FROM IMPUNITY TO ACCOUNTABILITY

Deterring Sex Buyers in New York State and Beyond



Trigger warning: The contents of this document include statements made by sex buyers that include the description of violent, sexist, racist, pornographic, dehumanizing, torturous and degrading acts which can offend or even disturb the reader.

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WHAT FUELS THE SEX TRADE: UNCOVERING THE "INVISIBLE MEN"

The sex trade¹ is a global enterprise that is built on human rights violations, organized criminal activities, and brutal sexual exploitation that reaps multi-billion-dollar illicit profits. The sex trade operates like any other marketplace, relying on the equation of supply, demand and the incentive for profit. In this context, the economic formula comprises human beings – people in prostitution who are bought by sex buyers whose dollars fuel the sex trade. In almost all instances, people in prostitution are sold by exploiters who reap those financial gains (e.g. sex traffickers, pimps, owners/operators of brothels, pornographers, escort services, illicit "massage parlors," "sugar dating" internet service providers, etc.).

The system of prostitution would not exist without the demand for it, namely patronizers or sex buyers, colloquially known as "johns" in North America, "punters" in the United Kingdom and Ireland, "puteros" in Spain and Argentina, and "blessers" in South Africa, to name a few descriptors.

While the United Nations, governments, and the media offer some attention to sex trafficking victims and their exploiters, with few exceptions, little interest is shown to sex buyers and the harm they cause both to the people they purchase and to society at large. Under international law³ and many national laws⁴, governments are obligated to address the demand that fosters sexual exploitation, but in reality, these perpetrators benefit from widespread impunity.

^[1] The sex trade includes all forms of street and online prostitution, pornography, and commercial sex establishments, such as strip clubs, brothels, escort services, illicit "spas" and "massage parlors," "sex tourism" agencies, and "sugar dating" websites.

^[2] UNODC, Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2020, https://bit.ly/3xcTGLe

^[3] Article 9.5 of the UN Trafficking Protocol urges States to "adopt or strengthen legislative or other measures, such as educational, social or cultural measures... to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of persons, especially women and children, that leads to trafficking." UN General Assembly, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. (2000),

https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/protocoltraffickinginpersons.aspx

^[4] The U.S. federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act and its reauthorizations defines sex trafficking as "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, *obtaining*, *patronizing*, *or soliciting* of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act." (*emphasis added*), Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, 22 USC 7102(12)

A NOTE ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report is inspired by a version of *The Invisible Men Project* carried out by a German student, Elly Arrow, who researched hundreds of online reviews posted by men who purchased women for sexual acts in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, where brothels and other forms of prostitution are legal. CATW would also like to thank Ken Franzblau, an attorney and decades-long collaborator in our work, who has scanned thousands of sex buyer reviews to educate policymakers and the public about these men's patterns of sexual violence, bigotry, and reckless indifference to signs of trafficking.

While this report highlights a few online posts of sex buyers in New York State, these hobby board reviews are indicative of sex buyers' abuse of power and abuse of vulnerability beyond New York. These reviews give us proof that sex buyers are in fact visible and unequivocal in their expressions of dehumanization and commodification of women, in violation of principles of human rights, equality, and respect for the dignity of persons.

This is not a study of the psychology of sex buyers or what propels them to purchase human beings for their sexual pleasure. One of the goals of this report is to offer a snapshot of the widespread and anonymous network of men who patronize prostitution with impunity and cultural acceptance. We hope it to be a tool to help our governments recognize that sex buyers cause pervasive harm, that they are key actors in sustaining the sex trade, and the *raison d'être* of sex trafficking. If we are committed to preventing and combating sexual exploitation, we must hold sex buyers accountable under the law.

We also hope to bring empathy to the forefront of the conversation on how to prevent and end commercial sexual exploitation. It is time for policy makers and the public to show empathy – not for sex buyers who appear to have none – but for the vulnerable women and other marginalized populations in prostitution and sex trade survivors, who deserve our attention and comprehensive services to help them heal and rebuild their lives. CATW advocates for the realization of these goals.

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Hobby boards are online forums where sex buyers post reviews of the people from whom they purchased sexual acts, often called "providers." They either denigrate or praise the women's performance of sexual acts; they share their recommendations or rejections for the benefit of other sex buyers. They also use these online boards to caution one another about police busts or to tout a new batch of incoming women. The hobby boards are generally hosted overseas, mostly in Switzerland and the Netherlands, where user data is highly protected.

We have read numerous online posts published by sex buyers across New York State rating the women they purchased. We have not altered the content of these reviews beyond blocking out the most offensive verbiage with symbols and culling the quotes for length and clarity.

We searched the following hobby boards to find sex buyers' reviews ranging from 2008 to present day, but there are a plethora of other such websites:

BestGFE RubMaps USA Sex Guide Utopia Guide

To accompany this report, we created an <u>interactive digital map</u> showing the locations across New York State where the featured sex buyers reportedly purchased the women they reviewed.



Sex buyers have their own language, which involves an extensive list of code words and abbreviations to communicate with each other, and describe the sexual acts offered, types and locations of prostitution establishments, specific descriptions of the women they purchase, etc. For ease of understanding, below are a few abbreviations that appear in this report:

> Bareback = No condom D = Dick Spinner = Short woman PM = Private Message MILF = Mother I'd Like to F*ck Bolt-ons = Breast implants BJ = Blow job HJ = Hand job O'd = Orgasmed Mish = Missionary

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99% of sex buyers are men

WHO ARE THE SEX BUYERS?

Globally, it is estimated that 99% of sex buyers are men. They can be found across all income brackets, though high-frequency buyers in the U.S. are more likely to earn a salary of \$100K+ annually. The overwhelming majority of the people they purchase for sexual acts are vulnerable women, girls, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ youth, all disproportionately of color.

