

Some facts and figures

		Source
Age – older	The population of people in Devon aged 50+ continues to rise and up to a 40% increase in the 85+ population is predicted over the next 20 years. With age comes disability and therefore care needs or accessibility issues will rise.	Devon Strategic Partnership Story of Devon
	“62% of over-fifties feel that they are turned down for a job because they are considered too old.”	Framework for a Fairer Future – the Equality Bill. June 2008
Age - younger	“Obesity and emotional and mental health problems are increasing among Devon’s children and young people, and access to mental health services needs to be improved”	Devon Strategic Partnership Story of Devon
	5.8% of Devon’s young people are ‘Not in Education Employment or Training’ (Nov 2007)	
Deaf	It is estimated that 1,500 Devon’s residents are Deaf British Sign Language users, but there are currently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only 9 part time Interpreters with 5 part time Trainee and 3 full time Trainee Interpreters covering Devon & Cornwall ○ No BSL courses beyond NVQ Level 2 in the county (Levels 3, 4 + Interpreting courses needed). 	BSL Charter Group
		Devon ASLI, August 2008
Disability	35.5% of disabled people in Devon said they have difficulty getting around because of bumpy, uneven or narrow pavements.	Devon Disability Survey 2006
Faith	In 2001, over 3,000 people across Devon said they followed a religion other than Christianity and this continues to rise.	2001 Census
	There are over 100 different belief systems in the South West.	Faithnet southwest
Gender	51.4% of the population are women but only 24% of Devon County Councillors are women.	Gender Issues Group report 2007

	<p>“Unless we step up progress, the pay gap between men and women will not close until 2085.”</p>	<p>Framework for a Fairer Future – the Equality Bill</p>
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB)	<p>One in ten staff experience domestic violence and abuse in any year.</p>	<p>Devon ADVA leaflets (Data from USA Corporate Alliance) Stonewall (UK 2008 Survey)</p>
	<p>“20% of lesbian and gay people have experienced a homophobic hate crime or incident in the last three years.”</p>	
	<p>“6 out of 10 lesbian and gay schoolchildren experience homophobic bullying and half of those contemplate killing themselves as a result”.</p>	<p>Framework for a Fairer Future – the Equality Bill. June 2008</p>
Race/ethnicity	<p>“25% of gay and lesbian people in Devon would not ‘be Out’ in the presence of a local councillor”.</p>	<p>Intercom Trust Firmer Foundation 2006 (survey of Devon LGBT residents)</p>
	<p>72% of ethnic minority people live in rural Devon.</p>	<p>2001 census</p>
	<p>There is a shortfall of 181 pitches (<i>not sites</i>) for Travellers and Gypsies across Devon. Small discrete sites are preferred by the travelling community.</p>	<p>Devon wide T&G Housing Needs Assessment 2006</p>
	<p>During 2007-8 there were 416 reported race hate crime incidents in Devon.</p>	<p>DCC hate crime data</p>
Socio economic	<p>“Ethnic diversity is nothing new in Britain. People with different histories, cultures, beliefs and languages have been coming here ever since the beginning of recorded time. Logically, therefore, everyone who lives in Britain today is either an immigrant or the descendant of an immigrant. “</p>	<p>Roots of the Future, Commission for Racial Equality.</p>
	<p>There are areas of deprivation right across Devon with Exeter and north Devon being the most marked.</p>	<p>Devon Strategic Partnership Story of Devon.</p>
	<p>There is a strong link between deprivation and poor community cohesion.</p>	<p>Our Shared Future.</p>