

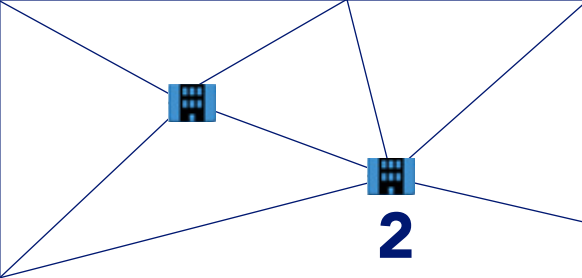


Massage Business Trafficking Quick Facts

 <p>THOUSANDS</p> <p>Number of illicit massage businesses (IMBs) currently operating across every state in America.</p>	 <p>35–55</p> <p>Typical age range of women providing services at illicit massage businesses. Most of them are mothers who recently arrived from China or South Korea and have limited English language skills.</p>	<p>Rank of illicit massage businesses among the 25 types of human trafficking in the United States most often reported via cases to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.</p> <p>1st</p> <p>2nd</p> <p>3rd</p>
<p>100%</p> <p>Percentage of Trafficking Hotline cases studied in which survivors report some form of labor trafficking or exploitation present in their situation.</p>	<p>\$</p> <p>2.5 billion</p> <p>Possible annual revenue of illicit massage businesses in the United States.</p>	 <p>2</p> <p>Average number of illicit massage businesses linked in networks - allowing women to be recruited in one site and moved to other sites, often in other states. Also often present in these networks are non-massage businesses, such as laundromats or nail salons that can be used to launder money.</p>

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

Recommendations for reducing massage business trafficking:

- Do not arrest people in commercial sex, ever - threat of arrest and deportation is a powerful tool for traffickers
- Ensure that economic protections are fully accessible to immigrant communities regardless of immigration status
- Enact statutory immunity from prosecution for people in the sex trade reporting violence and exploitation
- Replace vice-based policing with community-based public safety programs, including cultural and linguistic fluency in non-English speaking communities that are often targeted for violence and crime, including organized crime