

# Regional response profile- Racism Survey: Sydney

## Statistical Division

### Sample size

The sample size for the Sydney SD was 1845 respondents. This represents 57.4% of survey respondents from NSW (3217 respondents) and 36.5% of all survey respondents (5056 respondents).

### 1. Racist attitude indicators

**Table 1.1: Comparison of racist attitudes, Sydney Statistical Division and total survey, 2001.**

	<b>% of Sydney SD respondents</b>	<b>Total survey %</b>	<b>Variation</b>
Anti-cultural difference <sup>1</sup>	8.7	7.3	+1.3
Insecurity with difference <sup>2</sup>	11.2	10.7	+0.5
Diversity = weak nation <sup>3</sup>	45.6	44.8	+0.7
Self identify as racist <sup>4</sup>	14.3	12.0	+2.3
Denial of racial prejudice <sup>5</sup>	10.2	8.5	+1.7
Deny Anglo privilege <sup>6</sup>	43.1	42.6	+0.5
Racialism <sup>7</sup>	77.0	77.6	-0.6
Racial separatism <sup>8</sup>	12.7	13.2	-0.5
Racial hierarchy <sup>9</sup>	11.8	11.7	+0.1
Spatial manager <sup>10</sup>	46.6	44.9	+1.6
Anti-Asian <sup>11</sup>	26.4	27.5	-1.1
Anti-Indigenous <sup>11</sup>	29.1	28.9	+0.2
Anti-Italian <sup>11</sup>	11.3	12.2	-1.0
Anti-British <sup>11</sup>	8.7	7.9	+0.8
Anti-Muslim <sup>11</sup>	56.6	52.8	+3.8
Anti-Semitic (Jewish) <sup>11</sup>	24.6	24.1	+0.5
Anti-Christian <sup>11</sup>	8.8	8.9	0.0
<b>Total difference</b> (this total is a cumulative indicator of how respondents from this region were more (+) or less (-) 'racist' than the entire sample)			<b>+10.8</b>

#### Notes:

Question wordings: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements: (indicators listed in brackets):

<sup>1</sup> It is a good thing for a society to be made up of people from different cultures (Anti-cultural difference indicator)

<sup>2</sup> You feel secure when you are with people of different ethnic backgrounds (Insecurity with difference indicator)

<sup>3</sup> Australia is weakened by people of different ethnic origins sticking to their old ways (Diversity=weak nation indicator)

<sup>4</sup> You are prejudiced against other cultures (Self identify as racist indicator- results are reversed in Table 1.1)

<sup>5</sup> There is racial prejudice in Australia (Denial of racial prejudice indicator- results are reversed in Table 1.1)

<sup>6</sup> Australians from a British background enjoy a privileged position in our society (Deny Anglo privilege indicator)

<sup>7</sup> Humankind is made up of separate races (Racialism indicator)

<sup>8</sup> It is NOT a good idea for people of different races to marry one another (Racial separatism indicator- results are reversed in Table 1.1)

<sup>9</sup> All races of people ARE equal (Racial hierarchy indicator- results are reversed in Table 1.1)

<sup>10</sup> Do you believe that there are any cultural groups that do not fit into Australian society?

<sup>11</sup> In your opinion how concerned would you feel if one of your close relatives were to marry a person of...?

**Table 1.2 Racist attitudes, Sydney Statistical Division, 2001.**

	% strongly disagree	% disagree	% neither disagree/ agree	% agree	% strongly agree	% All <sup>10</sup>
Pro-cultural difference <sup>1</sup>	2.0	6.7	7.5	47.7	35.8	99.6
Security with difference <sup>2</sup>	2.0	9.2	12.2	49.4	26.2	99.1
Diversity = weak nation <sup>3</sup>	10.8	26.6	16.1	32.5	13.1	99.1
Self identify as racist <sup>4</sup>	36.4	40.4	8.6	11.5	2.8	99.6
Presence of racial prejudice in Australia <sup>5</sup>	1.7	8.6	7.5	52.4	29.2	99.3
Anglo privileged in Australia <sup>6</sup>	9.6	33.5	15.4	31.9	7.9	98.3
Racialism <sup>7</sup>	5.7	9.9	6.4	47.0	30.0	99.0
Pro-racial separatism <sup>8</sup>	32.7	44.2	9.9	10.3	2.4	99.5
Anti-racial hierarchy <sup>9</sup>	3.3	8.5	4.7	43.1	40.2	99.7

Notes:

\* See notations 1-9 from Table 1.1

<sup>10</sup> Valid responses only (excludes don't know/not sure/refused responses).

