

ANALYSIS OF *LORA* BOND HEARING DATA: NEW YORK IMMIGRANT FAMILY UNITY PROJECT (NYIFUP)¹ October 28, 2015 – July 31, 2016

Bond information for Lora cases

Number of cases that received a *Lora* bond hearing: **158**

- o Of these 158 cases, bond was granted in 98 cases (62%)²
- o Of these 158 cases, bond was denied in **60 cases (38%)**

Average amount of bond for cases that received a *Lora* hearing and bond was granted (n=98): **\$5,622**

Median amount of bond for *Lora* cases (n=98): **\$5,000**

Of the 158 cases that received a *Lora* bond hearing, 118 (75%) individuals have been released

Length of Detention (For all released cases, as well as completed cases with no release)

Average length of detention for individuals who had a *Lora* bond hearing was **320 days**

For individuals who received *Lora* hearings within the first **six weeks** of the Lora decision (October 28, 2015 – December 9, 2015), average length of detention prior to bond hearing was **327 days**

Average length of detention for *Lora* cases that pursued relief (n=71 of 108, excludes BDS cases): **319 days**

Average length of detention for *Lora* cases that did **not** pursue relief (n=18 of 108, excludes BDS cases): **295 days**³

¹ Data was received by the Vera Institute of Justice from the three NYIFUP legal service providers at the Varick Street Immigration Court: The Bronx Defenders (BXD), Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS), and the Legal Aid Society (LAS).

² Seven of the 98 respondents granted "bond" received an ROR.

³ The length in detention of cases where no relief was being sought makes us wonder whether post-conviction relief or some other claim that was not noted in the providers' data was being pursued.

Lora cases that have not had an Immigration Judge disposition: **90 (57% of 158)**

Lora cases that have had an Immigration Judge disposition: **68 (43% of 158)**

Characteristics of individuals who received *Lora* bond hearings

Table 1
Immigration status (n=158)

Status	Count	% of <i>Lora</i>
LPR	108	69%
EWI	28	18%
Visa Overstay	17	11%
NULL	4	3%
Refugee	1	1%

Table 2

Age summary of Lora cases (for BXD and LAS clients – excludes BDS, n=108)

	Age
Range	21 - 69
Average	40
Median	38

Table 3
Age at time of bond hearing (for BXD and LAS clients – excludes BDS, n=108)

Age	Count
21-25	9
26-30	11
31-35	22
36-40	19
41-45	9
46-50	12
51-55	11
56-60	9
61-65	4
66-70	1
NULL	1

Table 4
Length of residency summary (n=158)

Residency (in years)

Range	1 - 49
Average	22
Median	21

Table 5
Length of residency for *Lora* cases (n=158)

Years	rs Count	
1 to 5	9	
6 to 10	17	
11 to 15	23	
16 to 20	24	
21 to 25	24	
26 to 30	27	
31 to 35	13	
36 to 40	5	
41 to 46	11	
46 to 50	3	
NULL	2	

Table 6
Family ties (n=158)

	Children	%		Spouse	%	
Yes	108	3	68%	70	4	44%
No	50)	32%	88		56 %

Table 7

Number of children (for BXD and LAS – excludes BDS cases, n=108)

	Average	Min	Max
Total	1.76	0	11
Married	2.43	0	11
Not Married	1.08	0	6

Table 8

Employment prior to detention (n=158)

	Employment	%	
Yes	104		66%
No	54		34%

Of the *Lora* cases that had information about children (excluding BDS, n=108), in **total** there were **75** LPRs, with an average of **22.3 years** of residency and **1 child** (1.3) each. Of this population, **74**% had children, **51**% had at least 2 children, and **70**% were employed before being detained. One hundred eighteen (79%) of the 158 individuals who received a *Lora* bond hearing had a spouse, or at least one child, or both a spouse and at least one child.⁴

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 $^{^4}$ The number and percentage of individuals who received Lora bond hearings who had a spouse or a child may be understated as the 50 BDS cases included data only about spouses but not children.