

Public Support in Dallas, Texas, for Government-Funded Attorneys in Immigration Court

The Vera Institute of Justice (Vera) partnered with the survey firm Lucid to conduct a public opinion poll to explore attitudes toward government-funded attorneys for people in immigration court in the Dallas metropolitan area. The survey was administered online in August 2020 and included 1,000 adults (18 years and older) living in the area. The results are statistically weighted to be representative of the Dallas population with regard to age, education, gender, household income, and race and ethnicity.

Key findings:

Two in three people in the Dallas metropolitan area, or 69 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation. This support exists among:

- 67 percent of likely voters;
- 82 percent of people who self-identify as Democrats, 58 percent of those who self-identify as Republicans, and 70 percent of people who do not identify with either party; and
- 86 percent of Clinton voters, 53 percent of Trump voters, and 62 percent of those who voted for third-party candidates (among those who voted in the 2016 presidential election).