

Table S2. Data extracted from studies conducted in the female sex workers population

Region	Reference	Methodology	Sample size	Sample definition	Sample characteristics	Year of data collection	Location	Duration of sex work
Africa	Alary M, Mukenge-Tshibaka L, Bernier F, et al. Decline in the prevalence of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases among female sex workers in Cotonou, Benin, 1993-1999. AIDS. 2002 Feb 15;16(3):463-70.	Cross-sectional study	365	Those who consulted for STD screening at the clinic dedicated to FSW.	Mean age was 30 years and mean of number of clients on the previous week was 26.	1995 to 1996	Cotonou, Benin	Mean of 2.4 years
Africa	Alary M, Mukenge-Tshibaka L, Bernier F, et al. Decline in the prevalence of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases among female sex workers in Cotonou, Benin, 1993-1999. AIDS. 2002 Feb 15;16(3):463-70.	Cross-sectional study	591	Those who consulted for STD screening at the clinic dedicated to FSW.	Mean age was 28.4 years and mean of number of clients on the previous week was 13	1998 to 1999	Cotonou, Benin	Mean of 2.6 years
Africa	Asamoah-Adu C, Khonde N, Avorkliah M, et al. HIV infection among sex workers in Accra: need to target new recruits entering the trade. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2001 Dec 1;28(4):358-66. PubMed PMID: 11707673.	Cross-sectional study	1013 FSW	SW working out of their homes (seaters) or finding customers in bars, hotels, brothels or on the street (roamers) attending STI clinics.	Age ranged from 13 to 67 years (median, 28 years)	March 1997 to February 1999	Accra, Ghana	From 1 week to 30 years (median, 2 years)

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Africa	Dada AJ, Ajayi AO, Diamondstone L, et al. A Serosurvey of Haemophilus ducreyi, Syphilis, and Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 and Their Association With Human Immunodeficiency Virus Among Female Sex Workers in Lagos, Nigeria. Sex Transm Dis. 1998 May;25(5):237-42.	Cross-sectional study	84 lower-class FSW	Home-based FSW that charged no more than 0.5 dollars for sexual encounter.	Mean age was 29 (IC95%: 27.5 - 30.5) and mean number of clients last day was 4.92.	1990 to 1991	Lagos, Nigeria	Mean of duration of sex work in months: 39.2 (IC 95%: 32.7 - 45.1)
Africa	Dada AJ, Ajayi AO, Diamondstone L, et al. A Serosurvey of Haemophilus ducreyi, Syphilis, and Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 and Their Association With Human Immunodeficiency Virus Among Female Sex Workers in Lagos, Nigeria. Sex Transm Dis. 1998 May;25(5):237-42.	Cross-sectional study	624 middle class FSW	Motel-based FSW that charged from 0.5 to less than 5 dollars per sexual encounter.	Mean age was 26.3 (IC95%: 25.9 - 26.7) and mean number of clients last day was 5.76.	1990 to 1991	Lagos, Nigeria	Mean of duration of sex work in months: 35.3 (IC 95%: 32.6 - 36.6)
Africa	Dada AJ, Ajayi AO, Diamondstone L, et al. A Serosurvey of Haemophilus ducreyi, Syphilis, and Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 and Their Association With Human Immunodeficiency Virus Among Female Sex Workers in Lagos, Nigeria. Sex Transm Dis. 1998 May;25(5):237-42.	Cross-sectional study	88 upper class FSW	FSW that solicited clients in streets, international hotels, night clubs and casinos.	Mean age was 23.3 (IC95%: 22.4 - 24.2) and mean number of clients last day was 1.93	1990 to 1991	Lagos, Nigeria	Mean of duration of sex work in months: 22.6 (IC 95%: 19.2 - 25.1)

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Africa	Delaporte E, Buvé A, Nzila N, et al. HTLV-I infection among prostitutes and pregnant women in Kinshasa, Zaïre: how important is high-risk sexual behavior? J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr Hum Retrovirol. 1995 Apr 15;8(5):511-5. PubMed PMID: 7697449.	Cross-sectional study	1183 FSW		55% were 25 years old or less.	Between May 1988 and August 1988.	Kinshasa, República Democrática do Congo	16.8% were working for less than a year; 48.5% from 1 year to less than 5 years; 23% were sex workers for five to less than 10 years and; 11.7% were working for 10 or more years.
Africa	Fowke KR, Nagelkerke NJ, Kimani J, et al. Resistance to HIV-1 infection among persistently seronegative prostitutes in Nairobi, Kenya. Lancet. 1996 Nov 16;348(9038):1347-51. PubMed PMID: 8918278.	Community-based cohort study of incident HIV-1 infection	424 FSW	All FSW in the area were eligible, but they had to be initially HIV-1-seronegative.	40% were sex workers for less than 3 years and the rest for more than 3 years.	Between 1985 and 1994	In a slum area of Nairobi, Kenya	

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Africa	Ghys PD, Diallo MO, Ettiègne-Traoré V, Kalé K, Tawil O, Caraël M, Traoré M, Mah-Bi G, De Cock KM, Wiktor SZ, Laga M, Greenberg AE. Increase in condom use and decline in HIV and sexually transmitted diseases among female sex workers in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1991-1998. AIDS. 2002 Jan 25;16(2):251-8. PubMed PMID: 11807310	Multiyear cross-sectional study and biannual community-based behavioral surveys.	356 in 1992; 778 in 1993; 607 in 1994; 832 in 1995; 916 in 1996; 576 in 1997; and 853 in 1998. 2281 interviewed in the community-based surveys (329, 602, 850, and 500 female sex workers participated in 1991, 1993, 1995, and 1997 respectively.	Sex workers who attended Clinique de Confiance for the first time and FSW interviewed during the community based surveys.	Clinique: median age 30 in 1992 compared with 23 in 1998. Survey: median age was 26 in 1991, 28 in 1993, 25 in 1995, 26 in 1997.	From 1991 to 1998	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Clinique: median of 3 years from 1992 to 1994; 2 years in 1995 and 1996; 1.5 in 1997 and 0.6 in 1998. Survey: median of 2 years in 1991 (IQR:1 to 4); 3 years in 1993 (IQR: 2 to 5); 3 years in 1995 (IQR:1 to 5); and 2 years in 1997 (IQR: 0.7 to 4).
Africa	Jennes W, Sawadogo S, Koblavi-Dème S, Vuylsteke B, Maurice C, Roels TH, Chorba T, Nkengasong JN, Kestens L. Cellular human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-protective factors: a comparison of HIV-exposed seronegative female sex workers and female blood donors in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. J Infect Dis. 2003 Jan 15;187(2):206-14. Epub 2002 Dec 30.	Ongoing surveillance study in a Confidential clinic	40 HIV-seronegative and 25 HIV seropositive FSWs		The median age of the 40 seronegative was 22 years (IQR:21–28 years), compared with 28 years (IQR,23–36 years) for the 25 HIV-seropositive FSWs .	During the months of May 2000, February, and March 2001, and October 2001	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	The median duration of commercial sex work reported by seronegative FSWs was 14months (IQR:6–36months).

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Africa	Jennes W, Vuylsteke B, Borget MY, et al. HIV-specific T helper responses and frequency of exposure among HIV-exposed seronegative female sex workers in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. J Infect Dis. 2004 Feb 15;189(4):602-10. Epub 2004 Jan 29. PubMed PMID:14767812.	Cross-sectional study.	27 FSW	HIV-seronegative FSWs were enrolled	The mean age was 23 years (range, 18–52 years)	November 1999 and May 2000	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	The median was 6 months (range, 1–120 months). Three FSWs (11%) reported doing commercial sex work for 3 years or more, 11 (41%) from 6 months to 3 years, and 13 (48%) for 6 months or less..
Africa	Kaul R, Kimani J, Nagelkerke Njet al. Risk factors for genital ulcerations in Kenyan sex workers. The role of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 infection. Sex Transm Dis. 1997 Aug;24(7):387-92. PubMed PMID: 9263358.	Subsample from a cohort study, was stratified to result in a 50% HIV-1 seroprevalence within the subcohort at enrollment.	302 FSW		One hundred fifty-seven women (52%) were initially HIV-1 seropositive, and 145 were seronegative. The mean age of the seronegative was 30.7 (SD: 7) and the mean age of the seropositive was 31.5 (SD: 5.2).	Cohort was established in 1991.	The Pumwani slum area of Nairobi, Kenya	The mean duration of prostitution of the seronegative was 5.4 (SD: 5.4) and for the seropositive was 6.0 (SD: 4.4).

