

# DAY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST SEX WORKERS FACT SHEET

- Every 6.3 minutes, a woman is arrested for prostitution in the United States.
- At \$2000 per arrest, the United States spent \$1.7 Billion arresting sex workers between 2001 and 2011.
- 839,300 individuals were arrested for prostitution in the US between 2001 and 2011.
- In the last 10 years, the Chicago Police Department alone has made 39,056 prostitution arrests.
- Criminalization and economic inequality and stigma make sex workers vulnerable to violence.
- A study of New York Street-Based Sex Workers reported that 80% of participants had reported experiencing violence, including 27% at the hands of police.
- A 2004 study of Chicago street-based sex workers found they were more likely to provide “free sex” to cops to evade arrest than face arrest.
- Since January, 2014, 24 cis and transwomen were violently murdered while engaging in sex work in the United States.
- 23% of GLBT murder victims on the 2012 Anti-Violence Project report were killed while engaging in sex work.
- In Russia and Eastern Europe, 42 percent of sex workers reported physical violence from the police and 36 percent being sexually assaulted by the police.
- In Russia, the Balkans, and Most Eastern European countries, less than 25% of sex workers believe they can report assault to the police.
- The homicide rate for female sex workers is estimated to be 204 per 100,000, according to a longitudinal study published in 2004. This constitutes a higher occupational mortality rate than any other group of women ever studied.
- In a report on violence against sex workers in India, 70% had reported abuse by police, and 80% had been arrested without evidence
- In the past three years, 14 sex workers were murdered in the Dominican Republic.
- In El Salvador, a single organization has registered the murder of 27 sex workers in the past three years.
- In Honduras, 16 sex workers were murdered between September 2013 and April 2014.