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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.