
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Modern slavery includes slavery, slavery-like practices (such as debt bondage, forced marriage, and sale or exploitation of children), human trafficking and forced labour.

This is the first year of the Global Slavery Index. A key finding from this inaugural Index is that there are an estimated 29.8 million people enslaved around the world.¹

1. Country ranking by prevalence of population in modern slavery

The Global Slavery Index provides a ranking of 162 countries, reflecting a combined measure of three factors: estimated prevalence of modern slavery by population, a measure of child marriage, and a measure of human trafficking in and out of a country. The measure is heavily weighted to reflect the first factor, prevalence. A number one ranking indicates a more severely concentrated modern slavery situation; 160 shows the least. Detailed methodology is provided in Appendix 1.

Mauritania, a West African nation with deeply entrenched hereditary slavery, is ranked number 1 in the Index. This reflects the high prevalence of slavery in Mauritania – it is estimated that there are between 140,000 – 160,000 people enslaved in Mauritania, a country with a population of just 3.8 million. This ranking also reflects high levels of child marriage, and to a lesser extent, human trafficking.

Haiti, a Caribbean nation plagued by conflict, natural disaster and with deeply entrenched practices of child slavery (the *restavek* system), is second on the Index. This reflects high prevalence of modern slavery – an estimated 200,000 – 220,000 people are in modern slavery in Haiti, a country with a population of just 10.2 million. This ranking also reflects high levels of child marriage, and human trafficking from Haiti itself.

Pakistan, with its porous borders to Afghanistan, large populations of displaced persons and weak rule of law, is third on the Index. It is estimated that there are between 2,000,000 – 2,200,000 people in various forms of modern slavery in Pakistan, a country with a population of over 179 million.

Iceland, Ireland and the **United Kingdom** are tied with a ranking of 160 in the Index. This does not mean these countries are slavery free. On the contrary, it is estimated that there are between 4,200 – 4,600 people in modern slavery in the United Kingdom alone. The estimated size of the problem in Ireland and Iceland is much smaller, with Ireland estimated to have 300 – 340 people in modern slavery, and Iceland less than 100. An analysis of the UK response on this issue confirms much more can be done, as the Government response is fragmented and disjointed, and that there have been alarming systemic failures, including the loss of trafficked children from care.

Table 1: Countries with highest prevalence of modern slavery

Rank	Country Name
1	Mauritania
2	Haiti
3	Pakistan
4	India
5	Nepal
6	Moldova
7	Benin
8	Côte d'Ivoire
9	The Gambia
10	Gabon

Table 2: Countries with lowest prevalence of modern slavery

Rank	Country Name
150	Denmark
150	Finland
150	Luxembourg
150	Norway
150	Sweden
150	Switzerland
159	New Zealand
160	United Kingdom
160	Ireland
160	Iceland

¹ The Index provides an estimated range of the number of enslaved for every country measured. The low range of the estimate for those enslaved globally is 28.3 million and the high estimate is 31.3 million. The figure 29.8 million is the median of these estimates.

2. Estimated number of population in modern slavery

The Global Slavery Index also provides insight into the estimated absolute numbers of people in modern slavery, in 162 countries. When the estimated number of enslaved people is considered in absolute terms as a single factor, the country ranking shifts considerably.

The countries with the highest numbers of enslaved people are **India, China, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Russia, Thailand, Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar** and **Bangladesh**. Taken together, these countries account for 76% of the total estimate of 29.8 million in modern slavery.

The country with the largest estimated number of people in modern slavery is **India**, which is estimated to have between 13,300,000 and 14,700,000 people enslaved. The India country study suggests that while this involves the exploitation of some foreign nationals, by far the largest proportion of this problem is the exploitation of Indians citizens within India itself, particularly through debt bondage and bonded labour.

The country with the second highest absolute numbers of enslaved is **China**, with an estimated 2,800,000 to 3,100,000 in modern slavery. The China country study² suggests that this includes the forced labour of men, women and children in many parts of the economy, including domestic servitude and forced begging, the sexual exploitation of women and children, and forced marriage.

The country with the third highest absolute number in modern slavery is **Pakistan**, with an estimated 2,000,000 to 2,200,000 people in modern slavery.

