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# Crypto, the DarkNet, CSAM & Human Trafficking

**TOGETHER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR FORCED LABOUR AND LABOUR EXPLOITATION**

**Warsaw, April 2025**

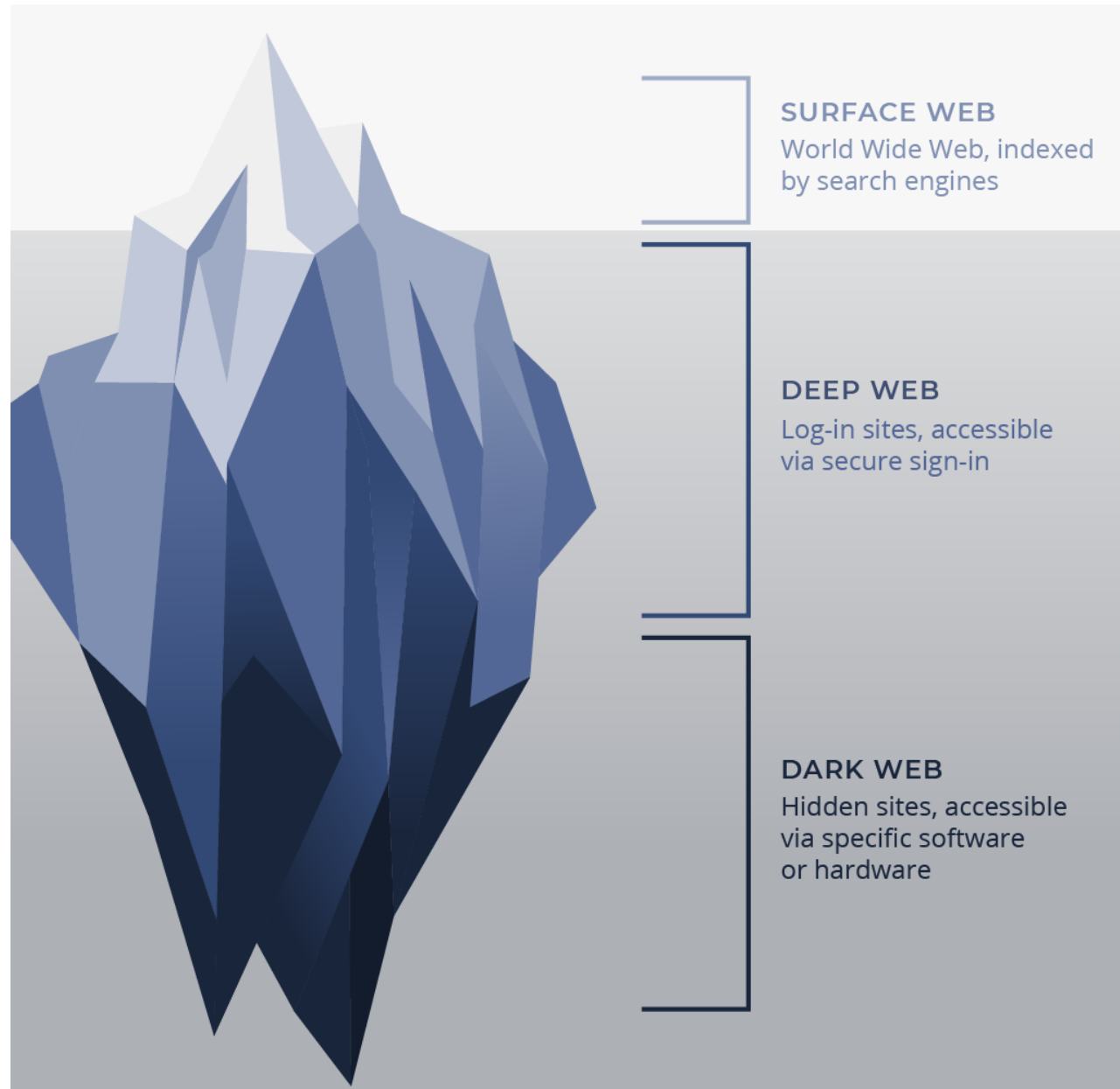
# Cryptocurrency definition



crypt·to·cur·ren·cy | \ ,krip-tō-'kər-ən(t)-sē , -'kə-rən(t)-sē \  
*plural* **cryptocurrencies**

