



## Georgia Human Trafficking Statistics

### GEORGIA HUMAN TRAFFICKING FACTS AND RESOURCES

- ❖ Georgia has a comprehensive human trafficking law and commercial sexual exploitation of children laws that can be used to combat demand. However, traffickers are not required to register as sex offenders, and Georgia is lacking in laws that provide safe harbor, civil remedy, and vacating convictions of victims.
- ❖ As of January 2010, the FBI named Atlanta as 1 of 14 cities in the nation with the highest incidence of children used in prostitution.
- ❖ Over 400 girls are commercially sexually exploited in Georgia every month. The average age of entry into prostitution or the commercial sex market for girls is 12-14 years.
- ❖ In 2015: the state reported 191 cases of human trafficking; 641 calls were made to the NHTRC Hotline.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING NEWS FROM GEORGIA

ICE arrests 29 people in 8 states on human trafficking charges, identifies 15 potential victims, following multistate undercover investigation (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, October 30, 2015)

MACON, Ga. – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) arrested 29 people in 13 cities and eight states Thursday on sex trafficking and related charges in a sweeping operation dubbed "Operation Safe Haven" targeting a network of illegal brothels trafficking Hispanic females. In addition to these arrests, HSI identified 15 potential human trafficking victims from brothels across the southeastern United States with assistance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Joint Task Force.

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-arrests-29-people-8-states-human-trafficking-charges-identifies-15-potential>

Human trafficking on the rise in Savannah? (WTOC, October 12, 2015) CHATHAM CO., GA (WTOC) -

If you thought human trafficking in Savannah ended with a multi-state crackdown called Operation Dark Knight two years ago, think again. Fourteen prostitution related arrests in the last month alone, seven in Pooler and seven in Savannah. All of them linked to human trafficking. September 25th, 31-year-old Norman "Panama Jack" Overton-Lane of Savannah arrested for human trafficking among other charges involving a 20 year old and 24 year old. Both women were arrested for prostitution. All of this happened in a Pooler Econo Lodge.

<http://www.wtoc.com/story/30243228/human-trafficking-on-the-rise-in-savannah>

Brookhaven man arrested on human trafficking charge (Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 6, 2015) A 51-year-old man was arrested on a human trafficking charge after authorities executed a search warrant on his home. James Clay Webb, 51, of Brookhaven was charged with human trafficking, interference with child custody and contributing to the delinquency of a minor in connection with a complaint that police received from the Bartow County Division of Family and Children Services. According to the police, Brookhaven detectives received a complaint about a suspected sexual exploitation incident involving a juvenile victim. Electronic devices were seized at Web's home.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/crime-law/police-brookhaven-man-arrested-on-human-traffickin/nmsWd/>

#### State Grade B

\*Shared Hope Report Cards grade each state on 6 key principles which set a national standard of protection against domestic minor sex trafficking. Graded from A-F: 'A' being most protected, 'F' being least protected.

#### Flash Points 11 out of 15

\*Trafficking is a complex issue influenced by several underlying factors, such as transportation, entertainment, or tourism. Each state is assessed based on the 15 major factors that contribute to trafficking. These determine the influences present in each state that increase residents' risk of being trafficked. 11 of the 15 flash points are found in Georgia.

#### Tier 1 of 4 (Green)

\*Polaris Project rates all 50 states on a 4 tier scale based on 10 categories of laws which are critical to a basic legal framework that combats human trafficking, punishes traffickers and supports survivors. Tier 1 meets the most categories while tier 4 meets the least. Tier 1 indicates the state has passed significant laws to combat human trafficking and should continue to take steps to improve and implement its laws. Georgia meets 8 of the 10 categories of laws necessary to combat human trafficking.

