



It is a myth that slavery is a thing of the past. [More people are trapped in slavery today](#) than at any other time in history; more accurately, there are [over 21 million children, women and men living in modern slavery](#). That means three out of every 1,000 people worldwide. If they all lived together in a single city, it would be one of the biggest cities in the world.

A common belief is that modern slavery, which annually generates [illegal profits of over US\\$ 150 billion](#), only takes place in the developing world. Modern slavery can be found everywhere – there are for example over [1.5 million people working in slavery-like conditions in Europe, North America, Japan and Australia](#).

Many of the millions of people around the world, who remain trapped in situations of servitude and contemporary slavery, are children.



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