



# The Current State of Providers Serving Immigrants & Refugees

The recent instability of federal grants has placed many of Utah's New American service providers in an increasingly precarious position, jeopardizing vital programs and creating uncertainty for the communities they serve. As immigration policies shift under the current administration, local organizations are being forced to do more with less, all while navigating fear and confusion among their clients. This survey of 28 service providers offers a critical window into the evolving landscape, illuminating both the mounting challenges and the potential pathways forward.

These findings can help us better coordinate efforts, inform advocacy, foster innovation, and strengthen Utah's collective response to a rapidly changing immigration climate.

## Critical Funding Challenges

### FEDERAL FUNDING

Respondents shared the extent to which federal funding has been impacted by recent federal executive orders or policies, and the extent to which their budget is reliant on federal funding.

# 46%

Rely on federal funding.  
For over half of those organizations, 50-97% of their budget is reliant on federal funding.

# 34%

Have had over 25% of federal funding impacted.

These organizations focus on:

- Basic needs
- Advocacy
- Health
- ESL
- Enrollment assistance
- Higher education
- Resettlement
- Legal services
- Workforce development

# 19%

Have had over 75% of their federal funding impacted.

- 3 of those organizations – all of whom focus on basic needs services – have lost all federal funding.

**“The population that we serve don't only have one barrier or issue. They are experiencing multiple barriers at different levels and all at one time. Community members are dealing with stress, anxiety, and depression, while also still going to work, school, and taking care of their families.”**

PRIVATE FOUNDATION FUNDING

Respondents shared the extent to which private foundation funding has been impacted by shifts in the current political environment, and the extent to which their budget is reliant on private foundation funding.

40%

Have had private foundation funding impacted.

23%

Have had over 50% of their private foundation funding impacted.

These organizations focus on:

- Basic needs
- ESL
- Advocacy
- Resettlement
- Enrollment assistance
- Workforce development

15%

Have had over 75% of funding impacted.

OTHER FUNDING CHALLENGES

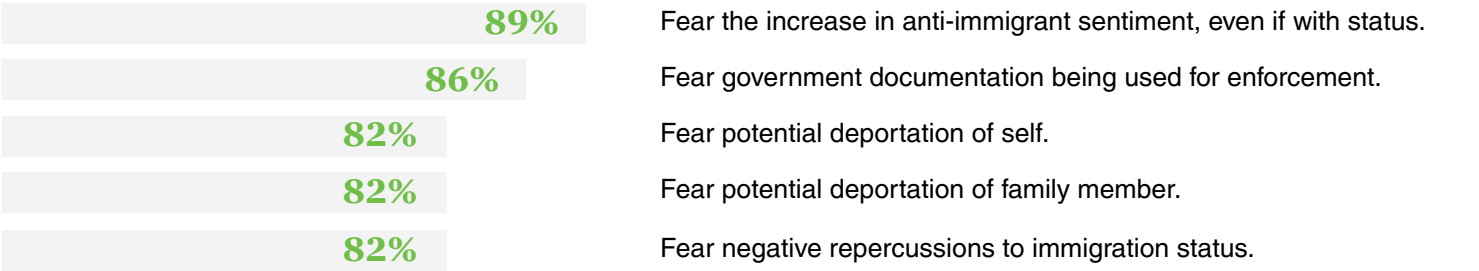
89%

Have not received any new funding as a result of recent federal policy or changes in the political environment.

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Only 2 organizations have seen an increase in individual donor giving since the recent federal policy changes.

Barriers Impacting Service Utilization



Respondents were asked to indicate the barriers that have impacted their clients participation in the programs or services their agency provides. They were able to choose all that applied.

“Widespread fear and panic have led to a decrease in community members accessing our services... People are scared to leave their homes.”

“Our students are terrified that if they go to work and their children are in school, the parents might be deported, and the children will be left alone.”

## Increase in Demand for Services

Respondents indicated whether they've seen an increase or decrease in the demand for services for the New American communities they serve. They have all seen an increase in demand for the following services:

**+64%**

Legal services

**+61%**

Housing assistance

**+54%**

Basic needs

**+50%**

Workforce development

**+46%**

Health care services

**+46%**

Childcare services

**“We have had to move away from supporting Temporary Protected Status and only serve asylum seekers.”**

**“One father is fearful of being deported when he goes to work. He has asked our Executive Director if he would take care of his family.”**

**“Kids in school are being harassed daily.”**

## Meeting the Moment

Respondents have had to change their delivery models, and adjust programming and messaging as an outcome of the current climate.

**46%**

Have changed their delivery model.

This includes:

- Additional security measures
- Increased and one-on-one outreach
- Personal food delivery
- Additional trainings
- Some services have been completely eliminated

**75%**

Have changed programming and messaging.

