



BOUGHT AND SOLD THE SEX TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN & GIRLS

THE NEW FACE OF SLAVERY

12.3 - 27 million people

are enslaved in forced or bonded labor, child labor, sexual servitude, and involuntary servitude at any given time.

(Source: Free the Slaves)

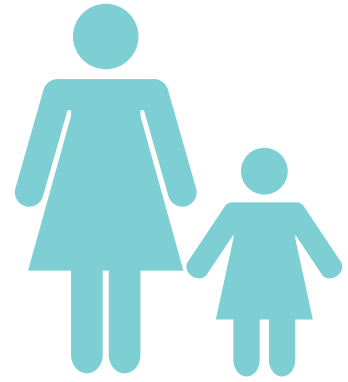


About 80%

of trafficking involves sexual exploitation.

(Source: UNODC)

98%

 of sex trafficking victims are women and girls.

(Source: UNODC)

\$32 billion per year

The second largest criminal industry in the world.

(Source: ILO, 2005)



Crime groups

involved in sex trafficking are often also involved in the trafficking of drugs and firearms.



(Source: UNODC)

Gender inequality

and the cultural belief that women can be bought and sold is the root cause of sex trafficking.

(Source: Soroptimist Whitepaper: "The New Face of Slavery")



Almost every country

in the world is involved in sex trafficking.

(Source: UNODC)



Only about 5%

of trafficking cases are ever reported.

(Source: UNODC 2006)



THE LINK TO PROSTITUTION

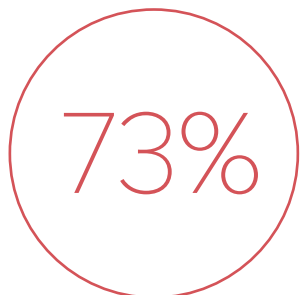
The myth of choice

Nearly all prostituted women have been coerced into prostitution against their will, either directly or by their circumstances, which include addiction, poverty, an unstable or abusive home life, lack of education and/or opportunity.



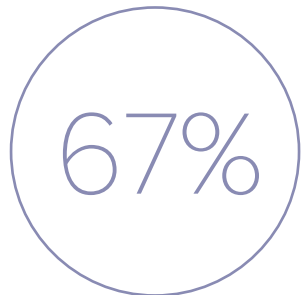
The average age of entry into prostitution

(Source: FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, "Human Sex Trafficking" 2011)



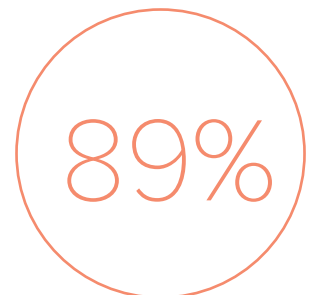
of prostituted women have been physically assaulted, and 57% have been raped.

(Source: "Prostitution: A Matter of Violence against Women," 2002)



of prostituted women suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder

(Source: Prostitution and Trafficking in Nine Countries: An Update on Violence and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)



of prostituted women want to exit prostitution but cannot due to a lack of healthcare, money, education, and other basic resources.

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