

# The NAS Annual Statistics 2025

The National Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking (NAS) which has operated since 2006, is an expert authority in the work against human trafficking. Joutseno Reception Centre, which is part of the Finnish Immigration Service, is responsible for the system. The NAS has three offices (Lappeenranta, Helsinki and Tampere). The NAS celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2026.

The purpose of the NAS is to help trafficking victims, their underage children, and persons who assist in investigations of trafficking offences. It helps both Finnish and foreign victims of human trafficking equally. As required by their needs, the client may be entitled to advice and guidance, social and health care services, a reception allowance or social assistance, safe housing, and interpretation and translation services. If the client wishes to go back to their home country, they receive assistance for voluntary return. Clients may be provided with legal advice and aid. All assistance and services are based on individual assessment of needs.

The organisation of the assistance and the services provided for victims have been decentralised to different actors. The practical delivery of the assistance depends on the applicant's right of residence. Provision of services by the NAS ends when the client no longer needs assistance, leaves the country, or wishes to end their client relationship with the system.

The NAS maintains a 24/7 helpline at +358-295 463 177 and the website [ihmiskauppa.fi](http://ihmiskauppa.fi), giving information on human trafficking and anti-trafficking work.

The Annual Statistics 2025 presents essential key figures on the NAS operations. The number of referrals, made decisions, new clients by gender, nationality and forms of exploitation, and separately those victimized in Finland, and the number and nationalities of all clients.

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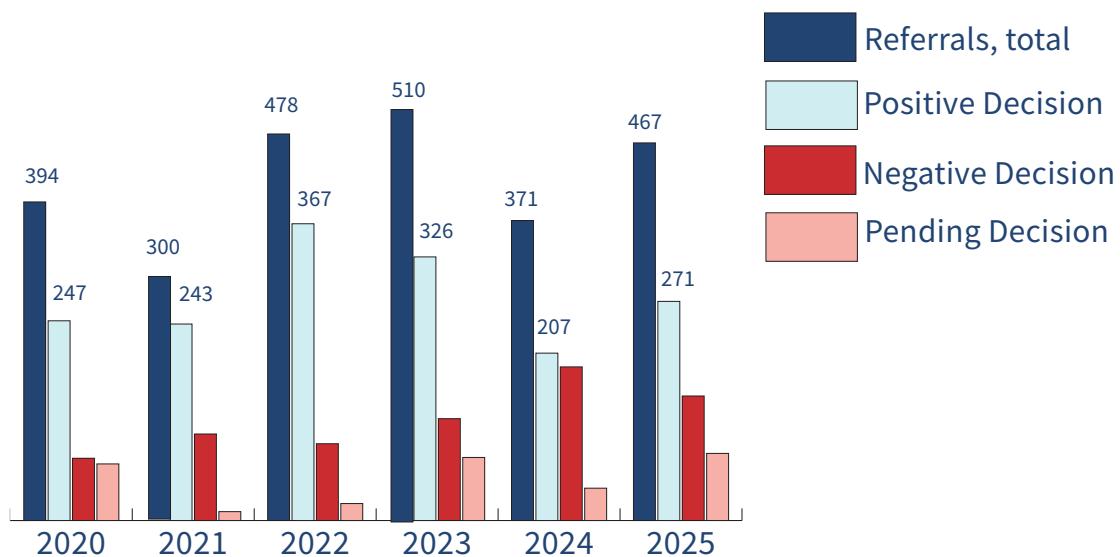
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# Referrals and Decisions in 2025

In 2025, 467 referrals were entered into the National Assistance System for Victims of Human Trafficking (NAS) and 271 of them were admitted as clients.

