## Human Trafficking on the rise in Georgia

## Georgia has the 7th highest rate of trafficking cases in the U.S.

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COLUMBUS, Ga (WRBL) - Statistics released by the Polaris Project show Georgia had the 7th highest human trafficking cases in the U.S.

In 2017, there were 276 confirmed cases, involving 423 victims. Those numbers are up from 2016, when there were 255 cases.

Officials attribute the expansive interstates and airport as two of the reasons for Georgia's high rates.

The Polaris Project, founded in 2002, keeps track of human trafficking data for the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

To report unusual behavior, trafficking, or for help you can also call 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733.

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