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"The most effective way to curb prostitution in their neighborhood," said Chicago Coalition of the Homeless Senior Policy Analyst Daria Mueller about residents of high-incident areas, "is to go after the people who are creating the demand for the sex trade."

From Austin to the Gold Coast, prostitution brings blight

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Kenette Thomas, 48, was a prostitute for 33 years. "That's all I know," Thomas said.

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Chicago's most at-risk areas for prostitution

The top ten Chicago communities with the highest recorded incidents of prostitution.

1. Austin -- 241
2. Humboldt Park -- 180
3. Near North Side -- 153
4. Englewood -- 115
5. Garfield Ridge -- 112

6. West Garfield Park -- 110
7. Chicago Lawn -- 93
8. Washington Park -- 90
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9. East Garfield Park -- 83

NOTE: Incidents of prostitution are recorded if the Chicago Police Department responded and filed a case report.

SOURCE: Chicago Police Department

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