CHAPTER 3

Why Are So Many Transwomen in the Sex Trade, and Why Are So Many of Them Ethnic Minorities?

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SUMMARY
Building on the qualitative and quantitative descriptions of sex work in Chapters 1 and 2, the two of us (LN and SH) collaborate here in a further analysis of two fundamental issues: the high proportion of transwomen who engage in sex work and the high proportion of transwomen sex workers who are ethnic minorities.

KEY TERMS
androphilia; cumulative disadvantages; ethnic minorities; racism; transgender sex workers; underground economy; urban poverty
REFERENCES


