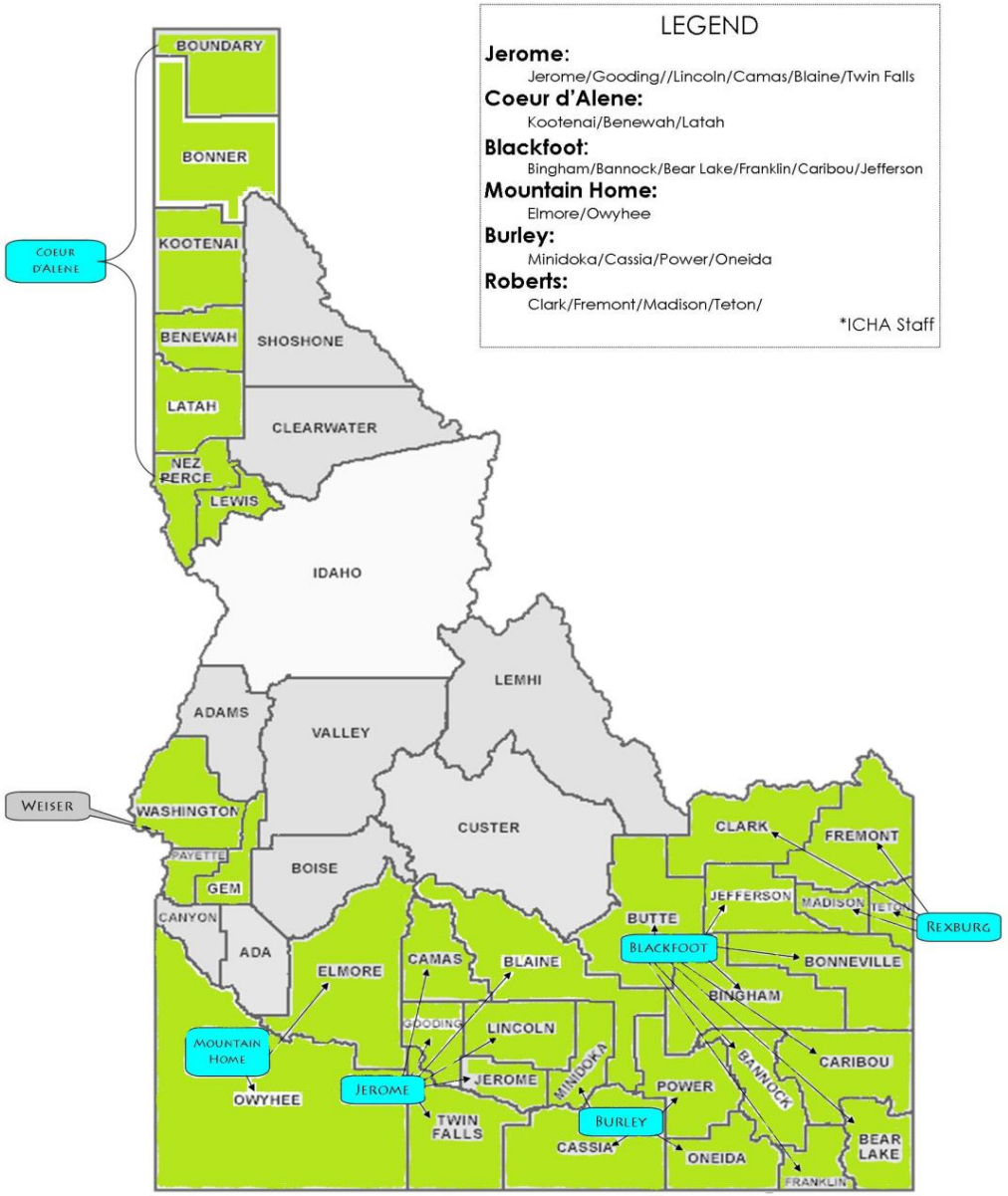
Listening Sessions

to assess the impact of immigration policy unknowns on Idaho Hispanics

ICHA Outreach – June to October, 2017

- Listening sessions in Jerome, Coeur d'Alene, Mountain Home, Roberts
- Additional sessions piggybacked on to Mexican Consulate
  - Blackfoot
  - Burley
  - 675 people reached through event outreach
- All sessions in Spanish, with English translation when needed

Partner organizations on resource panel Catholic Charities of Idaho, ACLU, Idaho Mexican Consulate



Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs

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2017 Listening Sessions

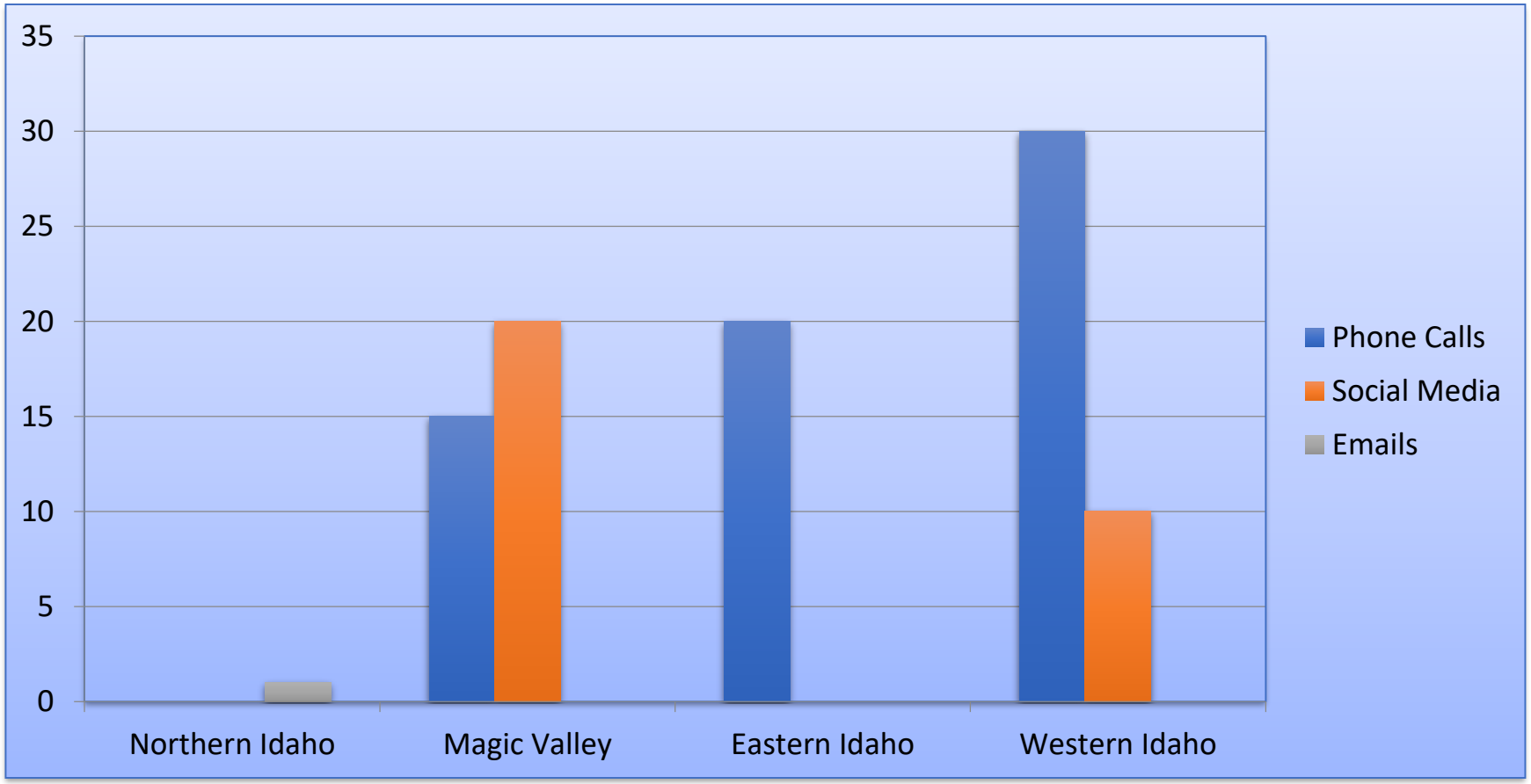
- **June 15th (Jerome, ID)**
  - St. Jerome Catholic Church
  - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **July 20th (Coeur d'Alene, ID)**
  - St. Thomas Catholic Church
  - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **August 19th (Blackfoot, ID)**
  - Mountain View Middle School
  - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **September 7th (Mountain Home, ID)**
  - Our Lady of Good Counsel
  - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **October 14th (Burley, ID)**
  - Community Council of Idaho
  - 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.
- **October 24 (Roberts, ID)**
  - Roberts Community Center
  - 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Background: A rise in fear of the “unknown”

Questions asked at listening sessions

- What do I do if I'm a victim of crime
- How do I apply for dual citizenship
- What is the status of people who applied for DACA
- What legal services are available to me
- What do I do if I'm arrested
- How do I transfer custody of my children if I'm deported
- How do I contest the denial of a workplace injury claim
- And many more

Engaging local law enforcement

- Local police participated in Jerome, Coeur d'Alene, Mountain Home
- In their words
  - "We are here to let people know they can come to us for help"
  - "Whites, blacks, Hispanics … if they commit a crime we pursue them equally"
- Interest in building bridges between Hispanics and non-Hispanics
- Concerns about being confused with ICE
- Desire to hire more bi-cultural and bi-lingual staff

Background: We are seeing a rise in calls to the Commission, mostly related to immigration dynamics