

Prostitution Offender Program 2015

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 2015. 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.

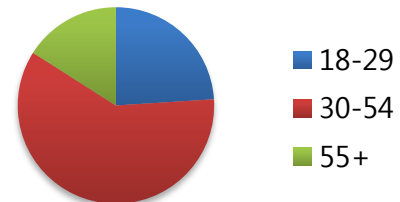
2015 Prostitution Offender Program Statistics

37 people filled out at least part of the evaluation

Age and Place of Birth

- Age range: 20 to 65
- Average age: 41
- Age 18-29: 24%
- Age 30-54: 60%
- Age 55+: 16%
- 41% were born in Canada, 59% elsewhere
 - o 59% of those born outside of Canada immigrated to Canada within the past 10 years
- 68% identified themselves as speaking English well or very well

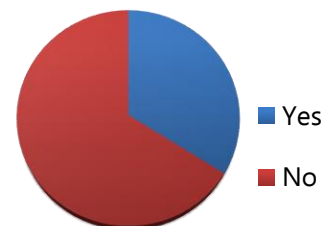
Age Distribution



Relationships and Children

- Married/Girlfriend/Common-law: 41%
- 54% had one or more children, and 40% of those had children living with them at the time
- 70% had viewed pornography on the internet
- 11% believe they have a sex addiction

Children Living with Offenders

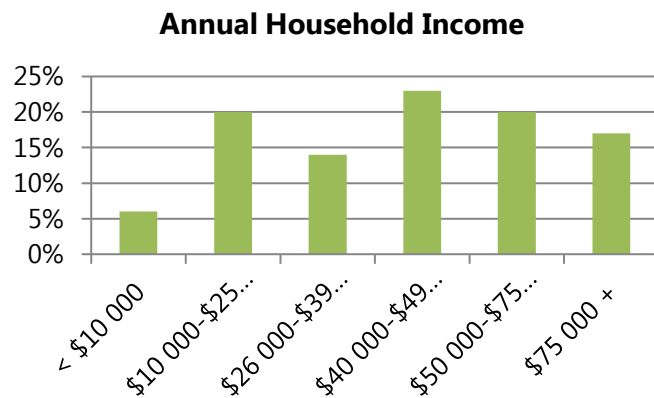


Education

- High school or higher: 97%
- Grade school only: 3%
- University or College: 39%

Employment and Household Income per Annum

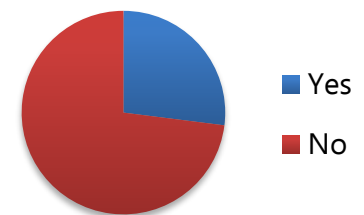
- Employment Type:
 - o Labour: 58%
 - o Professional: 14%
 - o Student: 6%
 - o Unemployed: 19%
 - o Social Assistance: 3%
- less than \$10 000: 6%
- \$10 000 – \$25 000: 20%
- \$26 000 – \$39 000: 14%
- \$40 000 - \$49 000: 23%
- \$50 000 - \$75 000: 20%
- over \$75 000: 17%



Information Surrounding Arrest

- 95% were living Edmonton
- 83% claimed to not know they were breaking the law
- 70% had been cruising for less than fifteen minutes before being arrested
- 5% were under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- 73% of those arrested claimed to have never used the services of a prostituted woman before, and 27% had purchased services at least once in the past
- 24% of men arrested were looking for oral sex from the women, 18% were looking for "anything", and 36% were seeking companionship
- 18% of respondents denied seeking any sexual acts or companionship from the women

Have you used a prostituted woman before?



Beliefs and Values

- 97% said they will stop
- 93% had a change of opinion surrounding prostitution after participating in the Prostitution Offender Program

What would it take for you to stop?

"This experience"

"I'm there already - have been thinking on my own volition psychological counselling 12 sessions so far"

Why do you think women enter prostitution?

"Poverty"

"Loneliness"

"Food, money, drugs"

"Social problems like poverty, family disintegration and addictions"

"No family support"