

# Public Support in San Antonio, Texas, 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 the San Antonio, Texas, metropolitan area. The survey was administered online in August 2020 and included 1,000 adults (18 years and older) living in the area. The survey sample approximates the San Antonio population with regard to age, education, gender, household income, and race and ethnicity. However, people who did not graduate from high school, people who identify as male, and Latinx and white people are underrepresented while college graduates and people who identify as women are overrepresented.

## Key findings

**Two in three people in the San Antonio metropolitan area**, or 68 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation.

**Similarly, two in three *likely voters***, or 66 percent, support government-funded attorneys for immigrants facing deportation.

**Support for government-funded attorneys increases substantially when lawyers for people in immigration court are framed as part of a larger system of government-funded attorneys for all, with 88 percent of respondents expressing support.**