

# PROTECT OUR COURTS ACT STATISTICS

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## CHILLING EFFECT ON SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

The Immigrant Defense Project conducted a statewide survey of advocates who work with immigrant survivors of violence and found the following. For complete results, see [bit.ly/2sPu4mv](https://bit.ly/2sPu4mv)

**One-third** of advocates in New York State had clients who failed to seek an order of protection due to fear of ICE in the courts.

**Nearly half** worked with clients who expressed fear of serving as a complaining witness because of ICE's presence in the courts.

**Nearly half** had clients who failed to seek custody or visitation due to fear of ICE in the courts.

## PROSECUTORS SEE DROP IN CRIME REPORTING

The ACLU and the National Immigrant Woman's Advocacy Project conducted a national survey of prosecutors and found the following. For the full survey, see [bit.ly/2xYy6yu](https://bit.ly/2xYy6yu)

**82%** of prosecutors surveyed nationwide reported that since President Trump took office, domestic violence is now underreported and harder to investigate and/or prosecute.

**55%** of said sexual assault was harder to investigate and prosecute.

**48%** reported that child abuse was harder to investigate and prosecute.

## COURT CASES INTERRUPTED

The ACLU and the National Immigrant Woman's Advocacy Project conducted a national survey of judges and found the following. For complete results, see [bit.ly/2xYy6yu](https://bit.ly/2xYy6yu)

**54%** of judges reported that court cases were interrupted due to an immigrant crime survivor's fear of coming to court.