Table 3: Ten countries with highest estimated number of population in modern slavery

Country Name	Population ³	Estimate of population in modern slavery	Lower range of estimate	Upper range of estimate
India	1,236,686,732	13,956,010	13,300,000	14,700,000
China	1,350,695,000	2,949,243	2,800,000	3,100,000
Pakistan	179,160,111	2,127,132	2,000,000	2,200,000
Nigeria	168,833,776	701,032	670,000	740,000
Ethiopia	91,728,849	651,110	620,000	680,000
Russia	143,533,000	516,217	490,000	540,000
Thailand	66,785,001	472,811	450,000	500,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	65,705,093	462,327	440,000	490,000
Myanmar	52,797,319	384,037	360,000	400,000
Bangladesh	154,695,368	343,192	330,000	360,000

² Available on the website: www.globalslaveryindex.org

³ All data from World Bank: <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL/Countries?display=default>

Table 4: Ranking by prevalence of population in modern slavery

Country Name	Rank	Population ⁴	Calculated Number of Enslaved ⁵	Estimated Enslaved (Lower Range) ⁶	Estimate Enslaved (Upper Range)
Mauritania	1	3,796,141	151,353	140,000	160,000
Haiti	2	10,173,775	209,165	200,000	220,000
Pakistan	3	179,160,111	2,127,132	2,000,000	2,200,000
India	4	1,236,686,732	13,956,010	13,300,000	14,700,000
Nepal	5	27,474,377	258,806	250,000	270,000
Moldova	6	3,559,541	33,325	32,000	35,000
Benin	7	10,050,702	80,371	76,000	84,000
Côte d'Ivoire	8	19,839,750	156,827	150,000	160,000
Gambia	9	1,791,225	14,046	13,000	15,000
Gabon	10	1,632,572	13,707	13,000	14,000
Senegal	11	13,726,021	102,481	98,000	110,000
Ethiopia	12	91,728,849	651,110	620,000	680,000
Sierra Leone	13	5,978,727	44,644	42,000	47,000
Togo	14	6,642,928	48,794	46,000	51,000
Cape Verde	15	494,401	3,688	3,500	3,900
Eritrea	15	6,130,922	44,452	42,000	47,000
Guinea	17	11,451,273	82,198	78,000	86,000
Ghana	18	25,366,462	181,038	170,000	190,000
Republic of the Congo	19	4,337,051	30,889	29,000	32,000
Guinea-Bissau	20	1,663,558	12,186	12,000	13,000
Cameroon	20	21,699,631	153,258	150,000	160,000
Sudan	22	37,195,349	264,518	250,000	280,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	23	65,705,093	462,327	440,000	490,000
Thailand	24	66,785,001	472,811	450,000	500,000
Uganda	25	36,345,860	254,541	240,000	270,000
Burkina Faso	26	16,460,141	114,745	110,000	120,000
Somalia	27	10,195,134	73,156	69,000	77,000
Niger	28	17,157,042	121,249	120,000	130,000
Tanzania	29	47,783,107	329,503	310,000	350,000
Laos	30	6,645,827	50,440	48,000	53,000
Central African Republic	31	4,525,209	32,174	31,000	34,000
Liberia	32	4,190,435	29,504	28,000	31,000
Malawi	33	15,906,483	110,391	100,000	120,000
Chad	34	12,448,175	86,329	82,000	91,000
Mozambique	35	25,203,395	173,493	160,000	180,000
Mali	35	14,853,572	102,240	98,000	110,000
Equatorial Guinea	35	736,296	5,453	5,200	5,800
Cambodia	38	14,864,646	106,507	100,000	110,000
Botswana	39	2,003,910	14,298	14,000	15,000

⁴ 2012 Population Data, *The World Bank*: <http://databank.worldbank.org/data/views/reports/tableview.aspx>

⁵ The calculated number of enslaved is a figure obtained by multiplying the estimated proportion of the population enslaved in each country (derived from random sample surveys and secondary source estimates) by the current population. Although this is a calculation, it is not the true number of enslaved in each country, given that the “dark figure” of slavery (that is, the underreported number of enslaved) is considerably higher than the reported number. We therefore urge due caution in inferring that the calculated number represents the true number of enslaved. It is, most likely, a gross underestimate.

