

# Have You Heard?

**Atlanta is a major hub for human trafficking in our country.** - WABE News, Shaomial Ahmade, 10/27/11

**Over one hundred forty-three years after passage of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and 60 years after Article 4 of the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights banned slavery and the slave trade worldwide, there are more slaves than at any time in human history -- 27 million.** –AlterNet by Terrance McNally, August 24, 2009



**7200 men purchase underage girls for sex each month in Atlanta. 42% of these men come from the upper north side outside the perimeter, 26% from inside the perimeter, 23% from the south metro area, and 9% from the vicinity of the airport. With approximately 3 million adult men in Georgia, 23% have purchased sex with females and 20,700 do so in any given month.** –Georgia Demand Study, 2009 by the Shapiro Group, Atlanta, GA

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential. -Shelley, Louise. 2010. Human Trafficking: A Global Perspective. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press

Human trafficking, or modern day slavery, is the fastest growing criminal activity in the world today. –US Department of Justice

The FBI estimates that well over 100,000 children and young women are trafficked in America today. They range in age from 9 to 19, with the average age being 11. -“Teen Girls Stories of Sex Trafficking in the U.S.” ABC News/Primetime. February 9, 2006. Accessed: December 26, 2010

**Over 30 million men, women and children are estimated to be enslaved in the world today.** – Not For Sale by David Batstone

**200-500 underage girls are raped for profit in Metro Atlanta each month.** – Adolescent Girls in Georgia’s Sex Trade: Tracking Study Results. Atlanta, GA: The Shapiro Group 2011

**THE AVERAGE AGE OF A GIRL ENTERING THE SEX TRADE IN THE UNITED STATES IS 12 YEARS OLD. – DOMESTIC SEX TRAFFICKING OF MINORS, JUSTICE.GOV/CRIMINAL/CEOS/PROSTITUTION**

**Her life expectancy after entering the sex trade is just 7 years.** –Shared Hope International, “DEMAND: A Comparative Examination of Sex Tourism and Trafficking in Jamaica, Japan, The Netherlands, and the United States” [Sharedhope.org](http://Sharedhope.org), July 2007

**90% of runaways wind up in prostitution.** – Hidden in Plain View: The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Girls in Atlanta, 2005

**Many girls are lured into the trade from Internet chat room sites and other forms of social media.** – CSEC Detective, Cobb County, Metro Atlanta, 2010

**Four-fifths of victims (83%) in confirmed sex trafficking incidents were identified as U.S. citizens.** –Bureau of Justice Statistics, “Human Trafficking/ Trafficking In Persons”, [www.OJP.USDOJ.gov](http://www.OJP.USDOJ.gov), April 28, 2011

**“You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know.”**  
William Wilberforce