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Africa	Lavreys L, Chohan V, Overbaugh J, et al. Hormonal contraception and risk of cervical infections among HIV-1-seropositive Kenyan women. AIDS. 2004 Nov 5;18(16):2179-84. PubMed PMID: 15577651373:	A prospective cohort study of 242 commercial sex workers in Mombasa, Kenya, followed from the time of HIV-1 infection.	242 FSW who seroconverted during the study.	Seronegative FSW attending a municipal STI clinic enrolled in the cohort.	Median age was 29 (IQR: 25 to 34)	Between February 1993 and January 2003,	Mombasa, Kenya	Median duration of prostitution was 4 years (IQR: 2 to 6).
Africa	Mulanga-Kabeya C, Morel E, Patrel Det al. Prevalence and risk assessment for sexually transmitted infections in pregnant women and female sex workers in Mali: is syndromic approach suitable for screening? Sex Transm Inf. 1999; 75: 358-360.	A cross-sectional study.	284 FSW	191 in Bamako and 93 in Sikasso	Mean age was 27 years.	Jun-97	Sikasso and Bamako, Mali	Mean duration of 4.2 years.
Africa	Nagot N, Ouangré A, Ouedraogo A, et al. Spectrum of Commercial Sex Activity in Burkina Faso: Classification Model and Risk of Exposure to HIV. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2002 Apr 15;29(5):517-21.	Open-cohort study to	447 FSW	FSW were divided into 6 categories: Seaters, Roamers Bar waitresses, Sellers, Cabarets and Students	Median age was 26 with a range of 15 to 56.	From October 1998 to June 2000	Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso	27% were working for one year or less; 44% from 2 to 5 years; 17% from 6 to 10 years and 12 % for more than 10 years.

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Africa	Phillipon M, Saada M, Ali Kamil M, et al. Fréquentation de un centre de santé par lés prostituées clandestines à Djibouti. Cahiers Santé. 1997; 7; 5:10.	Cross-sectional study	243 FSW	FSW that consulted during the first 4 months of 1995 at the Le Centre de Phrofilaxie	The mean age was 23.1 years (range, 15 to 37 years) and SD of 4.1.	summer of 1995	Djibouti, Ethiopia	The mean duration of prostitution was 8.4 months and the median 3 months. It ranged from 6 days to 10 years.
Africa	Ramjee G, Williams B, Gouws E, et al. The impact of incident and prevalent herpes simplex virus-2 infection on the incidence of HIV-1 infection among commercial sex workers in South Africa. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2005 Jul 1;39(3):333-9. PubMed PMID: 15980695	Multicenter vaginal microbicide phase 3 clinical trial funded by UNAIDS	187 FSW.	Sex workers from 5 truck stops.	The average age of the women was 25 years;	The year of data collection was not mentioned, but the paper was published in 2005.	5 truck stops between The port city of Durban and the commercial center of Johannesburg, South Africa	They had been doing sex work for an average of 2.5 years
Africa	Cameron DW, Ngugi EN, Ronald AR, et al. Condom Use Prevents Genital Ulcers in Women Working as Prostitutes: Influence of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection. Sex Transm Dis. 1991 Jul-Sep;18(3):188-91	Cross-sectional study.	378 FSW	119 with genital ulcer and 250 without it. Women who consulted at a Nairobi city commission maternal/child health care	The mean age of the women who had genital ulcer was 30 (SD: 7) and of those who did not have ulcer was 30 (SD: 6).	1987 - 1988	Pumwani, Nairobi	The mean duration of sex work of the women who had genital ulcer was 4.5 years (SD: 3) and of those who did not have ulcer wa/s 5.1 (SD: 4.1).

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Africa	Kayembe PK, Mapatano MA, Busangu AF, et al. Determinants of consistent condom use among female commercial sex workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo: implications for interventions. Sex Transm Infect. 2008 Jun;84(3):202-6. Epub 2007 Nov 30.	Cross-sectional study using time location sampling technique	2638 FSWs		Age at first paid sex: 18, ranging from 15 to 21.	January 2005 to March 2006	5 provincial capital cities of Republic Democratic of Congo	13.9 % were sex workers for less than a year; 14.3% for 1 year; 47.8% from 2 to 5 years; and 24% for 6 or more years.
Africa	Langley CL, Benga-De E, Critchlow CW, et al. HIV-1, HIV-2, human papillomavirus infection and cervical neoplasia in high-risk African women. AIDS. 1996 Apr;10(4):413-7.	Cross-sectional	759 FSWs	FSWs that attended a DST clinic. 619 HIV free; 68 HIV-1 positive; 58 HIV-2 positive; and 14 HIV 1 and 2 positive.	Mean of age was 29+-6.9 for HIV free; 32.4+-7.5 for HIV1 positive; 32.2+-8.2 for HIV2 positive; and 29.8+- 6.3 for HIV 1 and 2 positive women.	February 1990 to March 1993	Dakar, Senegal	Mean of sex work duration in years was 2.3+-3.2 for HIV free; 2.9+-4.3 for HIV1 positive; 3.2+-4.3 for HIV2 positive; and 1.3+-1.8 for HIV 1 and 2 positive women.
Africa	Mann JM, Nzilambi N, Piot P, Bosenge N, Kalala M, Francis H, Colebunders RC, Azila PK, Curran JW, Quinn TC. HIV infection and associated risk factors in female prostitutes in Kinshasa, Zaire. AIDS. 1988 Aug;2(4):249-54.	Cross-sectional	377 FSW	Women that charged specific amounts of money for brief or nightlong sexual services.	Median age was 24 ranging from 14 to 50. Mean of 3.7 sexual partners during previous week, 19.9 previous month and 158 previous year.	1985	Kinshasa, República Democrática do Congo	Median: 2 years; mean: 3.2 years; range: 2 weeks to 18 years.



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Africa	Ngugi EN, Plummer FA, Simonsen JN, et al. Prevention of transmission of human immunodeficiency virus in Africa: effectiveness of condom promotion and health education among prostitutes. Lancet. 1988 Oct 15;2(8616):887-90.	Cohort	363 FSW	The FSW were divided in 3 groups: 91 in group 1 (enrolled in the initial cohort that received counseling); 67 in group 2 (enrolled in the initial cohort without counseling) and group 3 (enrolled afterwards).	Mean age for groups 1, 2 and 3 respectively were: 33+-5, 30+-5 and 31+-6. And the mean number of partners daily were: 3.8+-2, 3.0+-2.5 and 5.7+-3.1.	1985	Nairobi, Kenia	The mean duration of sex work in months for the 3 groups were, respectively: 45 (22.8), 35.3 (21.2) and 33.8 (26.5).
Africa	Nzila N, Laga M, Thiam MA, et al. HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among female prostitutes in Kinshasa. AIDS. 1991 Jun;5(6):715-21.	Cross-sectional	1226 FSW	They were divided into 3 groups: 448 home-based, 693 brothel-based and 85 street-based	The mean age and mean number of partners per week were, respectively: 24.8 (5.8) and 8 (7.9) for hotel-based; 28.4 (7.9) and 8.1 (8.5) for home-based; and 21.2 (4.7) and 9.4 (8.7) for street-based.	1988/1989	Kinshasa, República Democrática do Congo	The mean duration of sex work in months were 41.9 (46) for hotel-based; 72.6 home-based; and 56.2 (108) for street-based.

