For the <u>County Hotline Calls</u> chart, the five counties combined made the following yearly percentage of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline from California: 56% (2009), 53% (2010), 45% (2011), 37% (2012), and 41% (2013).