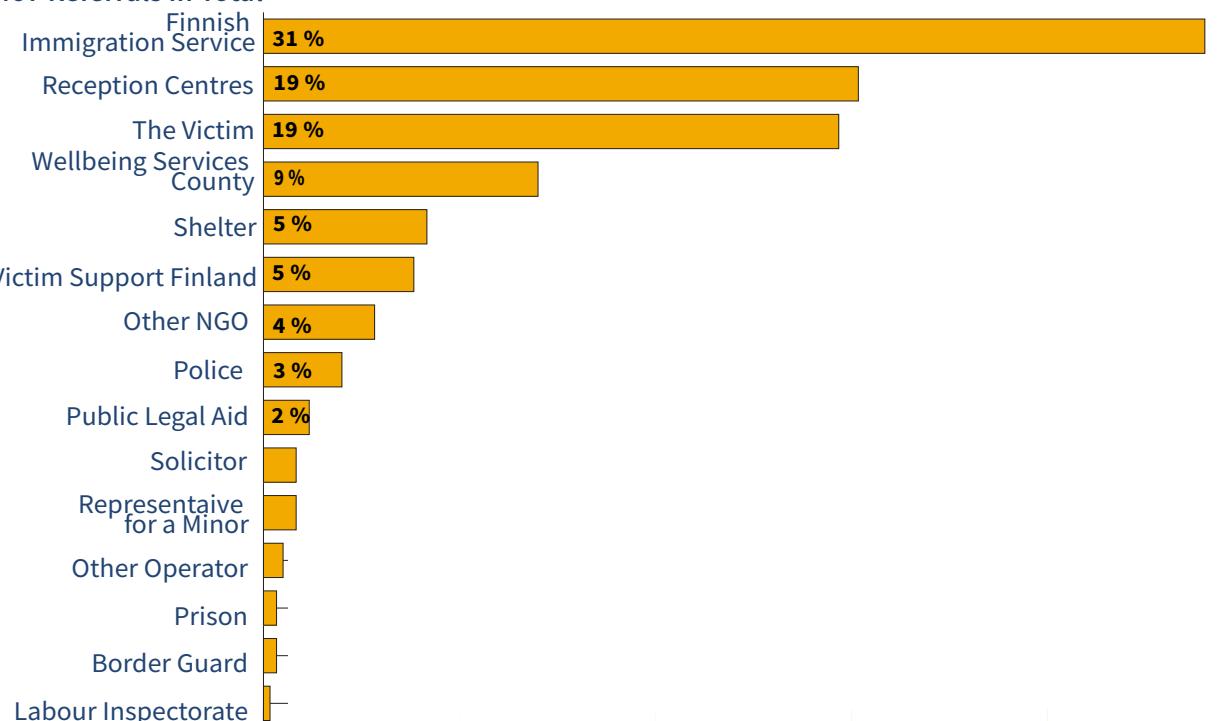
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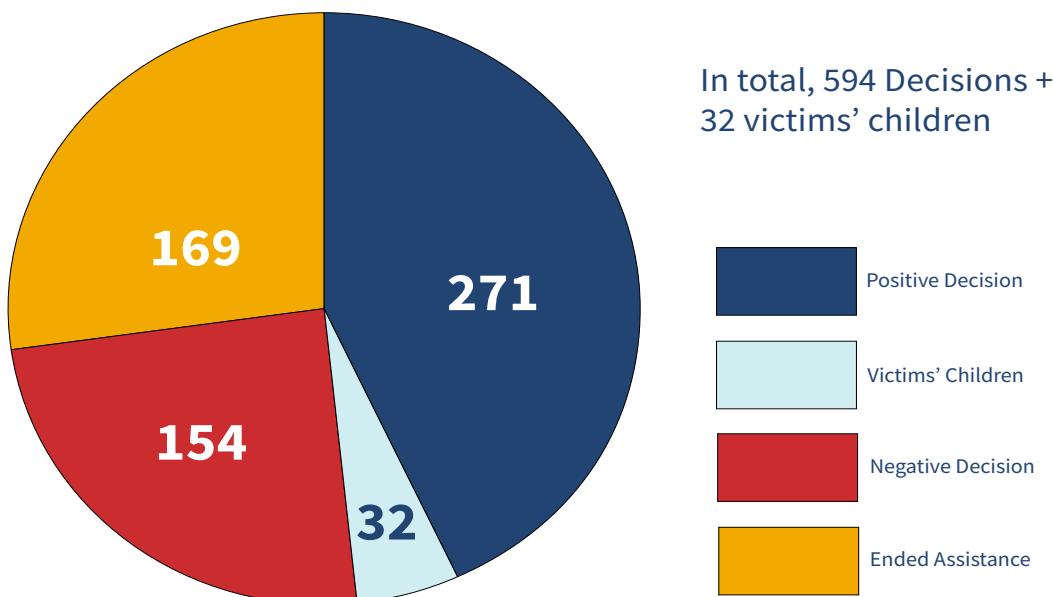
Half of the referrals were made by the Finnish Immigration Service and reception centres. One fifth came from the victims themselves. The number of referrals made by wellbeing services counties were doubled from the previous year.

