# **Q-Step Internship: Rochdale Kashmiri Community**

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This summer I undertook a Q-step iternship in collaboration with the University of Manchester and Rochdale Borough Council. The project, entitled, A minority within the Minorities, focuses on the British Kashmiri population in the UK and more specifically - Rochdale, which has a

very large Kashmiri population. The project aims to find out more about the specific needs and issues the Kashmiri population is faced with through the use of, amongst other research methods, a quantitative survey.

# **Objectives**

To find out whether there is a discrepancy between the data collected on Kashmiris with the write-in option in the cenuss and the real stuation they are faced with (and to make conclusions on whether a tick-box option is necessary) T

To identify the most pressing issues facing the Kashmiri community in Rochdale

To compare the situation of the Kashmiri community to that of the Pakistani community and see if there are any significant differences

To present the findings to Rochdale Borough Council in a clear and efficient manner

# **Key Findings**



50.8% of males and 11.4% of females

have worked in the past 7 days

## Method

Prepare the survey for distribution

Analyse the available census data on Kashmiris

Write the syntax for survey analysis on SPSS

Create graphs that easily visualise the results

Analyse the data once it comes through

# 10.00% No income E2,500 - E5,000 - E10,000 - E15,000 - E20,000 - E30,000 - E40,000 - Don't know E4,999 E3,999 E14,999 E24,999 E24,999 E34,999 E44,999

# **Acquired Skills**

SPSS syntax

SPSS analysis

Excel

Data Analysis

Survey Design

Presentation Making

Qualitative Research

Although there is not enough data to make any strong conclusions, there are significant differences both within the Kashmiri community and between the Kashmiri and Pakistani communities living in Rochdale.

The Kashmiri community is faced with high unemployment, precarious jobs and suboptimal health as well as facing fears of racial and religious discrimination on a daily basis.

There is a need for greater attention to the specific issues faced by this community both within public policy and social research.