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Africa	Pepin J, Dunn D, Gaye I, et al. HIV-2 infection among prostitutes working in The Gambia: association with serological evidence of genital ulcer diseases and with generalized lymphadenopathy. AIDS. 1991 Jan;5(1):69-75.	Cross-sectional	346 FSWs			April 1988 to January 1989	Bnnjul, Serrakunda, Farafenni, Soma and Basse in Gambia	19.7% were sex workers for less than 12 months, 18.8% from 12 to 23 years. 14.7% from 24 to 35 years, 16.8 from 36 to 47 months and 30.1% for 48 months or more.
Africa	Anzala OA, Nagelkerke NJ, Bwayo JJ, et al. Rapid progression to disease in African sex workers with human immunodeficiency virus type 1 infection. J Infect Dis. 1995 Mar;171(3):686-9. Erratum in: J Infect Dis 1996 Jun;173(6):1529. PubMed PMID:7876618.	Cohort	160 FSWs	FSWs that were enrolled in the cohort in 1985 and 1986 and seroconverted until 1991	Mean of age was 30.9 (7.2) and mean number of sexual partners per day was 5 (4.2)	1985 to 1991	Nairobi, Kenia	Mean of 4.7 (4.9) years at seroconversion.
Africa	Kanki P, M'Boup S, Marlink R, Travers K, Hsieh CC, Gueye A, Boye C, Sankalé JL, Donnelly C, Leisenring W, et al. Prevalence and risk determinants of human immunodeficiency virus type 2 (HIV-2) and human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) in west African female prostitutes. Am J Epidemiol. 1992 Oct 1;136(7):895-907. PubMed PMID: 1442755.	Cohort	1275 FSWs	Registered FSWs visiting a clinic		1985	Dakar, Senegal	It is actually the amount of years as a registered prostitute, what may underestimate the sex work duration. 70.5% were sex workers for 1 to 9 years; 27.5% from 10 to 19 years; and 1.7% for 20 to 29 years.

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Africa	Baeten JM; Richardson BA; Martin HL, et al. Trends in HIV-1 Incidence in a Cohort of Prostitutes in Kenya: Implications for HIV-1 Vaccine Efficacy Trials. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr; 24(5):458-64, 2000 Aug 15.	Cohort	953 FSWs	Enrolled in the cohort from 1993 to 1997. 788 returned for follow up and 165 did not.	Those who returned had median of age 26, median of 1 sexual partner per week, mean of 2.2, ranging from 0 to 10, and mean of 2.2 sexual encounters per week, median of 2, ranging from 0 to 13. Those who did not return had median of age 24, mean of 1.4 sexual partner per week and mean of 1.4 sexual encounters per week.	From 1993 to 1997	Mombasa, Kenya	Among those who returned for follow-up, the median was 1.5 years ranging from 0 to 24. Among those who did not return the median was 0.75 years.

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Africa	Kanki P, M'Boup S, Marlink R, et al. Prevalence and risk determinants of human immunodeficiency virus type 2 (HIV-2) and human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) in west African female prostitutes. Am J Epidemiol. 1992 Oct 1;136(7):895-907. PubMed PMID: 1442755.	Cohort	278 FSWs	Registered FSWs visiting a clinic		1987	Ziguinchor, Senegal	It is actually the amount of years as a registered prostitute, what may underestimate the sex work duration. 100% were sex workers for 1 to 9 years.
Africa	Kanki P, M'Boup S, Marlink R, et al. Prevalence and risk determinants of human immunodeficiency virus type 2 (HIV-2) and human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) in west African female prostitutes. Am J Epidemiol. 1992 Oct 1;136(7):895-907. PubMed PMID: 1442755.	Cohort	157 FSWs	Registered FSWs visiting a clinic		1987	Kaolack, Senegal	It is actually the amount of years as a registered prostitute, what may underestimate the sex work duration. 67.5% were sex workers for 1 to 9 years; 32.5% from 10 to 19 years.
Africa	Simonsen JN, Plummer FA, Ngugi EN, et al. HIV infection among lower socioeconomic strata prostitutes in Nairobi. AIDS. 1990 Feb;4(2):139-44. PubMed PMID: 2328096.	Cohort	418 FSWs	Living in a slum in Nairobi	Mean age was 29.2 +- 6.5. Mean number of sex partners per day was 3.7 +-2.29.	1985	Nairobi, Kenya	Mean of 33.1 months +- 47.9

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Africa	Willerford D, Bwayo JJ, Hensel M, Emonyi W, Plummer FA, Ngugi EM, Nagelkerke N, Gallatin WM, Kreiss J. Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection among High-Risk Seronegative Prostitutes in Nairobi. JID 1993; 167 (June)	Cohort	56 FSWs	HIV-seronegative FSWs were enrolled	Mean age was 32. Average of 35 sex partners per week.	1985	Nairobi, Kenia	Mean of 6 years.
Europe	Baars JE, Boon BJ, Garretsen HF, et al. Vaccination uptake and awareness of a free hepatitis B vaccination program among female commercial sex workers. Womens Health Issues. 2009 Jan-Feb;19(1):61-9. Epub 2008 Oct 25. PubMed PMID: 18951815.	Cross-sectional study based on ethnographic mapping and targeted sampling	259 FSW	women who engage in sexual behavior for money		Between September 2004 and February 2006	3 regions in the Netherlands: Rotterdam, Utrecht, and South Limburg	Mean of 66.88 months, SD of 70.73.
Europe	Vioque J, Hernández-Aguado I, Fernandez García E, et al. Prospective cohort study of female sex workers and the risk of HIV infection in Alicante, Spain (1986-96). Sex Transm Infect. 1998 Aug;74(4):284-8.	Cohort	657 FSW	FSW that have initially attended the Centro para la Información y Prevención del SIDA and were back then HIV free and have returned to the Center between 1986 and 1996.	Mean age was 27 (IQR: 25 - 33) and range of 15 to 64.	1986 to 1996	Alicante, Spain	Median of 18 months (IQR: 4 months to 5 years) and ranged from 1 month to 35 years.

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Europe	Ward H, Day S, Mezzone J, Dunlop L, Donegan C, Farrar S, Whitaker L, Harris JR, Miller DL. Prostitution and risk of HIV: female prostitutes in London. BMJ. 1993 Aug 7;307(6900):356-8. PubMed PMID: 8374417; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC1678221.	cross sectional survey.	280 FSW	They were recruited by referral from health workers in the genitourinary medicine clinic at St Mary's Hospital, referral from friends and colleagues of prostitutes, fieldwork (visiting streets, magistrates' courts, flats, agencies, and saunas), and telephone.	The participants were aged 16-51 (median 25);	Between April 1989 and August 1991.	London, England.	They had been working as prostitutes for between one month and 34 years (median four years)
Europe	Ward H, Day S. What happens to women who sell sex? Report of a unique occupational cohort. Sex Transm Infect. 2006 Oct;82(5):413-7. Epub 2006 Jun 21. PubMed PMID: 16790559; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2563855.	A longitudinal study of sex workers recruited between 1986 and 1993 and followed for 15 years.	130 FSW, of the original 354 women enrolled in the cohort	Women that defined themselves as FSWs and had worked within the past 3 months.	Median of age was 27 (IQR: 23,31 and range: 16-51)	From 1997 to 2000	Clinic and community settings in London.	The majority (73/124,59%) were still in the sex industry and had sold sex for a mean of 13.6 years. In months the median was 36 (IQR: 15,72 and range: 1-216).