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### DeKalb man convicted for sex trafficking teens (ajc.com, March 19, 2013)

Monday, a DeKalb County Superior Court jury convicted Curry, 48, of multiple counts of sex trafficking, aggravated battery, pimping a person under 18, false imprisonment, sexual exploitation of children, first-degree cruelty to children and obstruction. Prosecutors identified at least five girls over a two-year period whom Curry was prostituting. But the indictments pointed specifically to a pair of teens – ages 16 and 17 – whom Curry had under his control between Sept. 17 and Oct. 8, 2011. “Our older victim ... he beat her with a coat hanger and with a belt,” Racine said. “He would force her to have sex with him ... and she would intervene when he tried to have sex with the younger victim.”

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/crime-law/dekalb-man-convicted-for-sex-trafficking-teens/nWxnH/>

### Atlanta Man Admits His Role In Operating An Interstate Juvenile Sex Trafficking Enterprise (United States Attorney’s Office, March 18, 2013)

“Joshua Dumas was a leader in a prostitution ring that profited from selling the bodies of young girls,” said U.S. Attorney MacBride. “He’s facing at least 20 years in prison for these vile crimes, and we hope other pimps are getting the message that sex trafficking children is not good for business.” “Dumas recruited, intimidated, and exploited these young girls, selling these children into a life of sexual slavery, keeping them drugged to make them compliant, and making money off it,” said Attorney General Cuccinelli.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae/news/2013/03/20130318dumasnr.html>

### Sex trafficking victims rescued, 2 arrested (ajc.com, February 4, 2013)

Investigators said both of the teens, ages 18 and 16, had been physically abused, raped, starved and forced to engage in prostitution while being regularly drugged. The 18-year-old, police said, had been in the men’s custody for nearly two years. Both teens were targeted initially because they were runaways, police said. They are receiving specialized treatment for their prolonged exploitation, police said.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/crime-law/sex-trafficking-victims-rescued-2-arrested/nWFgr/>

### Georgia man receives 80-year sentence for human trafficking (ICE Press Release, September 7, 2012)

A 37-year-old Douglasville, Ga., man will spend the rest of his life in prison after he was found guilty of six counts of human trafficking, two counts of aggravated child molestation, enticing a child for indecent purposes and pandering by compulsion. “The horrific crimes perpetrated against these victims, two of whom were 15-year-old children, cannot be allowed to stand in a civil society,” said Brock D. Nicholson.

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1209/120907atlanta2.htm>

### Georgia woman sentenced to more than 11 years for human trafficking (CNN Freedom Project, October 14, 2011)

ATLANTA - Bidemi Bello, 42, was convicted for bringing two Nigerian women to the United States and forcing them to work in her plush home as slaves. Bello had promised the two young women, identified as Laome and Dupe in court, and their families that she would send them to school in the United States. Instead, she beat them and abused them emotionally. Bellow lived in an upscale home with many bedrooms. But the two women slept on the floor or on a couch. They were not allowed to use the shower or eat the food they cooked. Instead, they were forced to eat food that was spoiled or moldy. Laome was only 17 when Bello plucked her from her home in 2001. Dupe was 20 in 2004 when she came to the United States. Both traveled on fake passports.

<http://thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/14/georgia-woman-sentenced-to-more-than-11-years-for-human-trafficking/>

### GBI's New Human Trafficking Unit Assists ICE in Arrest of Norcross Man (Georgia Bureau of Investigation, July 7, 2011)

Decatur, GA - The GBI’s newly formed Human Trafficking Unit (HTU) and the Sandy Springs Police Department assisted the U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Department of Homeland Security in arresting Carl Fredrik Skow of Norcross for one count of violation of 18USC1591, sex trafficking of a child. The arrest on federal charges was the culmination of an approximately 2 month investigation by ICE, HTU and Sandy Springs Police in which Skow had made arrangements to purchase an underage girl to have in his possession for a year.

[http://gbi.georgia.gov/00/press/detail/0,2668,67862954\\_67866877\\_173205822,00.html](http://gbi.georgia.gov/00/press/detail/0,2668,67862954_67866877_173205822,00.html)

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