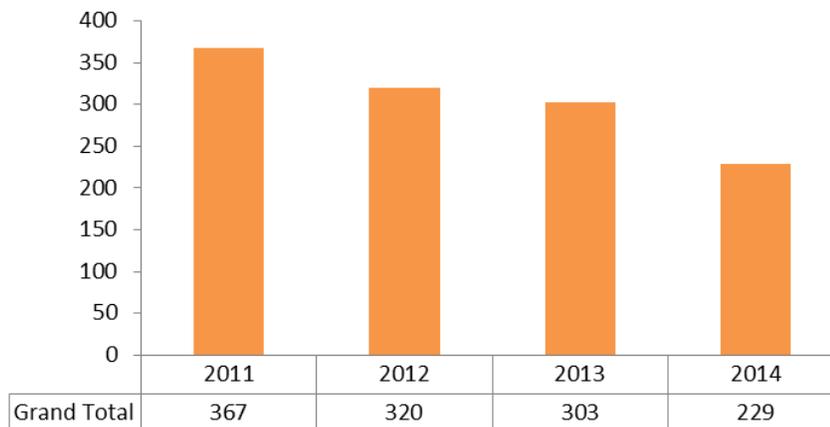


Calgary Police Service (CPS) Prostitution Statistics

Annual Calls for Service

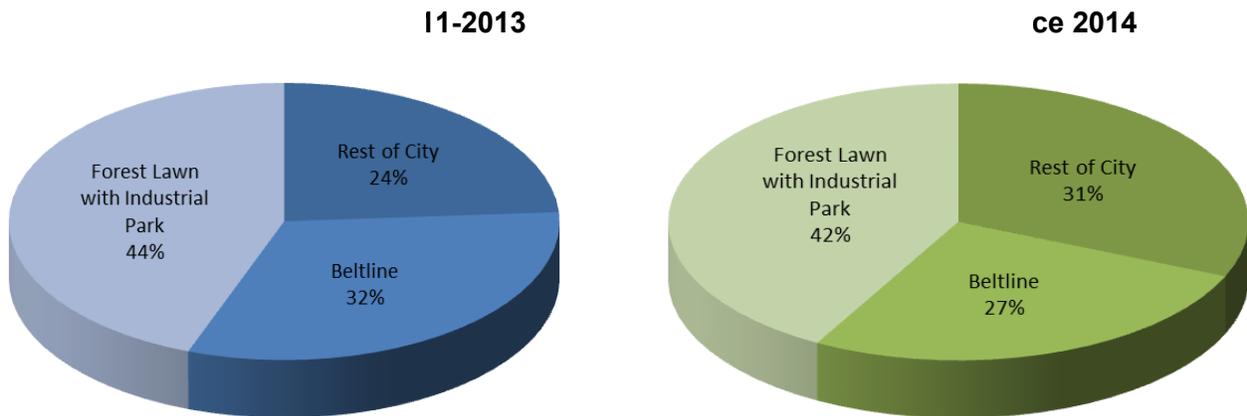
Overall, CPS prostitution calls for service have been declining over the past several years. However, between 2013 and 2014 an even more substantial decrease of 24 per cent occurred. The decrease is attributed to a number of factors, including:

- A continued shift in prostitution towards the indoor market, which often does not generate a citizen call for service. It can be more challenging to determine whether or not prostitution is taking place in a hotel room or private residence than if it is occurring out in the open on a street corner. The issue of accurately tracking indoor prostitution is a challenge experienced by municipal jurisdictions and enforcement agencies internationally.
- Law enforcement efforts to target prostitution demand. This includes an enhanced police presence but also the targeting of charges on buyers rather than sellers; a practice of CPS for approximately the past five years.
- Community agencies' support for a range of exit strategies. With a number of community-based initiatives operating through the Servants Anonymous Society and through the HIV Community Link Shift program, additional resources focused on exit strategies, employment opportunity assistance and tangible basic needs support are available to sex workers.



Localization of Calls for Service

Within Calgary, prostitution is localized around two primary communities, the Beltline and Forest Lawn, representing 69 per cent of the prostitution-related calls for service received by CPS in 2014. Compared to 2013 figures, this represents a decrease of 7 per cent in terms of the overall proportion of calls for service from these communities. An enhanced enforcement presence in these areas, including an expanded CPS Forest Lawn Beat Team, may partially account for this decrease.



Calls for Service since the Enactment of Bill C-36

Since the enactment of Bill C-36 in 2014 December, there has been a slight decrease in prostitution related calls, as compared to the same period in previous years; with only 18 calls for service in January and February of 2015. While this data cannot be directly attributed to the new Federal legislation, it does highlight that citizen complaints regarding prostitution have not increased since the legislation was enacted.

