

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')

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| Positive | 49 |
| Negative | 30 |
| Neutral | 20 |
| Don't know | 29 |

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?

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| Less pressing | 12 |
| About the same | 55 |
| More pressing | 28 |
| Don't know | 59 |

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'.)

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| Positive | 34 |
| Negative | 27 |
| Neutral | 37 |
| Don't know | 99 |

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?

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| Well integrated | 41 |
| Not integrated | 38 |
| I am not aware of any migrants in my local community | 15 |
| Don't know | 69 |

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

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| 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.'

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| 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?

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| 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. | 79 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber should host fewer refugees than this. | 23 |
| 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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