**Table 1.3 Views on cultural groups that do not fit into Australian society, Sydney Statistical Division, 2001.**

<b>Cultural group</b>	<b>No. of mentions</b>	<b>% of mentions</b>
South-East Asian	77	6.6
North-East Asian	40	3.4
South Asian	36	3.1
Asian- non-specific	92	7.9
Northern Europeans	4	0.3
Southern Europeans	24	2.1
Eastern Europeans/Balkans	17	1.5
Middle East	319	27.3
Pacific Islanders	8	0.7
Indigenous Australians	20	1.7
Muslims	263	22.5
Foreigners/Ethnics- non-specific	76	6.5
Others	10	0.9
Don't know/not sure/refused	184	15.7
<b>Total mentions</b>	<b>1170</b>	

Notes:

Question wording: Which cultural or ethnic groups do you believe do not fit into Australian society?

**Table 1.4 Sentiment towards specific cultural groups, Sydney Statistical Division, 2001.**

Question wording: In your opinion how concerned would you feel if one of your close relatives were to marry a person of...?	<b>% not at all concerned</b>	<b>% slightly concerned</b>	<b>% somewhat concerned</b>	<b>% very concerned</b>	<b>% extremely concerned</b>	<b>% All<sup>1</sup></b>
Asian background	73.0	13.4	6.8	3.2	3.0	99.3
Aboriginal background	70.1	14.7	8.0	2.8	3.5	99.2
Italian background	88.1	7.0	2.6	0.9	0.8	99.4
British background	90.9	5.0	2.2	0.7	0.8	99.6
Muslim faith	42.5	16.0	12.6	10.0	18.0	99.1
Jewish faith	74.3	12.6	6.7	2.8	2.5	98.9
Christian faith	90.8	4.8	2.3	0.7	1.1	99.6

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Valid responses only (excludes don't know/not sure/refused responses).

## 2. Experiences of racism

**Table 2.1 Racist experiences, comparison of Sydney Statistical Division and overall survey, 2001.**

<b>Situation</b>	<b>% Yes</b>	<b>Total %</b>	<b>Variation</b>
Workplace <sup>1</sup>	20.8	16.2	+4.7
Education (School, TAFE, University) <sup>2</sup>	17.8	14.9	+2.9
Renting/buying a house <sup>3</sup>	8.0	6.4	+1.6
Dealing with the police <sup>4</sup>	8.5	6.4	+2.1
At shop or restaurant <sup>5</sup>	22.9	16.5	+6.4
At sporting or public event <sup>6</sup>	18.4	14.8	+3.6
Treated less respectfully <sup>7</sup>	27.3	22.1	+5.2
People not trusting <sup>8</sup>	18.5	14.0	+4.5
Called names/insulted <sup>9</sup>	28.2	24.7	+3.5
<b>Total difference</b> (this total is a cumulative indicator of how respondents from this region had more (+) or less (-) experiences of racism than the entire sample)			<b>+34.5</b>

Notes:

Question wording: How often have you experienced discrimination because of your own ethnic origin in the following situations?

<sup>1</sup> In your workplace

<sup>2</sup> In education, ie at a school, TAFE, University

<sup>3</sup> When renting or buying a house

<sup>4</sup> In any dealings with the Police

<sup>5</sup> At a shop or restaurant

<sup>6</sup> At a sporting or public event

Question wording: How often do you feel because of your own ethnic origin...?

<sup>7</sup> You are treated less respectfully.

<sup>8</sup> People act as if you are not to be trusted.

<sup>9</sup> You are called names or similarly insulted.

**Table 2.2 Profile of racist experiences, Sydney Statistical Division, 2001.**

<b>Situation</b>	<b>% Never</b>	<b>% Hardly ever</b>	<b>% Someti mes</b>	<b>% Often</b>	<b>% Very often</b>	<b>% All<sup>10</sup></b>
Workplace <sup>1</sup>	75.8	8.1	8.9	1.8	1.9	96.6
Education (School, TAFE, University) <sup>2</sup>	78.8	6.6	7.2	1.9	2.1	96.6
Renting/buying a house <sup>3</sup>	90.6	3.9	3.1	0.5	0.5	98.6
Dealing with the police <sup>4</sup>	90.5	3.9	3.1	1.1	0.4	99.0
At shop or restaurant <sup>5</sup>	76.9	9.9	11.1	1.3	0.7	99.8
At sporting or public event <sup>6</sup>	80.8	6.9	8.8	1.8	0.9	99.2
Treated less respectfully <sup>7</sup>	72.7	12.8	11.6	1.6	1.2	100.0
People not trusting <sup>8</sup>	81.2	9.7	7.0	1.1	0.7	99.7
Called names/insulted <sup>9</sup>	71.8	13.8	11.3	1.7	1.4	100.0

Notes:

<sup>\*</sup> See notations 1-9 from Table 2.1

<sup>10</sup> Valid responses only.

