

## CANADA

### MEET A CHILD

Claire, a 15 year-old girl was forced into posing for pornographic pictures with the threat that her mother would be harmed if she didn't. She told her mother later about it. It took many visits to the psychiatrist before she could get out of the trauma.

**TOTAL POPULATION**                      **31,892,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION**                      **5,740,560**

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

**TOTAL CHILD LABOUR**  
No Confirmed Data

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

In 2010, the economically active population is estimated to be 17,794,000 with no child in the age group 10-14 years being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population

### GENDER RATIO

1020 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an  
estimate for 2005)

### CHILDREN OUT SCHOOL

In 2001, 9,700 children of the primary school age group of 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

Data Not Available

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### CHILD SLAVERY

The law prohibits forced or compulsory labor, including by children; however, there were reports that such practices occurred .

US Dept. of State, Country Reports  
on Human Rights Practices- 2004,  
February 2005

Women and children are trafficked for forced labor.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in  
Persons Report 2005

### CHILD TRAFFICKING

Canada is primarily a destination and transit country for women trafficked for the purposes of labor and sexual exploitation. Women and children are trafficked from Central and South America, Eastern Europe, and Asia for sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in  
Persons Report 2005

In February 2004, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) estimated that 800 persons are trafficked into Canada annually and that an additional 1,500-2,200 persons are trafficked through Canada into the United States. But some estimate that this number is much higher.

The country was a destination and a transit point to the United States for women, children, and men trafficked for purposes of sexual exploitation, labor, and the drug trade.

US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

### **CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

The production, distribution and purchasing of child pornography is a serious problem in Canada. Some experts suggest Canada is ranking third after the United States and Russia in terms of production of child pornography

ECPAT CSEC Database, [http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat\\_inter/projects/monitoring/online\\_database/index.asp](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp)

The Report and Recommendations in Respect of Legislation, Policy and Practices Concerning Prostitution-Related Activities states that between 10 and 15% of those exploited through prostitution in Canada are minors.

A Vancouver study demonstrated that the average age of entry of boys into sexual exploitation is 15.6 years, a year younger than the girls. The Vancouver Police also reports that girls as young as 14 are trafficked from Asian countries to be sexually exploited in brothels and massage parlours in several Canadian cities with large Asian populations - including Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg and others.

### **CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

In May 2000, the National Post reported that, nationwide, thousands of children are being bought and sold to pimps and drug lords, while others are recruited for mail-order marriages or to work as household servants.

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A network composed of American and Canadian procurers called the "West Coast Players", has been involved in the trafficking of Canadian teenagers to Los Angeles for commercial sexual exploitation. In addition, the network seems to have developed links with Asian organised crime groups established in British Columbia.

### **CHILD SOLDIERS**

At the end of May 2004 over 1,000 recruits aged between 16 and 19 were serving in the regular forces and a further 5,000 in the reserve forces.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

### **CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

No Confirmed Data