Modern slavery in Cyprus
Global Slavery Index 2023
Country Snapshot

KEY STATS

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Vulnerability to Modern Slavery

- Scale: 8.0
- 21/100

Government Response to Modern Slavery

- Scale: 58/100

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 8.0 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Cyprus at any point in 2021. In other words, 10,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Cyprus in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Cyprus ranks 32nd globally and 16th within Europe and Central Asia.

Figure 1. Prevalence of modern slavery across Europe and Central Asia

Figure 2. Estimated number of people in modern slavery across Europe and Central Asia
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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, Cyprus is rated as 21 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Cyprus scored 58 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 identification and support of survivors and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.
Response of the government of Cyprus to modern slavery by government response milestone, compared with the regional average

Priority Recommendations for the government of Cyprus:

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

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

3. 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.