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Introduction

The NISMP Community Profiles, compiled in 2015, provide an overview of the size and diversity of migrant and minority ethnic communities within each council area. They are intended to support councils in understanding and engaging with constituents and to help ensure that equality of opportunity is promoted through the planning and delivery of council work.

This supplement provides data on the attitudes towards migrant and minority ethnic communities within council areas. It was developed after discussion with councillors and council officers and it is hoped that the information will help inform council work, particularly in identifying where further work on the promotion of integration and good relations is required.

We are very grateful to the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey (NILTS) which has very kindly provided the data relating to attitudes to ethnic minorities at council level for this supplement. NILTS reports annually on the attitudes, values and beliefs of people in Northern Ireland on a wide range of social policy issues.

Methodology

In order to provide a large enough dataset for each council, the data from the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey has been combined from the three years 2014, 2015 and 2016. Questions were therefore only selected if they formed part of the survey in each of these three years.

Attitudinal data: results for councils

Below, the data from eleven questions which were selected from the Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey has been disaggregated down to council level.

Question 1: Thinking of people from minority ethnic communities, do you think there is a lot of prejudice against them in Northern Ireland nowadays, a little, or hardly any?

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
A lot	47	35	41	32	42	42	10	34	31	33	33	35
A little	45	39	47	37	50	46	58	53	57	52	54	47
Hardly any	5	24	10	31	5	10	26	12	10	13	10	16
Don't know	3	2	2	1	3	2	6	2	2	1	3	2

Question 2: Do you think there is generally more racial prejudice in Northern Ireland now than there was 5 years ago, less, or about the same amount?

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
More now	54	56	41	53	58	41	30	47	54	48	34	47
Less now	14	6	25	8	15	16	12	16	12	15	20	14
About the same	28	35	30	35	21	41	51	34	30	35	39	34
Other (Please specify)		0		0		0		0				0
Don't know	4	3	4	4	6	2	7	3	5	3	8	4

Question 3: How important or unimportant is it to you that public bodies like local councils, hospital trusts and government departments take into account the needs of minority ethnic communities?

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Very important	30	27	30	30	30	47	18	30	25	29	25	30
Fairly important	29	45	39	42	44	34	38	42	38	38	32	39
Neither important nor unimportant	20	15	20	19	17	13	36	14	26	20	24	20
Fairly unimportant	2	8	3	5	2	2	3	4	6	3	9	5
Very unimportant	3	3	3	2	1		4	6	4	4	5	3
Can't choose	15	2	5	2	56	4	2	4	2	5.5	5	4

Question 4: Could you please indicate whether you agree with the following statements about people of other ethnic groups, for example, Chinese or Asian? I would willingly accept them as... - ...a resident of Northern Ireland living and working here

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Yes	90	90	93	85	91	91	88	87	85	81	94	89
No	10	10	7	15	9	9	12	13	15	19	6	11

Question 5: Could you please indicate whether you agree with the following statements about people of other ethnic groups, for example, Chinese or Asian? I would willingly accept them as... - ...a resident in my local area

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Yes	82	85	84	79	83	89	74	82	74	74	88	81
No	18	16	16	22	17	11	26	18	26	27	12	19

Question 6: Could you please indicate whether you agree with the following statements about people from Eastern Europe? I would willingly accept them as... - ...a resident of Northern Ireland living and working here

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Yes	75	85	87	81	87	89	83	86	72	80	86	83
No	25	15	13	19	13	11	17	15	28	21	14	17

Question 7: Could you please indicate whether you agree with the following statements about people from Eastern Europe? I would willingly accept them as... - ...a resident in my local area

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Yes	69	77	76	76	80	85	70	76	64	72	76	75
No	31	23	24	24	20	15	30	24	36	29	24	25

Question 8: Could you please indicate whether you agree with the following statements about people belonging to the Islamic faith, that is, Muslims. I would willingly accept them as... - ...a resident of Northern Ireland living and working here

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Yes	62	75	68	73	68	79	51	73	63	54	65	68
No	38	25	32	27	32	21	49	28	37	46	35	32

Question 9: Could you please indicate whether you agree with the following statements about people belonging to the Islamic faith, that is, Muslims. I would willingly accept them as... - ...a resident in my local area

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Yes	53	70	61	65	62	78	38	65	55	50	57.7	61
No	47	30	39	35	38	22	62	35	45	50	42	39

Question 10: How would you describe yourself.....as very prejudiced against people of minority ethnic communities, a little prejudiced, or not prejudiced at all?

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
...very prejudiced	2	1	3	1	2		2	5	4	2	3	2
a little prejudiced	25	28	23	21	26	25	12	23	28	22	24	23
or, not prejudiced at all?	71	71	71	75	71	74	83	72	66	74	67	72
Other (please specify)	1	0	1	0	1		2	0	1		1	1
Don't know	2	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	4.7	2

Question 11: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?.....The culture and traditions of people from different minority ethnic groups adds to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland society

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	Antrim & Newtownabbey	Ards & North Down	Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast & Glens	Derry & Strabane	Fermanagh & Omagh	Lisburn & Castlereagh	Mid & East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne & Down	All
Strongly agree	13	19	13	21	9	34	21	8	11	18	6	16
Agree	40	45	45	38	56	41	53	52	49	53	42	45
Neither agree nor disagree	34	16	25	22	22	15	18	25	24	19	23	22
Disagree	6	14	11	11	6	5	3	10	9	8	15	10
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	5	1	1	2	3	4	1	5	3
Don't know	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	8	4