: any form of currency that only exists digitally, that usually has no central issuing or regulating authority but instead uses a decentralized system to record transactions and manage the issuance of new units, and that relies on cryptography to prevent counterfeiting and fraudulent transactions

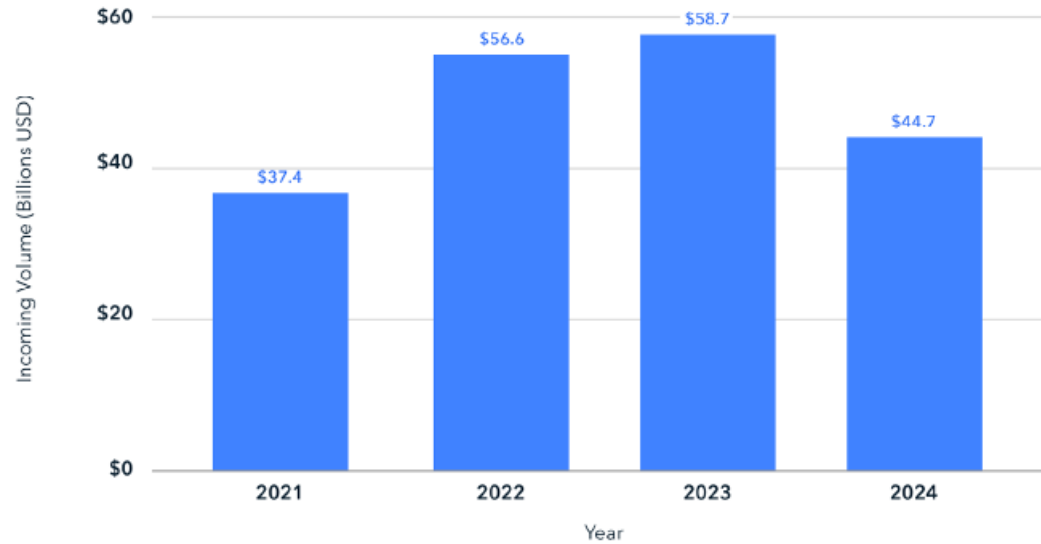
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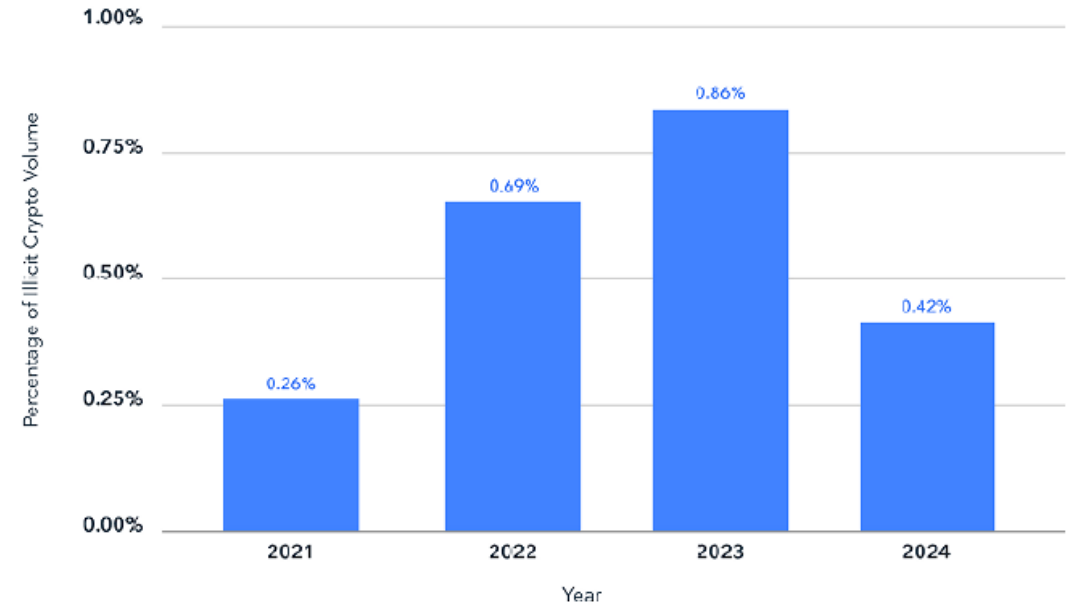
# Is All Crypto Bad?