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Europe	Bratòs MA, Eiros JM, Orduña A, Cuervo M, Ortiz de Lejarazu R, Almaraz A, Martín-Rodríguez JF, Gutiérrez-Rodríguez MP, Orduña Prieto E, Rodríguez-Torres A.. Influence of Syphilis in Hepatitis B Transmission in a Cohort of Female Prostitutes. Sex Transm Dis. 1993 Sep-Oct;20(5):257-61.	Cross-sectional study.	368 FSW	FSW that went to a public health centre for routine medical examination	FSW practiced prostitution in pubs or massage parlors and had no more than 20 sexual contacts per month.	not mentioned	?, Spain	32.6% were working for less than 2 years; 30.2% for 2 to 3 years; 18.5% for 4 to 5 years; 10.6% for 6 to 7 years; 8% for more than 7 years.
Europe	Fennema JS, van Ameijden EJ, Coutinho RA, van den Hoek AA. HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and gynecologic disorders in women: increased risk for genital herpes and warts among HIV-infected prostitutes in Amsterdam. AIDS. 1995 Sep;9(9):1071-8.	Cohort	212 FSWs	UD free-HIV women who used drugs and who exchanged sex for money, presents or goods were recruited at methadone posts.	Mean age at enrolment was 27+- 4.8.	1985 to 1992	Amsterdam, The Netherlands.	45% were working for less than 5 years; 33% for 5 to 10 years; and 22% for more than 10 years.
Europe	Orduña A, Bratos MA, Gutierrez P, Almaraz A, Eiros JM, Martín JF, Gonzalez JM, Card-Patón A, Rodríguez-Torres A. Infection by hepatitis B and C virus in non-intravenous drug using female prostitutes in Spain. European Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 8, Number 5, 656-659, DOI: 10.1007/BF00145380	Cross-sectional	227 FSWs	Non-IDU and that had more than 20 partners per month.			Spain	38.7% were working for less than 2 years; 31.3% for 2 to 3 years; 12.8% for 4 to 5 years; 9.3% for 6 to 7 years; 7.9% for more than 7 years.

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Europe	Papaevangelou G, Roumeliotou A, Kallinikos G, Papoutsakis G, Trichopoulou E, Stefanou T. Education in Preventing HIV Infection in Greek Registered Prostitutes. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 1988;1(4):386-9.	Cohort	902 FSWs	They were divided in 3 different cohorts. 350 followed from 1985 to 1986, 270 followed from 1986 to 1987 and 282 followed from 1987 to 1988	The overall median age was 38.6 years ranging from 18 to 48. The cohort from 1985 was in median 38.4 years old and reported 1140 sex contacts per month. The cohort from 1986 was 37.8 years old (median) and reported 960 sexual contacts per month.	1985 to 1988	Athens, Greece	Overall, the median was 12 years, ranging from 1 to 30. The cohort started in 1985 reported a median of 13 years and the one started in 1986 showed a median of 8 years of prostitution. No information available for the 1987 cohort.
Europe	Pineda JA, Aguado I, Rivero A, Vergara A, Hernández-Quero J, Luque F, Pino R, Abad MA, Santos J, Cruz E, et al. HIV-1 infection among non-intravenous drug user female prostitutes in Spain. No evidence of evolution to Pattern II. AIDS. 1992 Nov;6(11):1365-9.	Cross-sectional	519 FSWs	Non-IDU FSWs that attended 4 University Hospitals and that had been working for at least 2 months.	Mean age was 30+-7. Average of 59+-84 different sex partners per month, ranging from 1 to 6000.	From May 1989 to December 1990	Andaluzia, Spain	Mean of 50 month +-60, ranging from 2 to 420



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Europe	Pineda JA, Rivero A, Rey C, Hernández-Quero J, Vergara A, Muñoz J, Aguado I, Santos J, Torronteras R, Gallardo JA, <i>et al.</i> Association between hepatitis C virus seroreactivity and HIV infection in non-intravenous drug abusing prostitutes. <i>European Journal of Clinical Microbiology &amp; Infectious Diseases</i> , 1995, Volume 14, Number 5, 460-464, DOI: 10.1007/BF02114907	Cross-sectional	294 FSWs	Non-IDU, non-transfused FSWs that had been working for at least 21 month and only in brothels or nightclubs.		1990	Andaluzia, Spain	Overall, 45% were working for 24 months or less and 55% for more than 24 months. The mean duration among the 17 HCV positive was 58+-58 and among the 277 HCV negative was 50+-53.
Europe	Uusküla A, Fischer K, Raudne R, Kilgi H, Krylov R, Salminen M, Brummer-Korvenkontio H, St Lawrence J, Aral S. A study on HIV and hepatitis C virus among commercial sex workers in Tallinn. <i>Sex Transm Infect.</i> 2008 Jun;84(3):189-91. Epub 2008 Feb 6. PubMed PMID: 18256109.	Cross sectional study using a multistage approach combining time-location, community and respondent driven-sampling	227 FSWs	Women that had exchange sex for money, drugs or goods within the past 3 months.	Mean age was 29.5 (9.1). Mean number of clients per week was 7, median was 11, ranging from 0 to 100.	October 2005 to May 2006	Tallim, Estonia	Mean: 8.3 years, median was 6.2 and range was 0 to 30.
Europe	Gutierrez P, Orduña A, Bratos MA, Eiros JM, Gonzalez JM, Almaraz A, Caro-Patón A, Rodríguez-Torres A. Prevalence of anti-hepatitis C virus antibodies in positive FTA-ABS non-drug abusing female prostitutes in Spain. <i>Sex Transm Dis.</i> 1992 Jan-Feb;19(1):39-40.	Cross-sectional - same database as Orduna	227 FSWs	Non-IDU and that had more than 20 partners per month.			Spain	38.7% were working for less than 2 years; 31.3% for 2 to 3 years; 12.8% for 4 to 5 years; 9.3% for 6 to 7 years; 7.9% for more than 7 years.

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Europe	McKeganey N, Barnard M. Selling sex: female street prostitution and HIV risk behaviour in Glasgow. <i>AIDS Care</i> . 1992;4(4):395-407. PubMed PMID: 1493147.	Cross-sectional study using time-sampling technique	68 FSWs	Street-based FSWs in the main red light area	Median of age was 24, ranging from 16 to 51. Average of 7.1 clients per week.	1991	Glasgow, Scotland	Median of 2 years, ranging from 2 weeks to 30 years.
Latin America	Loza O, Patterson TL, Rusch M, Martínez GA, Lozada R, Staines-Orozco H, Magis-Rodríguez C, Strathdee SA; Proyecto Mujer Segura. Drug-related behaviors independently associated with syphilis infection among female sex workers in two Mexico-US border cities. <i>Addiction</i> . 2010 Aug;105(8):1448-56. Epub 2010 Apr 27. PubMed PMID: 20456292.	Cross sectional behavioral intervention study	914 FSW	Participants were women, at least 18 years old, without known HIV infection, who self-identified as a FSW (i.e. traded sex for drugs, money or other material benefit), and reported unprotected vaginal or anal sex with a client at least once during the previous 4 weeks	Median age was 32 (IQR: 26 - 39) and age entered at sex work, 26	2004 to 2006	Tijuana (n = 474) and Ciudad Juarez (n = 450)	Median duration of sex work was 4 years (IQR:2 -10)

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Latin America	Strathdee SA, Lozada R, Semple SJ, Orozovich P, Pu M, Staines-Orozco H, Fraga-Vallejo M, Amaro H, Delatorre A, Magis-Rodríguez C, Patterson TL. Characteristics of female sex workers with US clients in two Mexico-US border cities. Sex Transm Dis. 2008 Mar;35(3):263-8. PubMed PMID: 18032996; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2737364.	Behavioral intervention study that aimed to increase condom use	Same results and database of Loza 2010	at least 18 years of age, providing informed consent, and having traded sex for drugs, money, or other material benefit within the previous 2 months. Since this was an intervention study, women were also required to have had unprotected vaginal sex with at least 1 client in the past 2 months, and were excluded if they reported that they had previously tested HIV positive	Same results and database of Loza 2010	Between January 2004 and March 2005	Tijuana and Cd. Juarez, Mexico	The median number of years spent as a sex worker was 4 years.

