



Crofton Park ward profile

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* EPC stands for Energy Performance Certificate

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Ward profile introduction

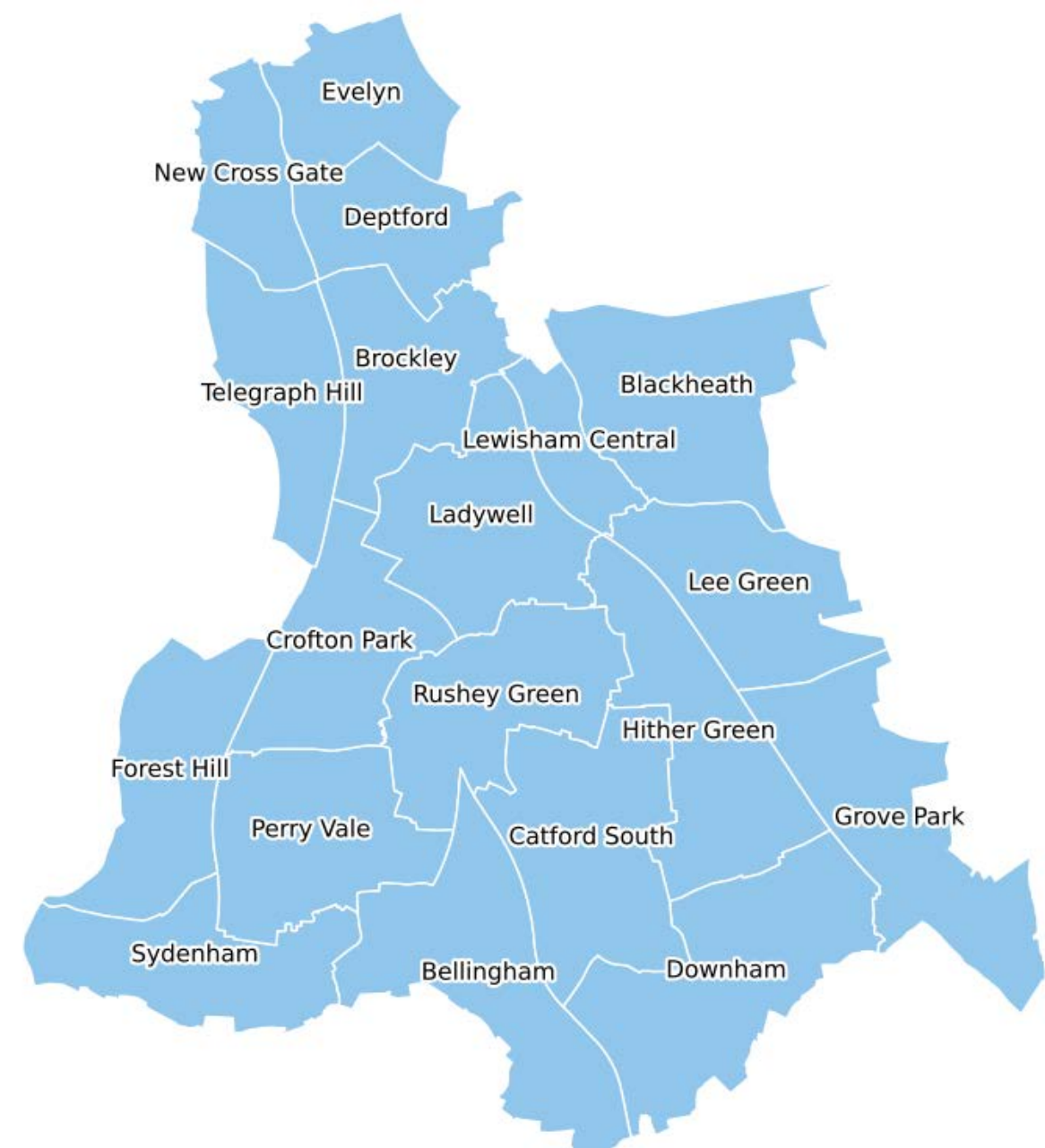
About Lewisham's Ward profiles

The ward profiles bring together some of the key data sources to provide the demographic, social and economic characteristics of an area. In May 2022, the number of wards increased from 18 to 19.