## Operators that Referred Clients to the NAS in 2025

467 Referrals in Total



## Decisions Made in 2025



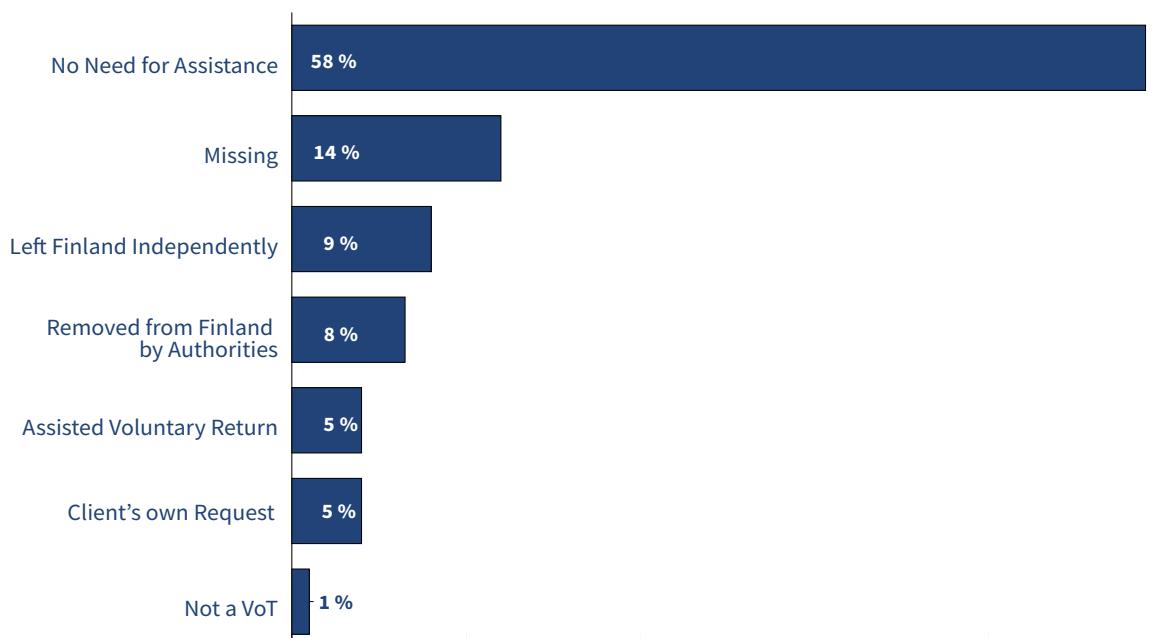
In 2025, a total of 271 positive client admittance decisions were made. A client relationship is not established without the victim's consent. In addition, the definition of human trafficking must be met and the victim must have a need for help provided through the NAS.

There were 154 negative admittance decisions. The most common reason for a negative decision was that the applicant did not need the help of the NAS (49%), or that the case was not a matter of human trafficking (40%).

Assistance was ended for 169 clients. The most common reason was the lack of need for help (58%). About one third had left Finland, or were missing.