Percentage of men who reported having paid for prostitution at least once in their lives:

Cambodia and Thailand: in the 70% range The Netherlands: 14% Russia: 10-13% South Korea: 50% Spain: 39% Switzerland: 19% United Kingdom: 7-10% United States: 16%

One study estimated that the proportion of men who reported having bought sex in a period of 6 months was lowest in **Sweden** – at **0.29%** – leading the authors to conclude that the Swedish prostitution law holding sex buyers accountable leads to a decrease in the demand for the purchase of sexual acts.

Money Spent on Prostitution Worldwide: \$186 billion

China: \$73 billion Germany: \$18 billion India: \$8.4 billion Japan: \$24 billion The Philippines: \$6 billion South Korea: \$12 billion Spain: \$26.5 billion Thailand: \$6.4 billion Turkey: \$4 billion United States: \$14.6 billion



WHY A CLOSE LOOK AT NEW YORK STATE?

New York is the fourth most populous state in the United States and is home to New York City, one of the largest cities in the world and a major hub for sex trafficking and the sex trade. This report outlines 10 regions of New York State with select highlights of related sex trafficking and prostitution cases in that region.

Commercial sex establishments, although illegal in New York except for statelicensed strip clubs, openly list their addresses online and advertise the women they offer by ethnicity and race. Purchasing sexual acts at these establishments or anywhere – known as patronizing – is a crime under New York law (a Class A misdemeanor). In addition, since the enactment of New York's Human Trafficking Act of 2007, New York must address the demand for prostitution as a matter of public policy. In spite of this, law enforcement rarely targets sex buyers.

The Sex Trade Survivors Justice and Equality Act was introduced in the New York State legislature in January 2021 to further strengthen laws that prevent sex trafficking and address sexual exploitation. This bill proposes to end the arrests and incarceration of people in prostitution, who are overwhelmingly women; offers them trauma-informed social services and exit strategies; and reinforces holding sex buyers accountable for the lifelong harm they cause. If enacted, New York could become the first U.S. state to implement this legal framework known as the Equality Model. A number of countries, namely Sweden, Iceland, Norway, Northern Ireland, Canada, France, the Republic of Ireland, and Israel, have enacted such a law, also known as the Nordic or Abolitionist Model. The law recognizes that prostitution is a form of gender-based violence and discrimination, and a barrier to attaining equality. It also calls for states to educate the public that the demand for prostitution fuels the sex trade and leads to sex trafficking, and must end.

^[1] S 230.04 Patronizing a person for prostitution in the third degree is a Class A misdemeanor. https://newyork.public.law/laws/n.y._penal_law_section_230.04

NEW YORK STATE CONDEMNS

SEXISM

RACISM

ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

...SEX BUYERS COMMIT ALL OF THESE OFFENSES AND MORE, SO WHY ARE THEY GIVEN A PASS?

If New York — or any state — deems it an offense to discriminate based on race or ethnicity, why does it ignore the sex trade's structural racism?

If New York — or any state — condemns discrimination, prejudice, and abuse of power, why does it allow sex buyers' blatant acts of misogyny?

If New York — or any state — is concerned about engaging in sexual acts when one party is "under the influence," why is it indifferent to it when it happens in the sex trade?

If New York — or any state — believes that men and women should enjoy equal status in society, why are men allowed to purchase and rate women like consumable products?

If New York — or any state — cares about ending the promotion of prostitution (i.e. pimping) and sex trafficking, why the blind eye when sex buyers tell us when and where it could be happening? **Objectification / commodification / pornification of women**

Acts of violence

Misogyny

Indifference to a woman's visible distress

Harmful sexual practices

Abuse of vulnerability

Requests by race

Disregard for visible signs of illness

Indifference to signs of substance abuse

SEX BUYER REVIEWS ACROSS New York State

Exploitation of a pregnant woman

Rape

Racist and ethnic fetishization

Indifference to visible physical & mental distress

Awareness of trafficking

Awareness of pimping

Sexual coercion

Transphobia

Western New York

The westernmost region of New York State includes cities like **Buffalo** (the second largest city in the state), **Niagara Falls**, and **Jamestown**, approximately totaling 3 million inhabitants.

As with the rest of the state, street prostitution and prostitution establishments have been a mainstay for decades. The Buffalo Police Department launched a campaign in 2013 to target sex buyers by posting their pictures and personal information on the internet. However, the police continued to arrest both women in prostitution and sex buyers alike and indiscriminately posting their identities online.

In October 2019, Erie County Sheriff's Deputy, Wallace Waliczek, was arrested on charges of promoting the prostitution of his wife. She was also arrested and later referred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office of the Human Trafficking Unit. Waliczek was sentenced to three years of probation in April 2022. No reports indicate that any of the sex buyers in the case were arrested. In recent years, evidence of a growing prostitution market has expanded beyond Buffalo and into small towns and suburbs like Amherst, Tonawanda, Cheektowaga, Orchard Park and West Seneca. In May 2020, investigators uncovered a trafficking ring after a sex buyer filed a complaint for theft and extortion. Objectification / commodification / pornification of womenActs of violenceExploitation of a pregnant woman

Harmful sexual practices

Indifference to a woman's visible distress

Sex Buyer in Buffalo February 2020

Motel was basic no-tell motel. Very close to highway exit on a major road. Answered door. Greeted me with hug and got down to business. She takes the D good in the mouth. Very big juggle booty. Let me slap booty as she was taking D in the mouth excellent technique with lips. Very budget-friendly. Recommendation: Yes.

Sex Buyer in Buffalo April 2016

[She] definitely had potential on opening door. Nice rack. Not skinny but I could appreciate the body. All downhill from there. All mechanical, little to no eye contact. Ignored some questions I had. [Won't] repeat.