- The boundaries of two wards have stayed the same, Telegraph Hill and Forest Hill, all the others changed.
- Two wards no longer exist: New Cross and Whitefoot.
- We now have three brand new wards: Deptford, Hither Green and New Cross Gate.
- 16 wards have three Councillors.
- Three wards have only two Councillors: Bellingham, Lewisham Central and New Cross Gate.
- The total number of Councillors remained in 54, the same as the previous period.

At the time of publication, the results of the 2021 Census have not yet been published, which means many indicator variables in this report rely on potentially outdated data from the 2011 Census. Data sources of all charts and statistics are clearly stated throughout this document. Revised data will be made available in the next revision of this document.

Wards 2022



Crofton Park

Crofton Park ward is located on the west central area of the borough, sharing boundaries with Southwark.

More than half of the residents own their property and the percentage of residents in social housing is one of the lowest across the borough.

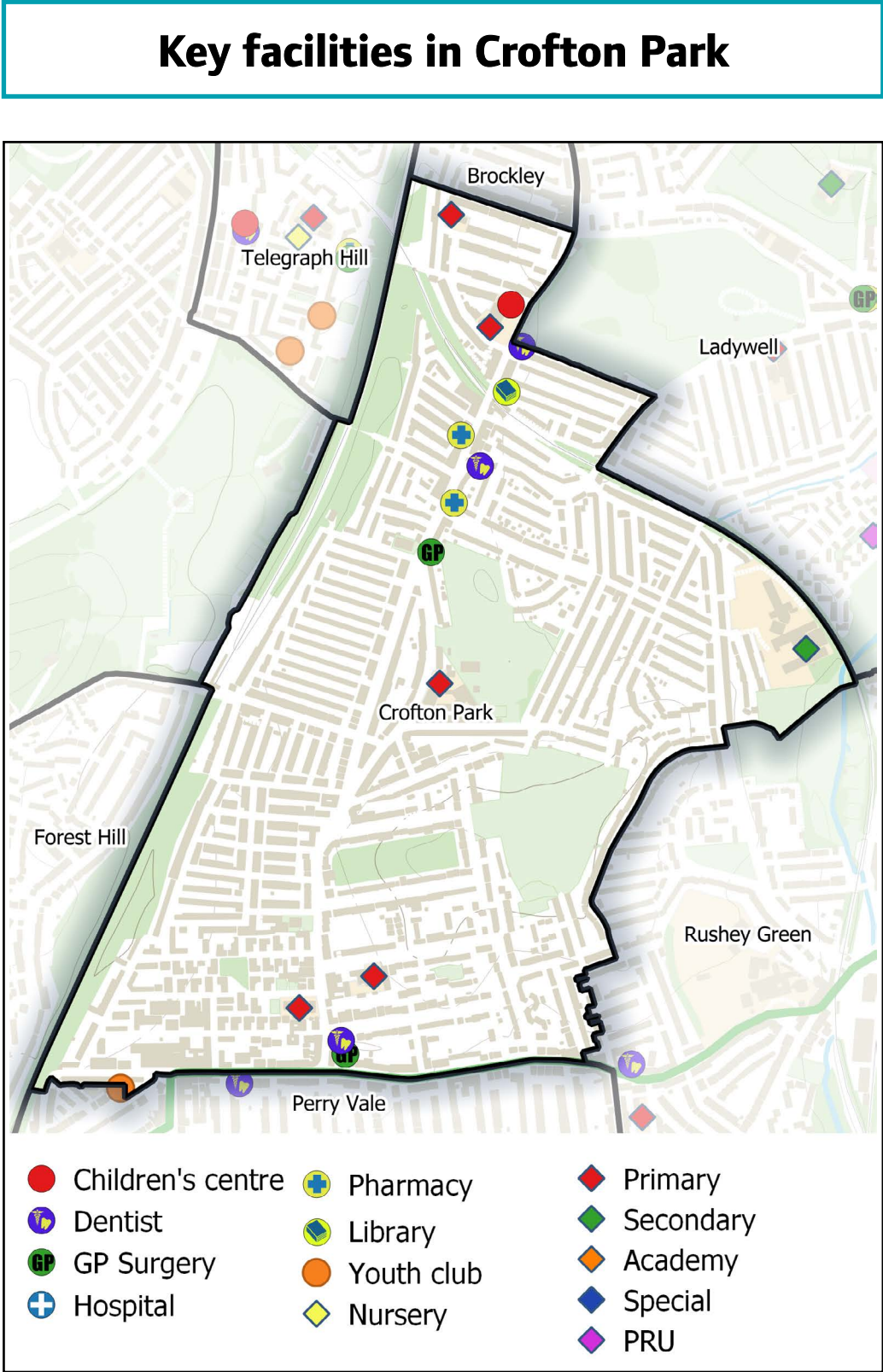
There is not an established ward based community group however, there are several **groups and initiatives involving the local residents** with campaigns such as “A Cinderella Line” and “Help save Gorne Wood”, as well as the local consultation around the neighbourhood forum. All of this demonstrates a keen interest from residents on engaging with the community to improve the local area.