### Grounds for Ending Assistance in 2025

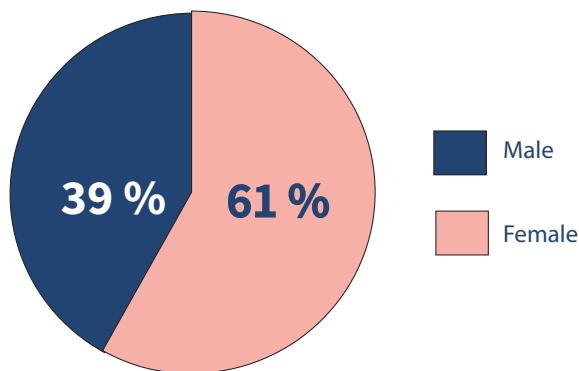
In Total 169 Decisions



# New Clients

## New Clients in 2025

261 adults, 10 minors

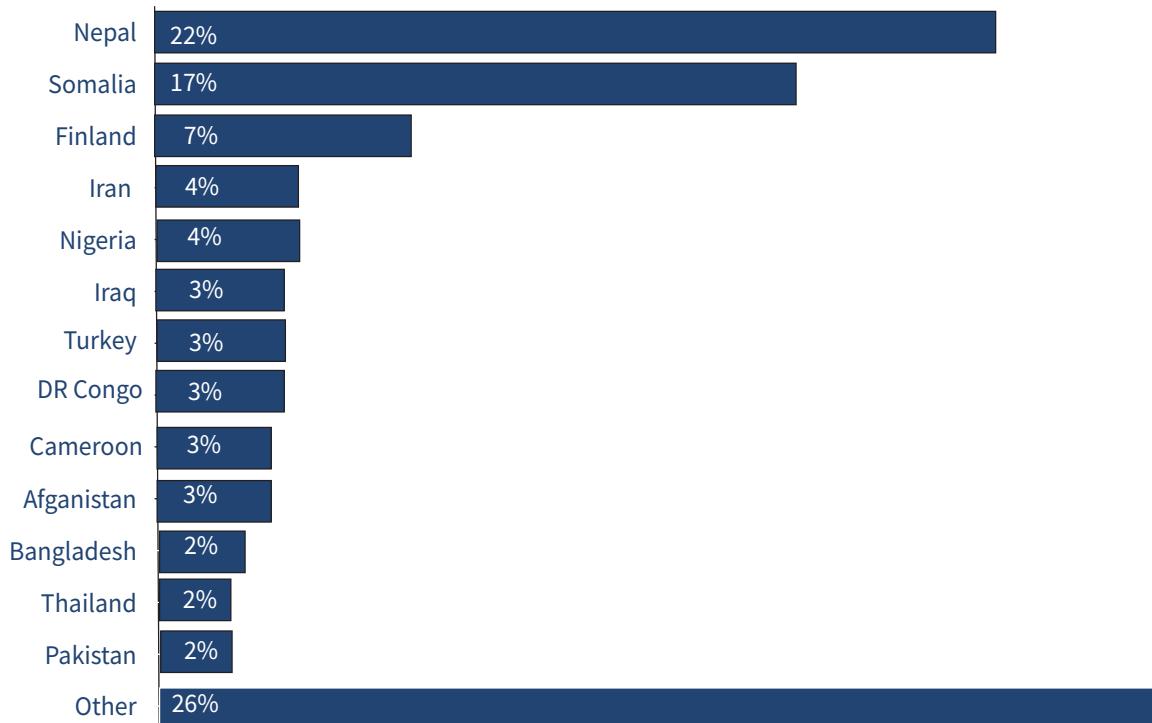


In 2025, the NAS admitted a total of 271 victims of human trafficking and 32 of their children as new clients. Of the victims, 61% were women and girls.

About 4% of the new clients were minors, 42% were 18–29 years old, 35% were 30–39 years old, 15% were 40–49 years old and 3% were 50–59 years old. Three clients were older than this.

The new clients represented 50 nationalities. Nepal and Somalia were the most common nationalities. There were also Finns among those exploited, in total 18 people (7%). One had been exploited abroad, others in Finland. Of all new clients, ten were minors.