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Latin America	Strathdee SA, Philbin MM, Semple SJ, Pu M, Orozovich P, Martinez G, Lozada R, Fraga M, de la Torre A, Staines H, Magis-Rodríguez C, Patterson TL. Correlates of injection drug use among female sex workers in two Mexico-U.S. border cities. <i>Drug Alcohol Depend.</i> 2008 Jan 1;92(1-3):132-40. Epub 2007 Aug 21. PubMed PMID: 17714888; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2213538	Behavioral intervention study that aimed to increase condom use	Same results and database of Loza 2010	Eligibility requirements included being at least 18 years of age, providing informed consent, and having traded sex for drugs, money, or other material benefit within the previous 2 months. Since this was an intervention study, women were also required to have had unprotected vaginal sex with at least 1 client in the past 2 months, and were excluded if they reported that they had previously tested HIV positive	Same results and database of Loza 2010	Between January 2004 and March 2005	Tijuana and Cd. Juarez, Mexico	The median number of years spent as a sex worker was 4 years.

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Latin America	Bucardo J, Semple SJ, Fraga-Vallejo M, Davila W, Pson TL. A qualitative exploration of female sex work. Tijuana, Mexico. ArchSexBehav 2004; 33:343–51. Lowndes CM, Alary M, Platt L. Injection drug use, commercial sex work, and the HIV/STI epidemic in the Russian Federation. SexTransmDis 2003; 30:46–8.	Qualitative interviews	25 FSW	FSWs who were recruited through the women's clinic operated by Fronteras Unidas Pro Salud, Asociacion Civil	Participants ranged in age from 20 to 40 years, with a mean age of 27.9 years. The majority of the women reported working 6 or 7 days a week. The average number of clients per day was 6.0 (range, 1–10).	Not mentioned.	Tijuana, Mexico	Participants had been performing sex work for an average of 5 years (range, 3 months–14 years).
Latin America	SZWARCWALD, C. L. Taxas de prevalência de HIV e sífilis e conhecimento, atitudes e práticas de risco relacionadas às infecções sexualmente transmissíveis no grupo das mulheres profissionais do sexo, no Brasil. Study funded by the STD, Aids and Viral Hepatitis Department.	RDS	2500			2009	10 Brazilian cities	Mean of 8.6 years (SD:0.18) and median of 5.72 years.
Latin America	Trevisol FS, Silva MV. HIV Frequency Among Female Sex Workers in Imbituba, Santa Catarina, Brazil. BJID 2005; 9 (December)	Cross-sectional study	84 FSW	More than 18 years old	Mean age was 27 (SD 5.2) ranging from 18 to 60.	December 2003 to February 2004	Imbituba, Brazil	47.6 % were working for 2.5 years or less and the rest for more than 2.5 years.

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Latin America	Hyams KC, Phillips IA, Tejada A, Wignall FS, Roberts CR, Escamilla J. Three-Year Incidence Study of Retroviral and Viral Hepatitis Transmission in a Peruvian Prostitute Population. <i>J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr.</i> 1993 Dec;6(12):1353-7.	Cohort	966 FSWs	FSWs registered at a public health clinic in Callao, port city of Lima	Mean of age at enrolment: 32.2, ranging 18 to 65. Mean of 164 sexual contacts in the previous month.	1987 to 1990	Callao, Peru	The mean duration of sex work at enrolment was 6.2 years, median of 5 years, ranging from less than a year to 30 years.
Latin America	Sánchez J, Gotuzzo E, Escamilla J, Carrillo C, Moreyra L, Stamm W, Ashley R, Swenson P, Holmes KK. Sexually Transmitted Infections in Female Sex Workers: Reduced by Condom Use But Not by a Limited Periodic Examination Program. <i>Sex Transm Dis.</i> 1998 Feb;25(2):82-9.	Cross-sectional	400 FSWs	Attending Centro antivenereo de Lima		From October 1991 to April 1992	Lima, Peru	The mean was 41.7 months +- 48.3, ranging from 1 to 264.
Latin America	Wignall FS, Hyams KC, Phillips IA, Escamilla J, Tejada A, Li O, Lopez F, Chauca G, Sanchez S, Roberts CR. Sexual transmission of human T-lymphotropic virus type I in Peruvian prostitutes. <i>J Med Virol.</i> 1992 Sep;38(1):44-8.	Cross-sectional	467 FSWs	395 FSWs from Calao and 72 from Iquitos. Attended a public SDT clinic.	Mean of age: 33.8+-8.2, ranging from 18 to 60. Mean number of sexual contacts in the previous month was 205.	July 1987 to May 1988	Iquitos and Callao, Peru	Mean of 8.8 years +- 6.7, ranging from 1 year to 39 years.

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Latin America	Gotuzzo E, Sánchez J, Escamilla J, Carrillo C, Phillips IA, Moreyra L, Stamm W, Ashley R, Roggen EL, Kreiss J, et al. Human T cell lymphotropic virus type I infection among female sex workers in Peru. J Infect Dis. 1994 Apr;169(4):754-9. PubMed PMID: 8133088.	Cross-sectional	396 FSWs	Women who attended Centro Antivenereo of Lima. 284 registered for follow up and the rest not registered.	Mean age of 28.8+- 6.4, ranging from 18 to 48.	October 1991 to April 1992	Lima, Peru	56.8% were sex workers for more less than 3 years; 27.3% for 3 to 6 years; and 15.9% for more than 6 years.
Latin America	Paris M, Gotuzzo E, Goyzueta G, Aramburu J, Caceres CF, Castellano T, Jordan NN, Vermund SH, Hook EW 3rd. Prevalence of gonococcal and chlamydial infections in commercial sex workers in a Peruvian Amazon city. Sex Transm Dis. 1999 Feb;26(2):103-7. PubMed PMID: 10029985. 560: Klausner JD,	Cross-sectional study, using convenience sample	100 FSW	Street and brothel commercial sex workers	The mean age of participants was 30.3 (range 15-57) years.	Not mentioned	Loreto Province, Peru	72% were sex workers for 5 years or less.

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North America	Potterat JJ, Woodhouse DE, Muth JB, Muth SQ. Estimating the prevalence and career longevity of prostitute women The Journal of Sex Research Vol. 27, No. 2 (May, 1990), pp. 233-243	Cohort - continuous surveillance of prostitute population.	361 long-term residents FSW	Women who exchange sexual activity for payment. Women known by a health department to have engaged in prostitution	Mean age at first visit was 22.7 (SD: 4.66) and median of 22.	1970 to 1988	Colorado Springs, USA	Mean of 5 years and median of 4. The measure was the interval between the first and last clinic visit.
North America	Seidlin M, Krasinski K, Bebenroth D, Itri V, Paolino AM, Valentine F. Prevalence of HIV infection in New York call girls. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 1988;1(2):150-4. PubMed PMID: 3216302.	Cross sectional study.	78 FSW	Women that have been performing sexual services for money but had never solicited clients on the streets.	Mean age was 31.6 (range 18 to 58). 83% were caucasian.	From January 1986 to December 1987.	New York, USA	5.1 years (range: 0.4 to 18 years)
North America	Casabona J, Sánchez E, Salinas R, Lacasa C, Verani P. Seroprevalence and risk factors for HIV transmission among female prostitutes: A community survey. European Journal of Epidemiology. 1990; 6(3); 248-52.	Community survey	71 FSWs.		Mean age: 29 +- 7.42. Mean age of initiation: 23.41+- 5.84. Mean number of clients per week: 27+- 15.72.	Not mentioned	3 cities in Southern California, USA	The mean duration of prostitution was 77.05 months +- 66.26 and the media was 61.33.



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Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 1997	BSS	245 DFSW	Brothel based	Mean age was 21.9 years. Mean of 3.5 clients and of 3.6 sexual acts on the last day.	1997	In 2 provinces of Cambodia: Phnom Penh and Siem Reap	Mean time of sex work was 1.4 years and median less than a year.
Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 1998	BSS	804 DFSWs	Brothel based	Mean age was 21.5 years. Mean number of clients on the last day was 3.0 and median 2.0.	1998	In 5 provinces of Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Battambang, Siem Reap and Sihanouk Ville	Mean time of sex work was 1.0 years and median less than a year.
Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 1999	BSS	792 DFSWs	Brothel based	Mean age was 21.6 years. Mean number of clients on the last day was 2.5 and median 2.0.	1999	In 5 provinces of Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Battambang, Siem Reap and Sihanouk Ville	Mean time of sex work was 1.2 years and median less than a year.
Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 2001	BSS	570 DFSWs	Brothel-based	Mean age of 22.3 years. Median of 2 clients on the last day and mean of 3.1 clients on the last day.	December 2001 and January 2002	In 5 provinces of Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Battambang, Siem Reap and Sihanouk Ville	The median number of months working at a brothel was 112 and the mean 9.1.

