From 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020, the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs (DIPA) participated in 74 outreach events and reached 16,097 individuals.

DIPA screened 13 potential labor trafficking victims. A total of 4 requests for a U-visa were received and 4 U-visa certifications were issued. A total of 19 requests for a T-visa were received and 11 T-visa certifications were issued.

DIPA received a total of 877 calls to the Hotline.

The AgLP contacted customers 30,913 times. From that total, the AgLP contacted employers 5,023 times, Domestic MSFWs 2,550 times and Foreign Guest H-2A workers 12,821 times. The remainder of the contacts made were to year-round farmworkers, non-agricultural workers and/or service providers. There were 109 Apparent Violations encountered. Of those, 71 Apparent Violations were resolved. The AgLP assisted in the recovery of $160,249.54 in monies owed to 73 workers.

The FLCU processed 628 H-2A orders requesting 8,902 workers and 542 H-2B job orders requesting 5,961 workers for businesses in New York. DIPA performed 148 H-2A pre-occupancy housing inspections and 4 field checks were conducted.

The New York PAUSE executive order directed “all non-essential businesses statewide (to) close in-office personnel functions effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, and temporarily (banned) all non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason.” This shutdown significantly curtailed DIPA’s in-person outreach activities, including visits to farms by the staff of the Agriculture Labor Program. We then communicated with business owners, workers and job seekers by telephone and through e-mail, text messaging, pre-recorded voice messages and regular mail. This report reflects the most up-to-date data at the time of publication.