

State Law Survey: Limitations on Commencing Criminal and Civil Actions Arising From Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

State	Statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions is eliminated ¹	Statute of limitations period for CSEC or trafficking offenses	Statute of limitations for commencing a civil action is extended 5+ years	Statute of limitations period for commencing civil actions related to domestic minor sex trafficking
Alabama	Yes	No limit for any sex offense if victim is younger than 16 years old, otherwise 3 years	Yes	Within 5 years of being free from trafficking situation (tolled during minority)
Alaska	Yes	No limit for sex trafficking, human trafficking, most CSEC offenses	Yes	No limit for sex trafficking, human trafficking, unlawful exploitation of a minor
Arizona	Yes	No limit for offense of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor (other CSEC and trafficking must be brought within 7 years)	Yes	Within 10 years of the offense (tolled during minority)
Arkansas	Yes	Eliminated for some CSEC offenses and extended until victim turns 28 for other CSEC offenses ²	No	Within 3 years of discovery of the sexual abuse (tolled during minority)
California	No	Trafficking and most CSEC within 3 years of the crime; CSEC offense of employing a minor in child pornography within 10 years	Yes	Within eight years after minor plaintiff attains the age of majority (tolled during minority)
Colorado	Yes	No limit for trafficking in children and all CSEC laws	Yes	Within six years of the child turning 18
Connecticut	Yes	Eliminated for some CSEC offenses, otherwise 5 years but tolls while a minor	Yes	30 years from the age of majority
Delaware	Yes	No time limit for sexual offenses, although trafficking is not included so 5 years	Yes	No limit for any claims arising from criminal sexual abuse
DC	No	10 years after victim turns 21 years old	No	Tolled until age of majority or discovery of offense, whichever is later; then within 3 years
Florida	Yes	No limit for kidnapping; within 4 years for human trafficking	No	3 years after 18, notified, or criminal case conclusion
Georgia	Yes	Eliminated for some sexual offenses and trafficking of a victim under 16, otherwise within 4 years of commission of the crime	Yes	5 years (tolled during minority)
Hawaii	No	Three, five, or six years if a felony, tolled while a minor for sexual offenses	Yes	Eight years from 18 th birthday for sexual abuse, or 3 years after minor discovers injury after 18 th birthday, whichever is later
Idaho	No	5 years after commission of the crime	Yes	5 years after 18 unless racketeering, then 3 years
Illinois	Yes	Eliminated for some sexual offenses, otherwise 3 years for trafficking, tolled until at least 1 year after victim turns 18	Yes	For trafficking, 10 years after majority or the plaintiff discovers the trafficking offense occurred, otherwise 2 years after reaching majority
Indiana	Yes	Eliminated for trafficking and some CSEC offenses	No	2 years after conviction of criminal charges
Iowa	No	3 years after commission of the crime	No	Four years after discovered by the injured party and after age of majority
Kansas	No	Within 5 years, but tolled if minor is under 15 and unable to recognize or is prevented from reporting the offense	Yes	Within 8 years, tolled until 19 years old for trafficking victims
Kentucky	Yes	No limit for trafficking or CSEC, unless a misdemeanor CSEC offense	Yes	Within 5 years (tolled during minority)

¹ See Component 5.11 of the Protected Innocence Challenge Methodology. Evaluations of state laws are based on legislation enacted as of August 1, 2013 discussed in the 2013 Protected Innocence Challenge Report and supporting analysis for each state, available at <http://sharedhope.org/what-we-do/bring-justice/state-by-state/grades/>.

² The statute of limitations for human trafficking in Arkansas is six years when a Class A felony, and 3 years when a Class B felony.