Sex Buyer in Niagara Falls January 2021

Hot little spinner with big nipples and puffy p***y lips. [...] She's pregnant now, not showing much but she says she has grown 2x in the [breasts] dept. And is already lactating, so if that's a turn-on for any of you guys, PM me for digits and pix. I have moved away [...], or I'd be 1st in line!

Sex Buyer in Buffalo June 2022

Gal with issues. But as a sex fiend she's a fun gal who enjoys [ass to mouth], [bareback blowjobs], playing with the balls, anal and deep injections of cum. I feel bad for her situation but I'm no saint."

Finger Lakes

The Finger Lakes region is populated by 1.2 million people. **Rochester** is its largest city with over 200,000 residents. Residents have noted a thriving sex trade and its devastating consequences on communities for decades.

In 2008, The Lyell Ave. Area 230 Group, a grassroots organization, comprising neighborhood businesses, property owners, and residents, launched a "Dear John" campaign that raised awareness about sex buyers, posting their pictures on billboards and urging law enforcement to implement the patronizing provision of Section 230 of the New York Penal Code. In 2017, the Rochester Police arrested 15 men charged with patronizing, following a "John Detail" in the area of Lyell Avenue.

In March 2021, the Western District of New York's U.S. Attorney's Office charged a Jamestown man with sex trafficking. In a review of cell phones recovered from one of the victims, law enforcement found extensive information exchanged with sex buyers, including details of sexual acts offered, pricing, meeting locations, and times. No reports of arrests of sex buyers in this case were found.

The *Rochester Sex Guide* has extensive information on where men can purchase women for sexual acts in the region, online and off.

Objectification / commodification / pornification of women

Rape

Misogyny

Abuse of vulnerability

Indifference to signs of substance abuse

Sex Buyer in Rochester October 2021

[She] took 10 minutes to look for a condom. [...] Once she found it, she started nodding off. I had to wake her up 3x. Until I finally [...] face f**ked her until I bust in the bag. It seems like she does have decent skill. When she would wake up she would suck good and rub on balls but kept nodding. Overall nice girl but won't repeat.

Sex Buyer in Rochester August 2021

Brown hair, about 5'3," round face, cute. Claimed she wasn't a user and just out trying to support her kids [...]. I got some very good head for [...] \$40, but she was clean, a little thick, and could carry a conversation.

Sex Buyer in Rochester August 2021

[She was] garishly whoreish, [...] medium height, in shape, with a tight ass and small B tits. She said she doesn't walk the streets much, but don't they all. [...] She has good skills, but a little rushed (had way worse rushing [before]).

Sex Buyer in Rochester June 2021

Said she was 39, but looked younger (I could believe it since she had kind of a thick mom body). I paid more than I usually would and got a great [covered blowjob]. I would definitely repeat.

Source: USA Sex Guide

Southern Tier

The Southern Tier region refers to the New York counties along the border with Pennsylvania. **Binghamton**, with about 50,000 people, is the largest city in the region, which has a total of 750,000 residents.

Law enforcement and community groups have documented commercial sexual exploitation of adults and minors and its dire consequences, including murders of prostituted persons. Arthur J. Shawcross, a convicted killer of two children on parole in Monroe County, made national news in 1990 when he was accused of murdering 11 women, almost all prostituted.

The Binghamton Police Department has conducted street-level "reverse stings" (when law enforcement focuses on the sex buyers instead of the prostituted) since at least 2001 and the media has publicized the arrests and personal information of sex buyers.



Sexual coercion

Awareness of exploitation

Racist fetishization



Sex Buyer in Binghamton May 2021

[She] was out walking [...]. She is a short Puerto Rican gal with long black hair. When she first started walking she was absolutely beautiful. Now she looks horrible all those years on the streets ate her up.

Central New York

With a population of almost 800,000 people, the region of Central New York includes **Syracuse** and **Oneida**.

Syracuse is located at the intersection of two interstate highways, I-90 and I-81, an important hub through which traffickers transport their victims for the sex buyer market. The sex trafficking and prostitution of adults and children has plagued the region for decades often in plain sight, such as in the Northside of Syracuse.

Police sources indicate that there are dozens of illicit "massage parlors" operating in Onondaga County, in which Syracuse sits. The Syracuse Police Department noted that it is increasingly intent on targeting sex buyers, which it says are often men coming in from out of town. The SPD organized a reverse sting online, posted listings to prostitution sites, and intercepted and arrested 20 sex buyers.

In 2020, three men were arrested; one, who lured a 12-year-old girl on social media, on charges of human trafficking and predatory sexual assault against a child; and the other two for criminal sexual acts in the first degree and endangering the welfare of a child.

Sexual coercion

Indifference to signs of substance abuse

Abuse of vulnerability

Sex Buyer in Syracuse August 2015

The experience was one of the worst I have ever had. She wanted to leave as soon as possible. She told me to 'come quick' because, according to her, she was 'very tight.' Yeah, right! Anything that was tight was the time she was willing to spend in the session. It was the session out of hell. [...] Do yourself a favor: Jerk off and save the money.

Sex Buyer in Syracuse April 2022

She's a user. I stopped working with her because she was ripping dudes off. Her pics are seriously doctored. She's one of the most homely women and definitely the most hideous I've ever f**ked. Just say no to that crack.

Sex Buyer in Syracuse January 2022

She's in her 40's, body is kinda hot but her face isn't. [...] Very limited menu [...]. No kissing, basically all she wants to do is shove a toy up guys asses and give a hand job. So if that's what you're looking for that's cool, but if you want a girlfriend experience look elsewhere.

Sex Buyer in Syracuse October 2021

Saw her once over the summer and had a great session [...]. Repeated this past week and had a terrible experience. She rushed me, was unenthusiastic and totally cut me short on time [...]. Will never repeat with her again.

