





What age group are you in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The majority of respondents fall into two age groups: 21-31 and 32-41.</li> <li>There are more respondents in the 32-41 age group than the 21-31 age group.</li> <li>There is a smaller group of respondents in the 42-51 age group.</li> <li>The age distribution appears to be skewed towards younger individuals, with the 21-31 age group having the highest number of responses.</li> <li>The survey did not capture responses from individuals outside of the specified age groups (21-31, 32-41, and 42-51).</li> </ul>	
What is your country of origin?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The majority of respondents are from Colombia, with the highest number of responses.</li> <li>The second most common country of origin is El Salvador, with several respondents.</li> <li>Honduras, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Argentina, and Ukraine are also represented in the survey responses.</li> <li>There is a diverse mix of countries of origin among the respondents, with a focus on countries in Latin America.</li> </ul>	
Before seeking legal advice, did you understand everything you needed to do to start your legal process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some respondents mentioned that they had no understanding of what they needed to do before seeking legal advice.</li> <li>There is a range of responses, with some indicating that they knew some details before seeking legal advice, while others had limited or no comprehension of the process.</li> </ul>	
What were your main sources of information on how to immigrate to the United States?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main sources of information for how to immigrate to the United States were the internet and social media.</li> <li>Some respondents also specified that they used other sources, but the details were not provided.</li> <li>A few respondents mentioned using a combination of the internet and social media for their information.</li> <li>Some respondents mentioned specific platforms like YouTube as a source of information.</li> <li>A few respondents also mentioned community organizations as a source of information. Some respondents mentioned that they received information about how to immigrate to the United States through personal connections, such as friends or acquaintances who had experience with the process.</li> <li>Others mentioned that they heard about immigration opportunities through word-of-mouth, based on comments and recommendations from other people.</li> <li>The specific details of the sources mentioned were not provided in some cases, but they seem to involve personal networks and conversations with others who have already gone through the immigration process.</li> </ul>	
To consult information on the internet, do you use:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The majority of respondents mentioned using a computer to access information on the internet for immigration-related inquiries.</li> <li>Less respondents also mentioned using a telephone to access information online.</li> </ul>	
What influenced your decision to hire a lawyer for your immigration case?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main factors that influenced respondents' decision to hire an immigration lawyer were fear of making mistakes, lack of knowledge about the immigration process, and the complexity of their case.</li> <li>Language barriers also played a significant role in some respondents' decision to hire a lawyer.</li> <li>Recommendations from friends and family were also a contributing factor in a few cases.</li> </ul>	
How did you seek legal advice for your immigration case?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main methods used by respondents to seek legal advice for their immigration case were personal referrals and online searches.</li> <li>Some respondents also sought advice from community organizations and consulted with multiple lawyers before making a decision.</li> <li>A few respondents mentioned using social media as a source of information and recommendations.</li> </ul>	
Was it difficult to find a lawyer? Why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some respondents found it difficult to find a lawyer due to issues with communication (language barriers) and trustworthiness (encountering people posing as lawyers but not being qualified).</li> <li>Cost was mentioned as a factor that made it challenging for some respondents to find a lawyer.</li> <li>Personal referrals and recommendations from family members were helpful for a few respondents in finding a lawyer they could trust.</li> <li>The abundance of information and people claiming to be lawyers on social media made it harder for one respondent to find a reliable attorney.</li> <li>One respondent mentioned a positive experience where their family recommended a lawyer who successfully resolved their case within three months.</li> </ul>	"It was difficult to choose a lawyer, because there are many people who claim to be a lawyer and they are not." "It was difficult to choose a lawyer, because not all lawyers speak my language."
Did you consult with more than one lawyer before making your final selection?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some respondents consulted with multiple lawyers before making their final selection.</li> </ul>	"I compared several lawyers, based on their opinions and their recommendations, I investigated to corroborate information and be able to make the best possible decision" "An organization helped me contact the lawyer"
If so, what influenced your final choice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language played a significant role in the decision-making process for some respondents.</li> <li>Recommendations, referrals, and positive ratings and reviews influenced the selection of lawyers for several respondents.</li> <li>Trust in the lawyer's knowledge, experience, and successful track record were important factors for some respondents.</li> <li>One respondent mentioned that an organization helped them connect with a lawyer, which influenced their choice.</li> <li>Another respondent chose a lawyer based on their expertise in handling asylum cases.</li> </ul>	
How important was the reputation of the lawyer when choosing who would handle your case?	The reputation of the lawyer was highly important for most respondents when choosing someone to handle their immigration case. They were looking for an attorney with expertise and experience in the immigration process, and some also emphasized the importance of a good reputation and positive recommendations	
Did you hire a lawyer who spoke the same language as you?	Yes, many respondents hired an attorney who spoke their same language. Some had a translator to assist with communication during the process. Having an attorney who could effectively communicate in their native language was crucial for their understanding and comfort throughout the immigration journey.	"Understanding legal jargon can be challenging; it's much easier when the lawyer explains it in simpler, more familiar terms."