⁶ Our rounding protocol was as follows. For countries with more than 100 but less than 1,000 estimated slaves the estimate was rounded to the nearest 10th. For countries with more than 1,000 but less than 10,000 estimated slaves the estimate was rounded to the nearest 100th. For countries with more than 10,000 but less than 100,000 estimated slaves the estimate was rounded to the nearest 1,000th. For countries with more than 100,000 but less than 1,000,000 estimated slaves the estimate was rounded to the nearest 10,000th. For countries with more than 1,000,000 slaves the estimate was rounded to the nearest 100,000th.

Country Name	Rank	Population ⁴	Calculated Number of Enslaved ⁵	Estimated Enslaved (Lower Range) ⁶	Estimate Enslaved (Upper Range)
Zambia	40	14,075,099	96,175	90,000	100,000
Burundi	41	9,849,569	71,146	68,000	75,000
Myanmar	42	52,797,319	384,037	360,000	400,000
Rwanda	43	11,457,801	80,284	76,000	84,000
Lesotho	44	2,051,545	14,560	14,000	15,000
Zimbabwe	45	13,724,317	93,749	89,000	98,000
Namibia	46	2,259,393	15,729	15,000	17,000
Uzbekistan	47	29,776,850	166,667	160,000	180,000
Nigeria	48	168,833,776	701,032	670,000	740,000
Russia	49	143,533,000	516,217	490,000	540,000
Georgia	50	4,511,800	16,227	15,000	17,000
Azerbaijan	51	9,297,507	33,439	32,000	35,000
Albania	51	3,162,083	11,372	11,000	12,000
Montenegro	53	621,081	2,234	2,100	2,400
Czech Republic	54	10,514,810	37,817	36,000	40,000
Hungary	54	9,943,755	35,763	34,000	38,000
Bulgaria	56	7,304,632	27,739	26,000	29,000
Armenia	57	2,969,081	10,678	10,000	11,000
Afghanistan	58	29,824,536	86,089	82,000	90,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	59	3,833,916	13,789	13,000	15,000
Serbia	59	7,223,887	25,981	25,000	27,000
Croatia	61	4,267,000	15,346	15,000	16,000
Poland	61	38,542,737	138,619	130,000	150,000
Slovakia	61	5,410,267	19,458	18,000	20,000
Vietnam	64	88,775,500	248,705	240,000	260,000
Peru	65	29,987,800	82,272	78,000	86,000
Djibouti	66	859,652	2,929	2,890	3,100
Slovenia	67	2,058,152	7,402	7,000	7,800
Suriname	68	534,541	1,522	1,500	1,600
Ecuador	69	15,492,264	44,072	42,000	46,000
Tajikistan	70	8,008,990	23,802	23,000	25,000
Bangladesh	71	154,695,368	343,192	330,000	360,000
Uruguay	72	3,395,253	9,978	9,500	10,000
Colombia	73	47,704,427	129,923	120,000	140,000
Paraguay	74	6,687,361	19,602	19,000	21,000
Venezuela	75	29,954,782	79,629	76,000	84,000
Bolivia	76	10,496,285	29,886	28,000	31,000
Guyana	77	795,369	2,264	2,200	2,400
Libya	78	6,154,623	17,683	17,000	19,000

