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- **25%** of anti-LGBT homicides were against sex workers in 2012.
- **2.5X** Attacks against transgender sex workers are nearly 2.5 times more likely to involve a gun.
- **85%** of trans sex workers in the District of Columbia are Black or Latinx.
- **33%** of HIV infections averted in the next decade through sex work decriminalization.

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