Did your lawyer explain all the alternatives you had, and did you participate in the preparation of your case?	Yes, the majority of respondents mentioned that their attorney explained all the alternatives they had and involved them in the preparation of the case. This active involvement in the process helped them understand their options better and make informed decisions about their immigration journey.	
How did you communicate with your lawyer?	The participants used various communication methods to connect with their attorneys during their immigration cases. The most common methods were phone calls and visiting the attorney's office. Other communication methods included emails, text messages, and mail. The choice of communication method likely depended on the individual's preference and convenience, as well as the complexity of the immigration case.	
How was the delivery of documents handled?	The participants used different methods for the delivery of documents to their attorneys. The most common methods were physical delivery, where they provided the documents in person, and email, where they sent the documents electronically. These methods were likely chosen based on convenience and efficiency, depending on the nature of the documents and the attorney's preferences.	
Did you feel that your lawyer adequately represented your interests?	Responses suggest that the participants had varying experiences with their attorneys representing their interests. Some felt that everything was handled as they decided, indicating a positive experience. However, others expressed that they would have preferred certain aspects to be managed differently, indicating some room for improvement in the attorney's representation of their interests.	
Were you satisfied with the treatment you received?	Responses show that some participants were satisfied with the treatment they received from their attorneys, while others were not. There is a mix of both positive and negative experiences, indicating that there is room for improvement in the level of satisfaction with the treatment received from attorneys during the immigration process.	
Did your lawyer explain the costs in detail and keep you informed about any extra costs related to your case?	It appears that most participants had their attorneys explain the costs of their case in detail and kept them informed about any additional costs related to their immigration process. However, there were a few participants who were unsure or did not have a clear answer regarding this aspect. This highlights the importance of clear and transparent communication between attorneys and their clients regarding costs and any potential additional expenses throughout the case.	
Would you recommend your lawyer to others facing similar immigration cases? Why?	The responses regarding whether participants would recommend their attorney to others with similar immigration cases are varied. Some participants express positive experiences and reasons for recommending their attorney, such as their experience, honesty, professionalism, and expertise in immigration cases. On the other hand, some participants had negative experiences, mentioning issues like lack of attention, not informing them thoroughly, or not completing the required documentation properly.	"I do not recommend my lawyer, because he did not make me feel that I was a priority"
Do you have any ideas to improve the service?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost transparency: Providing clear information about costs and fees upfront.</li> <li>Pre-screening: Conducting a thorough pre-screening of the case to ensure both the attorney and the client are well-informed.</li> <li>More translators: Having a greater number of translators to assist clients who may not speak the primary language.</li> <li>Empathy and humanity: Displaying empathy and understanding towards clients' situations.</li> <li>Improved communication: Being more attentive to clients and providing complete information.</li> <li>Language proficiency: Ensuring attorneys have better language skills, especially in cases where the client's native language is different.</li> <li>Truthful representation: Providing accurate and truthful information to clients.</li> </ol>	"If the lawyer does a pre-screening of my case so the lawyer and I are better informed" "I was missing crucial information for the immigration process. By the time I consulted with a lawyer, unfortunately, my application period had already ended and I was unable to apply." "They demonstrate a heightened understanding of their clients' needs and ensure a thorough, comprehensive delivery of information."
Was your experience immigrating to the United States as you imagined it?	The majority of respondents indicated that their experience migrating to the United States was not as they had imagined. Many expressed that it was more challenging or difficult than they initially thought. It's not uncommon for the reality of the immigration process to differ from one's expectations, as there can be various complexities, uncertainties, and unexpected hurdles along the way.	
Are there any services or support you wish your lawyer or firm had offered but did not?	The respondents didn't express any specific services or support they wished their lawyer or firm had provided but didn't. However, some responses indicate a desire for more attention, information about financial assistance, job offers, and assistance with housing, food, and social security or work authorization for their children. These responses highlight the importance of comprehensive and empathetic support throughout the immigration process.	
What would you have liked to do or know if you could go back in time and make the decision to immigrate to the United States again?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not leave their family behind.</li> <li>Connect with people who were applying for similar cases and receive specific legal help for their country's issues.</li> <li>Some respondents mentioned they wouldn't immigrate again.</li> <li>Improve their English proficiency before immigrating.</li> <li>Wait until getting married to enter the country legally.</li> <li>Obtain more information about organizations that offer assistance to people without resources.</li> <li>Knowing that there are organizations providing loans for USCIS payments.</li> <li>Considering alternative ways to reach the United States.</li> <li>Understanding the difficulties of living without legal documents.</li> <li>Considering other visa options, such as a student visa, and gaining a better understanding of immigration issues to make a more informed decision.</li> <li>Hugging their children before leaving.</li> <li>Seeking work opportunities based on their profession.</li> <li>Having access to more truthful and reliable information about immigration cases.</li> <li>Learning the language (English) better before immigrating.</li> </ol>	"I would appreciate information on organizations that assist individuals lacking resources." "I would appreciate connect with individuals applying to similar cases" "It would have been beneficial to have access to clear and comprehensive immigration legal information." "If I had been aware earlier, I would have opted for a student visa, or at least would have better understood the complex nature of immigration matters, which could have guided me towards a more informed decision." "If granted the chance to revisit my decisions, I would explore alternative avenues for immigrating to the United States." "Exploring career-specific opportunities as alternatives for employment."
