

What are the statistics from the FBI arrest records of prostitutes of all ages, and how do they prove that the average age of entry into prostitution is **not 12 or 13 or 14?**

THE FOLLOWING STATISTICAL DATA IS FROM THE FBI BUREAU OF CRIMINAL STATISTICS WEBSITE AND PROVES THAT THE OFT REPEATED CLAIM *“THE AVERAGE AGE OF ENTRY INTO PROSTITUTION is 12/ 13/14 ”*

IS SIMPLY NOT STATISTICALLY POSSIBLE

All links to the FBI pages and tables where we gathered this information can be found on our website here:

[1981- 2012 FBI Criminal Arrests Statistics](#)

Please feel free to visit the **[FBI Website and check our numbers.](#)**

“What about the children?”

First, let's start with just numbers of female prostitution arrests over 32 years from 1981 to 2012:

FEMALE ARRESTS FOR PROSTITUTION OVER A 32 YEAR PERIOD 1981- 2012:

- Female arrests all **1981- 2012: 1,954,426** (listed by age on the spreadsheets) of this number **1.81%** or **35,371** were **UNDER 18**, and **98.19%** or **1,919,046** were **over 18**

- the majority were 17: 17,235
- followed by age 16: 9,124
- then by age 15: 5,082
- age 13-14: 3,477
- age 10 to 12: 259
- age under 10: 187

No matter how you slice it, *it is not possible* to have this many arrests of adult female prostitutes vs. arrests of females under 18 and have an 'average age of entry' into prostitution be 12 OR 13 OR 14... cops clearly were arresting minors, including children under 10 years of age.

- Of those over 18, the majority were ages 25- 34: **781,079**

- age 18- 20: 240,033
- age 21-24: 431,436
- total 18 to 24: **671,469**
- total 21 to 29 876,752
- total over 30 803,065
- total 21- 65+: **1,679,817**

All of the statistics relating to the age, gender and number of arrests of females (and males) can be found on the FBI Bureau of Justice Statistics, using the following annual tables by these table numbers:

- TABLE # 38- Arrests all by age (male and female)
- TABLE #39- Arrests - male- by age
- TABLE #40- Arrests- female by age
- TABLE #42- Arrests all ages by gender

If you are viewing this document on our website, click this link to view the summary of prostitution and disorderly conduct arrests by age and gender with percentages or see the spreadsheet at the end of this document

Source for all statistics can be found on the FBI Bureau of Justice Statistics and various tables contained therein: <http://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=datatool&url=/arrests/index.cfm>

1981-2012 SUMMARY/PERCENTAGES OF PROSTITUTION AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ARRESTS ALL BY AGE AND GENDER																								
TOTALS Arrests All by Age 1981-2012	Age 18 or over	Age 15-17	Age 12-14	Age 10-11	Age 8-9	Age 6-7	Age 5	Age 4	Age 3	Age 2	Age 1	Age 0	Age 18 or over	Age 15-17	Age 12-14	Age 10-11	Age 8-9	Age 6-7	Age 5	Age 4	Age 3	Age 2	Age 1	Age 0
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IN MANY STATES, WHEN THE POLICE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE CRIME OF PROSTITUTION, THEY WILL ARREST AN INDIVIDUAL FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT. IN ADDITION, PROSTITUTION CHARGES ARE OFTEN REPEATED BY PROSECUTORS TO DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY THE ARRESTED AGED TO A CHARGE TO THE LABOR OFFENSE TO THAT THE STATE CITY IS OPENED THE EXPENSE OF TAKING THE CASE TO TRIAL. HOWEVER, ARRESTS FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT ARE NOT NECESSARILY ARRESTS MADE INSTEAD OF AN ARREST FOR PROSTITUTION. THE ANNUAL REPORTS SENT BY LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO THE FBI BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS DO NOT REFLECT THE UNDERLYING OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE PERSON WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH THE ALL PURPOSE DISORDERLY CONDUCT STATUTE. WE HAVE INCLUDED DISORDERLY CONDUCT STATISTICS BECAUSE WE ARE SURE THAT A PERCENTAGE OF THEM WOULD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR PROSTITUTION BUT WERE NOT PROVIDED IN-COURT.

THE NUMBER OF TRANSGENDERED PERSONS ARRESTED FOR EITHER 'CRIME' IS UNKNOWN, AS THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES USE ANY GENDER CATEGORY OTHER THAN MALE AND FEMALE.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL THE NUMBERS AND STATISTICS ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS SPREADSHEETS AND IN CASES WHERE THE NUMBER TOTALS MAY BE SLIGHTLY OFF, THE ROUNDING OF THE NUMBERS WHICH CAUSES A DISCREPANCY IN THE TOTALS.

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1981-2012 Prostitution and Disorderly Conduct arrests by age and gender- all spreadsheets www.policeprostitutionandpolitics.com updated 11/29/13 research by N.J. Almodovar

“What about the children?”

