

Vulnerabilities for Human Trafficking



Economic Hardship

Poverty and lack of economic opportunities make individuals more susceptible to trafficking (UNODC, 2021).



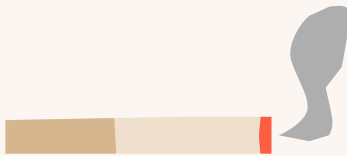
Homelessness

Homeless youth, especially those who have run away from home, are at high risk of trafficking (NCMEC, 2022).



Identity

LGBTQ+ individuals are more vulnerable due to higher rates of family rejection, homelessness, and social isolation (The Trevor Project, 2021).



Substance Use

Individuals struggling with addiction may be manipulated by traffickers who offer drugs in exchange for forced labor or sex work (Polaris Project, 2022).

For more information about additional vulnerabilities for youth to experience human trafficking visit:

1. <https://polarisproject.org/vulnerabilities-and-recruitment/>
2. <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking>

