

Prostitution Offender Program 2013

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 2013. 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.

All have an impact on you and me, on our families and our communities and upon the vulnerable children and adults in our midst. They drive the market for sexual exploitation.

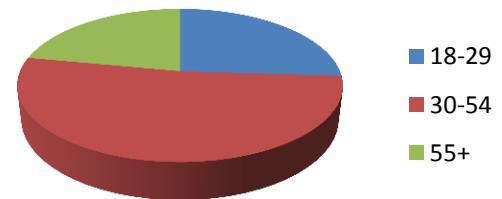
2013 Prostitution Offender Program Statistics

100 people filled out at least part of the evaluation

Age and Place of Birth

- Age range: 19 to 73
- Average age: 41
- Age 18-29: 26%
- Age 30-54: 52%
- Age 55+: 22%
- 54% of respondents were born in Canada, the rest born outside Canada
 - o 67% of those born outside of Canada immigrated to Canada within the past 10 years
- 85% identified themselves as speaking English well or very well

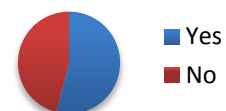
Age of Offenders



Relationships and Children

- 51% were married or had a girlfriend or common law partner
- 56% had one or more children – 54% of those had children living with them at the time of arrest

Children Living with Offenders

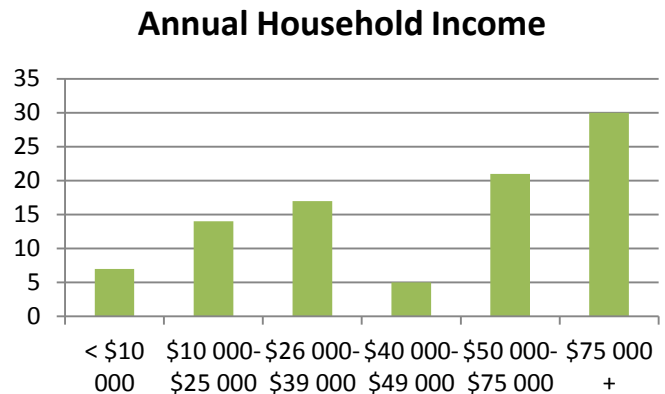


Education

- High school or higher level education: 87%
- Grade school only: 13%
- University degree or college: 49%

Employment and Household Income per Annum

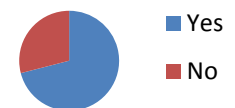
- Employed full time: 79%
 - o 65% labour
 - o 19% professional
 - o 6% students
 - o 2% retired
- 7% : less than \$10 000
- 14% : \$10 000 – \$25 000
- 17% : \$26 000 – \$39 000
- 5% : \$40 000 - \$49 000
- 21% : \$50 000 - \$75 000
- 30% : over \$75 000



Information Surrounding Arrest

- 79% lived in Edmonton
- 68% claimed to not know they were breaking the law
- 81% of men had been cruising for less than fifteen minutes before being arrested
- 5% were under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 69% claimed to have never used the services of a prostituted woman before, and 19% had used a prostituted woman’s service at least two times in the past
- 20% were looking for oral sex from the woman, 13% were looking for “anything”, 21% were looking for companionship, and 11% were looking for vaginal intercourse
- 16% denied wanting any sexual acts or companionship from the woman

Have You Used a Prostituted Woman Before?



Beliefs and Values

- 90% said they will stop
- 88% had a change of opinion surrounding prostitution after participating in the Prostitution Offender Program

What would it take for you to stop?

“This course”

“Getting arrested”

“More education”

Why do you think women enter prostitution?

“Domestic abuse”

“Drugs”

“Limited education, options, guidance”

“Forced into it”

What action will you take after this course?

“Teach people about prostitution”

“I learned about the impact it makes on the community”

“Change”