

What Yorkshire folk think about migration - 2020 Poll

Celebrating Yorkshire Day: find out what people in Yorkshire and Humber think about migration and integration in their communities

In July 2020, ICM Unlimited interviewed a representative sample of 2,049 adults aged 18+ who live in Yorkshire and Humber via an online survey. The results have been weighted and are representative of all adults aged 18+ living in Yorkshire and Humber. We've grouped together answers, for example those that were generally positive or generally negative, in order to provide an overview of the results.

You can view the results below, download our [summary of opinion poll results](#) (Excel file, 104 KB) or read [this 'Think piece'](#) (Word file, 84 KB) to get our initial analysis of the top four messages from the findings.

Questions and answers

Q1: On a scale of 0 to 10, has migration had a positive or negative impact on Britain? (0 is 'very negative', 10 is 'very positive')

Positive	49%
Negative	30%
Neutral	20%
Don't know	2%

Q2: Since the UK left the European Union (EU) on 31 January 2020, would you say that immigration is now a more pressing or less pressing issue for you, or has its importance remained about the same?

Less pressing	12%
About the same	55%
More pressing	28%
Don't know	5%

Q3: On a scale of 0 to 10, has migration had a positive or negative impact on your local community? (0 is 'very negative', 10 is 'very positive'.)

Positive	34%
Negative	27%

Neutral	31%
Don't know	9%

Q4: Thinking about the migrants in your local community, to what extent, if at all, do you think they are integrated in the local community?

Well integrated	41%
Not integrated	38%
I am not aware of any migrants in my local community	15%
Don't know	6%

Q5: Which of the following best describes your relationship with migrants in your local community?

I often speak with migrants living in my local community, and they are part of my regular social circle.	11%
I sometimes speak with migrants living in my local community, but they are not part of my regular social circle.	40%
I rarely or never speak with migrants living in my local community, and have very few interactions with them	27%
I am not aware of any migrants in my local community	22%

Q6: In your opinion, how welcoming, if at all, do you think your local community is to new migrants?

Welcoming	54%
Not welcoming	25%
Don't know	21%

Q7: Imagine that a migrant was moving to live in a property on your street. Do you think that you would feel a personal responsibility to make them feel welcome?

Yes	50%
No	39%
Don't know	11%

Q8: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? 'Since the outbreak of COVID-19, I value migrants in my local community more highly than before.'

Agree	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	55%
Disagree	23%
Don't know	6%

Q9: Some migrants are people who have fled their country due to war, violence, or persecution and asked the UK Government for international protection as a refugee. They are sent to live in different parts of the UK, including Yorkshire and the Humber. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Yorkshire and the Humber should host its fair share of the UK's refugees (that is, in proportion to its total population).	56%
Yorkshire and the Humber should host more refugees than this.	7%
Yorkshire and the Humber should host fewer refugees than this.	25%
Don't know.	

Background information

Migration Yorkshire commissioned this poll as part of [Communities up Close](#), a project that aims to understand how different neighbourhoods in the region have experienced and responded to recent migration. The poll complements [our qualitative research - Neighbourhood change and migration in Yorkshire and Humber](#).

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