

Prostitution Offender Program 2014

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 2014. Only eligible first-time offenders may attend the Program, an Alternative Measures Program. Some men are sent as part of a probation order, and occasionally a man will ask if he can come, even when he hasn't been charged because he wants to change his behaviours.

Prostitution offenders, also called “johns” or sex 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.

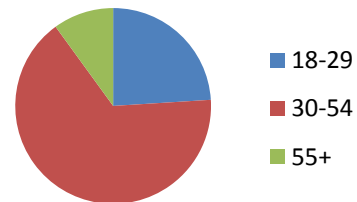
2014 Prostitution Offender Program Statistics

58 people filled out at least part of the evaluation

Age and Place of Birth

- Age range: 19 to 78
- Average age: 40
- Age 18-29: 24%
- Age 30-54: 66%
- Age 55+: 10%
- 43% were born in Canada, 57% elsewhere
 - o 31% of those born outside of Canada immigrated to Canada within the past 10 years
- 48% identified themselves as speaking English well or very well

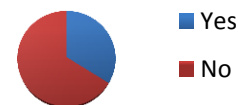
Age of Offenders



Relationships and Children

- Married/Girlfriend/Common-law: 55%
- 55% had one or more children, and 34% of those had children living with them at the time

Children Living with Offenders



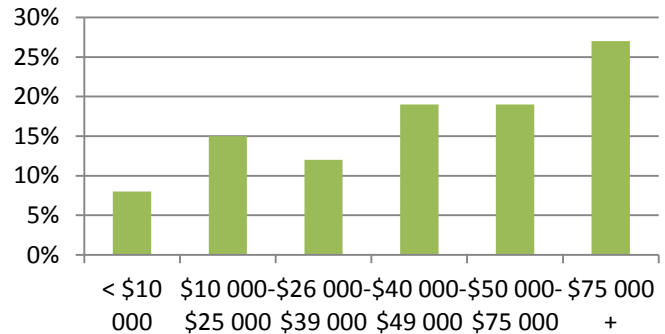
Education

- High school or higher: 48%
- Grade school only: 10%
- University or College: 41%

Employment and Household Income per Annum

- Employed full time: 88%
 - o Labour: 29%
 - o Professional: 19%
 - o Student: 5%
 - o Unemployed: 12%
 - o Retired: 3%
- 8%: less than \$10 000
- 15% : \$10 000 – \$25 000
- 12% : \$26 000 – \$39 000
- 19% : \$40 000 - \$49 000
- 19% : \$50 000 - \$75 000
- 27% : over \$75 000

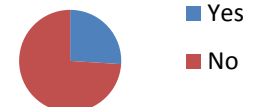
Annual Household Income



Information Surrounding Arrest

- 86% were living Edmonton
- 60% claimed to not know they were breaking the law
- 83% had been cruising for less than fifteen minutes before being arrested
- 12% were under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 74% of those arrested claimed to have never used the services of a prostituted woman before, and 26% had purchased sex services at least once in the past
- 29% of men arrested were looking for oral sex from the woman, 21% were looking for “anything”, 4% were looking for a “lay”, and 29% were looking for something else.
- 25% of respondents denied seeking any sexual acts or companionship from the women

Have you used a prostituted woman before?



Beliefs and Values

- 93% said they will stop
- 90% had a change of opinion surrounding prostitution after participating in the Prostitution Offender Program

What would it take for you to stop?

“This course”

“Awareness of the impact”

“Better legal information on what is and not legal”

Why do you think women enter prostitution?

“Child abuse”

“Drugs and money”

“Poverty and lack of education”

“Lonely, addicted and broken relationship”

What action will you take after this course?

“This program was a gift from God, thank you and I will educate others”

“Share what I learned with other”

“Change my habits”