

# Public Support in Prince George's County, Maryland, for Government-Funded Attorneys in Immigration Court

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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 Prince George's County, Maryland. The survey was administered online in August 2020 and included 579 adults (18 years and older) living in the area. The results are statistically weighted to be representative of the Prince George's County population with regard to age, education, gender, household income, and race and ethnicity.

## Key findings

**Five in six people in Prince George's County, or 83 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation.** This support is widespread, existing among:

- 83 percent of likely voters;
- 90 percent of people who self-identify as Democrats, 66 percent of those who self-identify as Republicans, and 81 percent of people who do not identify with either party; and
- 90 percent of Biden supporters and nearly half (49 percent) of Trump supporters (among those who indicated on the pre-election survey that they intended to vote in the 2020 presidential election).

**Even among people who oppose immigration to the United States, the vast majority, 72 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation.**