

Concluding Remarks

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Some key conclusions

- Dealing with legal problems made many immigrants feel powerless throughout the process. Nevertheless, they demonstrated a strong sense of determination and resilience.
- Individuals with an insecure status are particularly at-risk of experiencing legal problems.
- Refugees and those sponsored experience more severe legal problems.
- Racialized immigrant women were especially at risk.
- Gendered division in the types of problems experienced though both men and women equally experience problems.
- The most common problems in the first five years after arrival were related to housing and employment.
- Most legal problems related to immigration were reported by refugees and refugee claimants, followed by family class immigrants.
- The adverse effects included loss of employment, housing, and savings; as well as physical and mental health issues including hospitalization, and social marginalization.

Access to Justice

- The Index is designed to be a self-assessment tool for Administrative Bodies to help identify practices that will improve access to justice.
- Link: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/access-acces/challenge-defi.html>
- Four categories:
 - Access to a process / mechanism
 - The process
 - Costs
 - Outcomes and Impact

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