## New Clients (Total 271) by Nationality in 2025



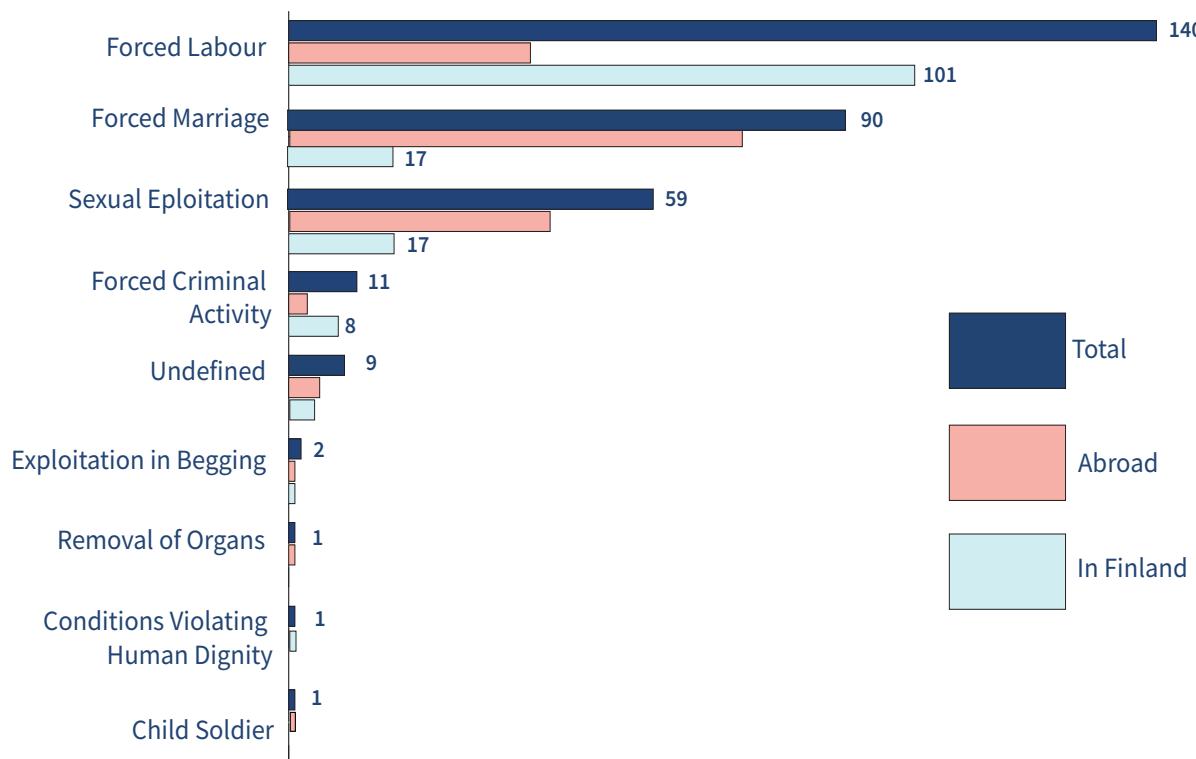
”Other” (26%) refers to all those nationalities representing less than 5 people.

# Forms of Exploitation

There were 271 new clients but 314 exploitation cases in total, as some clients had experienced more than one form of exploitation. Both primary and secondary forms of exploitation are shown in the graph.

