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Introduction

1 What is your name? (optional)

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2 What is your email address?

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3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Age UK

4 How often do you go to the Ethnicity facts and figures website?

A few times a year

5 Which section(s) of the measure pages do you use the most?

Main facts and figures, Charts and tables, Data sources, Data downloads

6 What do you use the information on Ethnicity facts and figures for?

Exploring differences between ethnic groups, Developing policies or strategies, Communicating the statistics to others

Reasons for using ethnicity facts and figures website:

How we have identified our priorities

7 How frequently should the sets of criteria be reviewed?

Every 6 months

review period for criteria:

8 Are there any additional criteria for prioritising measures or topics for further analysis by ethnicity that you feel should be considered?

Yes (please state)

Any additional priority criteria:

Measures or topics should also be prioritised if they are of key importance to stakeholders other than government, for instance the third sector. Where stark inequalities or disparities are observed, these topics should also be given priority.

9 How frequently should measure pages and topics for analysis be reviewed against these criteria?

Every 6 months

review period for priorities:

Proposal 1: reducing commentary for lower priority measures

10 Are there any high priority measure pages which you think could be medium or lower priority?

No

Further comments text field:

11 How useful or not will 'by ethnicity only' pages be?

Not that useful

12 How useful or not will 'data-only' pages be?

Not that useful

13 Are there any medium or lower priority measure pages which you feel should be high priority?

Yes (please state below)

Further comments text field:

Victims of crime
Fear of crime
Domestic abuse
Outcomes for treatment for anxiety and depression
Patient experience of primary care: GP services
Patient satisfaction with GP out-of-hours services
Satisfaction with access to GP services
Patient satisfaction with NHS dental services
Access to NHS dental services
Home ownership
Renting from a private landlord
New social housing lettings
Housing with damp problems
People without decent homes
Employment by qualification level
Self-employment
Unemployment by qualification level
Economic inactivity by qualification level
Sources of household income
Income distribution
People in low income households
Internet use
Use of libraries
Influencing local decisions
Taking part in local decision making
Volunteering
Driving licences
Car or van ownership
Physical inactivity
Health-related quality of life for people aged 65 and over
Fuel poverty
Length of time spent in unemployment
Pensioner income

14 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to combine related measure pages where possible?

Agree

Further comments text field:

Where combining measures pages will aid readers' understanding of the broader topic this would be beneficial. It is important, however, that detail is not lost in the process of combining pages.

15 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to provide new measure pages according to how they meet the criteria?

Disagree

Further comments text field:

Additional criteria should be taken into account when the priority of a measure is assessed - see comments above. If medium and low priority pages are designed as proposed they will not hold enough information for members of the general public and other stakeholders - including staff at smaller third sector organisations - who do not find accessing and interpreting data easy.

16 How will the proposal to reduce commentary for medium and lower priority measure pages affect your work?

Negatively

Further comments text field:

It will negatively impact upon the accessibility of the data for wider audiences. For instance, smaller third sector organisations which do not have in house analytical capacity will be less able to access the information.

Proposal 2: redevelop statistics presented by 2 ethnic groups to provide more useful information

17 Which of the measure pages listed would you want to be prioritised for development so that data can be provided for more ethnic groups?

Binary measures to be prioritised for development:

I would like to see the following pages prioritised so that data can be included on a more granular breakdown of ethnic groups:
Consent for organ donation
Fuel poverty
Fuel poverty gap
Length of time spent in unemployment
Employment by ethncity over time
Unemployment by ethnicity; age group; over time for 16 to 24 year olds; area
Economic inactivity by ethnicity
Overcrowded households by ethnicity and socio-economic group; income; area; age group; type of occupancy
Home ownership by ethnicity and area; income; age group; socio-economic group
Renting from a private landlord by ethnicity and area; income; age group; socio-economic group
Renting social housing by ethnicity and socio-economic group; income; area; age group
Households under-occupying their home by ethnicity and socio-economic group; income; area; type of occupancy; age group

18 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to stop updating measure pages (or parts of measure pages) that use 2 ethnic groups on Ethnicity facts and figures?

Strongly disagree

Further comments text field:

The aim should be for more detailed breakdowns so that specific ethnicities can be shown. If this is not possible the data should be published regardless.

19 How will the proposal to stop updating data in 2 ethnic groups on Ethnicity facts and figures affect your work?

Negatively

Further comments text field:

Where detailed breakdowns are not possible it is still important to see the data that are available so that we are as informed as possible and can be enabled to encourage further data collection and more detailed published data.

Proposal 3: identify priority ethnicity topics to provide additional analysis

20 Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to provide further analysis for priority ethnicity topics?

Neither agree nor disagree

Further comments text field:

There is a risk where further analysis, for example multivariable regression analysis, is published that this can lead to misinterpretation, or interpretation which is influenced by ideology. For instance, if an analysis of the relationship between ethnicity and income is adjusted for education the adjusted results can be presented as 'removing the effect of education'. However, in this instance education is on the causal pathway from ethnicity to income rather than being a confounder of the relationship. It is therefore inappropriate to present the adjusted associations from the multivariable model as in some way more 'truthful' than the unadjusted associations. Presenting this sort of information appropriately and accurately requires detailed care and attention, and a thoughtful approach to thinking about causal pathways. It is difficult to do this without being influenced by ideology.

21 Please identify 3 topics that you think would benefit from further analysis by ethnicity (1 = highest priority).

analysis_rank - Absence from school:

analysis_rank - Transition from education to the labour market:

analysis_rank - Disparities in maternal and perinatal health:

analysis_rank - Geographical disparities in stop and search:

analysis_rank - Rates of mental ill-health:

analysis_rank - Differences in educational attainment:

22 Are there any topics not listed that should be considered as a priority for analysis by ethnicity?

Not Answered

Text box for additional priority topics:

23 If you have any further comments about the proposed changes to Ethnicity facts and figures, please provide them in the text box below.

Further comments text field:

Please maintain as much detail as possible on as many pages as possible, and please expand the criteria for prioritisation beyond government priorities. Where data are lacking so that analysis by specific ethnic groups is not possible please seek further and more detailed data collection so that this can be possible. Please consider carefully plans to publish further analysis by ethnic groups and avoid misinterpretation of results of multivariable models.