

Black Britain's Mandate: The Poll Report



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Methodology

The 2024 Black Britain's Mandate Poll was designed to identify the priority areas where Black people in the United Kingdom are calling for systemic change. We conducted a quantitative survey with one open question in which respondents had an option to submit any additional comments.

- 886 people responded to our survey to share their thoughts and priorities on the challenges facing our Black communities. Our poll collated responses from diverse Black ethnic groups, varied across age groups, sexual orientation, and gender.
- We captured insights from members of Black communities across the United Kingdom, ensuring representation and acknowledging that challenges vary across geographical regions. Our fieldwork dates were between June - July 2024.

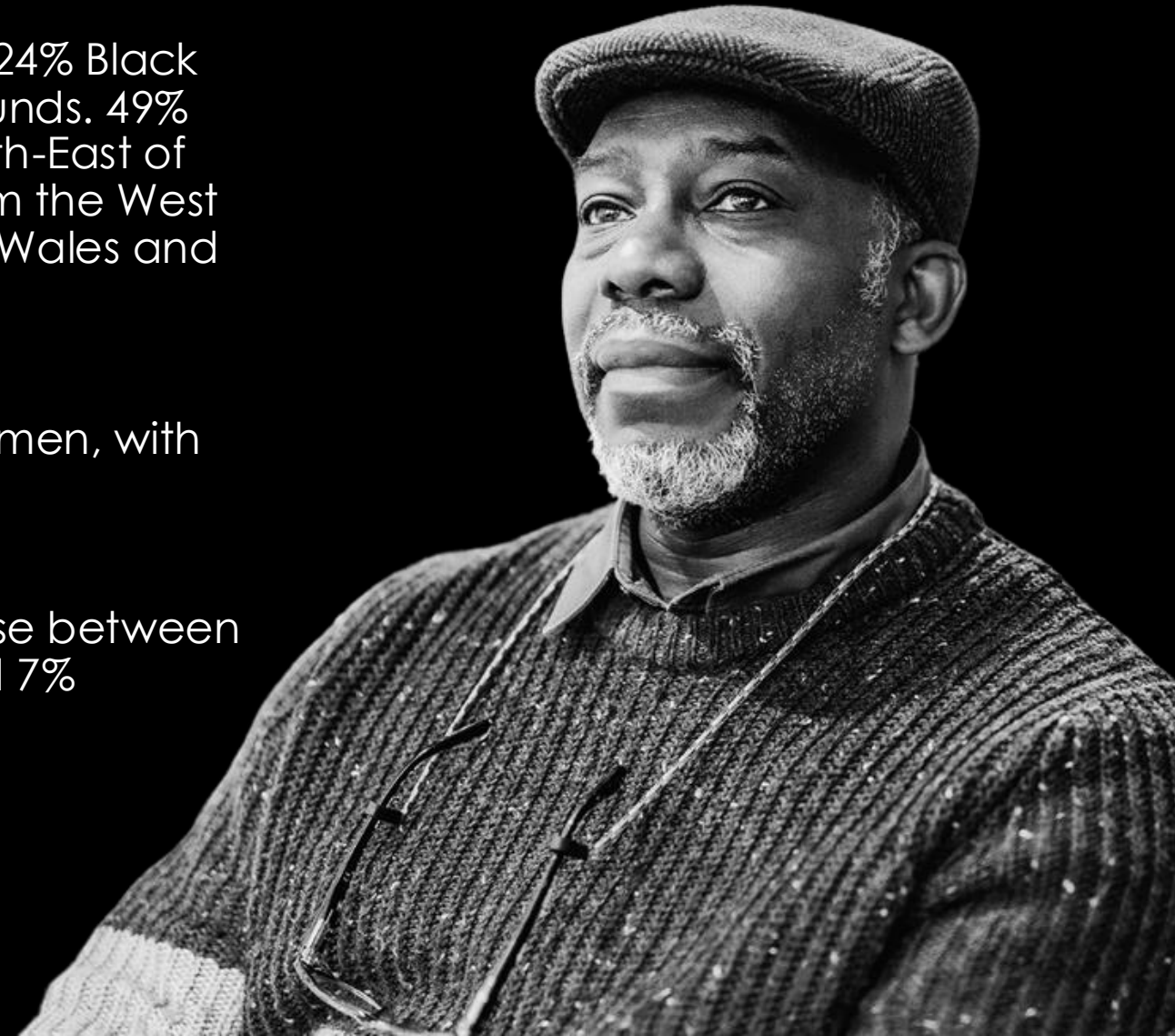


Demographics

37% of participants were Black Caribbean and 24% Black Africans. 39% were from mixed (Black) backgrounds. 49% of those surveyed live in London, 10% live in South-East of England and 9% from the Northwest and 8% from the West Midlands. 4% and 1% of respondents were from Wales and Scotland.

70% of responses gathered were from Black Women, with 27% from Men.

28% which was the largest share comprised those between ages 55-64; 20% from 45-54; 19% from 25-34; and 7% between ages 18-24.



Top Issues People Cared About

01 - Tackling climate change and its impact on Black people across the globe

02 – The Rights of Black Disabled People

03 - Reparations for historic European slavery and colonialism

04 – Immigration

05 – LGBTQIA rights

06 – The Importance of Faith



Education

Respondents expressed a strong advocacy for reforming Education for our Black communities. 92% respondents ranked **“an end to disproportionate in primary and secondary school exclusions”** as very important.

BEO believe a fund should be established to develop programmes that address the high proportion of students from Black backgrounds being excluded. The need for more support for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities as well as support for their parents was emphasized by our respondents and 88% respondents felt diversifying the curriculum was also very important.



Health, Wellness and Social Care

Health emerged as the top priority amongst our respondents, eliciting the strongest reactions. Across all our pillars, health-related prioritised ranked as the most important. 92% of respondents ranked **“NHS to introduce targets on maternal deaths of Black women and in fact mortality”** as very important.

Black women are 3.7 times more likely to die during or in their first year after pregnancy than white women, it is fundamental that Black women’s voices and experiences are centred and represented to shape.



Justice, Immigration and Rights

88% of respondents deemed **“specialist and cultural competency training for police and government agencies that support Black women and girls affected by domestic violence”** very important.

The government should implement Valerie Law as a matter of urgency to address the high and disproportionate levels of violence against Black women and girls. A comprehensive policing review is also needed to address the host of issues disproportionately affecting Black communities.

88% of respondents expressed it very important to ensure all police officers found to be racist are sacked without retention of their pension.



Neighbourhood and Housing

82% of respondents identified “**more targeted support for unhoused Black people and those at risk of being unhoused**” as very important.

The Government should commission a ‘race equality toolkit’ to ensure homelessness support services are specifically tailored to meet the needs of Black and minority groups who are at greater risk of or who are currently unhoused.

Tackling poor quality housing in council and housing association homes was also identified as a critical need. Black people are **8 times more likely** than White people to be living in overcrowded accommodation and also more likely to be living in damp conditions.



Culture

“Increasing representation of Black people in senior roles” was ranked very important by 85% of our respondents.

Recruitment targets need to be set for Black professionals across key sectors to advance diversity and inclusion.

Respondents also expressed it significant to have more funding to support Black creatives and Black-led media and arts organisations.

