



SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & TRAFFICKING FACT SHEET

**THE ISSUE by the numbers**

- Human trafficking is a crime and considered a form of modern-day slavery.
- Over two million people are trafficked each year ([Stop Trafficking Today](#)).
- The average age of a victim of human trafficking is 11-14. Homelessness and poverty makes an individual vulnerable to forced/coerced situations ([Stop Trafficking Today](#)).
- 40% of victims of trafficking were recruited by an immediate family member thus validating the need for additional beds as family reconciliation is often not advisable or possible.
- A recent study showed the total number of beds available for trafficking victims nationwide was just under 700, with 400 of those beds in California alone. The number of beds being identified as being available for women with children was less than two-dozen.
- Every month, 7,200 men purchase sex from a minor, accounting for more than 8,000 sex acts. Another study by Georgia Cares claims that more than 90 percent of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking victims in Georgia were enrolled in school at the time of their exploitation.
- According to The Shapiro Group, which conducted research on prostitution and sexual exploitation, 65 percent of men who purchase sex with female children in metro Atlanta live in [suburban areas](#).

**GEORGIA by the numbers**

- As of June 2017, the National Human Trafficking Hotline Resource Center(NHTHRC) reported there were:
  - 36,270 trafficking cases reported since December 2007
  - 162,660 signals reported since December 2007 (Signals are phone calls, online tips, or emails received)
- Traffickers in Atlanta make an average of \$33,000 per week (Urban Institute).
- Atlanta has been identified as one of the cities with the highest incidences of child sex trafficking (FBI, 2005; Urban Institute, 2014)
- Between 200 – 400 adolescent girls are sold online per month (The Shapiro Group, 2010).
- Approximately 65% of men who purchase sex with female children in Atlanta live in suburban areas outside the I-285 perimeter (The Shapiro Group, 2010)
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- 7,200 men purchase sex from a minor every month in Georgia accounting for 8,700 sex acts (The Shapiro Group, 2010)
- 91% of DMST victims in Georgia were enrolled in school at the time of their exploitation (Georgia Cares, 2016)