

Ethnicity

There is no worldwide classification available to measure ethnicity in surveys. Measuring country of origin, nationality, mother tongue and denomination together should make it possible to construct a highly precise indicator of ethnicity, according to Jaak Billiet of K.U. Leuven BE (Questions about National , Subnational and Ethnic Identity, for the European Social Survey at www.europeansocialsurvey.org/). The *WageIndicator* questionnaire covers country of origin and mother tongue in all surveys, and poses an additional question for the UK and ZA about ethnic group. No questions are posed about denomination or nationality.

In the UK questionnaire, one question identifies ethnic group, since migration history and culture towards ethnic background is different and this question make most sense to a UK audience. Similar arguments apply to South Africa. In UK, we follow the consensus categories recommended by the Commission for Racial Equality. However, we do adopt the to ask separate questions for England/Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We have one question for the UK, following the UK Labour Force Survey.

The *WageIndicator* question is as follows:

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Label	To which ethnic group do you belong?
1	(en-GB) White
2	(en-GB) Mixed
3	(en-GB) Asian / Asian British
4	(en-GB) Black / Black British
5	(en-GB) Chinese
7	(en-ZA) Black
8	(en-ZA) White
9	(en-ZA) Colored
10	(en-ZA) Indian
6	(en-ZA, en-GB) Other

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