North Country

North Country is New York's northern frontier, bordering Canada and Northern Vermont. Its total population is just over 300,000 and its largest city is **Plattsburg**, which counts about 19,800 people.

Plattsburgh is the first or last major stop in the U.S. on Interstate I-87 between Montreal and New York City, a geographical location that heightens the risks of human trafficking. In 2014, state police arrested 5 sex buyers and one prostituted woman in Calcium. In 2016, state police ended an undercover investigation with 10 men arrested for solicitation of prostitution. In 2017 and 2019, respectively, Plattsburgh officials noted an increase of sex trafficking and the exploitation of children, particularly exacerbated due to the opiate crisis. In one case, teenage girls were trafficked to Plattsburgh from New York City.



Objectification / commodification / pornification of women

Misogyny

Request by race

Sex Buyer in Watertown April 2019

We stripped down and went right to some nice [deep french kissing]. She has a very nice body, slim with small B's and pierced nipples. She then dropped to her knees for a great [bareback blowjob]. [...] She has two piercings in her labia. Not really my thing, but it didn't detract from the experience. Everything was clean and fresh.

Sex Buyer in Watertown August 2018

Sexy [big beautiful woman] in Watertown. [...] She is very good at what she does always down for bareback oral and a plus she swallows, is very low key and does car dates or in calls at her house. Prices very reasonable.

Sex Buyer in Watertown March 2019

Just met another dick pleasing hottie her name is Suzy [name changed]. She is very accommodating and eager to please does bareback oral and covered full sex. She also has a friend. If interested hit me up.

Sex Buyer in Watertown December 2019

Watertown talents? Looking for a [Asian massage parlor] in town that is decent and send me on my way feeling at least happy. And information would be appreciated.

Source: USA Sex Guide

Mohawk Valley

The Mohawk Valley region, to the East of Central New York, is sandwiched between the Adirondack Mountains and Catskill Mountains. Its cities include **Utica** and **Rome**. The region has approximately 620,000 people.

The police department of Utica conducted several stings between 2014 and 2016, resulting in the arrests of women in prostitution, but no recorded arrests of sex buyers were found. In 2016, Utica police charged 14 people in connection with prostitution — 10 women for loitering for the purpose of prostitution, and only four men for patronizing. In 2021, the police began an investigation into a Utica "spa" and one person was arrested for unauthorized practice of a profession. No other arrests were reportedly made.



Objectification / commodification / pornification of women

Misogyny

Racist fetishization

Sex Buyer in Utica January 2022

She's easy to talk to and not a clock watcher [...] She looked good for 50, and service was decent too. Had no problem kissing, gave me a nice [bareback blowjob], and then put on the cover and rode me. I asked if she wanted to try Greek [= anal sex] and she agreed. Filled the cover while in Athens. One hour of her time [...]. No drama at all. Wish I could say that about some of the others.

Sex Buyer in Rome April 2021

Sorry, never got her name. Attractive with a great set of tits. House was a little sketchy but I wasn't worried [...]. Started with [bareback blowjob] and she was very good. Then I asked her to get on and she rode me with her tight p***y. Good experience and will see her again.

Sex Buyer in Utica October 2021

[She's] not super hot. I'll admit it's been a while and the little head was taking over. She's fatter than pics make her seem. She talks a good game at first but has a massive ego and freaked the f**k out on me at the first hint things weren't going 100% the way she wanted. [...] Avoid this one.

Sex Buyer in Utica February 2022

Anyone have any info on her? I'm a sucker for dark skin, a few hour drive from me but looking in Utica area for some fun.

Capital Region

The Capital Region refers to the counties around **Albany**, the capital of New York State. It includes **Schenectady, Troy,** and **Saratoga Springs** and has a total population of about 1.2 million. Saratoga Springs, with a population of almost 30,000, is known for its mineral springs at Spa City, its thoroughbred horse racing home to the Saratoga Race Course, and is home to the major annual sporting Saratoga Race Course event

This region is a hub for sexual exploitation – particularly Schenectady, as all the major expressways pass through it. Safe Inc., a group dedicated to providing aid to homeless youth in Schenectady, reports working with about 1,000 homeless young people every year, with 90% of them having been approached by a pimp, sex trafficker, or other exploiter in the sex trade.

In 2013, five people were arrested in Saratoga Springs as part of the national "Operation Cross Country" conducted under the FBI's Innocence Lost initiative, to address child sex trafficking. Local organizations raise awareness about human trafficking in the region, which they say is not only common but increasing.



Abuse of vulnerability

Misogyny

Sexual coercion

Indifference to visible physical & mental distress

Sex Buyer in the Albany Area May 2015

I went in for some very [light french kissing] which was not discouraged but not joined with enthusiasm. Really nice, cute little farm girl spinner package with little A cups. Nice nipples. I [...] then went [down on her]. I did that for only a minute when she said she needed a break from it. Most girls love when I do this, so maybe she is uncomfortable feeling turned on with a customer. Or maybe she isn't into it [...].

Sex Buyer in Albany October 2017

[She's] a very nice gal, great heart, unstable inside [...] practically anorexic. Seriously 'skin and bones.' No apparent obvious signs of track marks. [...] She serviced me [bareback blowjob cum in mouth], swallow.

Sex Buyer in Albany September 2017

[She's] better looking than her pics. Clean, sweet pink p***y. Good eats! [Bareback blowjob], cover[ed] [missionary], then [bareback blowjob] to completion in mouth [...] She's [...] not a druggie, intelligent and accommodating. Could become a regular, and then maybe more would be on the menu.

Sex Buyer in Troy September 2017

It's a sad day in Hoeville. [...] they busted a hooker [who] was a 10. Guys at the jail commented on how normal street meat was 2 at best and this girl was smoking hot. Too bad.

