

NatCen's British Social Attitudes Survey 2015

NatCen Social Research's British Social Attitudes survey has been conducted annually since 1983. Since then around 100,000 people have taken part in the survey. The 2015 survey consisted of 4,328 interviews with a representative, random sample of adults in Britain. 2167 people were asked their views on the impact of immigration on the economy and British cultural life and 1100 people were asked about their views on the impact of migration on the NHS and schools.

Perceived impact of immigration on the economy

*On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is extremely bad and 10 is extremely good, would you say it is generally **bad** or **good** for Britain's economy that migrants come to Britain from other countries?.*

	2002	2011	2013	2015
	%	%	%	%
Very good (9-10)	2	5	3	8
Good (6-8)	24	25	28	34
Neither (5)	28	18	20	23
Bad (2-4)	32	31	29	22
Very Bad (0-1)	11	21	18	13
NET SCORE	-17	-22	-16	+7

Source: 2002: European Social Survey

Perceived impact of immigration on cultural life

*And on a scale of 0 to 10, would you say that Britain's cultural life is generally **undermined** or **enriched** by migrants coming to live here from other countries?*

	2002	2011	2013	2015
	%	%	%	%
Strongly enriched (9-10)	6	8	6	10
Enriched (6-8)	38	26	29	30
Neither (5)	22	17	19	19
Undermined (2-4)	24	27	27	26
Strongly undermined (0-1)	9	21	18	14
NET SCORE	+11	-14	-11	0

Source: 2002: European Social Survey

Perceived net impact of migration on NHS

Some migrants make use of Britain's National Health Service, increasing the demand on it. However many migrants also pay taxes which supports the NHS and some also work in the NHS.

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*Do you think that, **on balance**, migration to Britain reduces or increases pressure on the NHS **in your local area**?*

The first question was asked to a random half of the sample, the second question to the other half.

	Britain as a whole		Locally	
	2013	2015	2013	2015
	%	%	%	%
Reduce pressure a lot	3	4	3	3
Reduce pressure a little	9	10	7	8
Neither	17	24	26	31
Increases pressure a little	34	32	30	32
Increases pressure a lot	35	30	31	24

Perceived net impact of immigration on schools

Some migrants make use of Britain's schools, increasing the demand on them. However many migrants also pay taxes which support schools and some also work in schools.

*Do you think that, **on balance**, migration to Britain reduces or increases pressure on the schools **across the whole of Britain**?*

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*Do you think that, **on balance**, migration to Britain reduces or increases pressure on the schools **in your local area**?*

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	Britain as a whole		Locally	
	2013	2015	2013	2015
	%	%	%	%
Reduce pressure a lot	2	2	3	2
Reduce pressure a little	5	6	6	6
Neither	15	20	26	31
Increases pressure a little	35	36	31	34
Increases pressure a lot	42	36	31	27

Perceived impact of immigration on the economy by highest educational qualification, 2015

	Good (6-10)	Neither (5)	Bad (0-4)
	%	%	%
Degree	68	16	15
Higher below degree	42	28	30
A Level	44	22	33
O Level/GCSE/CSE	28	25	46
None	25	23	51

Perceived impact of immigration on cultural life by highest educational qualification, 2015

	Enriched (6-10)	Neither (5)	Undermined (0-4)
	%	%	%
Degree	66	13	21
Higher below degree	41	24	34
A Level	43	17	40
O Level/GCSE/CSE	27	20	51
None	21	24	54

Proportion Saying Immigration Increases Pressure on Public Services by Highest Educational Qualification, 2015

	NHS		Schools	
	Britain as a whole	Locally	Britain as a whole	Locally
% say increases pressure	%	%	%	%
Degree	52	41	67	53
Higher below degree	61	64	72	59
A Level	61	54	69	60
O Level/GCSE/CSE	67	66	75	66
None	74	63	76	67

Perceived impact of immigration on economy by age, 2015

	Good (6-10)	Neither (5)	Bad (0-4)
	%	%	%
18-29	47	20	33
30-39	50	20	29
40-49	42	20	37
50-59	43	22	34
60-69	37	26	37
70+	29	29	40

Perceived impact of immigration on cultural life by age, 2015

	Enriched (6-10)	Neither (5)	Undermined (0-4)
	%	%	%
18-29	46	21	33
30-39	49	19	31
40-49	40	18	42
50-59	42	15	43
60-69	35	18	47
70+	27	23	49