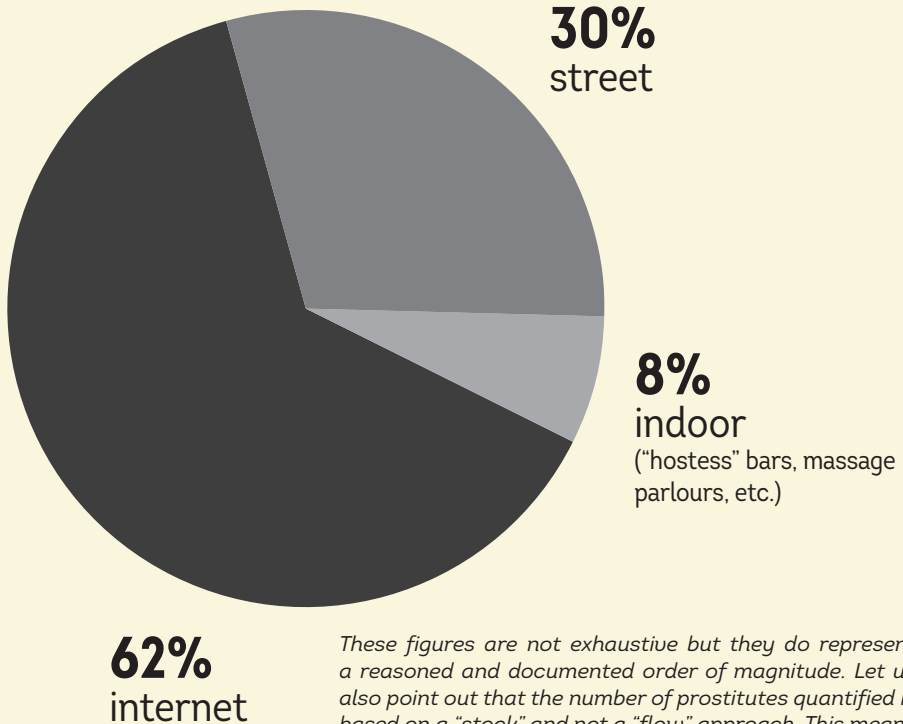


Recent studies and parliamentary reports have all highlighted the difficulty in estimating the number of prostitutes in France. Our research has enabled us to put forward a documented average estimate of **37,000 prostitutes**, with a low hypothesis of 30,000 and a high hypothesis of 44,000 prostitutes¹.

This bracket and this average were obtained by:

- crossing four types of data sources: 1) figures provided by the police department, 2) figures provided by charitable organisations that support prostitutes, 3) ad hoc surveys by journalists or sociologists, 4) expert opinions
- performing our own calculations based on urban areas of over 100,000 people for street prostitution and processing adverts published on the internet

Final estimate² :



These figures are not exhaustive but they do represent a reasoned and documented order of magnitude. Let us also point out that the number of prostitutes quantified is based on a "stock" and not a "flow" approach. This means that we have 37,000 "full-time equivalent" prostitutes, and therefore even more prostitutes who have been present at a given time and for short periods of time on the territory.

1- For details of our calculations, refer to the PC114 document

2- For all details, go to the www.prostcost.org website