

Economic Impact of Immigration Legal Help

The need for immigration legal help is significant*.

70%

Immigration, the Most Harmful Legal Issue: 70% of those experiencing an immigration legal issue reported very or extremely negative effects, the highest of any category.

1 in 4

Immigration Issues are Widespread: 1 in 4 (25.6%) households with a family member who was born outside the US reported a need for help improving immigration status.

12.8%

Immigration Issues Affect Daily Life and Economic Activity: 12.8% of households with a family member born outside the US feared immigration enforcement when taking part in activities like work, shopping, school, or seeing a doctor.

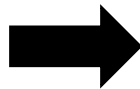
Immigration legal help provides big social and financial benefits**.

For every \$1.00 spent on immigration legal help, Oregon receives \$4.94 of financial benefit to individuals and to the community. The economic benefits from immigration legal services significantly outweigh the potential for costs associated with medical care, support, public safety, and education which were considered in this study.



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Immigration services studied

- Application for Citizenship
- Deportation Defense
- Employment Authorization
- Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)
- Refugee Adjustment of Status
- Violence Against Women Act Visas
- Public Education
- Asylum
- DACA Renewals
- Family-based Visas
- Temporary Protected Status
- U Visas
- Translation Services
- Counsel and Advice

Organizations studied

- Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services
- Immigration Counseling Services
- Lutheran Community Services of the Northwest
- SOAR Immigration Legal Services



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*Based on *Barriers to Justice: A 2018 study Measuring the civil legal needs of low-income Oregonians*

** Based on Social Return on Investment Analysis conducted for the Oregon Law Foundation by Community Services Analysis LLC.