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## **RAIDS AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS: THE FACTS**

- 14,500 – 17,500:** **The number of people trafficked into the US annually.** U.S. Department of Justice. 2004. *Report to Congress from Attorney General John Ashcroft on U.S. Government Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons in Fiscal Year 2003.* Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice.
- 5,000:** **The number of immigration visas specifically available to trafficked people annually.** Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000.
- 787:** **The total number of trafficked people who have been recognized as trafficked and received immigration visas since 2000.** DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 8 CFR Parts 103, 212, 214, 245 and 299, CIS No. 2134-01; DHS Docket, No. USCIS-2006-0067, RIN 1615-AA60, Proposed Regulations for Adjustment of Status to Lawful Permanent Resident for Aliens in T or U Nonimmigrant Status
- 483:** **The number of people subject to administrative arrest following federal anti-trafficking raids in 2008.** Fact Sheet: DHS End of Year Accomplishments. December 18, 2008. Available at:  
[http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1229609413187.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1229609413187.shtm)

## **KICKING DOWN THE DOOR: THE NUMBERS**

- 15 **The number of immigrant women identified as trafficked interviewed. (100%)**
- 15 **The number of immigrant women identified as trafficked who experienced raids. (100%)**
- 12 **The number of immigrant women interviewed trafficked into sex work. (80%)**
- 9 **The number of immigrant women interviewed who were trafficked into sex work and arrested in local police anti-prostitution raids without ever being identified as trafficked (60% of people trafficked into sex work).**
- 6 **The number of trafficked immigrant women interviewed who left coercive situations on their own, without the intervention of law enforcement, with the help of friends, coworkers, or community members (50%).**
- 3 **The number of immigrant women interviewed trafficked into domestic work (20%)**