POLICE-REPORTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING

IN CANADA, 2010 to 2020

Human trafficking involves **recruiting, transporting, transferring, holding, concealing and exercising control** over a person for the purposes of **exploitation**. It often involves sexual exploitation or forced labour.

According to police-reported data, between 2010 and 2020:

Number of incidents of human trafficking

2,977

Number of detected victims of human trafficking

2,278

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Percentage of incidents involving international trafficking

30%

Percentage of incidents detected in major cities

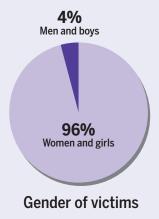
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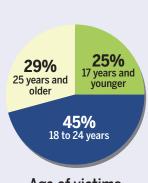


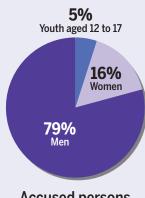
The true scope of human trafficking in Canada is **underestimated**. It is difficult to detect and measure, and it often involves victims and witnesses in vulnerable situations who **fear their traffickers and distrust authorities**. Compared with sexual exploitation, data on forced labour in particular are limited.

Almost all detected victims of human trafficking are women and girls









Age of victims

Accused persons

91% of human trafficking victims knew their trafficker

Intimate partner¹

Casual acquaintance or friend

Criminal, business or other relationship

Stranger

31%

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27%

9%







1. A tactic employed by some human traffickers involves drawing a potential victim into a romantic relationship with promises of love and affection, with the end goal of exploitation.

43% of human trafficking incidents involved other crimes

Of these:

58%

involved offences related to the sex trade 36%

involved offences related to physical assault 25%

involved sexual assault or other sexual offences

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting Survey.

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