Modern slavery in Kazakhstan
Global Slavery Index 2023
Country Snapshot

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

KEY STATS
Population (2021) 18,776,707
GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl $) $26,750

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The scale of modern slavery
According to the Global Slavery Index 2023, an estimated 11.1 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Kazakhstan at any point in 2021. In other words, 208,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Kazakhstan in 2021. Kazakhstan ranks 17th globally and 9th within 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, the level of inequality, disfavored groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Kazakhstan is rated as 42 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disfavored groups.

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

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Kazakhstan scored 46 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 the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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

Priority Recommendations for the government of Kazakhstan:

1. Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
2. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
3. Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.

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