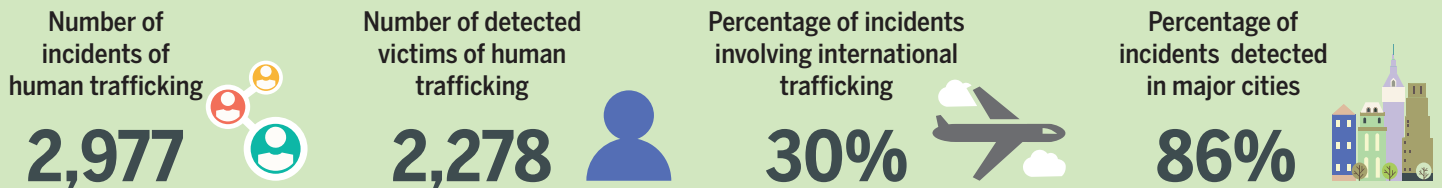


POLICE-REPORTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CANADA, 2010 to 2020

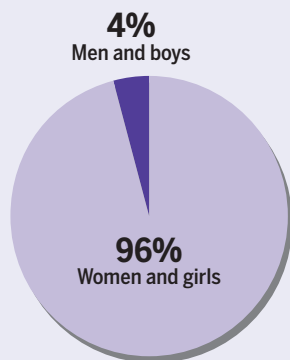
Human trafficking involves **recruiting, transporting, transferring, holding, concealing and exercising control** over a person for the purposes of **exploitation**. It often involves sexual exploitation or forced labour.

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

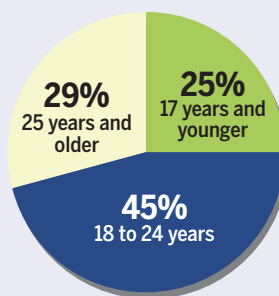


The true scope of human trafficking in Canada is **underestimated**. It is difficult to detect and measure, and it often involves victims and witnesses in vulnerable situations who **fear their traffickers and distrust authorities**. Compared with sexual exploitation, data on forced labour in particular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

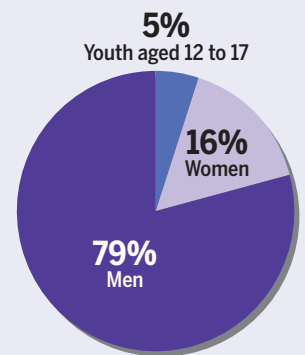
Almost all detected victims of human trafficking are women and girls



Gender of victims

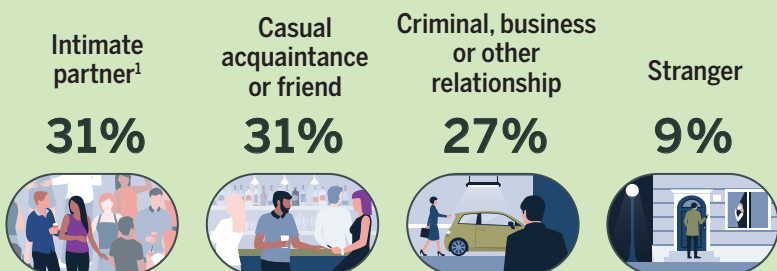


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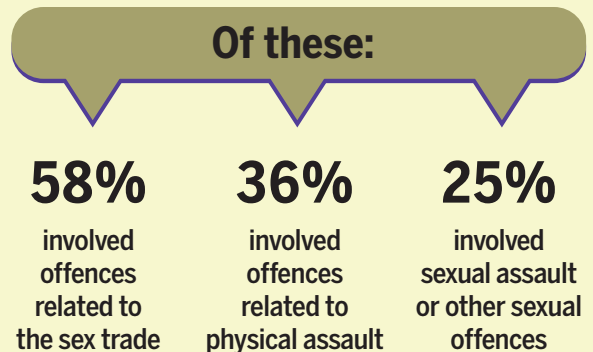
Accused persons

91% of human trafficking victims knew their trafficker



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



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

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