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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING & THE SEX TRADE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A

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BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY



MORE THAN  
**70 PERCENT** OF  
THOSE TRAFFICKED  
ARE WOMEN & **MORE**  
**THAN HALF** ARE  
CHILDREN

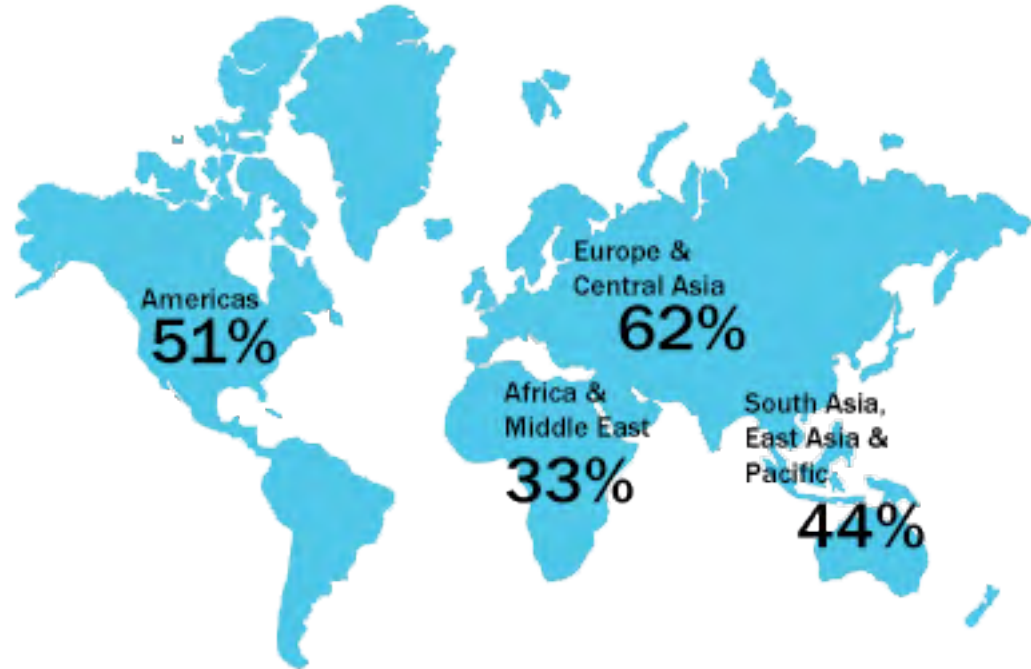


AVERAGE AGE OF  
ENTRY INTO  
PROSTITUTION



TRAFFICKING OF  
WOMEN & CHILDREN  
FOR SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION IS  
THE **FASTEST**  
**GROWING**  
CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE  
IN THE WORLD

**800,000** PEOPLE ARE TRAFFICKED ACROSS INTERNATIONAL  
BORDERS EACH YEAR WITH SEXUAL EXPLOITATION BEING THE MOST  
PREVALENT FORM OF EXPLOITATION DETECTED.



OVER **2 MILLION**  
CHILDREN TRAFFICKED  
EVERY YEAR ARE SOLD  
AN AVERAGE OF  
**15 TIMES** EACH DAY

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