The Ackroyd Community Centre provides space for a range of activities catering for all age groups such as sports activities, performing arts, tailored programmes for children and families and elderly, as well as faith groups.

St Hilda’s Church also provides good community facilities. Through Crofton Park Community Link (CPCL), it offers a range of activities from Monday to Saturday for children and adults such as coffee mornings, martial arts and drama. The Community Library is also a focal point for the residents, promoting a range of events and activities for different age groups. Ewart Road Clubhouse is a popular and active community facility attracting users from neighbouring wards.

Traffic is one of the main residents’ main concerns, in particular road safety and air quality - this has been a regular item at the Crofton Park Assembly.

In Crofton Park ward **£43,959 was awarded in NCIL funding to five projects** (within the old ward boundaries). Ward priorities include: Transport and streets, Community safety, Open/green spaces and nature, Air quality, Community facilities and Children and Youth services. An example of some of the types of funded projects include creating and improving green spaces and community projects such as a living museum and support for vulnerable communities.



Summary of key statistics

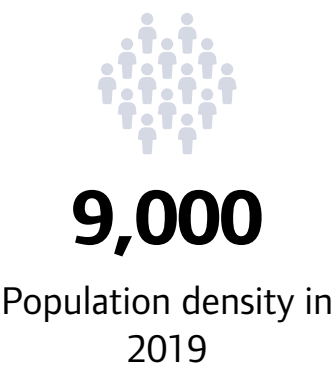
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| <div>Population</div> <div>15,539</div> | <div>Average age</div> <div>36</div> | <div>% of households that reported themselves as a family</div> <div>54.2</div> | <div>% of residents in employment</div> <div>71.1</div> |
| <div>% of residents that practice a religion</div> <div>58.7</div> | <div>% of residents not born in England</div> <div>18.3</div> | <div>Number of universal credit claimants</div> <div>1,364</div> | <div>% of residents whose day to day activities are limited a lot</div> <div>6.2</div> |
| <div>% of residents with low English proficiency</div> <div>2.1</div> | <div>LSOAs among the most deprived 20% of national IMD</div> <div>0 of 9</div> | <div>Average life expectancy (female / male)</div> <div>83.9(f) / 80.8(m)</div> | <div>Air pollution (NO2) with recommended guideline <40</div> <div>7.73</div> |
| <div>Average proportion of households in fuel poverty</div> <div>11.8% - 22.4%</div> | <div>Median house price (borough)</div> <div>£430k</div> | <div>% of residents without formal qualifications</div> <div>15.3</div> | <div>Number of crimes reported in 2021</div> <div>1,099</div> |

Population

Crofton Park has an estimated population of **15,539 residents**, which makes it one of the smaller constituencies in the borough (rank 15 of 19 wards.)

Among its residents, **51.3% identify as female**, and **48.7% as male**. Unfortunately, ONS population statistics do not include estimates for nonbinary gender identities.