Do you know any support groups or are you part of any community that helps people who migrate to the United States?	It appears that some respondents are aware of support groups and communities that help immigrants in the United States, while others are not part of any such groups. The "La Colaborativa" was mentioned as an organization that provide support to immigrants. It is crucial for individuals who are migrating to a new country to find and connect with support networks that can provide guidance, resources, and assistance throughout their immigration journey. These support groups can help newcomers navigate the challenges and complexities of settling in a new country and offer a sense of community and belonging.	
What would you recommend to a friend who wants to immigrate to the United States	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be mentally strong and prepared for the challenges that may arise during the immigration process.</li> <li>Consider immigrating only if it is necessary and seek legal help if choosing to do so.</li> <li>Gather extensive information about different immigration alternatives before making a decision.</li> <li>Take ample time to select the right immigration attorney, research thoroughly, and utilize reliable online resources.</li> <li>Learn English, research, and seek lawyers with a good reputation and expertise in immigration matters. Schedule appointments and choose the one that best meets their needs.</li> <li>Encourage legal and lawful immigration.</li> <li>Have patience, as immigration processes can be lengthy.</li> <li>Visit the USCIS website, read the information available, and focus on language proficiency.</li> <li>Seek guidance from experienced and trustworthy individuals who are knowledgeable about the immigration process.</li> <li>Encourage careful consideration before making any decisions about immigration and to seek help from reliable sources and legal professionals.</li> </ol>	"My advice for a friend aspiring to immigrate to the USA: Explore the resources available on the USCIS website and make an effort to enhance your English language skills." "My counsel for a friend looking to the USA: Don't break the law." "My advice for a friend intending to immigrate to the USA: Thoroughly explore all migration alternatives before making a decision." "I would advise a friend to initiate their visa application process while still in Colombia, handling all the necessary procedures from there." "That they seek legal help as soon as they arrives." "It's crucial that individuals seeking to immigrate to the United States receive authentic and truthful information from knowledgeable sources. It's important for them to get a real sense of what life in the country is like, rather than being misled with untruths or misrepresentations."
	Three participants revealed in hiring a lawyer because they had already made several mistakes in their immigration cases, which ultimately rendered them ineligible to apply for any immigration process.	"I didn't think it would be that difficult to immigrate to the United States."
What would you recommend to a friend who is planning to come to the United States in the same way?	MOST OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID NOT TO DO IT. If a friend is considering coming to the United States in an irregular manner or without fulfilling the legal requirements, my strong recommendation would be not to do it. Irregular migration can involve significant risks, such as deportation, family separation, difficulties in finding employment, and limited access to services and benefits. Instead, I would advise them to explore legal options, such as work visas, study visas, or family reunification, and to seek reliable legal advice to guide them through the process. It's important to remember that each case is unique, and pursuing a legal and safe path can enhance their chances of having a successful and sustainable immigration experience in the United States.	



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There is a smaller group in the 42-51 age range. Most respondents are from Colombia, followed by El Salvador, Honduras, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Argentina, and Ukraine, showing a diverse mix of countries of origin, mainly from Latin America.	
Before seeking legal advice, most participants had NO idea of what they needed to do.	
Internet and social media were the main sources of information for immigrating to the United States, along with personal referrals and community organizations.	
The majority of respondents mentioned using a computer to access information on the internet for immigration-related inquiries.	
Language barriers, fear of making mistakes, and lack of knowledge about the immigration process influenced the decision to hire a lawyer.	
Participants sought legal advice through personal referrals, online searches, and community organizations.	
Some experienced difficulty finding a lawyer due to language barriers and the abundance of non-qualified individuals claiming to be lawyers.	
Reputation, recommendations, and expertise were crucial factors in choosing a lawyer.	
Many participants hired a lawyer who spoke their language, enabling better understanding.	
Most participants were involved in the preparation of their case.	
Communication with lawyers varied, with phone calls and office visits being common methods.	
Delivery of documents was done through physical delivery or email.	
Satisfaction with the lawyer's representation and treatment varied.	
Most participants appreciated cost transparency and being informed about additional costs.	
While some would recommend their lawyer due to positive experiences, others had negative feedback.	
Suggestions for improvement include better communication, pre-screening of cases, more translators, and empathy.	
Experiences migrating to the United States were not as expected, often more challenging.	
Some desired additional support from their lawyers or firms, particularly regarding financial assistance and job permits opportunities.	
If participants had the opportunity to go back in time, they expressed a strong desire to approach their immigration journey differently. They mentioned that they would have prioritized seeking legal ways to immigrate to the United States, ensuring that their path was lawful and compliant with the immigration regulations.	
Few were part of support groups, but one mentioned "La Colaborativa" as a supportive organization.	
Recommendations for friends planning to immigrate involve exploring legal options and seeking reliable legal advice, avoiding irregular migration due to risks and exploring legal and safe pathways for immigration.	