

“We have the right and
we need better transportation”

Mobility, community, and connection of Latin American migrant workers in Vermont

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Study background & details

Purpose:

Understand transportation needs and experiences of Latin American migrant workers in VT

Vermont context:

- Rural
- Border state
- Driver's privilege card (DPC)
- Newer migrant populations

Research design:

- Semi-structured interviews
- Conducted in Spanish



Factors contributing to migrant mobility in VT

Car & License

- Driver's licenses and car provide freedom for self & others via informal travel networks
- Overall, obtaining Driver Privilege Card (DPC) in

Documentation status & border proximity

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Knowledge of transportation options

- Knowledge of transportation options and how to attain them poses bigger barrier than affordability
- Importance of personal networks

Potential mobility solutions

Create safe environment for migrants (*regardless of documentation status*)

- Continue to offer permissive driver's licenses in VT, expand elsewhere
- Separate routine traffic stops and immigration enforcement (ICE)

Improved information distribution

- Native language options
- Ways to get license

Transit agencies and ride programs

- Reliable transportation (rides there *AND* back)
- Reach new & isolated migrants
- Respectful environment & cultural competency

**Partner with
and support
community
organizations
working with
migrants**

Additional information

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