

# Youth Sexual Exploitation

## in Burnaby and New Westminster

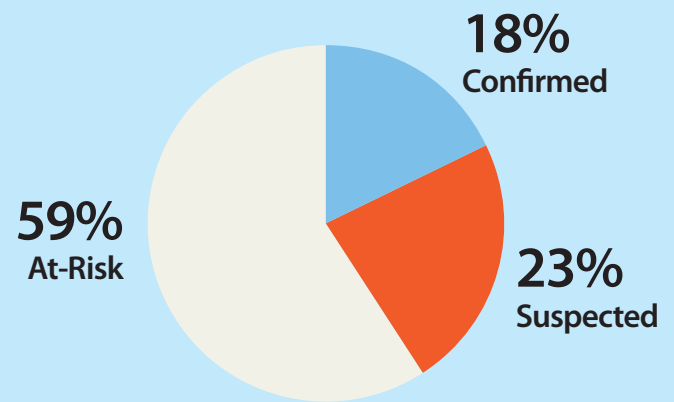
Sexual exploitation is defined as the exchange of sexual acts for food, shelter, a ride, drugs/alcohol, money and/or approval.

A count of youth deemed vulnerable to sexual exploitation was completed in February 2017. Local service providers identified youth as confirmed of being sexually exploited, suspected of being exploited, or at-risk of exploitation. Youth were considered to be those between 12 – 24 years of age.



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youth were counted as confirmed, suspected, or at-risk of sexual exploitation in 2017.



46% reported receiving gifts



43% reported internet exploitation



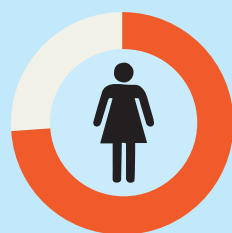
62% live with family



88% attend school

Most youth counted were approached or exploited in multiple ways. Self- or peer exploitation through sexting was also reported by 25% of youth counted.

Any young person can be vulnerable to sexual exploitation. The majority of youth counted aged 17 or younger live at home and attend school.



74% female



22% male



5% transgender

It is not just an issue for girls. Nearly 1/3 of youth counted identified as male or transgender.

If you or someone you know is being sexually exploited, talk to a trusted adult such as a family member, your school principal or counsellor, or a youth worker.

Services for youth are available in Burnaby at [stleo.ca/our-services/youth](http://stleo.ca/our-services/youth) and in New Westminister at [purposesociety.org/youth-programs](http://purposesociety.org/youth-programs).