Texas initiated 19 new criminal human trafficking cases in 2018 and is tied with New York for 1st in the nation for number of new cases.

ACTIVE CRIMINAL CASES
Texas had 74 criminal human trafficking cases active in 2018, ranking it 1st in the nation for number of active cases.

CONVICTIONS
Texas convicted 45 defendants in human trafficking cases in 2018, ranking it 1st in the nation for number of defendants convicted.

RESTITUTION
Texas ordered 6 defendants to pay restitution in 2018, ranking it 3rd in the nation for restitution orders.

PERCENTAGE OF CONVICTED DEFENDANTS ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION
NATIONALLY 31.2%
TEXAS 13.6%

*1 of the convicted defendants was in a case where the government did not name a trafficking victim in the charging instrument. This conviction has been excluded for purposes of restitution calculations, as it is uncommon for federal courts to order restitution in a case where the government does not identify a trafficking victim (e.g., sting operation cases).

NEW CRIMINAL LABOR TRAFFICKING CASES
In 2018, federal courts in Texas filed criminal charges against 4 defendants in 2 labor trafficking cases. Texas was 1 of only 7 states that initiated a criminal labor trafficking prosecution in 2018.

Nationally, the most common type of exploited labor in labor trafficking cases active in 2018 was domestic work.
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