

National State Law Survey: Statute of Limitations

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Alabama	No	Trafficking and CSEC within 3 years	Yes	Within 5 years of being free from trafficking situation (tolled during minority); the state Attorney General may commence a civil action at any time.
Alaska	Yes	No limit for sex trafficking, human trafficking, most CSEC offenses	Yes	No limit for trafficking offenses
Arizona	Yes	No limit for offense of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor (other CSEC and trafficking prosecutions must be brought within 7 years)	Yes	Within 7 years of actual discovery of violation
Arkansas	Yes	No limit for certain CSEC offenses; extended until victim turns 28 for other CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 5 years of the offense (tolled during minority)
California	No	Trafficking within 6 years (no limit only when FFC); CSEC offense of employing a minor in ICSE within 10 years	Yes	Within 7 years of being free from trafficking situation or within 10 years after reaching majority
Colorado	Yes	No limit for trafficking in children and all CSEC laws	Yes	Within 6 years of the child turning 18
Connecticut	Yes	No limit for class A felonies including trafficking and certain CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 30 years from the age of majority
Delaware	Yes	No limit for sexual offenses including trafficking and certain CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 5 years of being free from trafficking situation (tolled during minority); no limit for claims arising from criminal sexual abuse
DC	No	Within 10 years after victim turns 21 (also told while victim remains in the trafficking situation)	No	Tolled until age of majority or discovery of offense, whichever is later
Florida	Yes	No limit for human trafficking and certain CSEC offenses	No	Within 3 years after 18, notified, or criminal case conclusion, whichever occurs

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Georgia	Yes	No limit for trafficking and certain sexual offenses; within 7 years for other felonies committed against a minor	Yes	On or before turning 23 or within 2 years from date victim knew or should have known abuse resulted in injury
Hawaii	No	Within 3, 5, or 6 years if a felony (tolled while a minor for sexual offenses)	Yes	Within 6 years for sex trafficking (tolled during minority and/or during investigation or prosecution of related criminal offense)
Idaho	No	Within 5 years after commission of the crime	Yes	Within 5 years of turning 18 (if 18+, within 5 years of discovery)
Illinois	Yes	No limit for certain offenses involving sexual conduct; otherwise, within 25 years of the minor victim attaining 18 years of age	Yes	Within 10 years limitations period begins to run or victim discovers the sex trade act occurred and defendant involved (tolled during minority, while FFC, and/or until limitations period for related criminal offense expires)
Indiana	Yes	No limit for trafficking	No	Within 2 years of offender's criminal conviction
Iowa	No	Within 10 years after victim turns 18 for trafficking and certain CSEC offenses; within 3 years for other CSEC offenses	No	Within 4 years after discovered by the injured party and after age of majority
Kansas	No	Within 5 years (tolled where two of several factors are present)	Yes	Within 10 years of being free from trafficking situation or attaining majority, whichever occurs later
Kentucky	Yes	No limit for trafficking or CSEC unless a misdemeanor CSEC offense	Yes	Within 10 years of commission, date the victim knew or should have known, majority, or conviction
Louisiana	No	Within 30 years for trafficking and several CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 10 years
Maine	No	Within 6 years for trafficking and CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 10 years of being free from trafficking situation (tolled during minority and during pendency of related criminal proceeding)
Maryland	Yes	No limit for trafficking and most CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 20 years of turning 18 or within 3 years of conviction

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				in related criminal case, whichever occurs later
Massachusetts	Yes	No limit for child sex trafficking; within 6 years for most CSEC offenses	No	Within 3 years of being free from trafficking situation (tolled during minority)
Michigan	No	Within 25 years for certain trafficking and CSEC offenses	No	Within 3 years
Minnesota	No	Within 9 years from offense or within 3 years after report made to authorities, whichever occurs later	Yes	Within 6 years of the offense (tolled during minority)
Mississippi	Yes	No limit for trafficking and CSEC offenses	No	Tolled during minority
Missouri	Yes	No limit for offenses requiring sex offender registration, including DMST and CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 10 years after final order in related criminal case, emancipation from defendant, or victim's 18 th birthday
Montana	No	Within 5 years after commission for trafficking and most CSEC offenses; within 20 years (or within 10 years of victim turning 18) for sexual abuse of children	Yes	Within 10 years of being free from trafficking situation or turning 18
Nebraska	No	Within 3 years for human trafficking; within 7 years from date of the offense or victim's 16 th birthday, whichever occurs later, for certain CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 10 years of being free from trafficking situation or turning 18 or within 10 years of related criminal prosecution, whichever occurs later
Nevada	No	4 years for sex trafficking; 3 years for most other felonies	Yes	Within 20 years for sexual abuse (tolled during minority or until discovery); otherwise, generally within 2 or 3 years (tolled during minority)
New Hampshire	No	Within 20 years for trafficking (tolled during minority); within 6 years for CSEC offenses	No	Generally within 3 years (tolled for 2 years after turning 18)
New Jersey	No	Within 5 years (for certain offenses, may be tolled during minority or may be tolled until within 2 years of discovery)	No	Within 2 years of reasonable discovery for sexual abuse
New Mexico	No	Within 3, 5, 6, or none for felonies depending on degree	Yes	Within 10 years from the date of the offense or victim's 18 th birthday