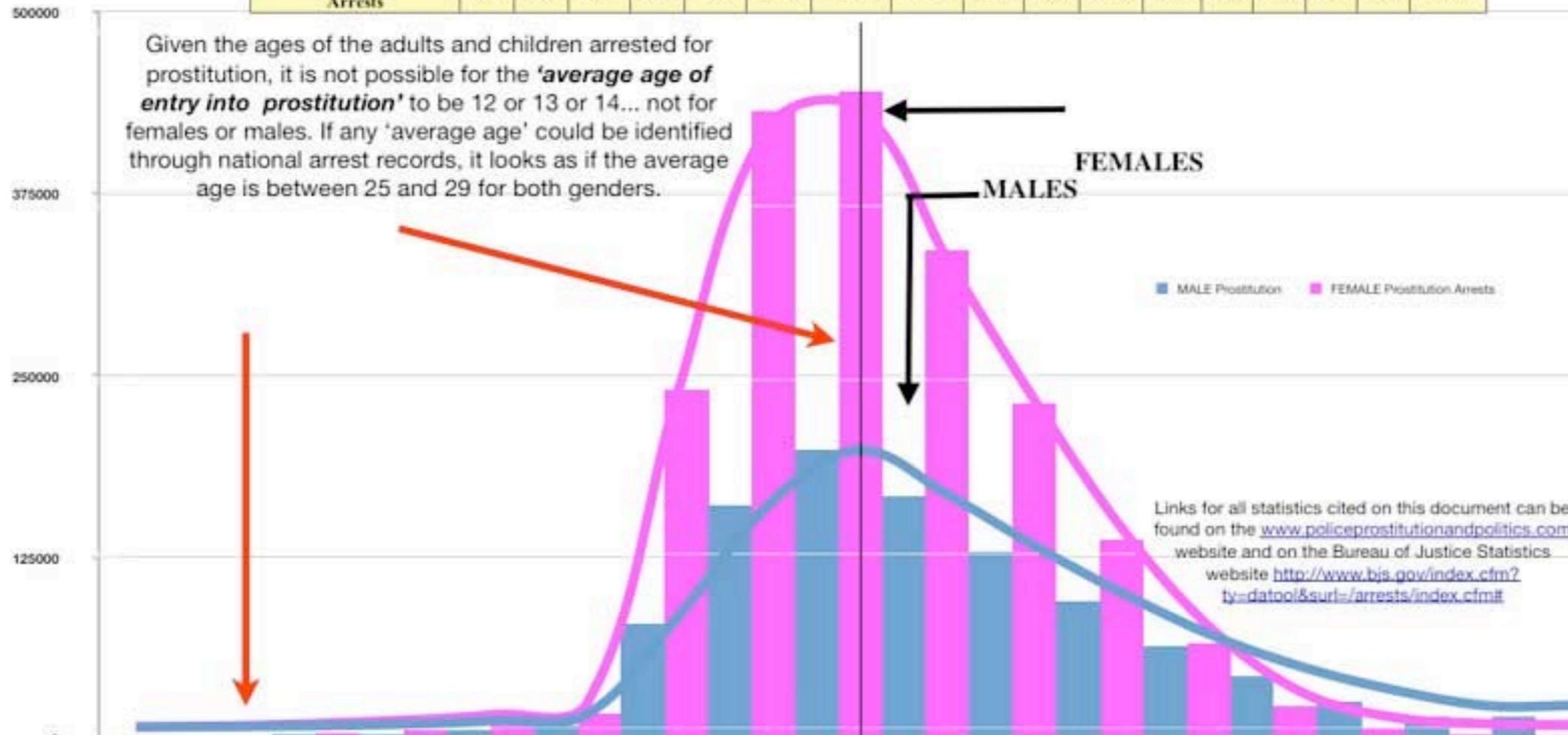
The data in the table below was taken from the FBI Bureau of Justice Statistics using the Data Analysis Tool found on their site here:

SOURCE: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=datool&surl=/arrests/index.cfm#>

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1981- 2012 TOTAL PROSTITUTION ARRESTS ALL BY AGE AND GENDER

TOTALS Arrests All by Age 1981-2012	Under 10	10- 12	13-14	15	16	17	18-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	Ages 65 or over
MALE Prostitution	186	477	1,803	2,265	4,751	9,398	78,948	159,367	199,352	167,117	128,926	94,185	64,107	41,875	25,957	15,349	15,829
FEMALE Prostitution Arrests	187	259	3,477	5,082	9,124	17,235	240,033	431,436	445,316	335,763	231,219	136,900	66,089	22,681	6,551	2,401	1,441



The police DID arrest females under 10, as well as under age 15, so there is no reason to believe that they left out the majority of 12 to 14 year old girls. **The average age of arrested females is about 25 to 29, as they constitute the largest group of females arrested for prostitution.**

One would have to believe that in order to have started working as a prostitute at age 12, they never got arrested until they were in their mid to late 20s, and for the females arrested in their 40s, 50s, and 60s- they would have had a very lengthy career - in some cases 45 years.