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Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 2003	BSS	1308 DFSWs	Brothel based sex workers	The DFSWs were 15 to 45 years old, and their mean age was 23.3 years (median=22). DFSW reported up to 25 clients in the last working day, but 22% had no client and 18% had 5 clients or more. All together their mean number of clients in the past day was 2.6 (median=2). The mean number of sexual intercourse in the last working day was comparable to the number of clients in the same period.	2003	In 10 cities in Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Battambang, Siem Reap, Sihanoukville, and Kampong Cham, Pursat, Koh Kong, Kratie, Takeo, and Kampot.	50% of the DFSWs sold sex for the first time during the past year, while for 19% first paid sex occurred 5 to 20 years ago. The mean duration of selling sex, 21.3 months and the median 12 months.

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Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 2003	BSS	1252 IFSWs	600 beer promoters and 474 karaoke workers	Beer promoters were older than karaoke workers (mean age 25 versus 22)	2003	In 10 cities in Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Battambang, Siem Reap, Sihanoukville, and Kampong Cham, Pursat, Koh Kong, Kratie, Takeo, and Kampot.	Karaoke workers reported having been in their current job for a shorter period than beer promoters (mean of 7.1 versus 14.1 months, and median of 4 versus 6 months, respectively), suggesting a higher turnover among karaoke workers. With a median number of months in the current job below 1 year.
Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 2007	BSS	592 DFSWs	Women, aged at least 15 years old, brothel-based and currently employed and present at the moment of the interview.	They had a mean age of 25.2 years. The mean number of clients in the last working day was 4.4. The majority of DFSWs had 2 to 5 clients in the previous day and about 80 clients in the past month.	2007	In 5 provinces of Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Battambang, Siem Reap and Sihanouk Ville	The median number of months in their current job was 12

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Asia	Cambodia Ministry of Health 2007	BSS	1093 IDFSWs	395 beer promoters, 399 karaoke workers and 299 beer garden staff, Women, aged at least 15 years old, brothels-based and currently employed and present at the moment of the interview.	The beer promoters were the oldest with a mean age of 25.5 years (median 25 years), Karaoke workers and beer garden workers were similar of similar age with means of 22.9 years and 21.8 years respectively (median 22 years and 21 years).	2007	In 5 provinces of Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Battambang, Siem Reap and Sihanouk Ville	The median number of months in their current establishment was 5 for beer garden workers, 12 for beer promoters and 6 for karaoke workers.
Asia	Celentano DD, Akarasewi P, Sussman L, Suprasert S, Matanasarawoot A, Wright NH, Theetranont C, Nelson KE. HIV-1 infection among lower class commercial sex workers in Chiang Mai, Thailand. AIDS. 1994 Apr;8(4):533-7. PubMed PMID: 8011259.	A cross-sectional study.	273 FSW	FSW that worked in 7 brothels, 2 restaurants, a bar and a motel.	54% were 21 years old or older.	May and June 1992	Chiang Mai, Thailand	29.7% were sex workers for 1 to 12 months; 23.1% for 13 to 24 months; 24.9% for 25 to 48 months; and 22.3% for 49 to 192 months. The mean duration of employment was less than 3 years.

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Asia	Gu J, Lau JT, Chen X, et al. Using the Theory of Planned Behavior to investigate condom use behaviors among female injecting drug users who are also sex workers in China. AIDS Care. 2009 Aug;21(8):967-75. PubMed PMID: 20024752.	Snowball sampling process	216 IDUFSWs	Non-institutionalised female IDUs, who were of age 18 years old or above, and whom mainly used heroin for injection and had engaged in sex work (trade sex for money or drugs) in the past 6 months,	The participants were on average 26.1 years old	August 2005 through April, 2006	Whilst Dazhou, Sichuan Province, China	About half (50.5%) of the respondents had involved in commercial sex work for 3 years or more.
Asia	Kao JH, Chen W, Chen PJet al. GB virus-C/hepatitis G virus infection in prostitutes: possible role of sexual transmission. J Med Virol. 1997 Aug;52(4):381-4. PubMed PMID: 9260684.	Cross-sectional study	145 FSW	HIV negative licensed female sex workers who received mandatory routine health check-ups in the Municipal Venereal Disease Control Institute. They were asymptomatic for liver disease on enrollment, and none admitted a history of intravenous drug abuse.	Mean age, 35 ± 10 years; range, 20–65 years.	Not mentioned	Taiwan	Mean of duration of sex work was 6.5±3.6 years among anti-HCV-positive prostitutes and 4.5±2.8years for the seronegatives.

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Asia	Lau JT, Zhang J, Zhang L, Wang N, Cheng F, Zhang Y, Gu J, Tsui HY, Lan Y. Comparing prevalence of condom use among 15,379 female sex workers injecting or not injecting drugs in China. Sex Transm Dis. 2007 Nov;34(11):908-16. PubMed PMID: 18049424.	BSS	15379 FSW were interviewed and 15277 provided information on duration of sex work		26% were 20 years old or less	2002 to 2004	Sichuan, China	< 1 year: 4437 (29%), 1 year: 4929 (32.3%), 2 to 3 years: 4065 (26.6%), >=4 years:1846 (12.1%)
Asia	Majid N, Bollen L, Morineau G, Daily SF, Mustikawati DE, Agus N, Anartati AS, Natpratan C, Magnani R. Syphilis among female sex workers in Indonesia: need and opportunity for intervention. Sex Transm Infect. 2010 Jun 3. .	behaviouralsurvey	A total of 4324 FSW, 2436 direct and 1888 indirect.	Direct (ie, brothel-based and street-based FSWs) and indirect (ie, women working in entertainment places such as massage parlors, karaoke clubs, discotheques and bars) FSW	Median age was 27 y (range (15 - 59)	From August through October 2007	10 major cities in Indonesia	Median of 18 months (range: 1- 328).

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Asia	Mishra S, Moses S, Hanumaiah PK, et al. Sex work, Syphilis, and Seeking Treatment: An Opportunity for Intervention in HIV Prevention Programming in Karnataka, South India. Sex Transm Dis. 2009 Feb 9. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 19174734.	Cross-sectional IBBA surveys of urban FSWs in 5 districts of Karnataka	2208 FSW		54.8% were 30 years of age or more.	2004 to 2006	5 districts of Karnataka, India	61.3% of the FSWs reported duration of sex work >=3 years
Asia	Nhurod P, Bollen LJ, Smutraprapoot P, et al. Access to HIV testing for sex workers in Bangkok, Thailand: a high prevalence of HIV among street-based sex workers. Southeast Asian J Trop Med Public Health. 2010 Jan;41(1):153-62. PubMed PMID: 20578494	Cross sectional study	The total sample of the study was 603 women, but only 355 were FSW. 83 street based FSW and 236 other sex workers.	FSW attending three public sexually transmitted infection (STI) clinics.	Median of age was 36 (IQR: 27 - 48) for street based FSW and 26 (IQR: 21 - 33) for other sex workers. The median of age of initiation was 26 (range: 11-57) for street based FSW and 24 (range: 13-50) for other FSW.	From May 2004 to June 2006	Bangkok, Thailand	Median of 5 (range: 0-30) for street based FSW and 0 (range: 0-20) for others.

