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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

12-14 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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"Police who staged a raid at a Fox Valley motel in April found a 17-year-old Green Bay girl and a 14-year-old Appleton girl being sold to men for sex. The 14-year-old, who police said had seen 18 men before the arrest, would tell police that she needed money to repay a suspected pimp who had threatened her."

--Green Bay Press Gazette, June 6, 2015



"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, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Shared Hope International, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Green Bay Press Gazette © 2015.