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Dominican Republic	79	10,276,621	23,183	22,000	24,000
Macedonia	80	2,105,575	6,226	5,900	6,500
Kyrgyzstan	81	5,582,100	16,027	15,000	17,000
Saudi Arabia	82	28,287,855	57,504	55,000	60,000
Turkmenistan	83	5,172,931	14,711	14,000	15,000
China	84	1,350,695,000	2,949,243	2,800,000	3,100,000
Kazakhstan	85	16,797,459	46,668	44,000	49,000
Ukraine	86	45,593,300	112,895	110,000	120,000
Jordan	87	6,318,000	12,843	12,000	13,000
United Arab Emirates	88	9,205,651	18,713	18,000	20,000
Chile	89	17,464,814	37,846	36,000	40,000
Turkey	90	73,997,128	120,201	110,000	130,000
Algeria	91	38,481,705	70,860	67,000	74,000
Yemen	92	23,852,409	41,303	39,000	43,000
Morocco	93	32,521,143	50,593	48,000	53,000
Brazil	94	198,656,019	209,622	200,000	220,000
El Salvador	95	6,297,394	10,490	10,000	11,000
Bahrain	96	1,317,827	2,679	2,500	2,800
Qatar	96	2,050,514	4,168	4,000	4,400
Philippines	98	96,706,764	149,973	140,000	160,000
Oman	99	3,314,001	5,739	5,500	6,000
Kuwait	100	3,250,496	6,608	6,300	6,900
Guatemala	101	15,082,831	13,194	13,000	14,000
Kenya	102	43,178,141	37,349	36,000	39,000
Iran	103	76,424,443	65,312	62,000	69,000
Iraq	104	32,578,209	28,252	27,000	30,000
Syria	105	22,399,254	19,234	18,000	20,000
Papua New Guinea	106	7,167,010	6,131	5,800	6,400
Mexico	107	120,847,477	103,010	98,000	110,000
Nicaragua	108	5,991,733	5,798	5,500	6,100
Mongolia	109	2,796,484	4,729	4,500	5,000
Honduras	110	7,935,846	7,503	7,100	7,900
Israel	111	7,907,900	8,096	7,700	8,500
Madagascar	112	22,293,914	19,184	18,000	20,000
Egypt	113	80,721,874	69,372	66,000	73,000
Indonesia	114	246,864,191	210,970	200,000	220,000
South Africa	115	51,189,307	44,545	42,000	47,000
Angola	116	20,820,525	16,767	16,000	18,000
Belarus	117	9,464,000	11,497	11,000	12,000
Sri Lanka	118	20,328,000	19,267	18,000	20,000
Lebanon	119	4,424,888	4,028	3,800	4,200
Timor-Leste	120	1,210,233	1,020	970	1,100

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Malaysia	121	29,239,927	25,260	24,000	27,000
Argentina	122	41,086,927	35,368	34,000	37,000
Tunisia	122	10,777,500	9,271	8,800	9,700
Jamaica	124	2,712,100	2,386	2,300	2,500
Romania	125	21,326,905	24,141	23,000	25,000
Swaziland	126	1,230,985	1,302	1,200	1,400
Brunei	127	412,238	417	400	440
Lithuania	128	2,985,509	2,909	2,800	3,100
Estonia	129	1,339,396	1,496	1,400	1,600
Japan	130	127,561,489	80,032	76,000	84,000
Latvia	131	2,025,473	2,040	1,900	2,140
Italy	132	60,917,978	7,919	7,500	8,300
Trinidad and Tobago	133	1,337,439	486	460	510
United States	134	313,914,040	59,644	57,000	63,000
Barbados	135	283,221	46	<100	<100
Germany	136	81,889,839	10,646	10,000	11,000
South Korea	137	50,004,000	10,451	9,900	11,000
Australia	138	22,683,600	3,167	3,000	3,300
France	139	65,696,689	8,541	8,000	9,000
Netherlands	139	16,767,705	2,180	2,100	2,300
Hong Kong, SAR China	141	7,154,600	1,543	1,500	1,600
Singapore	142	5,312,400	1,105	1,100	1,200
Mauritius	143	1,291,456	535	510	560
Canada	144	34,880,491	5,863	5,600	6,200
Panama	145	3,802,281	548	520	580
Costa Rica	146	4,805,295	679	650	710
Portugal	147	10,526,703	1,368	1,300	1,400
Spain	147	46,217,961	6,008	5,700	6,300
Cuba	149	11,270,957	2,116	2,000	2,200
Austria	150	8,462,446	1,100	1,000	1,200
Belgium	150	11,142,157	1,448	1,400	1,500
Greece	150	11,280,167	1,466	1,400	1,500
Denmark	150	5,590,478	727	700	760
Finland	150	5,414,293	704	670	740
Luxembourg	150	531,441	69	<100	<100
Norway	150	5,018,869	652	620	690
Sweden	150	9,516,617	1,237	1,200	1,300
Switzerland	150	7,997,152	1,040	990	1,100
New Zealand	159	4,433,100	495	470	520
United Kingdom	160	63,227,526	4,426	4,200	4,600
Ireland	160	4,588,798	321	300	340
Iceland	160	320,137	22	<100	<100