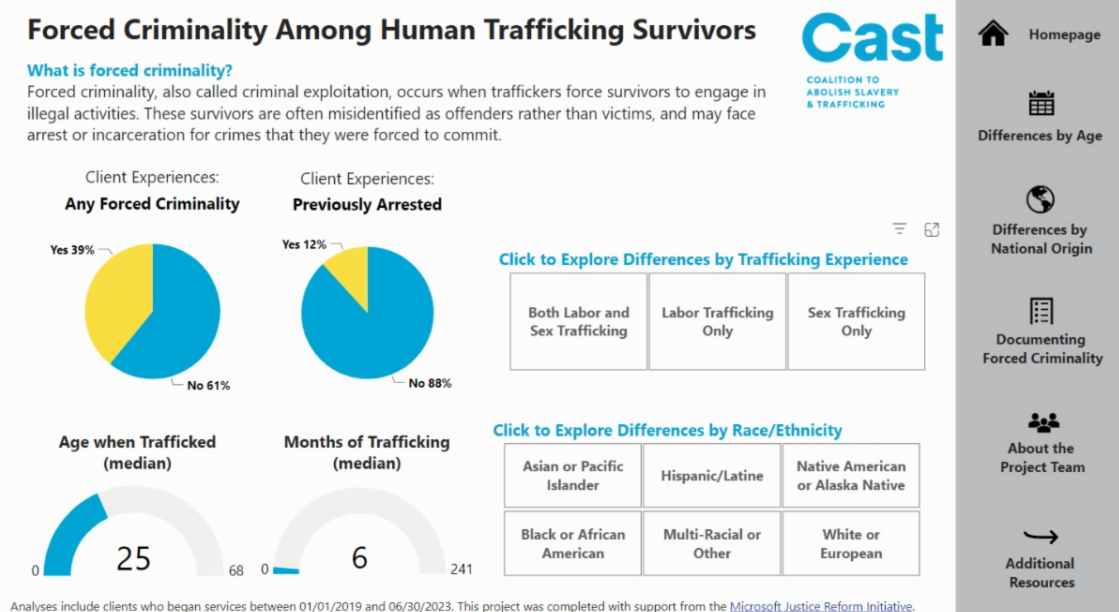


## Sneak Peek of Cast Dashboard on Forced Criminality

This year, the Urban Institute and the [Microsoft Justice Reform Initiative](#) selected Cast as one of 25 organizations across the country to participate in the 2023 [Catalyst Grant Program](#) to use data and technology to advance racial equity and reform in the criminal legal system in three front-end focus areas: prevention, policing, and prosecution. Cast's project is on 'forced criminality': when traffickers force people to engage in illegal activities such as theft. Cast is developing an interactive dashboard with analyses of Cast data, guidelines for practitioners interested in collecting data, and free resources. The final dashboard will be available on Cast's website in January.



Snapshot of the interactive dashboard

## Supervisors Support Efforts to End Slavery as Punishment in California

*“Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.”*

The 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, abolished slavery and involuntary servitude *except as a punishment for a crime*. This exception has allowed prisons to force inmates to work for little or no compensation. Cast commends LA County Supervisors [Lindsey Horvath](#) and [Holly Michell](#) for authoring a motion supporting California state bill ACA-8 that would explicitly prohibit the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime in California. We will continue to support all parties working to 'end the exception'. You can view Cast's letter of support for the motion [here](#).

### What you can do:

Contact your legislators!

- If you are in California, tell your State Representative to support the [ACA-8](#).
- Tell your US Congressperson to support [H.J.72](#) and [S.J. 33](#)

Charity Navigator awards Cast a 4 out of 4-star rating



Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most influential nonprofit evaluator, has awarded Cast an exceptional rating of 98% and 4 out of 4 stars. Charity Navigator evaluates nonprofit performance based on four key indicators: Leadership & Adaptability, Accountability & Finance, Culture & Community, and Impact & Results.

When donating to Cast, you can have confidence that your gift will make a significant impact on the lives of survivors of human trafficking. Your support helps us create life-saving policies, programs, and services that can transform the lives of those who need it most.

[Check out our rating on Charity Navigator!](#)

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### Enjoy Shopping, Food, and Fun while Supporting Cast

Help support Cast with your holiday shopping! Come to the **Wallflower Market LA Holiday Pop-Up Market** on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 1-6 pm at **Arts District Brewing Co, DTLA**, where Cast will receive 10% of all vendor sales. Enjoy the food, vendors, and fun! The event is dog and child-friendly.



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### LA Walk for Freedom - Save the Date

The annual **Los Angeles Walk for Freedom to End Human Trafficking** is on **January 13, 2024**. Along with our friends at Southern California Partners for Global Justice, Cast invites you to come out and rally for a good cause. This year's theme is 'Spark Hope; Promote Healing.' The event is from 9am-12pm, starting at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church at 6657 W. Sunset Blvd. Hollywood, CA 90028 - with the walk taking place in the surrounding streets. Bring your walking shoes and your voice! More info will be shared next month.

# 2024 Los Angeles Walk for Freedom to End Human Trafficking



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