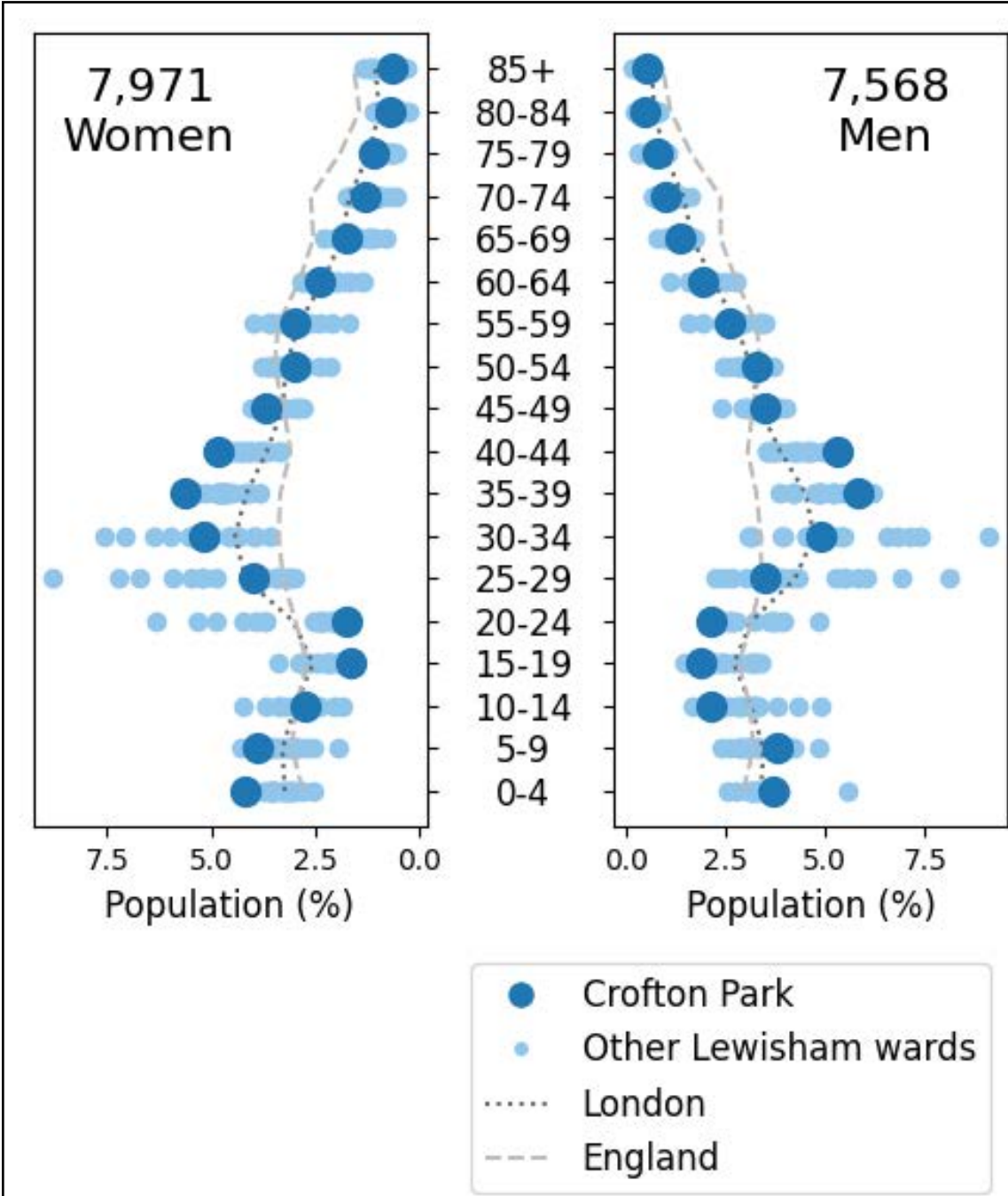
The **average age in Crofton Park is 36**, compared to 36 in Lewisham as a whole, and 37 in London.



In terms of its geographic area, at 1.7 km² it is one of the smallest wards in the borough (rank 13 of 19.)

As to its population density, at 9,000 people per km² (rank 10 of 19.)

