

BOUGHT AND SOLD

THE SEX TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN & GIRLS

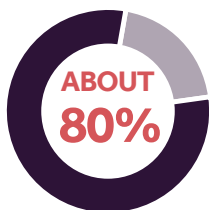
21 - 36 million people

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

(Free the Slaves)



(UNODC)



of trafficking involves sexual exploitation

(UNODC)

Gender inequality

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

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



\$32 billion per year

The second largest criminal industry in the world

(ILO, 2005)



Only about 5%

of trafficking cases are ever reported

(UNODC 2006)



Every country

in the world is involved in sex trafficking

(UNODC)



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THE NEW FACE OF SLAVERY

12-14

the average age of entry into prostitution
(FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, "Human Sex Trafficking" 2011)

67%

of prostituted women suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder
(Prostitution and Trafficking in Nine Countries: An Update on Violence and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)

73%

of prostituted women have been physically assaulted, and 57% have been raped
(Prostitution: A Matter of Violence against Women," 2002)

89%

of prostituted women want to exit prostitution but cannot due to a lack of healthcare, money, education, and other basic resources
(Prostitution and Trafficking in Nine Countries: An Update on Violence and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)

Sex slavery creates a culture of violence, destroys communities and families, fuels organized crime and ruins lives. Women and girls need our help.

What you can do:

- Learn more about sex slavery, the complex reasons it exists, and warning signs it may be happening in your community
- Raise awareness about sex slavery as a local and national concern
- Advocate for tougher laws and stronger anti-sex slavery law enforcement
- Work to ensure that all women and girls are valued and respected
- Support organizations that work to end the sex trafficking of women and girls

**For immediate assistance call the
National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888**

**Take action to end sex trafficking at
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