Hudson Valley

The Hudson Valley region of 2.3 million residents, includes the counties around **Poughkeepsie**, including **Kingston** and **Newburgh**. The region is located between the Capital region and the greater New York area. The area gained national media attention when a serial killer targeted prostituted women in Poughkeepsie between 1996 and 1998.

In June 2018, the Newburgh Police department collaborated with the Orange County Drug Task Force and the New York State Police to enact a "prostitution sting," during which four women were arrested and charged with prostitution and three men were arrested and charged with patronizing.

In 2021, a Hudson Valley police officer was arrested for his involvement in a long-running sex trafficking and bribery operation between Mexico, Queens, and Brewster, NY. The FBI alleged that for eight years, in exchange for protecting sex traffickers from police investigations, the officer accepted bribes of "free sexual services" from two sex trafficking organizations that were exploiting women and girls.



Sexual coercion

Racist fetishization

Abuse of vulnerability

Awareness of trafficking

Sex Buyer in Westchester January 2015

See her early [as] she is in an altered state later in the day. [...] After several minutes of [bareback blowjob] I deposited down her throat. [...] Round two is delivered with her on her knees [...]. Her face is not much more than a 5, but her body [...] a 10 if you like lean and mean. My least favorite part of her is the steel boltons, my most favorite is her mouth and ass.

Sex Buyer in Fishkill September 2019

Girl: Chinese, limited English, roughly 30-32, slender, size 2, bolt-on Cs, average *ss, but better than most Asians of the same build. [...] No scars or marks as I've observed on others. [...] Most Asians are totally mechanical.

Sex Buyer in New Windsor July 2021

She gave sub-par head and jerked me off half the time. And she was just a generic robot f**k. Covered her face (I didn't care about that because it was a blessing.) [...] she was ashamed and just didn't enjoy her 'job.' Total waste of time.



Sex Buyer in Hudson Valley March 2016

Most girls [...] are 'dead-end' ones. [...] These girls have an addiction, be drugs or alcohol [...]. They're always bone broke and blowing up [our] cells to come see them.

Objectification / commodification / pornification of women

Awareness of pimping / trafficking

Abuse of vulnerability

Abuse of power

Sexual coercion

Sex Buyer in Fishkill October 2020

The good: Pics are real, she's very pleasant, body is nice, and is a fun time. The bad: 'Friend' in other room and pretty sure the two dudes I saw walking their dog as I arrived are with these two. [...] Didn't strike me as a [girlfriend experience] but considering how long it's been and everything that's going on, I didn't care much.

Sex Buyer in Poughkeepsie August 2020

I had an opportunity to be away and an itch to scratch. [...] She worked fine for being in a pinch. She was a little too [big beautiful woman] for my personal taste. Quick visit and I liked that she let me explode on her face.

Sex Buyer in Ellenville June 2018

This young one [...] says she is 23 but [...] I'm thinking 18/19. Signs of baby, not bad but some stretch marks [...] I look at it this way Hertz owns the car but when we rent it, it is understood we are in the driver's seat and kind of get to drive it as we see fit as long as we bring it back unblemished and with a full tank.

Sex Buyer in Elmsford September 2015

This lady is terrible. [...] She was rushed and rushing me. Phone was always ringing and got up once to check it. Nothing extra, and she held her hand around herself and my member during the duration. Terrible, terrible, terrible..."

New York City

New York City, with a population of 8.4 million people, has a long history of both tolerating the sex trade, and combating sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The wide range of prostitution-related crimes include cases of serial killers targeting individuals exploited in the sex trade and homicides of child sex trafficking victims.

New York City was also among the first in the U.S. to focus on arresting men for attempting to buy sexual acts. New York's first known reverse sting operation occurred in 1972. Also, in a high-profile campaign in 1979, then-Mayor Ed Koch ordered the release of the names of arrested sex buyers, shaming the men via public access television.

Since the early 1990s, convicted sex buyers have at times been required to perform community service and pay fines. To that effect, in 1994, the city had a program that may be regarded as a "johns' school," sending arrested sex buyers to a "three-hour class on the dangers of soliciting prostitutes."

Periodic reverse stings, some covering multiple locations in the city, continue today. However, for a city the size of New York and its vibrant sex trade, the number of arrests of sex buyers is relatively small and the political will to do so remains very weak.

New York City has five boroughs: the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island. We include a brief summary of some of the boroughs' history of addressing sex trafficking, prostitution and law enforcement's handling of sex buyers.

The Bronx

The Bronx is the northernmost borough of New York City with a population of 1.4 million people. Prostitution and sex trafficking have been persistent and visible in the borough for decades, with most reports coming from **Hunts Point** and **Wakefield**.

Law enforcement has used undercover female officers to help make arrests, seizing many cars in the operations. In 2021, the Bronx District Attorney's Office moved away from prosecuting prostituted persons, dismissing hundreds of prostitution charges.

In December 2020, six men were arrested for allegedly running a prostitution ring in hotels and motels around the Bronx. They were accused of targeting teenage girls, whom they would contact via social media.

In March 2021, a registered sex offender was indicted for the sex trafficking of children. Between 2018 and 2020, the man brought girls as young as age 12 to his Bronx apartment. It was the first time the New York Attorney General charged a defendant with the newly enacted crime of Sex Trafficking of a Child, which strengthened prosecutors' ability to hold sex traffickers accountable. No reports were found indicating that sex buyers (in this case men who paid to rape sex trafficked children) were apprehended.

Awareness of pimping and trafficking

Indifference to signs of drug use

Sex Buyer in the Bronx August 2008

Saw the broke down Latina crew in the Bronx. Rule number 1: If they post a lot, they're desperate. Rule number 2: If they don't show their face most of the time, they're ugly. Rule number 3: Those hoes service the day laborers like on Roosevelt. [...] F**king those whores without [a condom], man, I feel for you. I mean if the whore look good I might think about doing it.