INCOMING VOLUME TO ILLICIT CRYPTO ADDRESSES (2021-2024)



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PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CRYPTO VOLUME LINKED TO ILLICIT ACTIVITY (2021-2024)



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# Why is Cryptocurrency Attractive to Criminals (including Traffickers)?

In addition to there being a lack of crypto investigative specialisation in law enforcement and generally a lack of crypto knowledge in society (thereby making deceiving potential victims easier):



## Pseudonymous

There is a perception amongst much of the population that crypto is anonymous.



## Borderless

It is not limited by traditional physical borders, fiat rules, or traditional limitations.



## Speed

Transactions can clear across the world at a relatively quick speed (and are, largely, immutable).



## Weightless

It is easy to transport across borders because it is digital and thereby “weightless”.

# The Bottom Line Up Front



**Cryptocurrency is here to stay**



**Cryptocurrency intersects all forms of criminal activity**

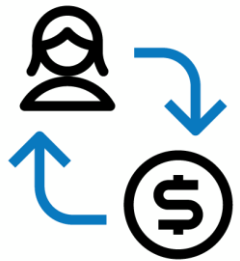


**Cryptocurrency is not anonymous**

# The Bottom Line Up Front

**If a crime involves the storage or transfer of money, then it can - and will - be committed using cryptocurrency too.**

# Ways that Human Trafficking & Exploitation Appears on the DarkNet



## Human Trafficking

Human trafficking can occur via the DN and DNMs, however many times these are scams or scam attempts.





## Looking For Women - Romance/EWhore Scam Work Opportunities

by [/u/zankyu](#) • 4 weeks ago in [/d/SocialEngineering](#)

I'm scaling my phishing operations, the goal is to significantly increase rates and profits shared with the women of dread ! I'm looking for experienced women (preferably with experience/knowledge in social engineering and human psychology, or a background in online interactions) to join the team. however, if you're new to this don't hesitate to reach out, your natural charm alone is valuable! I'll show you the ropes and provide learning resources to help you get adjusted.

you will be establishing connections with individuals from various dating and hookup platforms (I can provide a list of reputable sites), gathering valuable information (reconnaissance), building intimacy, and guiding them toward our websites, where the primary revenue opportunities lie.

only looking for long-term partnerships, message me on dread If interested and we can move from there, there's good money to be made

besides the bonus you get from draining the mark's pockets, we will discuss your cut for each card phished

I obviously won't be responding to accounts made 2 hours ago.

cheers!

[u/zankyu](#)

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## sexworkers

Prostitute Post Format

Camworker Posting Format

Escort services posting format

## Need female callers with egirl/hot voice

by [/u/fragged](#) · 3 weeks ago\* in [/d/sexworkers](#)

For this job you are going to be Social Engineering targets to transfer funds to a wallet provided by our panel (a fake coinbase “securing funds” link) we send this panel via mail which is spoofed to look like it’s from the official coinbase email. You will need to spend around 20 or more hours per week on this. Make 10,000 a week. We are certain this works and have found that the peoples with the most money(old men) respond best to e-girl and hot voices

PM for more info

Disclaimer:

Have to have experience with crypto / coinbase / know your way around the app

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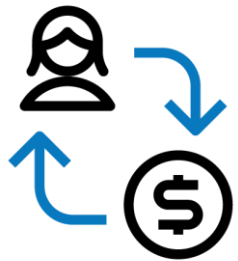
[/u/werro117](#) 1 points 2 weeks ago

i got someone

[/u/kikilyx](#) 1 points 5 days ago

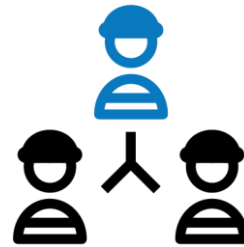
Interested. Have basic knowledge of crypto and I used to be a phone sex operator.

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## Sex Trafficking Recruitment

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## Startup for E-ewhores.

by [/u/whoremonger](#) • 3 weeks ago in [/d/sexworkers](#)

Title say enough. Looking for like minded individuals who are interested in taking advantages of whores most likely from Europe. I can source whores, I just need a partner

DM me or respond directly to the posts. Jabber or PGP will be the method of communication.  
Carders, Scammers, or anyone else fraud related is welcome.

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[/u/zankyu](#) 1 points 2 weeks ago

message me, if you're serious let's make real money

cheers



[/u/snipingwwjww](#) 1 points 1 week ago

im full in if you are still looking a week later.

shoot a reply to my dm if you are.



