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Racist attitudes in Scotland: According to Attitudes to Discrimination in Scotland 2006:

- 29% of respondents said that 'sometimes there is good reason to be prejudiced'. However, 65% agree that 'Scotland should do everything to get rid of all kinds of prejudice'.
- Respondents to the survey were asked if they would be happy or unhappy if a close relative formed a relationship with someone from a particular group. Around a third said that they would be unhappy if a close relative formed a relationship with an asylum seeker or a Gypsy/Traveller. Around 10% expressed unhappiness at the possibility that a relative might form a relationship with someone who was black or Asian, Jewish or from a Chinese background.
- Over 25% of respondents felt that the presence of ethnic minorities in Scotland makes it more difficult for other people to find a job, with nearly a third saying this about people from Eastern Europe. This view is particularly high amongst those aged 18-24, perhaps because they are less likely to be in secure employment themselves. Those in working class occupations and on a lower income, as well as those with fewer educational qualifications, are also more likely to be concerned, possibly also because they are less likely to be in secure employment.
- In 2003, 38% of survey respondents said that Scotland would begin to lose its identity if more Muslims came to live here; by 2006 this had increased to 50%. Over the same period there has been a four point increase in the proportion who say they would be unhappy about a relative forming a relationship with a Muslim person. There is also increased concern about the impact of ethnic minorities on jobs; in the 2006 survey 27% agreed that ethnic minorities take jobs away from others in Scotland compared with 20% in 2002.
- Around 20% of respondents said that attempts to give equal opportunities to Black and Asian people had gone too far.
- According to the System 3 Summary of Anti Racism Campaign Surveys, June 2002, one in every 25 Scots acknowledges that they have perpetrated racist abuse.
- According to the Scotland on Sunday Opinion Poll on Racist Attitudes, April 2002, some Scots would support moves to return migrants to their country of origin. Negative attitudes towards asylum seekers and immigrants were most widely held by male Scots in their mid-20s and 30s.



Experiences of racism in Glasgow: The NHS Greater Glasgow BME Health and Wellbeing survey asked respondents on their experiences of racism.

- Chinese respondents (who were surveyed separately) were asked if they had experienced racism in the last year, and 38% (133 respondents) said yes. Both men and women were equally likely to have experienced racism, and respondents in the age category of 55 and over were slightly less likely to say that they had experienced racism.
- The rest of the survey's respondents were given two standardised questionnaires that asked whether respondents had experienced specific forms of racism and discrimination in the past year. The first asked respondents to rank how often they experienced nine 'minor' racist incidents (e.g. how often do you receive worse service because of your ethnic background?) on a seven point scale, while the second asked whether participants had experienced seven events of 'major' racism (e.g. 'have you ever been fired or denied promotion because of your ethnic background').
- African & Caribbean respondents reported both more 'minor' and 'major' experiences of racism than Pakistani and Indian respondents.
- Respondents aged 30-49 reported significantly more experiences of racism-both 'minor' and 'major'-than those aged 16-29 and 50+.

[Source: NHS Greater Glasgow BME Health and Wellbeing Summary 2005]

Racist Incidents: for information on racist incidents please see Criminal Justice.