

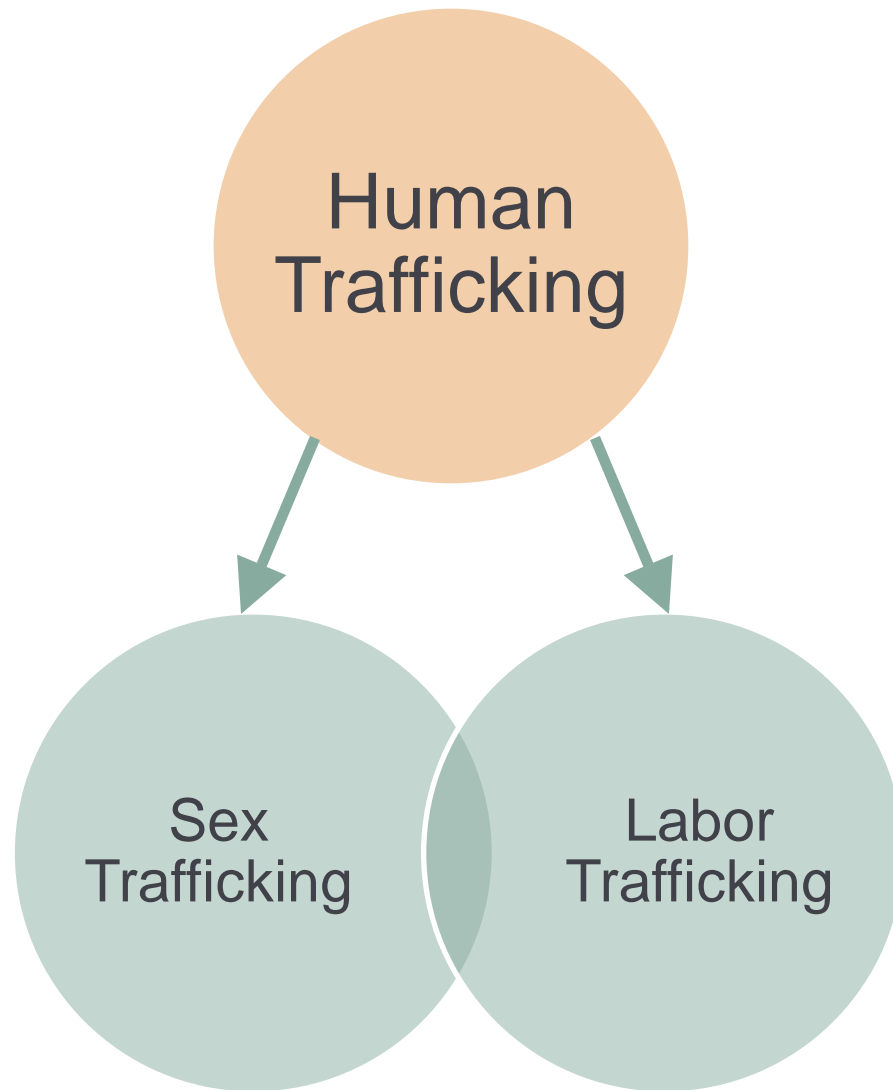
# Sex Trafficking, Exploitation, & Safe Harbor

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## WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

When one  
person obtains or  
holds another  
person in  
compelled  
service.






**Women and girls represent**

**98%**

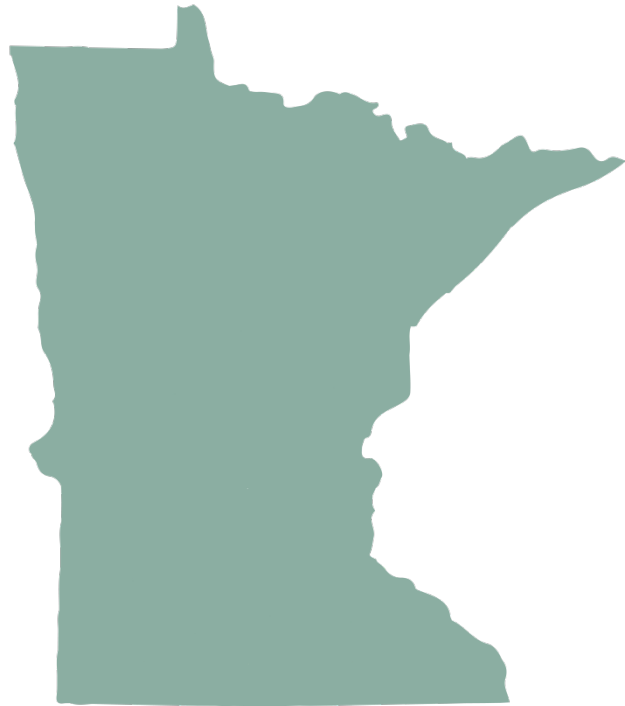
**of the 4.5 million victims of  
forced sexual exploitation.**





