

Modern slavery in Haiti

Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot



Figure 1.
Prevalence of modern slavery
across the Americas



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 11,402,533

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$3,095

8.2

PREVALENCE OF
MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

94,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING
IN MODERN SLAVERY

66/100

VULNERABILITY TO
MODERN SLAVERY

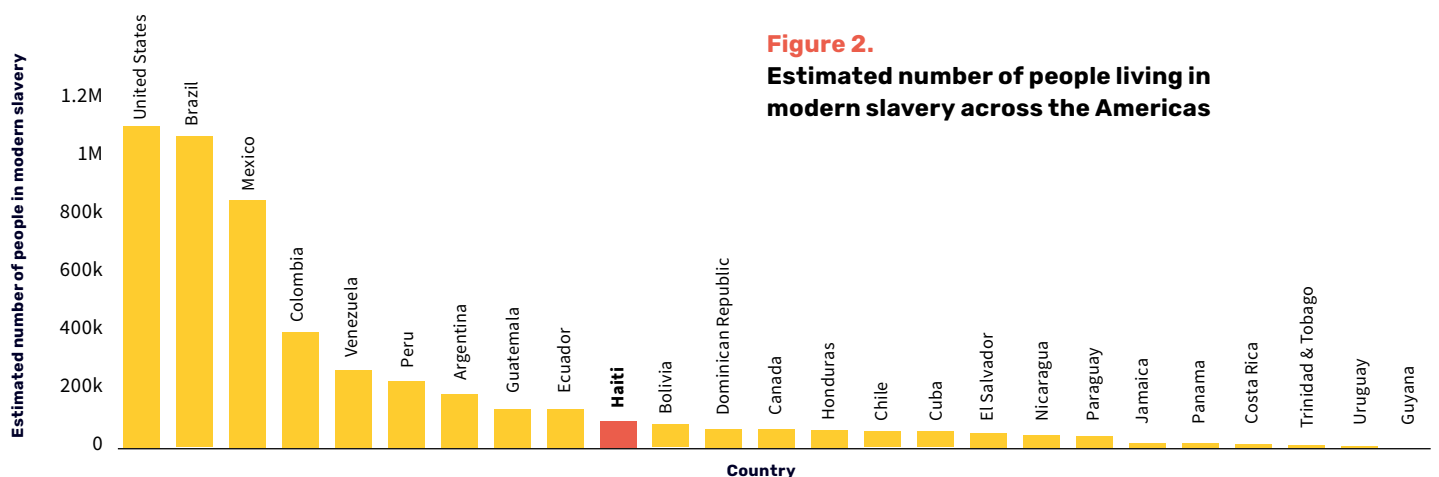
37/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
TO MODERN SLAVERY

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 8.2 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Haiti at any point in 2021. In other words, 94,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Haiti in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Haiti ranks 30th globally and 2nd within the Americas.

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in
modern slavery across the Americas



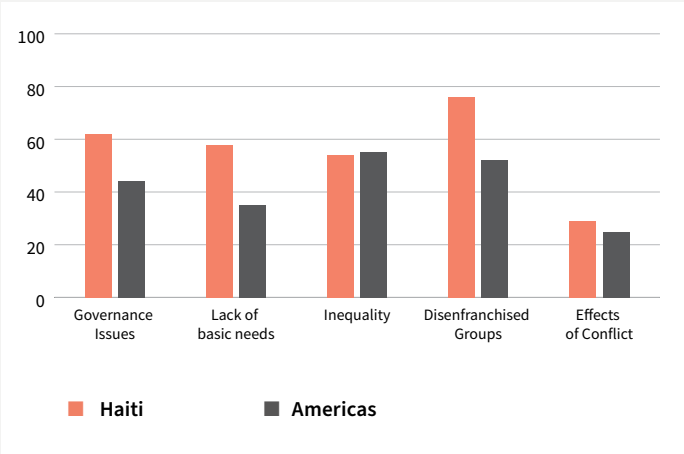
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

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 to modern slavery, Haiti is rated as 66 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

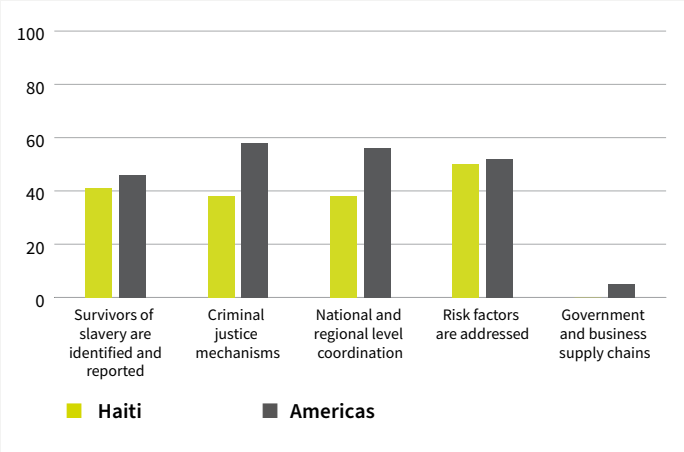
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Haiti to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Haiti scored 37 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response below 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 least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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



Priority Recommendations for the government of Haiti

1

Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.

2

Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.

3

Regularly conduct labour inspections to identify modern slavery and ensure there is a sufficient number of labour inspectors to inspect all high-risk workplaces across the country.

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

