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# Sex Trafficking in Wisconsin & the U.S.



Sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion.

**80%**

of human trafficking in Wisconsin is sex trafficking

**8-14 years old**

Average age a child is coerced into the sex trade

**250,000 youth**

In the U.S. at risk of sexual exploitation



Sex trafficking is a \$150 billion+ per year industry

**21 million**

Victims worldwide: of ANY age, gender, race, religion and socioeconomic background



The enormous profit for traffickers derives from the "repeated sale" of the victim's body



Sex trafficking occurs in both urban & rural areas. The main route through Wisconsin is:



### Top Industries

1. Pimp-controlled prostitution
2. Commercial-front brothels
3. Escort services
4. Pornography
5. Stripping

### Where Victims are Recruited:

- The Internet
- Social Media
- School
- The Mall
- The Street / Park

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Through a website advertisement, an undercover agent went to a home where **two children, aged 16 and 17**, were recovered. The girls indicated they were sisters and were being pimped out by their mother. The girls also informed authorities that their mother was allegedly renting out the girls' brother's room to a man who was a registered sex offender. *FBI Report: Operation Cross Country 2016, Milwaukee Division.*

"It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods."  
--Pope Francis

**10 to 15**

Average number of times a victim is sold in 1 day

**7 years**

Life expectancy after entry

**Request Help / Report Tips**

National Human Trafficking Hotline

**1-888-3737-888**

or text "Help" to 233733 (BeFree)

Sources: Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services, Polaris, 5-Stones, Wisconsin Human Trafficking Protocol and Resource Manual, USCCB, Shared Hope International, WI Dept. of Justice, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Green Bay Press Gazette. © 2015 Wisconsin Catholics Sisters. Reproduced with permission.