## Forms of Exploitation, 2025

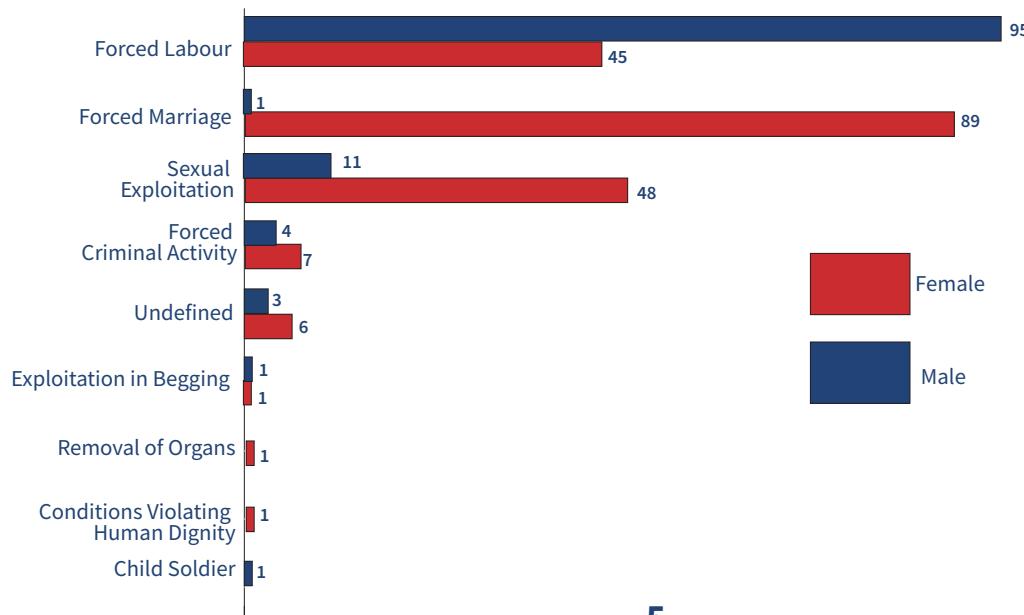
(Both primary and secondary forms of exploitation. 314 cases in total, 271 victims)



Forced marriage and sexual exploitation are most commonly targeted at women. Men were at greater risk of falling victim to forced labour.

## Forms of Exploitation by Gender in 2025

((Both primary and secondary forms of exploitation. 314 cases in total, 271 victims)



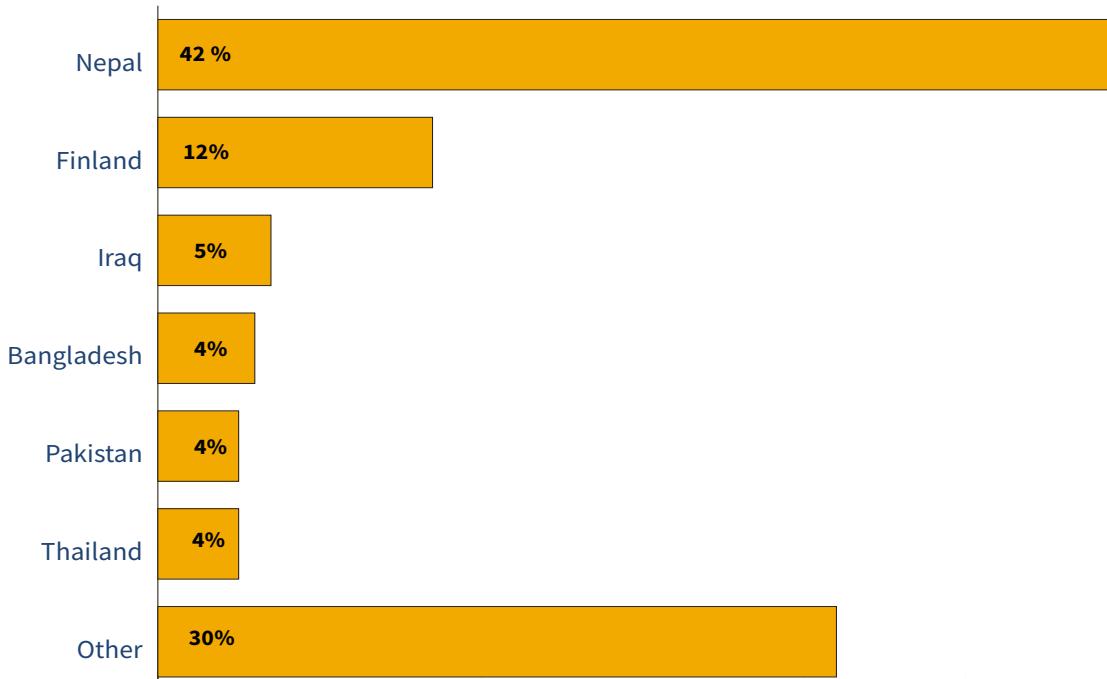
# Exploitation in Finland

In 2025, a total of 141 cases of exploitation came to light in Finland. Of these, 86 were targeted at men and 55 at women. The persons represented 31 nationalities. They had experienced 149 cases of human trafficking in total. There were 8 people, all female, who had experienced more than one form of exploitation. The graph representing forms of exploitation (p. 5) shows both primary and secondary forms of exploitation.