Sex Buyer in the Bronx July 2008

This girl was so tired [...]. Half hearted [blowjob] for 45 secs then laid back on bed and spread legs. [...] started moaning and breathing heavy and kept staring into my eyes. I think she was high [...]. After I popped, I left quickly since she was so retarded, I could not have a good conversation with her.

Sex Buyer in the Bronx May 2022

Pandemic killed off all my [....] connections [...]. They quit because due to fears of giving COVID to their family. And I had to get back in the game to create a new rotation. I have since come to realize all that is left these days are career escorts who make ads every day. And sex trafficked women.



Sex Buyer in the Bronx March 2022

Looks like a crew with a roster. The crew rents out hotel rooms, have the providers host in one room and the crew and other girls [...] are in another hotel room. The crew usually take a cut from the donations for the hotel fee and other stuff then give the remaining amount to the women. Awareness of pimping / trafficking

White supremacist ideology

Racist fetishization

Sex Buyer in the Bronx September 2008

I was a lil skeptical at first cause it was so many girls in the lil basement house I thought it was gonna be a stick up. So and way I all kicked it and [this girl] was pushing a threesome but I wasn't down for all that action so I hooked up with [another girl] while they watched. [...] [She] is on 167th street in the Bronx... but I think she has some dude pimping her now.

Sex Buyer in the Bronx January 2022

Queens actually has the most diverse amount of providers across the various escort sites. You can find someone to f**k of any race and of all ages. It not like Bronx where a lot of groups are non-exist such as middle eastern women.

Sex Buyer in the Bronx January 2022

Bronx is a predominantly Black/Hispanic borough. White people make up 0.85%, not even 1%. [...] So [German woman] doesn't really have long-term competition. [...] If she was making ads in the other boroughs she'd be like a 2/10 compared to the options. But in the Bronx [...] she is a 7/10 and people just settle for her.



Sex Buyer in the Bronx January 2022

[She's] been out the game for about 4 years, [...] still looks good still kept the weight off after her surgery she did a while back. Since I'm comfortable with her I tried something new. A tit job with lube. She let bang them as much and as hard as I wanted then the big finish all over them. I'm glad she's back.

Brooklyn

Brooklyn is the borough of New York City with the largest population at 2.7 million people.

Starting in 2021, the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office stopped prosecuting people engaged in prostitution, while patronizing would still be prosecuted. However, in 2018, while there were 279 arrests for patronizing, 82 arrests in 2019, there were only 28 in 2020. Similarly, the arrests for promoting prostitution (pimping) fell from 36 arrests in 2018 to just seven by 2020.

News articles reported the exponential increase of prostitution in Brooklyn, particularly in the neighborhood of East New York, prompting the police to conduct sting operations that led to the arrests of 11 patronizers and the seizure of nine vehicles in July 2021.



Sexual coercion

Awareness of trafficking

Racist and ethnic fetishization

Sex Buyer in Kensington September 2021

[She's] Hungarian, very thin petite gypsy looking girl (dark hair, dark eyes) [...] young, cute teddy, very nice ass, a-cups. Her poor English skills made communication difficult. [...] Worst [blowjob] I've ever received. [... During] mish said 'not fast' [...] was super tight! [...] I was too limp to continue [...] so I called it to which she said 'Thanks you! Thanks you!'

Sex Buyer in Sunset Park October 2011

I say ' Hop on.' She said she doesn't do [vaginal sex] for the [price I paid]. It's bs, I've had [sex] many times for [that price]. I'm out [of money] so gave her throat the work out of its life and counted every minute.

Sex Buyer on Neptune Ave October 2018

Girls rotate in from Russia, come for a month or two. Boobs soft, natural look and feel. Shaved kitty, blond streaked black hair. Decent, but nothing special. [Blowjob]: no heart, mediocre at best. Try two finish fast. In and out [in] less than 30 mins.

Sex Buyer in South Brooklyn

December 2020

Girls alternate daily, are not accurate, [tell me] I can't do this or that, no extras, rushing through the session, and not being able to even pretend that they are friendly.

Source: Utopia Guide

Objectification / commodification / pornification of women

Abuse of pregnant woman

Acts of sexual violence

Awareness of trafficking

Racist and ethnic fetishization

Sex Buyer in Bay Parkway September 2021

Russian spot [...]! Evelyn [name changed] is pretty bleach blond! Took me to room! Saw her in past! When she undressed noticed baby bump! Nice round belly! Started with [bareback blowjob] then ate her p***y while feeling up her belly! She then mounted me [cow girl]! ! Went to doggy had to go easy! Next was [missionary]! Cleaned me up! Some chit chat and on my! Nice girl.

Sex Buyer in West Brooklyn January 2018

Kiss was not a menu item - too personal. [...]. [Blowjob] was ok but nothing spectacular. I flipped her over to 69. [...] Fairly meaty p***y. [...] Took her doggie. She couldn't handle [....] deep penetration. [....] Resistant to [cunnilingus]. [...] Was able to f**k her a bit more. She said she had O'd but I wasn't quite convinced.

Sex Buyer in Sunset Park December 2021

I have been searching for Asian independents but they are not common [...]. There are many ads that claim they're independent [....] but once you do some leg work [...] it's bs. [...] The Chinese have houses where they rotate girls often, [...], sometimes they have Japanese girls at premium price, it helps to know a native speaker.

Manhattan

Manhattan is the geographically smallest and most densely populated borough of New York City, with a population of 1.6 million.

In 2011, there were just 107 arrests of sex buyers in Manhattan, compared to over 400 arrests in Nashville, Tennessee – a city with a third of Manhattan's population.

