In 2019 we carried out a survey to help us better understand the accommodation needs of the Irish Traveller community in Northern Ireland. Download the report here: www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Research/Housing-need-research

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN

“We were delighted with the level of participation in this research; the findings provide valuable evidence that will inform our new Irish Traveller Accommodation Strategy 2020-25.” Elma Newberry, Assistant Director, Land and Regeneration

**HOUSEHOLD Profiles**

- **Households surveyed:** 69
- **Numbers in households:** 263
- **Households with one or more members disabled:** 81%

**EMPLOYMENT**

- **Household level:**
  - 10% In work
  - 15% Unemployed (not retired, disabled or homemakers)
  - 3% In further/higher education (excluding school aged)

**HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

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**HOUSEHOLD ATTITUINAL DATA**

- **Satisfaction with accommodation/site:**
  - Satisfied (61%)
  - Neither (8%)
  - Dissatisfied (30%)

- **Reported feelings of safety in local area:**
  - Safe (81%)
  - Neither (1%)
  - Unsafe (17%)

- **Informed about welfare reform:**
  - Well informed (25%)
  - Neither (26%)
  - Poorly informed (49%)

- **Reported concerns about welfare reforms:**
  - Not concerned (26%)
  - Some concern (35%)
  - Very concerned (39%)

**WHAT IS GOING WELL**

"I’m very proud of my home, it’s where I belong and my family are all around me… My neighbours are very good… It’s my home and I wouldn’t swap it… Near schools… It’s a good location and I live beside my family… We like the site, clean and safe."

**ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT**

"I’m in a wheelchair and I have stairs… We’re overcrowded."

Due to figures being rounded to the nearest whole number percentages may not always add to 100.