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Human trafficking  
is a \$32 billion  
dollar per year  
industry

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Estimated that an  
exploiter may earn  
as much as \$650,000  
a year by  
exploiting as few  
as four children

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As many as 300,000  
children are at risk  
of becoming victims  
of commercial sexual  
exploitation in the  
United States

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San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San  
Diego metropolitan areas are all rated  
as areas with high rates of child sex  
trafficking due to:

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- complex highway systems
- high population densities
- major international airports

All these factors contribute to the ease  
with which children can be moved,  
hidden, and exploited.

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A estimated 50-60% of victims  
of commercial sexual  
exploitation are or were  
formerly involved with the  
child welfare system.

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For an exploited child,  
the process may involve  
twenty relapses before she  
is able to permanently  
free herself from her  
exploiter.

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The average age for a  
young girl to be  
trafficked is between  
12 and 14 years old.

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Youth frequently do not  
recognize their  
exploitation because of  
the hyper-dependent bond  
they have with their  
exploiters.

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Exploiters move trafficked victims frequently among cities to avoid police detection and to keep them disoriented and unfamiliar with their surroundings.

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68% of commercially sexually exploited survivors suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and have increased risk for suicide and depression.

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The life expectancy of  
a child from the day  
they are first  
exploited is 7 years.

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