In June 2013, the New York City Chief of Police suggested a renewed interest in primary prevention with a large-scale reverse sting. That month, the NYPD arrested 156 sex buyers in a citywide operation dubbed, "Operation Losing Proposition." The initiative took place between May 30 and June 1, during which law enforcement seized 32 vehicles, in addition to making nine other arrests for various offenses. Since 2013, the "Operation Losing Proposition" initiative has resulted in more than 900 arrests of sex buyers and the seizure of over 200 vehicles.

In 2021, the then-Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance announced a new policy ending the prosecution of prostitution and unlicensed massage and dismissed thousands of Loitering for the Purpose of Prostitution cases, a New York State law that repealed the arrests of individuals who "remains or wanders about in a public place and repeatedly beckons to [...] passerbys [...] for the purpose of prostitution."

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Abuse of vulnerability

Transphobia

Awareness of trafficking

Racist fetishization

Disregard for visible signs of illness

Sex Buyer in Chinatown February 2021

Her face looks like something you pull out of a dumpster. [...] In the past I worked at a free clinic for HIV and AIDS patients; I know all the body features of an AIDS sufferer. [...] There are her saggy eyes and sunken face - all tell-tale signs. [....] she's the only one there who offers uncovered everything with [...] because she has nothing to lose.

Sex Buyer in Midtown East March 2022

[She] is tiny but has nice natural boobs [...]. Be warned [she] speaks next to no English. [...] I spill my first cup while [deep f**king] her [...] [cum in mouth]. All in all, great service with a great attitude.

Sex Buyer in Midtown East March 2022

Latina, late 20s, very plain face, no English, horribly done boob and ass job [...] She started with a mediocre [covered blowjob], and after about 5 minutes switched to [cowgirl]. Honestly, I did not find the girl attractive in any sense.

Sex Buyer in Manhattan February 2022

Not sure if I'll have any luck at all but where would I find a f**kable (most female passing) t-girl in this city? 99% of what I've seen are old men in lipstick.

Misogyny

Racist fetishization

Sex Buyers in Chinatown December 2020

Sex buyer 1: I have a thing for natural mature Asian p***y. But it seems difficult to find because most of them in NYC are young or trimmed or shaved. Anyone know of anything like this?

Sex buyer 2: [...] I understand. [...] No razor bumps or exposing an otherwise alien-looking vagina... Chinatown is more likely to have what you are looking for. Have you started there?

Sex Buyer in Midtown East August 2018

Wow, I was only there to dump and run but damn can she [bareback blowjob]. I mean as soon as she get going she is all [...] slurping, sucking, eye contact, rubbing these nuts. She takes directions well and is there to please.

Sex Buyer in Manhattan March 2022

Anyone know any real Japanese providers? Not half-Japanese or whatever those Korean girls say they are. Full on Japanese... FREAKS? Most reviews I see on here for Japanese girls are pretty safe: [covered blowjob], [covered full service], etc. I'm looking for a nasty Japanese girl: Bareback full service cum in p***y, Greek, bareback blowjob till cum in p***y, etc.

Sex Buyer in Manhattan February 2019

She definitely has a body for f**king. Unfortunately, her service was better [in the past]. Nothing was off the table. Now, she says 'be good' when you do what you've always done to her. Currently, I wouldn't even consider it.



Queens is the second-most populated borough in New York City with approximately two million residents. A recent study found that there are 629 illicit "massage parlors" in New York City; Queens has the most of any borough with at least 269 such prostitution establishments.

In 2018 the New York Police Department discovered that one of its officers was running a \$2 million-a-year prostitution and gambling ring in Queens, Brooklyn, and Long Island, involving eight brothels. 49 men were arrested in the sting, known as "Operation Zap."

Prostitution is particularly rampant in **Flushing**, where sex buyers frequent Chinese illicit "massage parlors." In 2022, nine human traffickers were arrested in connection with a sex trafficking and prostitution ring operating out of Flushing. The traffickers recruited and exploited Chinese women, in particular, in hotels around the U.S.



Racist fetishization

Abuse of vulnerability

Sexual coercion

Misogyny

Sex Buyer in Jackson Heights

December 2021

Tall, very skinny, not my type but tight box. [... Although] they try to get you in and out as quickly as possible. Some try to rush you and that is an automatic bone killer for me. [...] It's the McDonald's of mongering experience. Sometimes I feel it's a rip-off, [...] but I suppose if you are low on funds, and need a quick nut it's fine for what it is.

Sex Buyer in Flushing November 2021

Flushing: Asian P***y central. That's my go-to spot. [...] you can take your pick and they take you upstairs... much better to me cause you can see the different body types and faces. And actually get to pick who you want.

Sex Buyer in Astoria October 2021

Pretty blonde with an enormous rack and a curvy body, [...] not remotely happy to be here, but Germany is still shut down because of Covid, and a girl's gotta eat. [She's] not fond of the monger population - what did you guys do to her?

Sex Buyer in Queens March 2022

Need some ebony providers as a break from the usual white girls, latinas, and asians. Any idea where to find the chocolate?

Indifference to signs of drug use

Racist fetishization

Misogyny

Abuse of vulnerability

Sex Buyers in Middle Village January 2022

Sex buyer 1: I actually found a small unknown [Asian massage parlor] literally 2 blocks from my place [...]. She was pretty busy but she wanted \$100. I gave her a 'what the f**k' look. She got pretty mad at me and told me not to come back.

Sex buyer 2: You can get a car BJ from a skanky crack whore for less if money is your concern. \$100 total for house fee and HJ tip is average.

Sex Buyer in Queens December 2021

She was nice but looks-wise a bit rough. She is definitely a user. She's skinny and as she walked up she was very fidgety. Not a bad [covered blowjob]. I'm pushing her head down and she just keeps going, no complaints.

