

Public Support in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Area 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 Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. The survey was administered online in May and June 2020 and included 1,068 adults (18 years and older) living in the area. The results are statistically weighted to be representative of the Minneapolis-St. Paul population with regard to age, education, gender, household income, race and ethnicity, and region of residence.

Key findings

Three out of five people in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, or 61 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation. This support is widespread, existing among:

- 74 percent of people residing in Hennepin County (where Minneapolis is located) and 75 percent of those residing in Ramsey County (where St. Paul is located); and
- 57 percent of likely voters.