

Section 4: the National Indicators being collected via the Place Survey

Place Survey Indicator			
NI 1: % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area			
Is data provided by the LA or a local partner?	Y	Is this an existing indicator?	Y
Rationale	<p><i>The Local Government White Paper</i> sets out Government’s aim of creating strong and cohesive communities and thriving places in which a fear of difference is replaced by a shared set of values and a shared sense of purpose and belonging. The aim in doing so is to ensure that the economic and cultural benefits of diversity are experienced by everyone in each community, recognising that this means promoting similar life opportunities for all. This particular measure is widely recognised as a key indicator of a cohesive society, shown to measure a number of strands of the community cohesion definition. The question that feeds this indicator was previously used in the 2006/7 BVPI satisfaction survey. Note that the methodology for the Place Survey is comparable with the BVPI satisfaction survey as both surveys are conducted by post with an autumn fieldwork period.</p>		
Definition	<p>The proportion of the adult population who say they ‘tend to agree’, or ‘definitely agree’ that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well.</p>		
Formula	<p>(Using weighted data): $x/y * 100$ where:</p> <p>x = total number of respondents ‘agreeing’/‘strongly agreeing’ that local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well</p> <p>y = total number of respondents giving valid answer to question (definitely agree/tend to agree/tend to disagree/definitely disagree) – ‘don’t know’/‘too few people’/‘all same background’ to be treated as missing values.</p>		

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Worked example	Definitely Agree (DA) = 1004 Tend to Agree (TA) = 5757 Tend to Disagree (TD) = 1370 Definitely Disagree (DD) = 360 Don't Know (DK) = 793 Too few = 73 All same = 318 $((DA + TA)/(DA + TA + TD + DD)) * 100$ $6761/8491 * 100 = 80\%$	Good performance	Good performance typified by higher percentages
Data Source	Collection will be through the new Place Survey. Local authorities will submit data to the Audit Commission, who will weight it and submit it to Communities and Local Government directly, and provide authorities with weighted copies of their own data sets.		
Collection Interval	Biennial		
Return Format	Percentage	Decimal Places	One
Reporting organisation	Audit Commission		
Spatial level	Single tier, district and county council		
Further Guidance			