

Public Support in Dane County, Wisconsin, 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 Dane County, Wisconsin. The survey was administered online in May and June 2020 and included 173 adults (18 years and older) living in the county. The results are statistically weighted to be representative of the Dane County population with regard to age, education, gender, household income, and race and ethnicity. However, given the small sample size, readers should interpret these results to be suggestive of patterns that might exist in Dane County; more respondents are required for a fully representative sample of the population. Nonetheless, the results found in Dane County are in line with [national polling results](#) on support for government-funded attorneys in immigration court.¹

Key findings

Two out of three people in Dane County, or 66 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation.

Seven in ten likely voters, or 71 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation.

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¹ For national polling results and the results of polls conducted in local jurisdictions across the country, see Vera Institute of Justice, “Taking the Pulse,” <https://www.vera.org/publications/taking-the-pulse>.