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New York	No	Within 5 years (tolled during minority for certain sexual offenses)	Yes	Within 10 years
North Carolina	Yes	No limit for felony prosecutions	Yes	Within 10 years (tolled during minority)
North Dakota	No	Within 7 years for trafficking; within 3 years for most other felonies (extended to 7 or 10 years for certain sexual offenses)	Yes	Within 10 years of being free from trafficking situation or turning 18
Ohio	No	Within 20 years for trafficking and compelling prostitution; within 6 years for most CSEC offenses (tolled during minority)	Yes	Within 12 years for actions arising from childhood sexual abuse (tolled during minority)
Oklahoma	No	3 years for trafficking and certain CSEC offenses	Yes	Any time during incarceration of offender or within 5 years of offender's release (tolled until victim is free from the trafficking situation, the victim turns 21, or the victim discovers the injury and the defendant's involvement); by victim's 45 th birthday for childhood sexual abuse or exploitation (tolled)
Oregon	No	Within 3 years for felonies generally; extended for certain CSEC offenses to any time before the victim turns 30 (if minor victim) or within 12 years of report to law enforcement, whichever occurs first	Yes	Within 6 years
Pennsylvania	No	Within 12 years for sexual abuse of children; within 5 years for certain other CSEC offenses; otherwise, within 2 years (certain offenses may be tolled during minority or until the minor turns 50)	Yes	Before victim turns 30 (if minor when trafficked)
Rhode Island	No	Within 10 years for trafficking; within 3 years for CSEC	Yes	Within 10 years of being free from trafficking situation or turning 18
South Carolina	Yes	No general statute of limitations for criminal actions	No	Within 3 years after offender's sentence is complete (tolled during minority)
South Dakota	No	Within 7 years for trafficking	Yes	Within 6 years (tolled during

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Tennessee	No	Within 15 years for trafficking and soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor; within 25 years for promoting prostitution; within 10 years for certain CSEC offenses (tolled during minority)	No	Within 3 years (tolled during minority)
Texas	Yes	No limit for trafficking of persons and certain CSEC offenses	Yes	Within 15 years (tolled during minority)
Utah	Yes	No limit for certain trafficking and CSEC offenses; otherwise, within 4 years	Yes	Within 10 years of being free from the trafficking situation or turning 18 (tolled for FFC-related conduct)
Vermont	Yes	No limit for human trafficking; within 3 years for CSEC	Yes	Within 6 years (tolled during minority)
Virginia	Yes	No general statute of limitations for felonies	Yes	Within 7 years of being free from the trafficking situation or turning 18
Washington	No	Within 10 years for trafficking; up to the victim's 30 th birthday for certain CSEC offenses; otherwise, within 3 years	No	Within 3 years of offense, reasonable discovery of injury resulting from offense, or discovery of offense, whichever occurs later (tolled during minority)
West Virginia	Yes	No statute of limitations for felonies	No	Within 2 years (tolled)
Wisconsin	No	Until the victim turns 45 for trafficking and certain CSEC offenses; until the victim turns 26 for child enticement; otherwise, within 6 years	No	Within 3 years for trafficking (tolled until 2 years after victim turns 18)
Wyoming	Yes	No statute of limitations for any crime	No	Within 4 years (tolled until 3 years after victim turns 18)
Totals:	23 states eliminate statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions.		36 states extend the period for filing civil actions related to DMST for at least 5 years.	

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