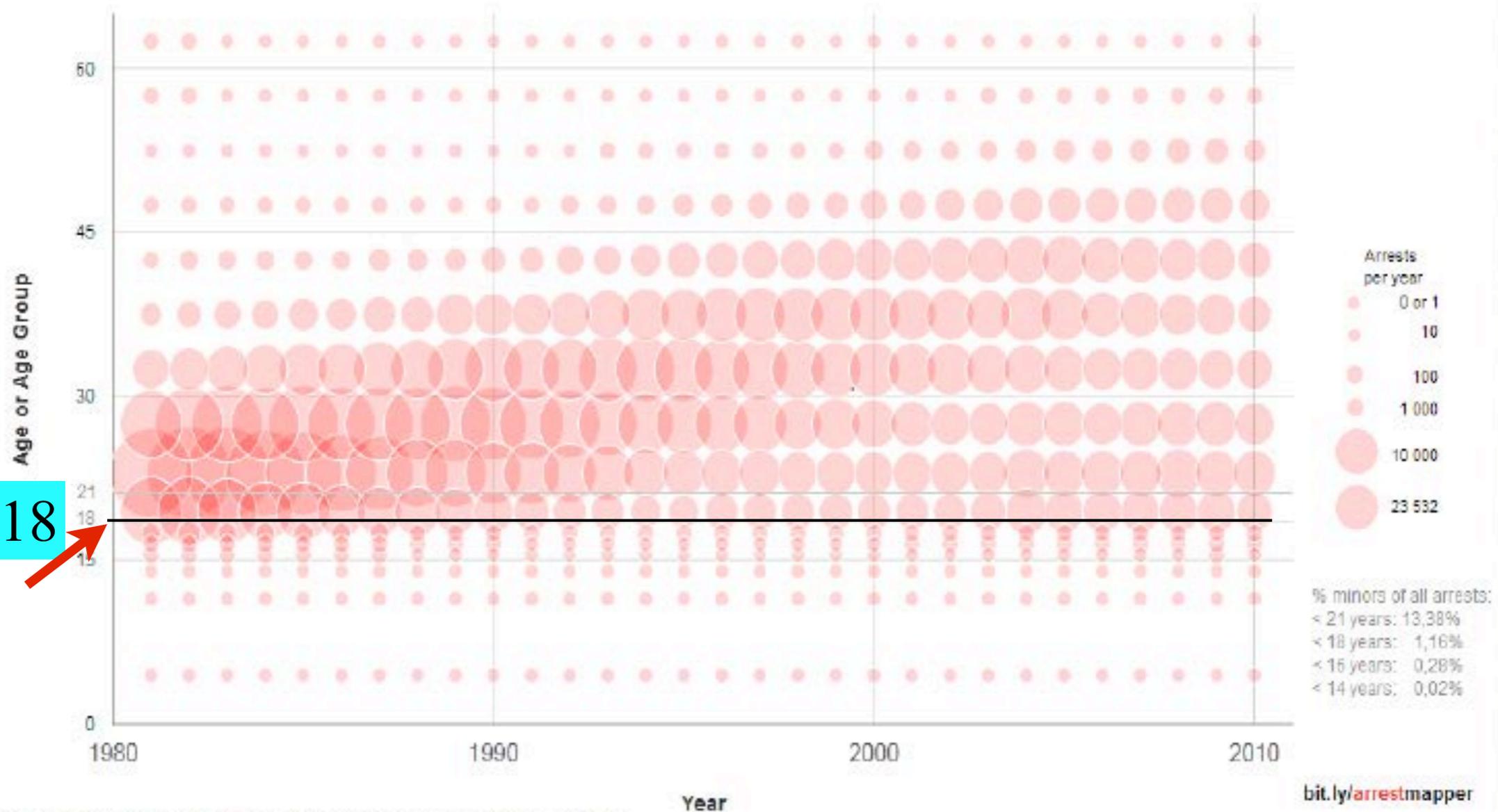
Since some studies claim that the average age of death for prostitutes is 34, but there are far too many prostitutes over 35 for that to be true, especially if they got their start in prostitution at age 12. See the statistics for murders of prostitutes in the section “murder by circumstances” on this page:

1981- 2012 FBI CRIMINAL STATISTICS PROSTITUTION ARRESTS

“What about the children?”

Perhaps it is easier to see in this graph:

Arrests for prostitution, female, U.S.A.



Age 18

thanks to Marc of Frankfurt for the graph

Interactive chart giving exact values: www.bit.ly/sexworkerarrests