### **3. Cultural mixing**

**Table 3.1 Cultural mixing profile - Sydney Statistical Division and overall sample, 2001.**

<b>Question wording: How often do you mix with members of other cultural groups in the following circumstances?</b>	<b>% Never</b>	<b>% Hardly ever</b>	<b>% Someti mes</b>	<b>% Often</b>	<b>% Very often</b>	<b>% All<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Sydney SD</b>						
In workplace	10.5	3.4	10.7	20.7	42.3	87.5
In social life	7.6	9.4	27.8	27.1	28.0	99.8
In sporting circles	23.2	8.7	19.4	16.4	17.3	85.0
<b>Overall sample</b>						
In workplace	14.3	6.1	14.7	19.6	31.8	86.5
In social life	9.4	13.3	29.8	24.9	22.3	99.6
In sporting circles	23.7	10.6	20.2	16.1	13.9	84.5

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Valid responses only.

## **4. Demographic profile: Sydney Statistical Division (SD)**

**Table 4.1 Gender profile of Sydney Statistical Division sample.**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Sample %</b>	<b>Census<sup>1</sup> %</b>
Male	44.1	48.7
Female	55.9	51.3
<b>Total %</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>The 2001 census data presented above is for persons aged 15 years and older.

**Table 4.2 Age group profile of Sydney Statistical Division sample.**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Sample %</b>	<b>Census %</b>
18-24	12.4	9.8
25-34	17.0	15.8
35-44	21.1	15.5
45-54	18.4	13.3
55-64	12.0	8.7
65-74	10.8	6.2
75+	8.3	5.6
<b>Total %</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>74.8<sup>1</sup></b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to persons aged under 18 years old.

**Table 4.3 Education profile of Sydney Statistical Division sample.**

<b>Education level</b>	<b>Sample %</b>	<b>Census <sup>1,2</sup>%</b>
Tertiary educated <sup>3</sup>	50.0	38.1
Non-tertiary educated <sup>4</sup>	49.4	40.0
Refused/not clear	0.5	12.5
<b>Total %</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.6</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>The 2001 census data presented is for persons aged 15 years and older.

<sup>2</sup>The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to overseas visitors.

<sup>3</sup>Tertiary educated refers to qualifications obtained at a University, TAFE or another higher education institution.

<sup>4</sup>No qualifications refers to the highest level of education achieved at the Year 12 or equivalent or below and persons who did not go to school.

**Table 4.4 Language spoken at home profile of Sydney Statistical Division sample.**

<b>Language spoken</b>	<b>Sample %</b>	<b>Census %</b>
English	73.9	65.7
Language other than English	26.1	27.3
<b>Total %</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>92.9<sup>1</sup></b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to refused/not stated responses.

**Table 4.5 Indigenous Status profile of Sydney Statistical Division sample.**

<b>Indigenous status</b>	<b>Sample %</b>	<b>Census %</b>
Non-Indigenous	98.8	92.7
Yes – Indigenous <sup>1</sup>	1.1	1.0
Refused	0.1	5.1
<b>Total %</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.8<sup>2</sup></b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Indigenous refers to respondents who indicated that they were either Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

<sup>2</sup>The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to overseas visitors.

**Table 4.6 Birthplace profile of Sydney Statistical Division sample.**

<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Sample %</b>	<b>Census %</b>
Australia	66.0	61.1
New Zealand	2.4	2.1
South-East Asia	4.6	4.6
North-East Asia	2.5	4.1
South Asia	2.1	1.6
UK & Ireland	7.5	5.0
Other Northern Europe	2.4	0.2
Southern Europe	2.6	1.9
Eastern Europe	2.3	1.0
Middle East	3.1	2.5
Pacific Islands	1.0	1.1
North America	0.6	0.5
South/Central America	1.1	0.9
South Africa	0.8	0.6
Africa (excluding South Africa)	0.4	0.9
Refused/inadequately described	0.6	6.5
<b>Total %</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>94.9<sup>1</sup></b>

Notes for Table 4.6:

<sup>1</sup>The remainder of 100 per cent from the 2001 census data refers to persons born in other birthplace regions.

**Sources:**

The following sources have been used in compiling the data used in this data set:

Survey data

The UNSW and Macquarie University Racism Survey, telephone survey, October-December 2001.

2001 Census Data

Australian Bureau of Statistics (2002), CDATA 2001-Full GIS 1<sup>st</sup> Release, Commonwealth of Australia.