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Louisiana	No	30 years for sexual offenses, otherwise 6 or 4 years	Yes	10 years
Maine	No	6 years for trafficking and CSEC	Yes	10 years (tolled during minority)
Maryland	Yes	No limit for trafficking and CSEC, except child pornography is 2 years	Yes	7 years (tolled during minority)
Massachusetts	Yes	Eliminated for human trafficking, 6 years for most CSEC crimes	No	3 years from date victim is free from human trafficking or majority
Michigan	No	10 years for CSEC crimes and 6 for trafficking	No	2 or 3 years for general tort claims
Minnesota	No	9 years from offense, 3 years after report made to authorities	Yes	6 years from date cause of action arose, eliminated for some minor sexual abuse (tolled during minority)
Mississippi	Yes	No limit for trafficking or CSEC, except for CSEC offense of procuring prostitute	No	1 year, tolled until age of majority
Missouri	Yes	30 years after turning 18 years old	Yes	10 years after adjudication of criminal case or victims 18 th birthday for CSEC crimes, 21 st birthday for trafficking (tolled during minority)
Montana	No	5 years after turning 18 years old	No	3 years after last injury
Nebraska	No	3 years for human trafficking and 7 years for CSEC	Yes	Within 3 years after criminal prosecution concludes or the victim turns 18, whichever is later; otherwise, within 1, 2, or 4 years
Nevada	No	Generally, 3 years and 4 years for sex trafficking	Yes	10 years for sexual abuse and tolled until majority; 3 years otherwise
New Hampshire	No	Within 6 years of the crime	No	Generally, 3 years
New Jersey	No	Within 5 years or by age of 23	No	2 years for sexual abuse
New Mexico	No	3,5,6, or none depending on age and type of offense	Yes	Within 10 years from the date of the offense or 18 years old (tolled during minority)
New York	No	5 years	Yes	7 or ten years, depending on the crime
North Carolina	Yes	Eliminated for felony prosecutions	Yes	10 years (tolled during minority)
North Dakota	No	Generally, 3 years, but some sexual offenses are 7 years	Yes	7 years for actions brought under the racketeering provisions (tolled during minority)
Ohio	No	20 years from commission of the crime for trafficking, 6 years for most CSEC crimes	Yes	12 years for actions arising from childhood sexual abuse (tolled during minority)
Oklahoma	No	3 years generally, or 12 years for child pornography and some sexual offenses	Yes	Any time during incarceration of person from which injury arises or within 5 years from when perpetrator is released (tolled during minority)
Oregon	No	6 or 12 years, tolled until majority	Yes	6 years from date of offense or, for child abuse, before the person attains the age of 40
Pennsylvania	No	5 years	Yes	Before victim turns 30 years old (tolled during minority)
Rhode Island	No	3 years	Yes	7 years
South Carolina	Yes	South Carolina does not have a general statute of limitations for criminal actions	Yes	6 years from the date the victim attains 21 years old or 3 years from discovery of the injury, for trafficking 3 years after offender's sentence is complete (tolled during minority)
South Dakota	No	7 years, eliminated when victim is under 13 years old or force or great bodily harm is involved	Yes	6 years (tolled during minority)
Tennessee	No	10 or 15 years after turning 18	No	3 years (tolled during minority)

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Texas	Yes	Eliminated for trafficking of persons and some sexual offenses, ten years for other sexual offenses	Yes	2 or 5 years from 18 th birthday (tolled during minority)
Utah	Yes	Eliminated for non-prostitution or human trafficking offenses, otherwise 4 years	No	Generally, 4 years after offense or 4 years after discovery of the sexual abuse (tolled during minority)
Vermont	Yes	Eliminated for human trafficking and some CSEC offenses, most other offenses against a child are 40 years	Yes	6 years (tolled during minority)
Virginia	Yes	No general statute of limitations for felonies	Yes	20 years for sexual abuse victims, otherwise 2 years
Washington	No	May be commenced up to the victim's 30 th birthday	No	Within 3 years of the offense, or discovery of the offense or the injury, whichever is later (tolled during minority)
West Virginia	Yes	No statute of limitations apply to the prosecutions of felonies	Yes	2 or 5 years after last act in offense or 2 years after plaintiff discovers the last act (tolled during minority)
Wisconsin	No	Eliminated for some sexual offenses, otherwise before the victim turns 26 or 45, depending on the crime	No	3 years for trafficking offenses; otherwise tolled until 2 years after the victim reaches the age of majority
Wyoming	Yes	No statute of limitations apply to any crimes in Wyoming	Yes	4 years for human trafficking, 8 years for sexual assault, tolled until the minors 18 th birthday or 3 years after the discovery
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