In Finland, the majority (101 cases, 68%) had fallen victim to forced labour. The sectors included forestry and wood harvesting, agriculture and horticulture, restaurant & catering and construction. As a comparison, in 2024 there were 54 victims of forced labour.

## Persons Exploited in Finland in 2025 by Nationality

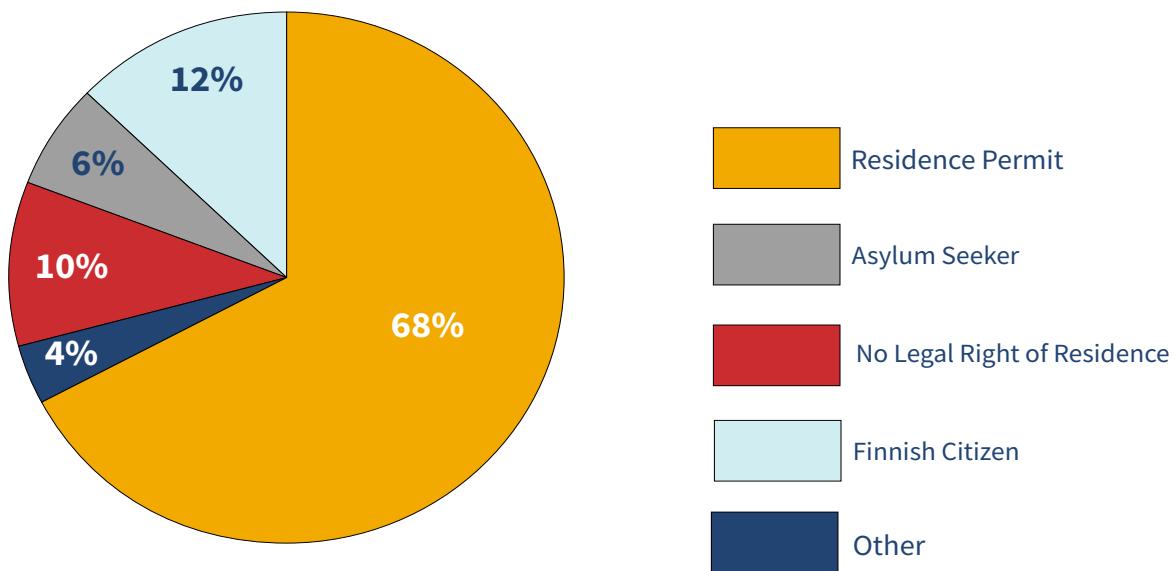
Total 141 persons, 31 nationalities



In 2025, of all victims exploited in Finland, 59 were Nepalese (42%) and 17 Finnish citizens (12%).

A victim of trafficking in human beings residing in Finland without a right of residence can be granted a reflection period of 1–6 months. The reflection period is a temporary right of residence during which residence in Finland is legal. In 2025, the NAS granted 35 reflection periods for victims of human trafficking.