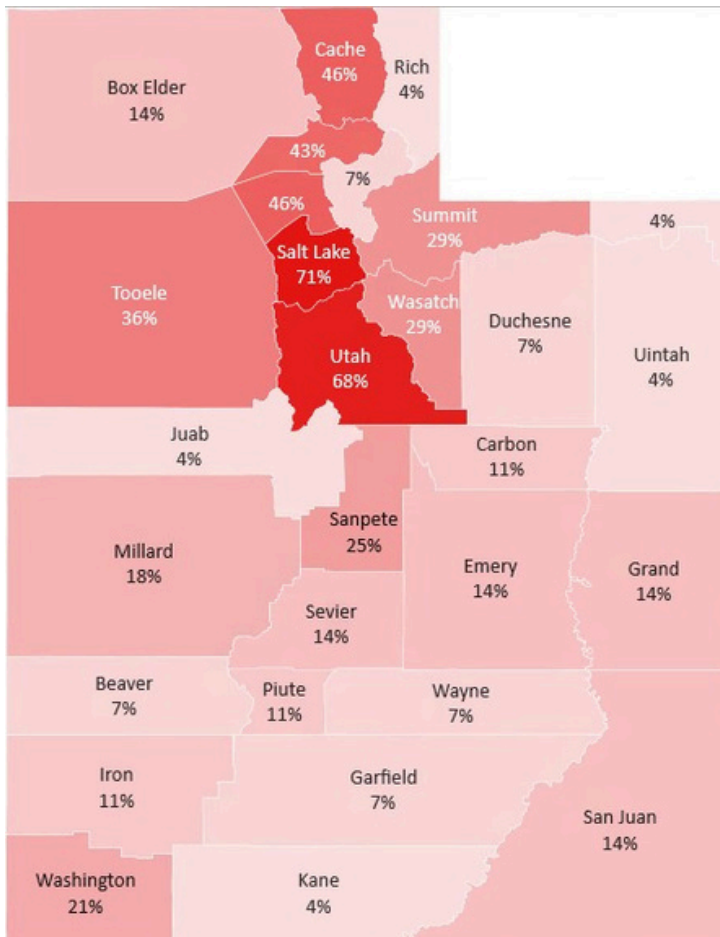
This includes:

- Explaining any changes and rights
- Moving to safer messaging platforms
- Eliminating programs
- Losing employees
- Ensuring the safety of their organization

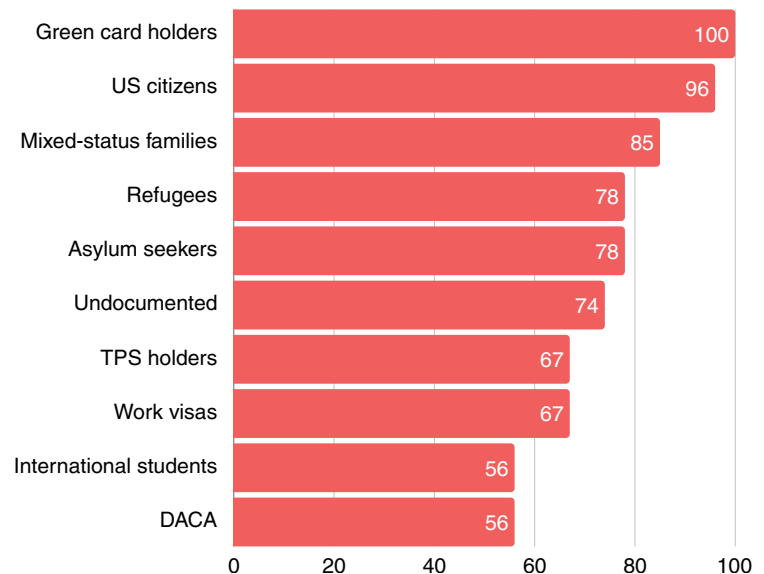
## Demographics

Respondents could choose all that apply.

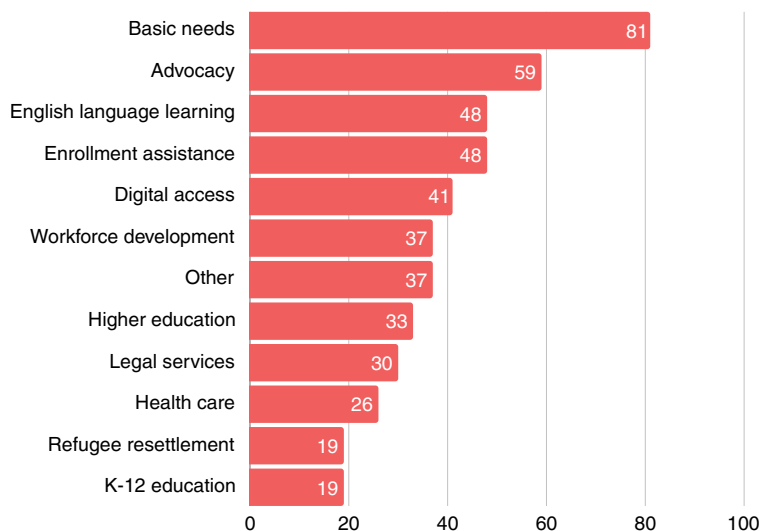
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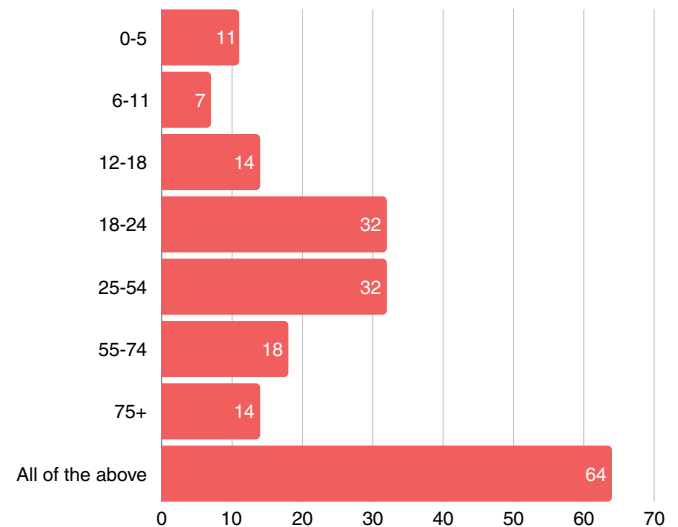
### New Americans Served, %



### Services Provided, %



### Ages served, %



Note: "Other" includes mental health, youth/child services, victim services.