Population by five years age group and gender in Crofton Park, ONS 2019



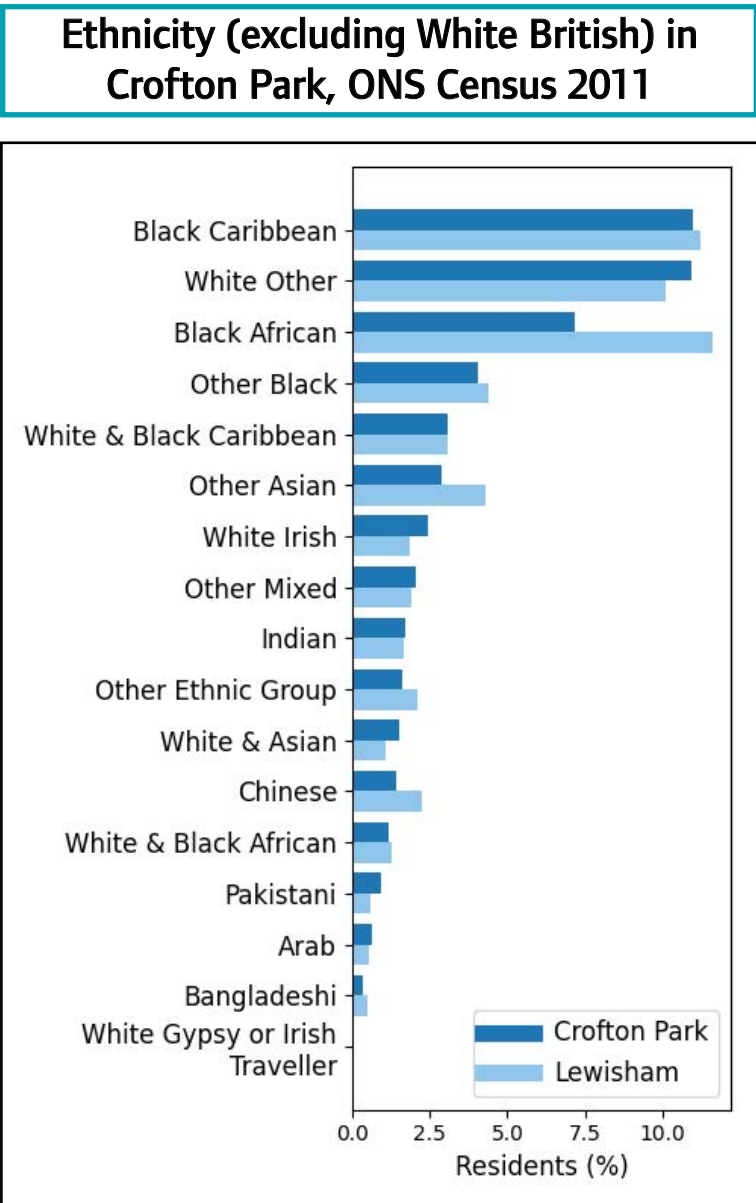
| Proportion of Population Groups in Crofton Park, ONS 2020 | | | | |
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| | United Kingdom | London | Lewisham | Crofton Park |
| Children and Youth (0-17) | 22.2% | 23.8% | 23.3% | 23.3% |
| Working age (18-64) | 60.2% | 64.8% | 67.8% | 67.6% |
| Senior (65+) | 17.6% | 11.4% | 8.9% | 9.1% |

Diversity: Ethnicity and religion

Ethnicity

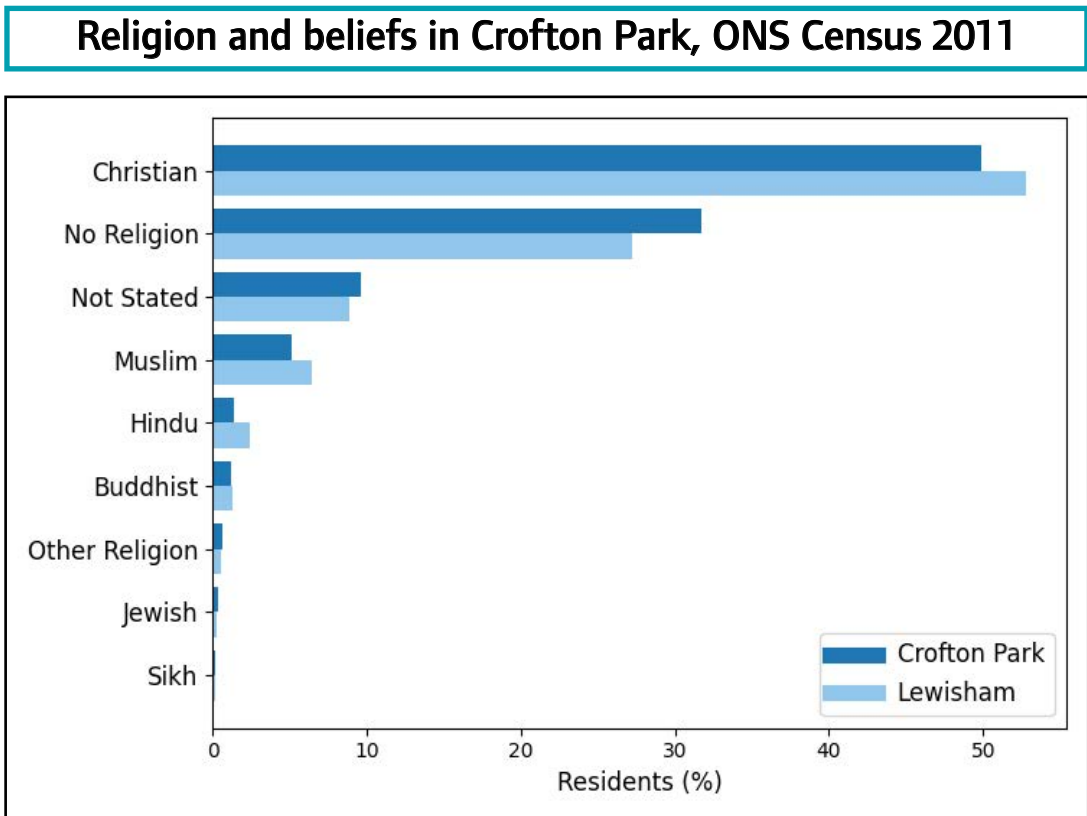
47.0% of Crofton Park residents have an ethnicity of White British (White English, Welsh, Scottish, or Northern Irish), compared to 41.5% in Lewisham as a whole, 44.9% in London, and 79.8% in England.

