

Selected monitoring systems: their aim and interpretation of integration

	Wiesbaden	Integration report NRW	Federal state indicator set	BAMF integration report	Indicator set for Federal Commissioner	Berlin-Institute
Aim of monitoring	“Regularly demonstrate and interpret the state of the integration process and its development.” Identify successful processes and deficiencies; instrument of sensitisation and early warning, strategic controlling function.	“Inform Parliament and the professional public about the state of integration in North Rhine-Westphalia.”	“Integration policy needs reliable and sophisticated data that provides information as to whether and in what way the integration of people with a migration background/ history of immigration is accomplished and in which areas there are deficiencies and a need for intervention.”	The aim is “to provide a wide range of users in politics, government, associations, business and science with basic information on integration.”	“Measurement of the state and development of integration of persons with a migration background by comparison with the total population.”	The “Index for Measuring Integration” (IMI) is designed “to expose existing difficulties in the immigration situation to date, and to identify particularly problematic groups”.
Understanding of integration	“Permanent process of integrating immigrants and people with a migration background into the receiving society; equalisation of their conditions of life without cultural assimilation.”	Aim of integration policy in NRW: “Equality of opportunity without differentiation according to social, ethnic or religious origin.” No complete adaptation to the culture and traditions of the receiving society.	Not explicit. Focuses on aspects of structural integration (comparative measurement of migrants v. non-migrants).	BAMF definition: integration as a long-term process with the aim of “including in society all people living permanently and legally in Germany” and enabling comprehensive and equal participation in all areas of society.	Integration as equal opportunities for participation in central areas of society. Equalisation of the living conditions of persons with a migration background with those of the total population.	“Mutual process of equalisation between people with a migration background and the already resident population.”

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