Sex Buyer in Jamaica Ave October 2021

Two girls available older late 40s. Went for the half hour which was 50 dollar house fee. Wanted full service [= vaginal sex], paid an additional \$100. As soon as I paid I can see girl was not into doing what was paid for. Started with condom blowjob, no real effort.

Sex Buyer in Flushing September 2017

I'm wondering if anyone's ever come across a legitimately thick/chubby, or even [big beautiful woman] Asian provider in NYC? I live in Flushing, and had a [big beautiful woman] experience once with an older lady [...]. It was a decent experience, not as passionate as I'd like.

Staten Island

Staten Island is the southernmost and smallest borough in New York City, with a population of approximately 476,000 people.

In 2014, local residents began to notice an increase of illicit "spas" and "massage parlors." These illegal establishments posted ads specifying the race and ethnicity of the women, such as "young and pretty Asian girls from Japan, Korea, and China."

In 2015, a teenage sex trafficking victim was killed in a Staten Island motel by a sex buyer who attempted to rob her. Her murder led police to arrest several other teenage sex trafficking victims at the motel, while no pimps or sex buyers were reportedly identified or arrested. That same year, police shut down six Staten Island "spas" where prostitution was alleged to have taken place.

In 2017, 11 women were arrested on Staten Island for prostitution, five of whom were trafficked from abroad and living in the "spas." In 2021, there were three separate arrests on Staten Island connected to prostitution or sex trafficking.

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Indifference to visible mental distress

Awareness of trafficking

Racist fetishization

Sex Buyer in Pleasant Plains September

2016

I was provided with an attractive Chinese girl [...]. This session was more about her getting me off as fast as she could, she had no interest in making sure I came here to have the time and experience I desired. [...] [There is] good to very good [sex] from non-English speaking Chinese girls for \$100 [in New York, but not here].

Sex Buyer in Pleasant Plains July 2019

Attractive, tiny girl, enormous perky boobs but a flat ass. I reach up to touch her thighs/ass she stops me [...] didn't even want me touching her nips. [...] She wanted it over with. Hot girl, decent blowjob, but robotic and rushed.

Sex Buyer in Staten Island January 2019

They have pretty young Chinese chicks spreading their nice and sleek legs when you make a deal with them. [...] I tried to go [for anal though] and she grabbed my balls and said "NO!" [...] So now, you're fully informed. Go and get fresh p***y.

Sex Buyer in Staten Island March 2017

These young really good-looking girls are so stuck up and [in it for the] money. Just because they look hot with great boobs, great ass, doesn't mean you get great service.

Long Island

Long Island is an island in New York that stretches from the New York Harbor into the Atlantic Ocean. It includes two New York City boroughs, Queens and Brooklyn and has other two counties, Nassau and Suffolk. As of 2019, Long Island's population was estimated at 7.6 million people.

In 2013, Nassau police conducted a month-long sting operation called "Operation Flush the Johns," which resulted in the arrest of over 100 sex buyers — a group that included lawyers, doctors and college professors. This was the largest apprehension of sex buyers in the past decade. The Nassau County District Attorney and Nassau Country Police Commissioner released the mugshots of all 104 men.

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Source: Best GFE, Utopia Guide

Objectification / commodification / pornification of women Indifference to signs of substance abuse **Racist fetishization**

Awareness of trafficking

Sexual coercion

Abuse of vulnerability

Sex Buyer in Merrick February 2019

She was so stoned she could not converse. Want to bust a nut in her tight Latina p***y but she tries to finish me in her mouth to avoid f**king. I tell her to f**k so she gets into doggy but arches downward making it impossible to harpoon her chocha. In [missionary] her legs are partially closed and her twat clenched making it impossible to get in [deep].

Sex Buyer in Port Jefferson March 2022

I take a closer look at [her] and see track marks all over her arms. She was a little all over the place too. Asked for just a [bare blowjob]. Actually had to guide her to blow me. Finished guick and was out the door fast as I could.

Sex Buyer in Farmingdale December 2021

Her 'boyfriend' pushes her around a bit and she runs out of with my money and not so much as an ass grab from me. Face: 6. Body: Nice. Spinner: 8. Ass: Nice, 7. Tits: Small, A Cup but cute, 7. P***y: 5 (Checked it out but wasn't able to use it today).

Sex Buyer in Westbury February 2016

The most uninspired [blowjob] I ever got. She twisted her body so I couldn't touch her tits or get my fingers near her p***y. I told her 'I'm done.' She started texting her pimp.

Abuse of vulnerability

Misogyny

Indifference to signs of substance abuse

Sex Buyer in Farmingdale December 2021

I have seen her multiple times this year intermittently. She's a pretty white blonde with a nice ass. I have seen her naked a few times so she still has a decent body. Definitely nice ass. I have opted for [bareback blowjob] each time, never went beyond that. I know she does [drugs] even though she tries to hide it.

Sex Buyer in Baldwin August 2016

She is so skinny, she is skeletal. [...] She is flat-chested, no tits at all. Might have been pretty at one time but not now. She pulled out a condom and I reminded her she agreed to uncovered session. She ignored me and put the cover on.

Sex Buyer in Hauppage January 2015

[The] woman [is] probably late 40s at least judging by her face. Not terrible looking, but had a worn-out expression, not a good prognostic indicator. Very large chest, natural C. Slender legs, few extra in the waist/belly area. [...] she strips, rubs her generous rack around [...] quick [covered blowob], then on top, then [missionary], then finished. Totally lacking in sensuality.

Sex Buyer in Bellport May 2021

Something about her made her seem new to this which I like. [...] Opens door... certainly not all dolled up [...] More like roll out of bed, put makeup on. Pics probably 10 lbs ago to the plus side. Looks tired and gaunt. Looking around I see why... baggy on nightstand. Visible track marks but still good looking so I say 'wtf, I'll get a [blowjob].'

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