Modern slavery in Tunisia
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The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 2.3 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Tunisia at any point in 2021. In other words, 27,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Tunisia in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Tunisia ranks 135th globally and 45th within Africa.

KEY STATS

Population (2021) 11,818,618
GDP per capita, PPP (Current int'l $) $10,879

2.3
PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

27,000
NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

48/100
VULNERABILITY TO
MODERN SLAVERY

47/100
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

Figure 1. Estimated prevalence of modern slavery across Africa

Figure 2. Estimated number of people living in modern slavery across Africa
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Vulnerability to modern slavery
How vulnerable a country’s people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability, Tunisia is rated as 48 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

Figure 3. Vulnerability of Tunisia to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Tunisia scored 47 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on addressing risk factors of modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4. Government of Tunisia’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average

Priority Recommendations for the government of Tunisia

1. Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.
2. Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.
3. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.

For more information on modern slavery, visit the Global Slavery Index 2023 website.