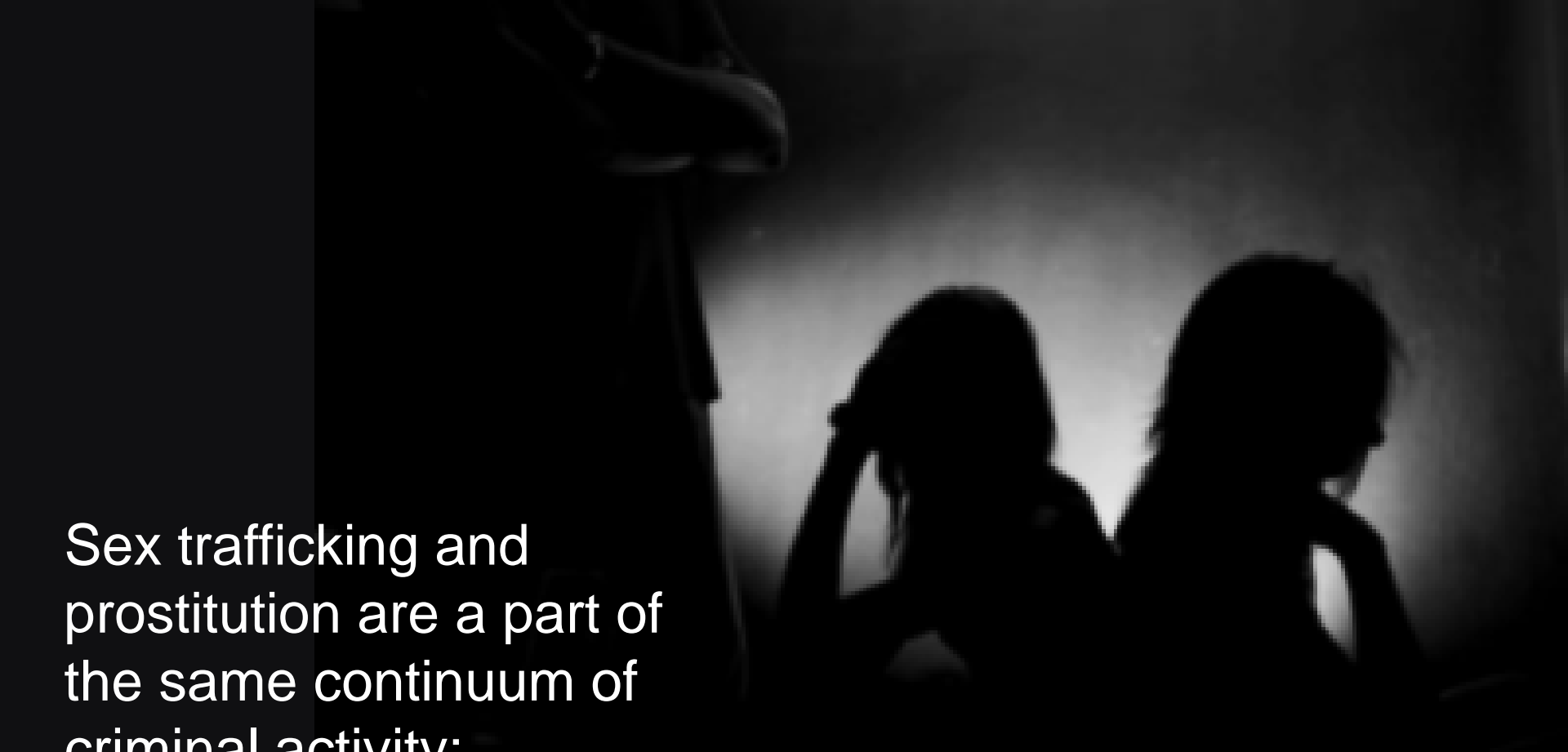
There are at least **21 million adults and children** being trafficked for labor or sex at any given time

- *International Labor Organization*



*“Sex trafficking is not new to Minnesota, nor is it confined to the Twin Cities metropolitan area; it affects communities throughout the state.”*

*- Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment for the State of Minnesota, The Advocates for Human Rights, October 2008.*

A dark, atmospheric photograph showing the silhouettes of three people. On the left, a man in a suit is partially visible, looking towards the right. In the center and right, two women are silhouetted against a faint, hazy light source, possibly a window or a screen. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

Sex trafficking and prostitution are a part of the same continuum of criminal activity:

**The sexual exploitation of vulnerable people, primarily women and girls.**



# Forms of Sexual Exploitation





Age 12 – 14

Average age of entry into prostitution for a person who is prostituted as a juvenile.

