# Massage Parlor Trafficking

## Quick Facts

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<td>~ 9,000+</td>
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<td>Number of illicit massage businesses (IMBs) currently open for business across every state in America</td>
<td>Estimated total annual revenue of illicit massage businesses in the United States</td>
<td>Typical age range of women providing services at illicit massage parlors. Most of them are mothers who recently arrived from China or South Korea and have limited English language skills</td>
<td>Rank of illicit massage parlors among the 25 types of human trafficking in the United States most often reported via cases to the National Human Trafficking Hotline</td>
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<td>Percentage of cases studied in which survivors report some form of labor trafficking or exploitation present in their situation</td>
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- **Key indicators that a business is selling commercial sex and is a possible human trafficking venue include:**
  - Prices significantly below market level (e.g. $40 for a one-hour massage in a city where $80 is the norm)
  - Serves primarily or only male clientele
  - Locked front door, customers can only enter if buzzed in or through discreet back or side doors
  - Windows are covered so passersby cannot see into the establishment
  - Women appear to be living in the establishment

- **To be considered human trafficking in any venue, a situation must include one of the following:**
  - **Force:** Violence or the threat of violence
  - **Fraud:** Deceitful recruitment practices, fraudulent debt accumulation
  - **Coercion:** Emotional manipulation; document confiscation; threats of law enforcement, deportation, exposure and shaming; consequences to family members

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