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Asia	Ohshige K, Morio S, Mizushima S, et al. Cross-sectional study on risk factors of HIV among female commercial sex workers in Cambodia. <i>Epidemiol Infect.</i> 2000 Feb;124(1):143-52. PubMed PMID: 10722142; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2810895.	A cross-sectional study on sexual behaviour and serological prevalence	202 FSW	Brothel based FSWs.	The mean age of the 202 CSWs was 20±3 years old (standard deviation: 3±0, youngest: 15, oldest: 33)	Not mentioned	Sisophon and Poi Pet in Cambodia	61.9% were in sex work for less than a year; 23.8% from a year to less than 2 years; and 14.4 for 2 or more years.
Asia	Ohshige K, Morio S, Mizushima S, et al. Behavioural and serological human immunodeficiency virus risk factors among female commercial sex workers in Cambodia. <i>Int J Epidemiol.</i> 2000 Apr;29(2):344-54. PubMed PMID: 10817135.	Cross-sectional study	143 direct CSW and 94 indirect CSW.	DCSW from 20 brothels in Sisophon. IDCWS employed in hotels, nightclubs and restaurants.	The mean ages of DCSW and ICSW were 20.3 (SD: 3.1) and 22 years old (SD: 5.4).	From December 1997 to January 1998	Sisophon, Cambodia	62.2% of DCSW reported less than a year of sex work. This number is 30.9% for IDCWS. (49.7% for all of them)



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Asia	Reza-Paul S, Beattie T, Syed HU, Venukumar KT, et al. Declines in risk behaviour and sexually transmitted infection prevalence following a community-led HIV preventive intervention among female sex workers in Mysore, India. AIDS. 2008 Dec;22 Suppl 5:S91-100.	IBBA with a variation of the time-location cluster (TLC) sampling	429 FSW, in 2004 and 425 FSW in 2006.		Both groups with median age 30 years old. The median age women started selling sex was 25 years in both surveys	2004 and 2006	Mysore, India	women reported working as sex workers for a median of 3 years at baseline (range 0–38; IQR 1, 5), and 5 years at follow-up (range 0–30; IQR 2, 10). For both surveys the median duration in sex work was 4 years
Asia	Ruan Y, Cao X, Qian HZ, et al Syphilis among female sex workers in southwestern China: potential for HIV transmission. Sex Transm Dis. 2006 Dec;33(12):719-23.	Cross-sectional study	343 FSW	1)female;2) self-report of commercial sex in the past 6 months; 3)will stay in Xichang for the next 12 months; 4)able and willing to provide informed consent; 5) able and willing to provide contact information for follow-up.	The median age of initiating sex work was 21 years, ranging from 15 to 34 years.	From December 2004 to January 2005	Xichang City, Sichuan Province, China	The median duration of sex work was 1 year.

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Asia	Rugpao S, Pruithithada N, Yutabootr Y, et al. Condom breakage during commercial sex in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Contraception. 1993 Dec;48(6):537-47. PubMed PMID: 8131395.	A cross-sectional study.	326 FSW	Brothel based FSWs. Only brothels that had more than 5 FSW.	The mean age of 326 prostitutes interviewed was 20.6 t 3.2 years. Average clients per day reported in the past 24 hours and in the past 3 months were consistent, i.e., 4.4 t 2.5 and 5.5 2 2.2, respectively.	From August to October 1992.	Muang District, Chiang Mai city, Thailand	Duration of prostitution ranged from 10 days to approximately 14 years (median = 13 months).
Asia	Sarkar K, Bal B, Mukherjee R, et al. Young age is a risk factor for HIV among female sex workers--an experience from India. J Infect. 2006 Oct;53(4):255-9. Epub 2005 Dec 27. PubMed PMID: 16386307.	A cross-sectional community-based study	2076 FSW	Brothel-based sex workers	Most subjects were in the 31 to 40 year age group (56.8%), followed by the 21 to 30-year group (28.7%).	Not mentioned, but paper was published in 2006	West Bengal, eastern India	Occupational duration varied from less than 1 year(18%) to more than 5 years (49%). 388 (70.6%) reported been on sex work for 3 years or more.

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Asia	Sarkar K, Bhattacharya S, Bhattacharyya S, et al. Oncogenic human papilloma virus and cervical pre-cancerous lesions in brothel-based sex workers in India. J Infect Public Health. 2008;1(2):121-8. Epub 2008 Nov 12. PubMed PMID: 20701853.	Community-based cross-sectional study	229 FSW	Brothel-based sex workers	The mean age of sex workers was 30. 118 FSW were <= 20 years old at initiation.	Does not mention the year of data collection. But it was published in 2008.	3 district brothels (Kolkata, North 24-Parganas and Burdwan) of West Bengal, India	38 FSW have been working for 0 to 1 year; 85 for 2 to 5 years, 45 for 6 to 10 years and 58 for 11 to 40 years.
Asia	Sawayama Y, Hayashi J, Etoh Y, Urabe H, Minami K, Kashiwagi S. Heterosexual Transmission of GB Virus C/Hepatitis G Virus Infection to Non-Intravenous Drug-Using Female Prostitutes in Fukuoka, Japan. Dig Dis Sci. 1999 Oct;44(10):1937-43.	Cross-sectional survey	134 FSW	Non- UDI FSW who attended 2 dermatology clinics in Fukuoka	Mean age was 27.2, SD 5.9 and range: 17 to 47.	January 1993 to June 1996.	Fukuoka, Japan	37.3% were sex workers for less than 2 years; 47% for 2 to 4 years and 27.7% for 5 or more years.

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Asia	Silverman JG, Decker MR, Gupta J, Maheshwari A, Patel V, Raj A. HIV prevalence and predictors among rescued sex-trafficked women and girls in Mumbai, India. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2006 Dec 15;43(5):588-93. PubMed PMID: 17019369.	Case records and medical documentation of residents at a major nongovernmental organization (NGO) providing rescue, shelter, and care of minor girls and women held against their will in brothels in Mumbai were reviewed.	175	Girls and women trafficked into sex work and that had HIV laboratory test results.	Age at trafficking ranged from 8 to 29 years (mean = 16.8 years)	Between December 2002 and July 2005	Mumbai, India	The mean time served in brothels at rescue was 15.8 months, with more than two thirds (69.3%) serving in brothels for 1 year or less and 40.9% reporting brothel confinement for <6 months
Asia	Silverman JG, Decker MR, Gupta J, Maheshwari A, Willis BM, Raj A. HIV prevalence and predictors of infection in sex-trafficked Nepalese girls and women. JAMA. 2007 Aug 1;298(5):536-42. PubMed PMID: 17666674.	Medical documentation and case record materials for all survivors of sex trafficking presenting to Maiti Nepal (Kathmandu, Nepal) were collected by the investigative team in January 2006.	287	Repatriated girls and women reporting being trafficked from Nepal for sexual exploitation and receiving rehabilitative services	Median age at time of trafficking was 17 years (7 to 32). FORCED PROSTITUTION	Between January 1997 and December 2005	Kathmandu, Nepal	The mean time served in brothels was 25.8 Months (median, 12.0 months)

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Asia	Sopheab H, Gorbach PM, Gloyd S, Leng HB. Rural sex work in Cambodia: work characteristics, risk behaviours, HIV, and syphilis. Sex Transm Infect. 2003 Aug;79(4):e2. PubMed PMID: 12902610; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC1744694.	Cross-sectional study. Census.	71 FSWs.	FSWs in provincial sex establishments (23 brothels and six karaokê bars in three districts)	Mean age was 25 years.	2000	Rural Cambodia, in Kampong Chnnang province	Mean of 2 years.
Asia	Sopheab H, Morineau G, Neal J J, et al. Sustained high prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among female sex workers in Cambodia: high turnover seriously challenges the 100% condom use programme. BMC Infectious Diseases 2008, 8:167.	Data from Cambodia's national SSS 2005	1079 FSW	Women mainly working at the brothels in the red light areas who have no other employment other than selling sex to clients. All women working in selected establishments and not menstruating at time of interview were eligible.	Most of them were young (55% aged 15–24) and new to sex work (60% had worked 12 ≤ months)	From March to May 2005	8 capital cities of the following provinces of Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Prey Veng, Battambang, Banteay Meanchey, Siem Reap, Koh Kong, and Sihanouk Ville.	The duration of sex work ranged from 1 month to 12 years, and 60% were "new FSWs" (having sold sex for 12 months or less).

