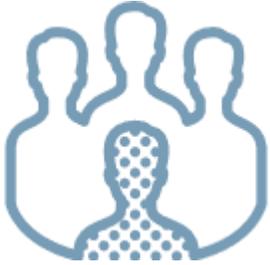# Look Beneath the Surface Regional Anti-Trafficking Program, FY 2019

In FY 2019, the Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) provided **$2,000,000** in grant funding for the Look Beneath the Surface Regional Anti-Trafficking Program—formerly the Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Regional Program. Grantees focused on identifying and referring domestic and foreign national victims of human trafficking for services in 10 communities from October 1, 2018—September 30, 2019.

555

VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

Look Beneath the Surface (LBS) grantees identified a total of **555** domestic and foreign national victims of human trafficking during FY 2019.

487 Adult Victims   67 Minor Victims

There was one instance, during the fiscal year, in which the age of the victims were unknown.

Look Beneath the Surface grantees identified victims of trafficking through:

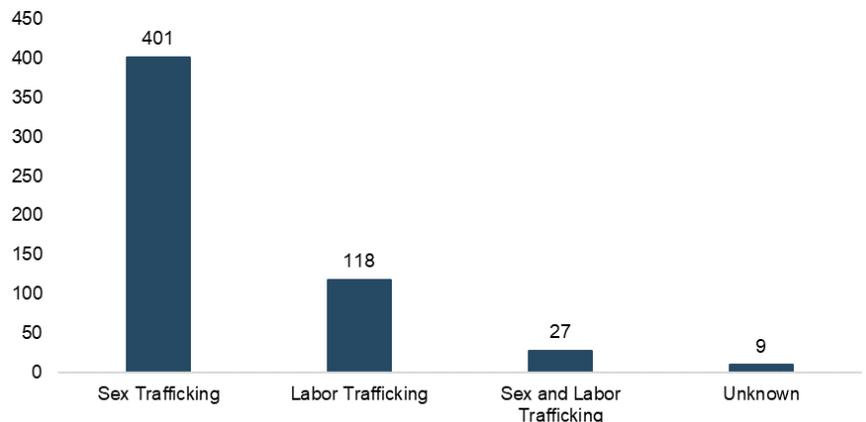**Outreach**   **Public Awareness**   **Training**   **Technical Assistance**

During FY 2019, grantees held a total of **1,735** outreach events that reached **32,438** individuals, including potential victims. Grantees trained **18,576** individuals to identify and refer potential victims of human trafficking to services and provided technical assistance to **6,900** individuals.

Type of Trafficking Experienced by Victims Identified by LBS Grantees, FY 2019

Type	Count
Sex Trafficking	401
Labor Trafficking	118
Sex and Labor Trafficking	27
Unknown	9

Around 72% of the individuals identified by LBS grantees experienced sex trafficking, while 21% experienced labor trafficking, and 5% experienced both types of trafficking. Trafficking type was unknown in 2% of cases.

TOP COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

336 Victims — United States
51 Victims — Mexico
26 Victims — Honduras

Historically, the majority (68%) of victims identified by Rescue & Restore grantees were from Mexico, China, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and the Philippines and experienced labor trafficking (63%) during the project cycle (July 1, 2014—June 30, 2017). In FY 2018, grantees broadened outreach to include domestic victims of trafficking. This shifted the demographics of victims identified by grantees to predominately U.S. citizens (61%), identifying as female (81%), and experiencing exploitation through prostitution (66%).

LEGAL & ILLICIT INDUSTRIES IDENTIFIED

Individuals identified by Look Beneath the Surface grantees experienced human trafficking in a range of legal and illicit industries. The most common industries were:

Prostitution, 367 Victims

Domestic Work, 43 Victims

Agriculture/Field Labor, 29 Victims