# Harms

**85%** are victims of childhood sexual abuse, rape, or incest

**70%** suffer from an emotional, physical, or mental disability

**75%** have experienced homelessness

**83%** are victims of assault with a deadly weapon

**95%** are violently assaulted or coerced into a sexual act

**92%** are victims of rape

**68%** of women have PTSD

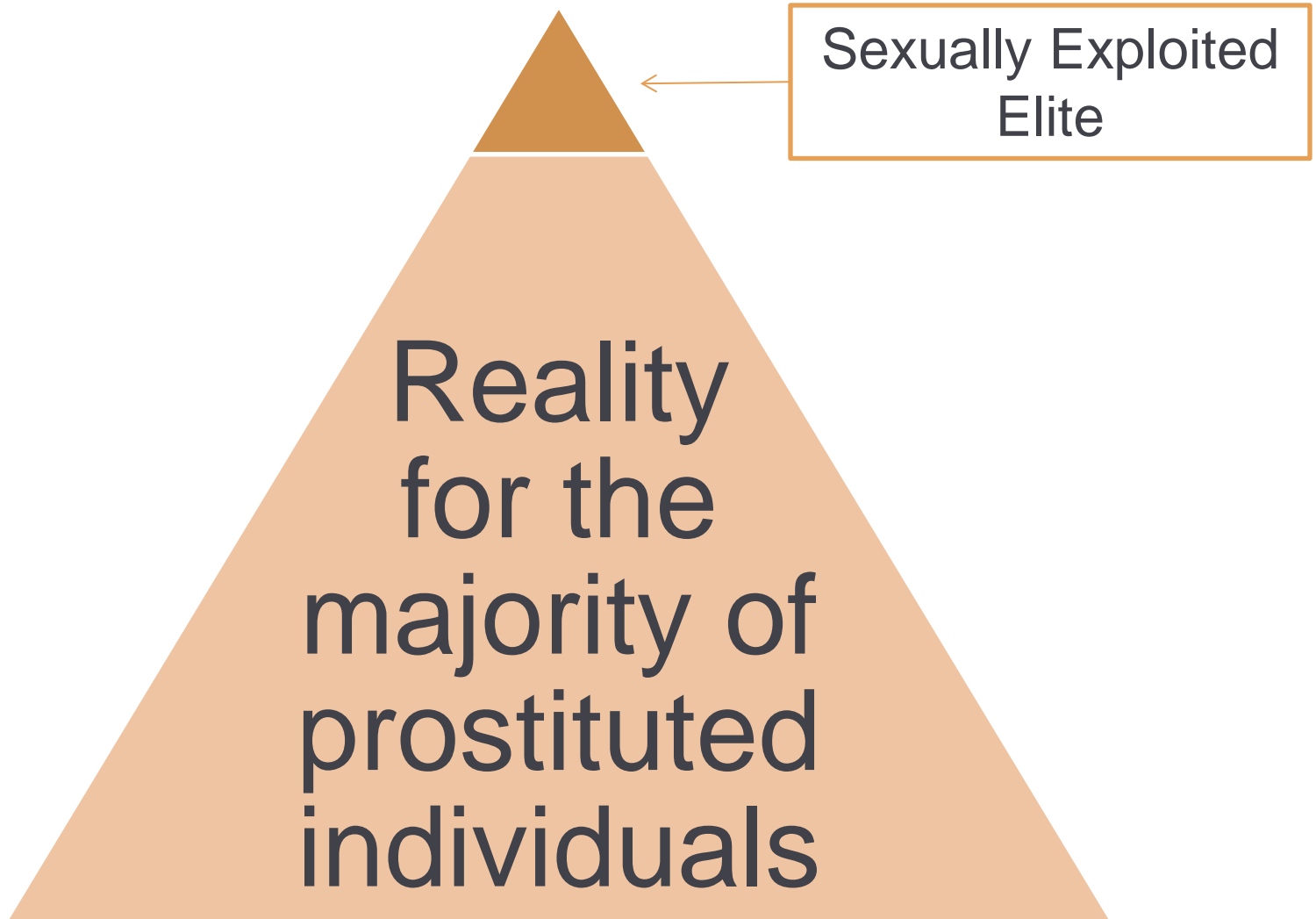
# 92%

of individuals in prostitution reported that  
they wanted to leave prostitution

•Melissa Farley et al., *Prostitution in Five Countries: Violence and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*, 8 *Feminism & Psychology* 405 (1998), available at [http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/prostitution\\_research/000020.html](http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/prostitution_research/000020.html)

Is it a *Choice*?

# Myth of Choice: The Reality of the Life



# Legal Definitions



United Nations  
Palermo Protocol



Federal Trafficking  
Victims Protection Act



Minnesota Law

# Federal Law

**ACTION:** What the trafficker did with the victim

Recruited, harbored, transported, provided, or obtained



**MEANS:** How the victim was brought into and kept in the situation

**18 +:** Force, Fraud, or Coercion

**Under 18:** (just that it happened = by any means)



**PURPOSE:** For what purpose or goal?

Commercial sex act



# Minnesota Law

**ACTION:** What the trafficker did with the victim

Received, recruited, enticed, harbored, provided, or obtained



**MEANS:** How the victim was brought into and kept in the situation

**BY ANY MEANS** (Regardless of victim's age)



**PURPOSE:** For what purpose or goal?

To aid in the prostitution of the individual.

# Minnesota vs. Federal law

## Federal Law

Requires showing of **force, fraud, or coercion** if victim is over 18.

Trafficked for purposes of **commercial sex act**

## Minnesota Law

Victim can be trafficked "**by any means**" regardless of age.

Trafficked for purposes of **prostitution**



In Minnesota  
pimping  
is sex trafficking