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Asia	Taneeapanichskul S, Phuapradit W, Chaturachinda K. Association of contraceptives and HIV-1 infection in Thai female commercial sex workers. Aust N Z J Obstet Gynaecol. 1997 Feb;37(1):86-8. PubMed PMID: 9075554.	Case-control study to evaluate the association between contraceptive methods and HIV infection	376 FSW	118 cases of HIV-1 infected sex workers were eligible for inclusion and 258 HIV-1 negative women were recruited as controls	The mean age for cases was 22.8 +- 4.1 and for controls: 23.7+- 4.2.	October 1, 1993 to December 31, 1994	Khon Kaen and Lumpang provinces, Thailand	4.2% of cases were in sex work for less than a year, 31.4% from 1 to 2 years, 27.1% from 3 to 4 years and 37.3 for 5 or more years. 11.5% of controls were in sex work for less than a year, 31% from 1 to 2 years, 23.3% from 3 to 4 years and 34.1 for 5 or more years.
Asia	Theng TS, Sen PR, Tan HH, et al. Seroprevalence of HSV-1 and 2 among sex workers attending a sexually transmitted infection clinic in Singapore. Int J STD AIDS. 2006 Jun;17(6):395-9.	Cross-sectiona study.	300. 297 FSW and 3 male transvestite	Brothel-based sex workers attending a sexually transmitted infection clinic in Singapore	The mean age of the sex worker was 38.4 years (range 22-70 years).	Between October 2003 and March 2004	Singapore	32.3% were working for less than 5 years; 28% from 5 to 9 years; and, 39.7% for 10 years and more.

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Asia	Thuy NT, Nhung VT, Thuc NV, Lien TX, Khiem HB. HIV infection and risk factors among female sex workers in southern Vietnam. AIDS. 1998 Mar 5;12(4):425-32.	Cross-sectional study	968 FSW	newly enrolled female CSW in education centers.	Mean age was 26 (SD 7.6) ranged 12 to 60.	August 1995 to October 1996	Ho Chi Minh City, Na Giang and Can Tho in Vietnam	Mean of 20 months (SD 26.4 months) ranging from 1 to 120 months.
Asia	Todd CS, Nasir A, Stanekzai MR, Bautista CT, Botros BA, Scott PT, Strathdee SA, Tjaden J. HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C prevalence and associated risk behaviors among female sex workers in three Afghan cities. AIDS. 2010 Jul;24 Suppl 2:S69-75. PubMed PMID: 20610952.	Cross sectional study	520 FSW	Participants were those reported having sex work within the past 6 months, aged 18 years or greater, and able to provide informed consent.	Mean of age initiating sex work was 23.3 (SD: 5.1) years old	Between September 2006 and January 2008	FSWs from Jalalabad, Kabul and Mazar-i-Sharif in Afghanistan	Median of 5 years.

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Asia	Tran TN, Detels R, Long HT, Van Phung L, Lan HP. HIV infection and risk characteristics among female sex workers in Hanoi, Vietnam. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2005 Aug 15;39(5):581-6. PubMed PMID: 16044011; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2908502	Cross-sectional survey using 2-stage cluster sampling	400 FSW	FSW in Hanoi who had traded sexual intercourse for money or gifts within the past 30 days.	The mean and median ages of subjects were 30.4 and 28.5 years, respectively, with age ranging from 16–56 years. The mean and median ages at first sexual experience were both 19 years (range 12–33).	From June to September 2002	Hanoi, Vietnam	The median duration in sex work was 2.3 years and ranged from 1 month to 21 years.
Asia	van den Hoek A, Yuliang F, Dukers NH, Zhiheng C, Jiangting F, Lina Z, Xiuxing Z. High prevalence of syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases among sex workers in China: potential for fast spread of HIV. AIDS. 2001 Apr 13;15(6):753-9. PubMed PMID: 11371690.	Cross-sectional study	966 FSW	Sex workers outside detention who attended a program in order to promote STD/HIV knowledge and condom use, and to study the occurrence of STD.	The mean age of the women was 25 years.	From March 1998 to mid-October 1999	Guangzhou in South-east China	The median duration of prostitution was one year,



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Asia	Wang BO, Xiaoming LI, Stanton B, Yang H, Fang X, Zhao R, Dong B, Zhou Y, Liu W, Liang S. Vaginal Douching, Condom Use, and Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Chinese Female Sex Workers. Sex Transm Dis. 2005 November ; 32(11): 696–702.	Cross-sectional study	454 FSW	recruited from restaurants, barbershops, and hair-washing, rooms in 3 geographic locations in H County	Mean age was 23.5 (SD: 5.1). Mean number of clients was 2 per week.	2004	Nanning, China	Mean of 12.2 months.
Asia	Wang H, Chen RY, Ding G, Ma Y, Ma J, Jiao JH, Wu Z, Sharp GB, Wang N. Prevalence and predictors of HIV infection among female sex workers in Kaiyuan City, Yunnan Province, China. Int J Infect Dis. 2009 Mar;13(2):162-9. Epub 2008 Aug 20.	Cross-sectional study	737 FSW	Women $\geq 16$ years old, self-reported to have sold sex for money within the previous three months		March-May 2006	Kaiyuan City, Yunnan Province, China	the median duration of sex work was 19.4 months (IQR: 8.1–40.5 months). The median duration of sex work was 46 months for HIV-positive subjects and 18.5 months for those who were HIV-negative. < 1 year: 33.8%; 1 to 2 years: 38.4%; 3 to 4 years: 13.2%; 5 years and more: 14.7%.

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Asia	Wong ML, Chan RK, Koh D, et al. A prospective study on condom slippage and breakage among female brothel-based sex workers in Singapore. Sex Transm Dis.2000;27(4):208-14.	A prospective study on condom breakage and slippage over a 1-day period	219 FSW	brothel-based sex workers attending health-education workshops on condom use and condom negotiation skills at the Department of STD control	Ages ranged from 21 to 49 years with a mean of 25.2 years and median of 24.	From May to December 1997	Singapore	The median duration of sex work was 2 months (range, 1 to 42 months)
Asia	Thuong NV, Nhung VT, Nghia KV, et al. HIV in five border provinces of Vietnam. Sex Transm Infect. 2005; 81: 477-479.	Cross-sectional study.	911 FSWs			Between December 2002 and February 2003	Five border provinces of Vietnam (Lai Chau, QuangTri, DongThap, AnGiang, and KienGiang)	19.7% were working for 6 months or less
Asia	Tran TT, Le CL, Nguyen TL. Factors Associated With Inconsistent Condom Use Among Female Sex Workers in Nha Trang, Vietnam. Asia Pac J Public Health. 2008;20(4):370-8.	Cross-sectional with sampling by snowball	192 FSWs		Age: mean of 28.3, median of 27 and ranged from 17 to 56. Number of clients per week: mean of 7.7, ranging from 0 to 20.	2005	Nha Trang, Vietnam	Mean of 5.4 years, median of 5 and range from 1 month to 22 years.

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Asia	Nakashima K, Kashiwagi S, Hayashi J, et al. Sexual Transmission of Hepatitis C Virus among Female Prostitutes and Patients with Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan. Am J Epidemiol. 1992;136(9):1132-7.	Cross-sectional	282 FSWs			1989	Fukuoka, Japan	74.1% were sex workers for 1 year or more.
Asia	Simoes EA, Babu PG, Jeyakumari HM, John TJ. The Initial Detection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus 1 and Its Subsequent Spread in Prostitutes in Tamil Nadu, India. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 1993 Sep;6(9):1030-4.	Cross-sectional	412 FSWs	Incarcerated for performing physical sexual acts with men for money	Mean age of 24 years, ranging 18 to 54.	1986	6 major cities in India: Tiruchirapally, Vellore, Madras, Madurai, Coimbatore and Salem.	8.3% were sex workers for less than a year; 22.3% from 2 to 2.9 years; 18.9 from 3 to 3.9 years; 15.8 from 4 to 4.9 years; and 34,7 for 5 or more years.