

Prostitution Offender Program 2012

Who are the “johns”?

This is a snapshot of the men who attended the Prostitution Offender Program after they were charged in Edmonton Police Service undercover stings in 2012. Only eligible first-time offenders may attend the Program, an Alternative Measures Program.

Prostitution offenders, also called “johns” or sex trade consumers, come from all walks of life, all ages, and all races. Some are predators, some are pedophiles, some are perpetrators of violence, and some kill women. Some are lonely, some act on impulse, some just want cheap, anonymous sex and some are addicted to porn and cruising for sex. They cruise the streets and the internet.

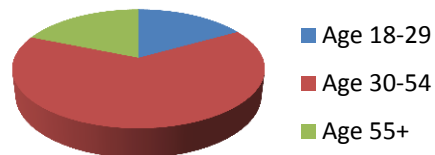
2012 Prostitution Offender Program Statistics

48 people filled out at least part of the evaluation

Age and Place of Birth

- Age range: 22-73
- Average age: 41
- Age 18-29: 17%
- Age 30-54: 65%
- Age 55+: 19%
- 52% of respondents were born in Canada, the rest outside Canada
 - o 23% of those born outside of Canada immigrated to Canada within the past 10 years
- 85% identified themselves as speaking English well or very well

Age of Offenders

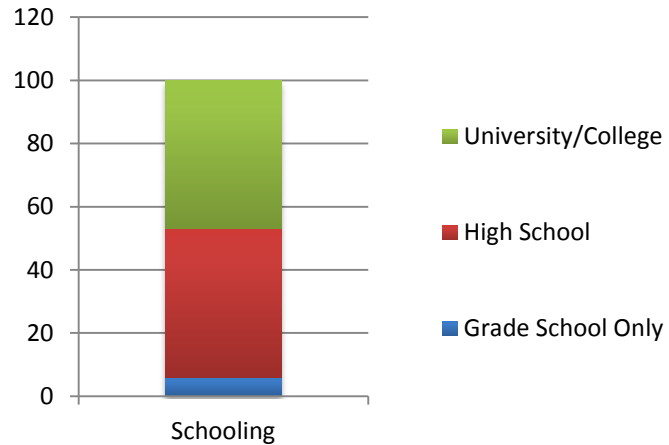


Relationships and Children

- 60% were married or had a girlfriend or common law partner
- 68% had one or more children, and 63% of those had children living with them at the time of arrest

Education

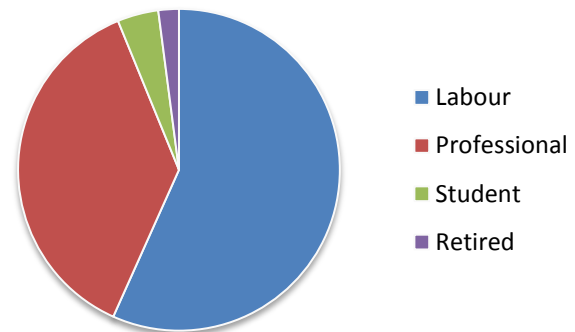
- High school or higher: 94%
- Grade school only: 6%
- University or college: 47%



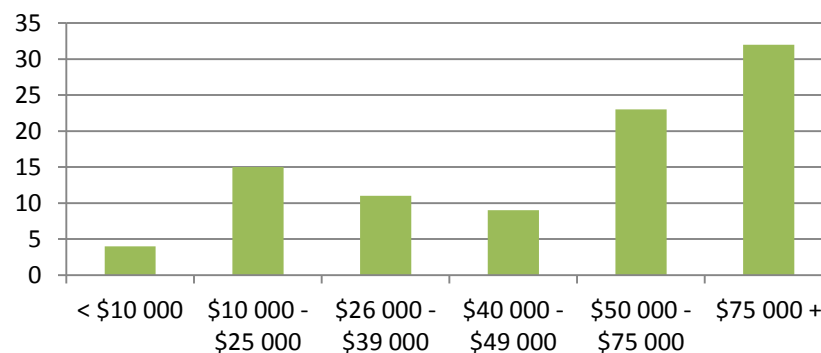
Employment and Household Income per Annual

- Employed full time: 87%
 - o Labour: 55%
 - o Professional: 36%
 - o Student: 4%
 - o Retired: 2%
- 4% : less than \$10 000
- 15% : \$10 000 – \$25 000
- 11% : \$26 000 – \$39 000
- 9% : \$40 000 - \$49 000
- 23% : \$50 000 - \$75 000
- 32% : over \$75 000

Type of Work



Annual Household Income (%)



Information Surrounding Arrest

- 72% were living in Edmonton
- 66% claimed to not know they were breaking the law
- 72% of men had been cruising for less than fifteen minutes before being arrested
- 11% were under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 66% of those arrested claimed to have never used the services of a prostituted woman before, and 17% had used a prostituted woman's services at least two times in the past
- 21% of men arrested were looking for oral sex from the woman, 17% were looking for "anything", 17% were looking for companionship, 6% were looking for a sexual service (half and half or lay), and 26% denied looking for any act at all

Beliefs and Values

- 97% said they will stop
- 100% had a change of opinion surrounding prostitution after participating in the Prostitution Offender Program

What will it take for you to stop using prostitutes?

- "programs like this"
- "no more demand"
- "more education"

Why do you think women are involved in prostitution?

“Sexual abuse”

“Homelessness”

“Drug addiction”

“Broken families”

“No parents”

What will be your action leaving this program?

“Taking away a far better understanding of the surrounding “big picture”; damages to people, victims, and communities”

“Contribute to CEASE and other charities that help”

“Be proactive against Johns”

“Respect women”