

# The truth about pornography

- 35 million users a day visit the world's largest porn site . . . found in Montreal
- In 2017, a quarter of a billion people will access mobile adult content from their phones or tablets, an increase of more than 30% from 2013.
- The number of porn users dramatically exceeds those of websites like Netflix and YouTube
- One in five mobile searches is currently for pornographic material.
- Nine out of ten porn viewers only ever access free Internet pornography.
- The average age for first exposure to Internet pornography is 12 years old and getting younger.
- By age 10, 32% of children have been exposed to pornography.
- 53% of boys and 28% of girls ages 12-15 use sexually explicit pornography via the Internet.
- Studies show that habitual use of Internet pornography is as addictive as smoking.
- The US Department of Justice and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children both recognize that pornography is an element that adds to the serious issue of sex trafficking.
- Many traffickers are found with filming equipment and cameras to create and sell pornography.

*source:*  
Pornography: A Public Health Crisis  
*summary of research on the harms of  
pornography and an action plan to address  
it in Canada*  
(Defend Dignity. 2015)