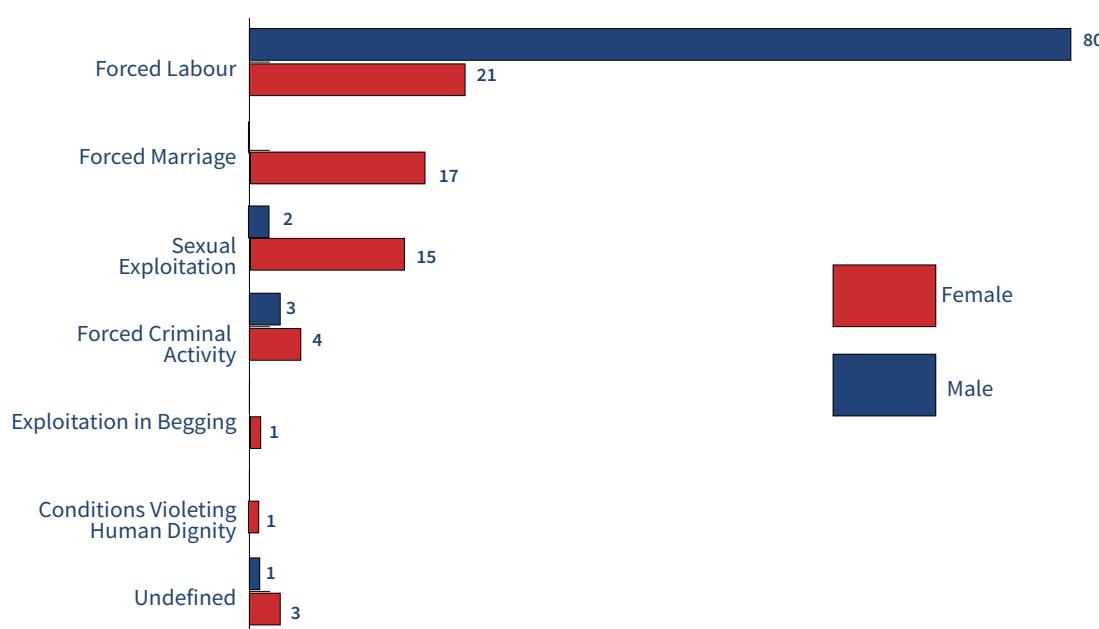
## Persons Exploited in Finland by Right of Residence, 2025



The majority of those exploited had a residence permit in Finland (68%). Most of them had a seasonal work permit (50 persons), a work permit (21) or a residence permit on the basis of family ties (13 persons). Of all victims exploited in Finland there were nine asylum seekers (6%). 14 people were without a legal right of residence in Finland.

## Forms of Exploitation by Gender in 2025, Victimized in Finland

(Both primary and secondary forms of exploitation. 149 cases in total, 141 victims)



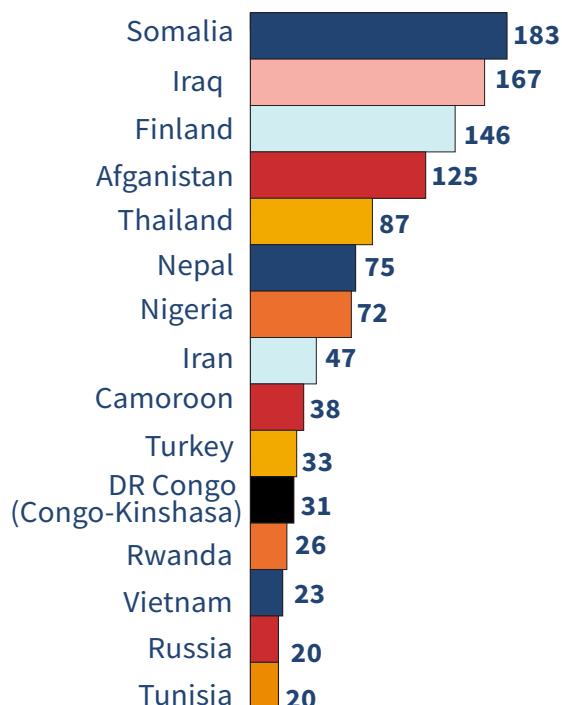
# All Clients 31st Dec 2025

On 31 December 2025, the NAS had 1,634 clients, of whom 1,424 were identified victims and 210 were their underaged children. There were 10 children among the victims, and 85 clients had been admitted to the system while minors. Women accounted for approximately 61% of the trafficking victims.

## All Clients, 31th Dec 2025



## All Clients' Nationalities, per 31st Dec 2025



### 10 to 19 persons per nationality:

Syria, Morocco, Bangladesh, China, Eritrea, Gambia, Philippines, Uganda, Colombia, Pakistan, Ukraine

### Less than 10 persons per nationality:

Kenya, Sudan, Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Angola, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, India, Venezuela, Senegal, Ghana

In addition, 43 nationalities represented by fewer than 4 persons, and 9 individuals of unknown or no nationality.

**In total, 81 different nationalities**