

Series 8 - National Survey of Ethnic Minorities

Description: This study was the fourth in a series of national surveys of ethnic minorities. The main objectives were: (1) To describe the social and economic conditions of Britain's main ethnic minority groups, including their health, and to compare these with the social and economic conditions of the white majority; (2) To assess changes over time through comparisons with other work; (3) To show how the position of ethnic minority groups is related to the social and ethnic compositions of the areas in which they live; (4) To explore diversity among different ethnic minority groups; (5) To describe perceptions and experience of racial discrimination and social harassment

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Universe: Adults aged 16 years and over who have Caribbean, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or Chinese family origins, and also a white comparison sample.

Sample size: 5,196 (ethnic minority weighted sample size); 2,867 (white weighted sample size).

Methods: Face-to-face interview; compilation or synthesis of existing material.

Sample: Multi-stage stratified random sample; 1991 Census material was added to the dataset; complex weighting factors used.

Fieldwork: November 1993-December 1994.

Geography: Standard Regions; Wards.

Access: SN 3685.

Alcohol consumption

Consumption: frequency (General).

Single occasion: n/a.

Other drinking

- Symptoms of addiction (Whether in the past 3mths respondent has found that their hands were shaking in the morning after drinking the previous night; whether in the past 3mths respondent has had a drink first thing in the morning to steady their nerves or get rid of a

hangover)

Other alcohol variables

- Alcohol - misc (Whether in the past 12mths the person (people) that insulted / attacked / damaged property of respondent for reasons to do with race or colour was a staff in place of entertainment (pub, cinema, nightclub, sports centre))

Health status and behaviour:

- Mental health (High)
- Self-reported health (High)
- Smoking (High)
- Fitness (Low)

Other variables

- Socialising (Low)
- Leisure (Low)
- Caring (High)
- Personality (High)
- Political opinions (Medium)
- Use of services (Low)
- Victim of crime (High)

Demographics

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Finances/taxes/benefits (High)
- Employment (High)

- Education (High)

- Ethnicity and religion (High)