

Sex Trafficking Quick Facts

20.9 million worldwide trafficking victims of which 22% are sex-trafficking victims (about 4.5 million). Of those in sex-trafficking, 98% are women and girls (International Labor Org., 2012-2014).

In 2015, an estimated 1 out of 5 endangered runaways reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely child sex-trafficking victims. Of those, 74% were in the care of social services or foster care when they ran. Approximately 80% of those lured have been previously abused at home. (Polarisproject.org)

Average age of entry is 12-14 years old for those under the age of 18. Adults average entry age is 22 years old.

Life expectancy once in “The Life” is 7 short years.

Child and Adult Pornography fuel the sex industry – the addiction creates demand which increases supply needs.

Only 1-2% of human trafficking victims are ever identified. (National Human Trafficking Resource Center)

Victims are typically U.S. citizens, including adults, girls, boys, and transgender youth. (NHTRC)

How do individuals become victims of trafficking?

- Recruitment by “Romeo/boyfriend” pimps who convince them that they love and care for them.
- Kidnapping by “gorilla pimp” and forced into the life.
- Gang related prostitution.
- A parent or family member pimps their child for drugs or money.
- Running away and living on the streets and are forced to exchange sex for survival.
- Job proposal.
- Vulnerable youth can be lured into trafficking and other forms of sexual exploitation using promises, psychological manipulation, provision of drugs and alcohol, and violence.

The trafficker's main purpose is financial gain and will make every effort to establish trust and allegiance by wooing the victim in what feels like a loving and caring relationship. (<http://endsextrafficking.az.gov/human-trafficking/facts-figures>)

Traffickers can be anyone and any age.

A trafficker can make over \$150,000/year/person while each victim is raped over 10 times/day.

\$150 billion a year for all types of trafficking business worldwide \$99 billion is sex trafficking; \$46.9 billion in developed countries; \$100 million in Washington, D.C. (International Labor Org. 2014 <http://www.urban.org/publications/413047.html>)