

A Legal Needs Survey in the Province of SK: Perspectives of Lawyers and Non-Legal Service Providers

The Centre for Research, Evaluation, and Action Towards Equal Justice (CREATE Justice) is working with stakeholders such as the Law Society of Saskatchewan to improve access to justice initiatives in Canada. In this effort, it is recognized that there is a need to develop and enhance the evidentiary base for access to justice issues, especially concerning civil and family law. The University's College of Law, CREATE Justice, and the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies have undertaken a research project to develop a more cohesive picture of access to justice issues and legal needs of individuals and communities in Saskatchewan.

METHODS

The SK Legal Needs Survey was completed by:



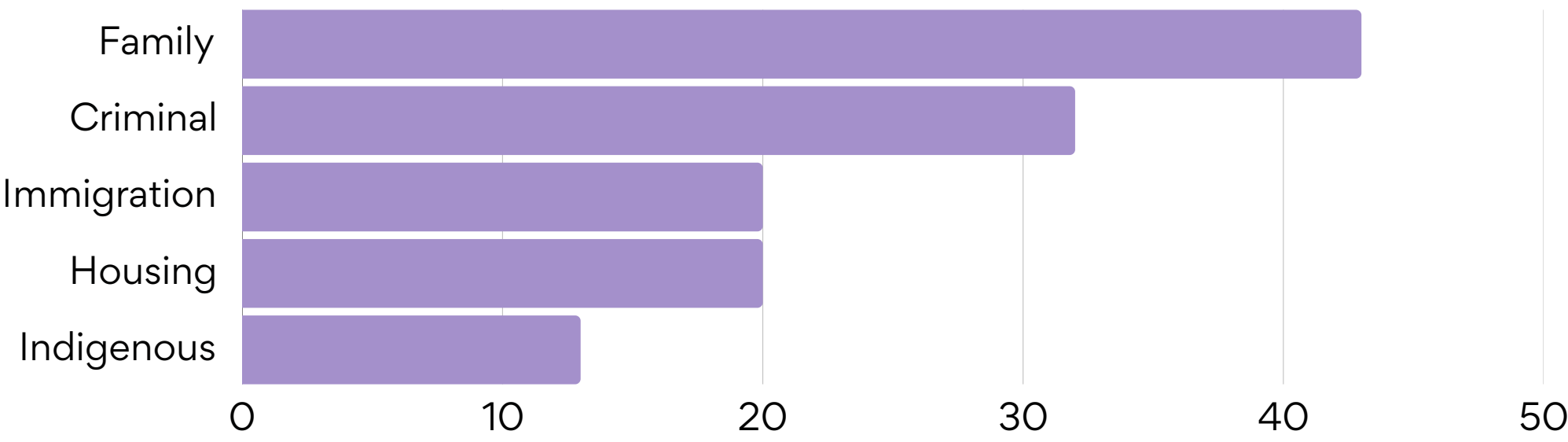
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Lawyers

Focusing on general perceptions of justice-related problems and legal needs, areas of law, social groups (under)served, clients' legal needs.



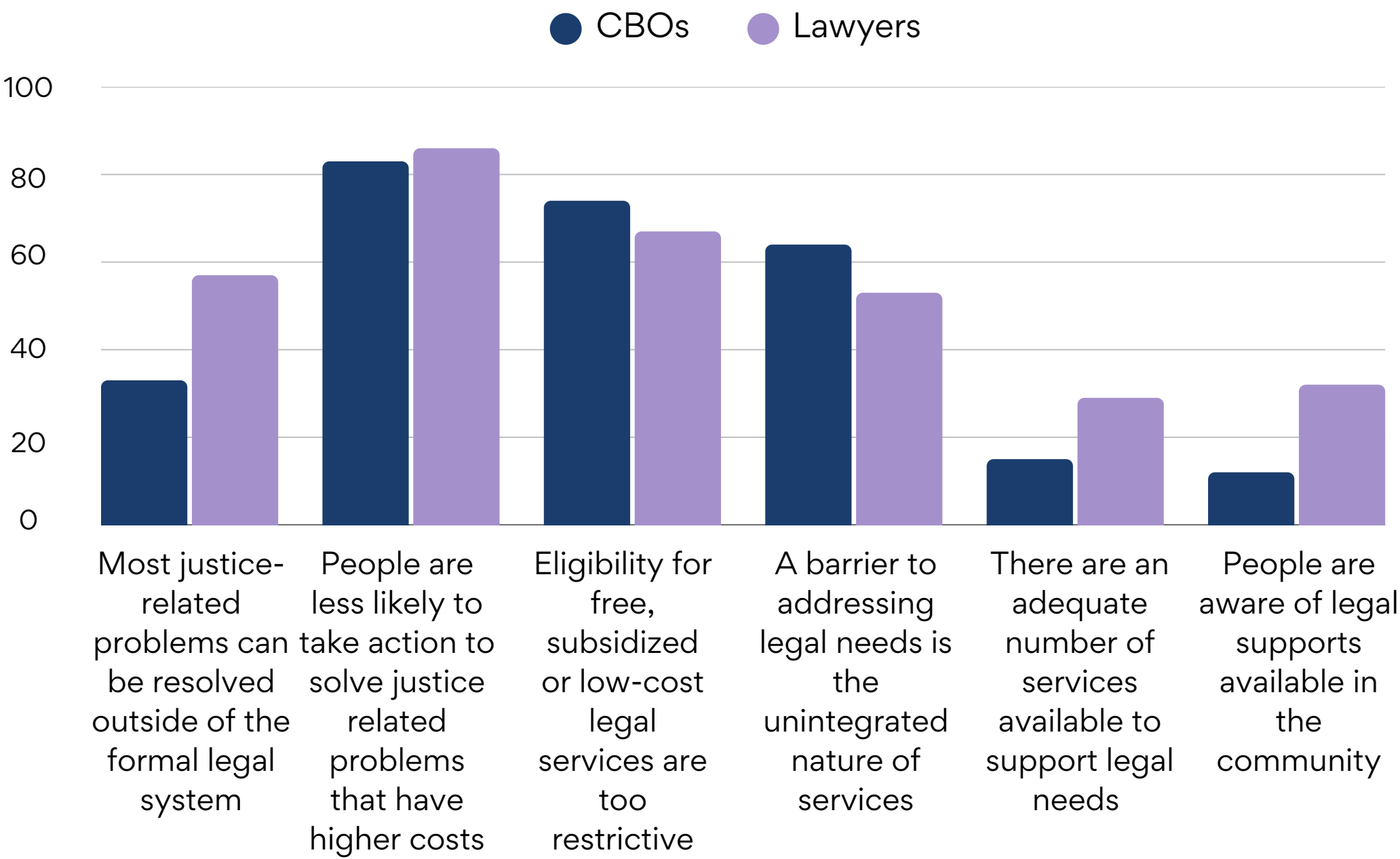
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CBOs

Focusing on general perspectives of justice-related problems and legal needs, (unmet) legal needs of clients, legal services in demand but not offered in community, barriers to access and demographic groups (under)served.



Top 5 areas of law perceived by lawyers as being in demand but not adequately offered

Percentage of Lawyers and CBO (Community-Based Organization) Representatives that Agreed with the Following Statements



NEXT STEPS



- Continue to increase focus on justice data collection and sharing, as well evaluating initiatives.
- Continue to improve early-integrated public legal information and service delivery at critical gaps.
- Continue to engage the legal profession in a culture shift towards improving A2J.