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There are variations in terms of the type of human trafficking offences. In states that, again, are more agricultural states, you are going to see a great deal of debt bondage or again forced labor in the fields. In states that actually have an international airport or international port of entry, you’re going to see again young girls, women being brought in, perhaps more for forced prostitution. Here in Florida, we’re not only seeing Latin victims but we see eastern European victims. We’re seeing victims from Asia increasingly, especially in South Florida. Across the west coast is predominately Asian cases. East coast oftentimes a European or an African victim may be the type of victim that we see. So, some of it again is a question of geographical proximity to where victims actually come from but also may depend on the types of labor intensive industries that are in a particular part of the country. That being said though, it is a nationwide problem and because of the mobility here in the United States, we’re finding that victims are often transferred, transferred sometimes every 2 weeks or so. Cases of victims that come in through, say, Florida or California, or say, Boston or New York may end up in Idaho. They may end up in St. Louis or in Tennessee so that because of the mobility of the United States, it has in fact become not just a problem of the entry states but of the United States as a whole.