Modern slavery in Trinidad and Tobago



Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 1,399,491 **GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$)** \$26,125

4.7

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people 7,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

38/100

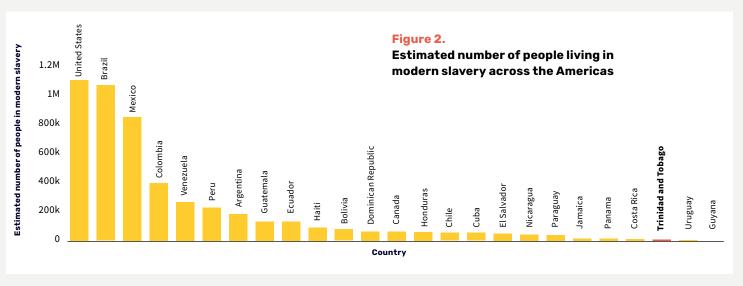
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

49/100

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 Trinidad and Tobago at any point in 2021. In other words, 7,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Trinidad and Tobago in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Trinidad and Tobago ranks 93rd globally and 17th within the Americas.



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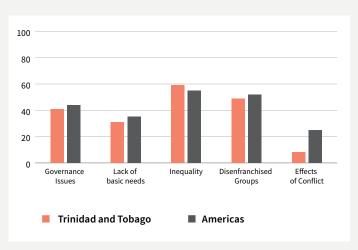
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, Trinidad and Tobago is rated as 38 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of inequality.

Figure 3.

Vulnerability of Trinidad and Tobago to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



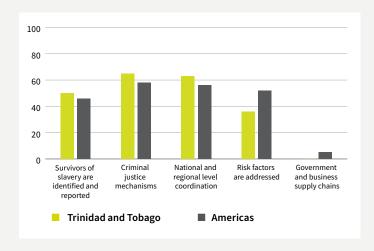


Government response to modern slavery

The government of Trinidad and Tobago scored 49 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 effective criminal justice mechanisms and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.

Government of Trinidad and Tobago's responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Trinidad and Tobago

- Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.
- 2 Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.
- Remove laws or policies that prevent or make it difficult for workers to leave abusive employers without risking loss of their visa, deportation, and/or loss of security deposits.