[/u/bigboy87](#) 1 points 12 hours ago

hey beside ewhoring what other fraud/hacking methods i should put my time and research in ?



## I NEED SEX WORKERS IN FINLAND, GOOD PAY!

by [/u/Barabbas8181](#) • 2 months ago in [/d/sexworkers](#)

I need a partner from eastern europe etc, who can provide escorts here in Finland. And me and my partner can provide them apartments/security etc. Much better pay in Fin than middle europe. Ty

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[/u/spidimcguier](#) 1 points 2 months ago

i can help with girls from serbia, have girls who can do both stripping and sex work and the otherway around. where can i contact you?



[/u/Barabbas8181](#) 1 points 2 months ago\*

For example first on TG @SPEEDMAISTER and then change to zangi or sessionm'n.



[/u/Ravonic\\_Brothers](#) 1 points 2 months ago

PGP? whats your method of comms?



[/u/Barabbas8181](#) 1 points 2 months ago

TG @SPEEDMAISTER and there lets change to session



[/u/Ravonic\\_Brothers](#) 1 points 2 months ago

Pass, Setup a normal communication method

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### ONLYFANS MODELS VENDOR FOR OFM

by [/u/itix01](#) · 3 months ago in [/d/sexworkers](#)

I am a seller of leads, models who want to have an OFM agency. I have models from different countries and of all ages. Everything is governed by a warranty if the model does not comply with the rules. You can contact me privately so that we can discuss it further.

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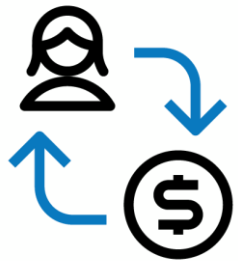


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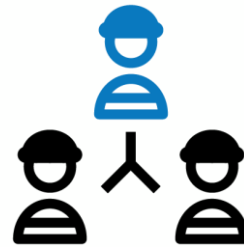


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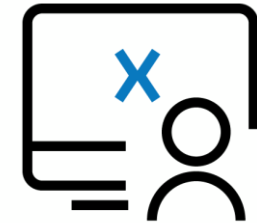
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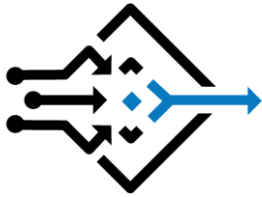
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## Child Sexual Abuse Material

CSAM does proliferate on the DarkNet and via cryptocurrency (those are not mutually exclusive though).

# Main CSAM Structures via Cryptocurrency



## Subscription & PPV Models

Pay a subscription (often monthly) and get access to folders/servers with CSAM. Sometimes this can be PPV.



## Trafficking to Produce New CSAM

Often live streaming abuse facilitated on everyday video chatting platforms



# Sex Trafficking Accepting Cryptocurrency

## Cross-border Sex Traffickers Increasing Crypto Acceptance

Increasingly, sex traffickers are accepting cryptocurrency as a payment. Borderless. Perceived anonymity. Ease of transfer.

There are numerous profiles in multiple countries which appear to be ads displaying potential trafficking victims accepting cryptocurrency – this presents opportunities for investigators.





Hi guys! I m wild girl from  
Ukraine :) Juicy model Onlyfans!  
I love sex , love [redacted] ing your hot  
di [redacted] ed !  
Let's meet and I promise you ll  
enjoy ! I ACCEPT CRYPTO USDT  
Contact me for book time,  
baby:)

Ad for Bucharest, Romania



Hello. My name is Karina . I am a luxury escort in Warsaw I came here to make all your dreams true. Feel real heaven in time while we are meeting. Contact only by WhatsApp ! Payment : crypto / cash Please you book meeting before, better 1 before. Booking only by WhatsApp.

Ad for Warsaw, Poland

# Blockchain Analytics – Ransom Address example

*Slide redacted for external sharing*





February 2020

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Source: <https://www.wired.com/story/starlink-scam-compounds/>



August 2024



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# What's the Good News?



## **International Deconfliction**

Finding innovative & efficient ways to cut across "red tape" and deconflict cases is critical.



## **Blockchain Analytics / KYC**

Information on the blockchain and know your customer information from cryptocurrency businesses can be critical pieces of evidence.



## **Investigative Payments**

Using investigative payments to effectively "dust" a suspect can be a powerful investigative tool – place well being of victim first.

# Thank you!

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