

Facts on Human Trafficking

According to Canadian Statistics:

- An estimated 16,000 Canadians are being trafficked in Canada.
- There were 3,541 police-reported incidents of human trafficking in Canada between 2011 and 2021.
- Victims have doubled annually since 2017.
- 97% of victims of police-reported human trafficking were women and girls.
- About 45% of all victims of police-reported human trafficking were between the ages of 18 – 24.
- Nearly 28% were under the age of 18, and the remainder 26% were 25 years of age or older.
- Four in five of persons (81%) accused in human trafficking between 2009 – 2018 have been men.
- 90% of all Canadian cases involve domestic sex trafficking (Cdn Women's Assn)

In Saskatchewan:

- A Statistics Canada report on trafficking of persons published in 2022 shows that for 2021, Saskatchewan's rate of human trafficking was 1.4 incidences per 100,000 people, which is higher than the national average. This rate represents all kinds of human trafficking.
- Most victims come from vulnerable and marginalized populations – affected by poverty, family violence, addictions and involved with multiple systems, such as CFS and Justice, neurodevelopmental / cognitive vulnerabilities
- High percentage of victims have previous physical / sexual abuse
- Both males and females are exploited, with the majority still being female aged 18 to 24 (45%), with another quarter (24%) of victims were aged 17 and younger. The remaining victims were aged 25 to 34 (21%).
- More than half of victims identify as Indigenous
- Many individuals were initially exploited through survival sex (for food or shelter) as youth
- Many individuals are procured by drug dealers, gangs and johns (offenders)
- A high number of missing and murdered girls and women are/were exploited

