

# Modern slavery in Panama

## Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot



**Figure 1.**  
Prevalence of modern slavery  
across the Americas



### KEY STATS

Population (2021) 4,314,768

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$26,780

**4.7**

PREVALENCE OF  
MODERN SLAVERY  
per 1,000 people

**20,000**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING  
IN MODERN SLAVERY

**33/100**

VULNERABILITY TO  
MODERN SLAVERY

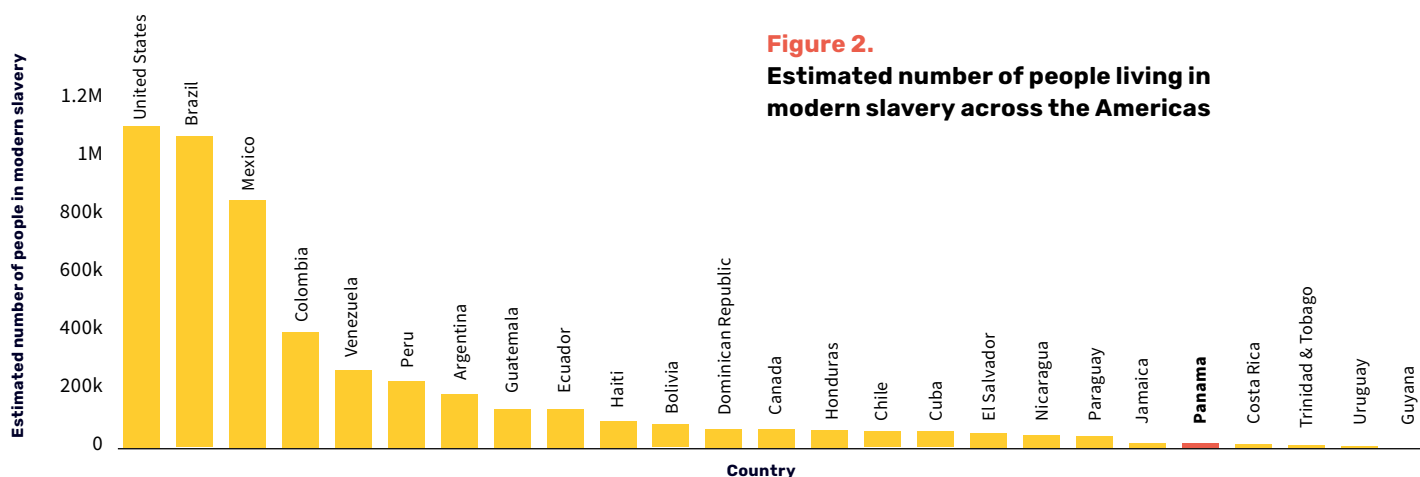
**51/100**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE  
TO MODERN SLAVERY

### The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 4.7 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Panama at any point in 2021. In other words, 20,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Panama in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Panama ranks 94th globally and 18th within the Americas.

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



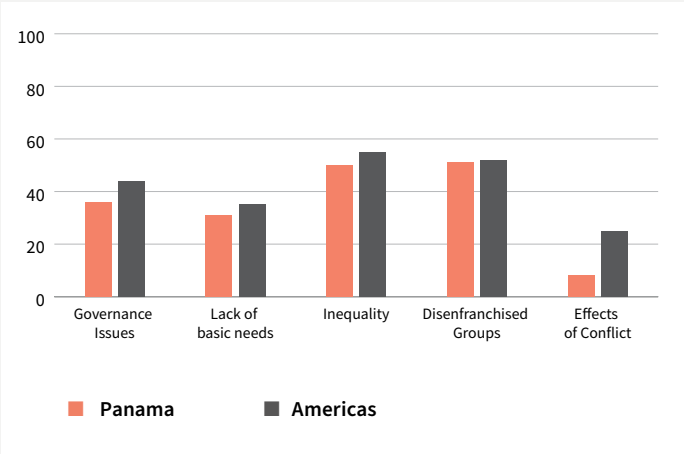
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## Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, Panama is rated as 33 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

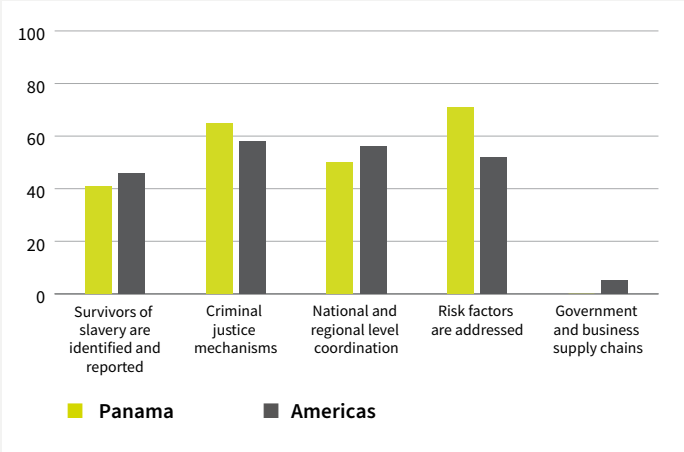
**Figure 3.**  
Vulnerability of Panama to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



## Government response to modern slavery

The government of Panama scored 51 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 least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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



### Priority Recommendations for the government of Panama

1

Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.

2

Provide specialised support services for children that can be easily accessed by child victims of modern slavery.

3

Ensure health care schemes are in place that allow everyone to access affordable health care regardless of gender, ethnicity, religious background, or geographic region.