Among those not White British, the three most common ethnicities are Black Caribbean (11.0%), White Other (10.9%), and Black African (7.2%).



Religion

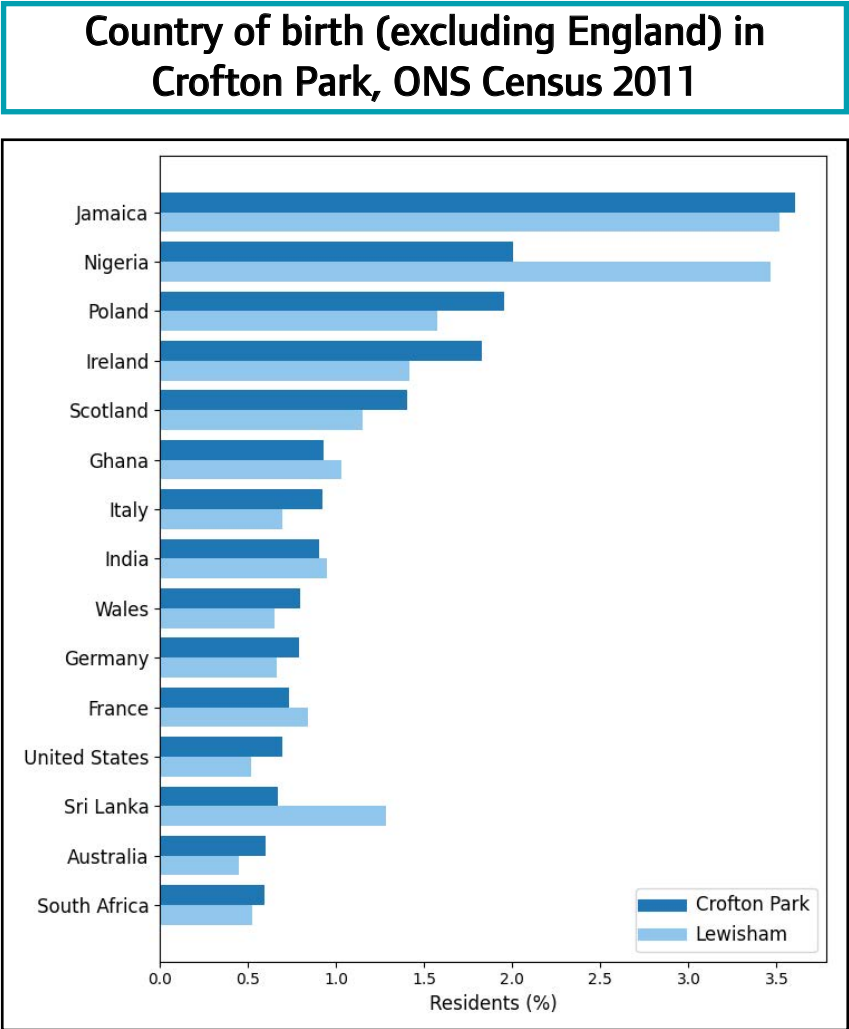
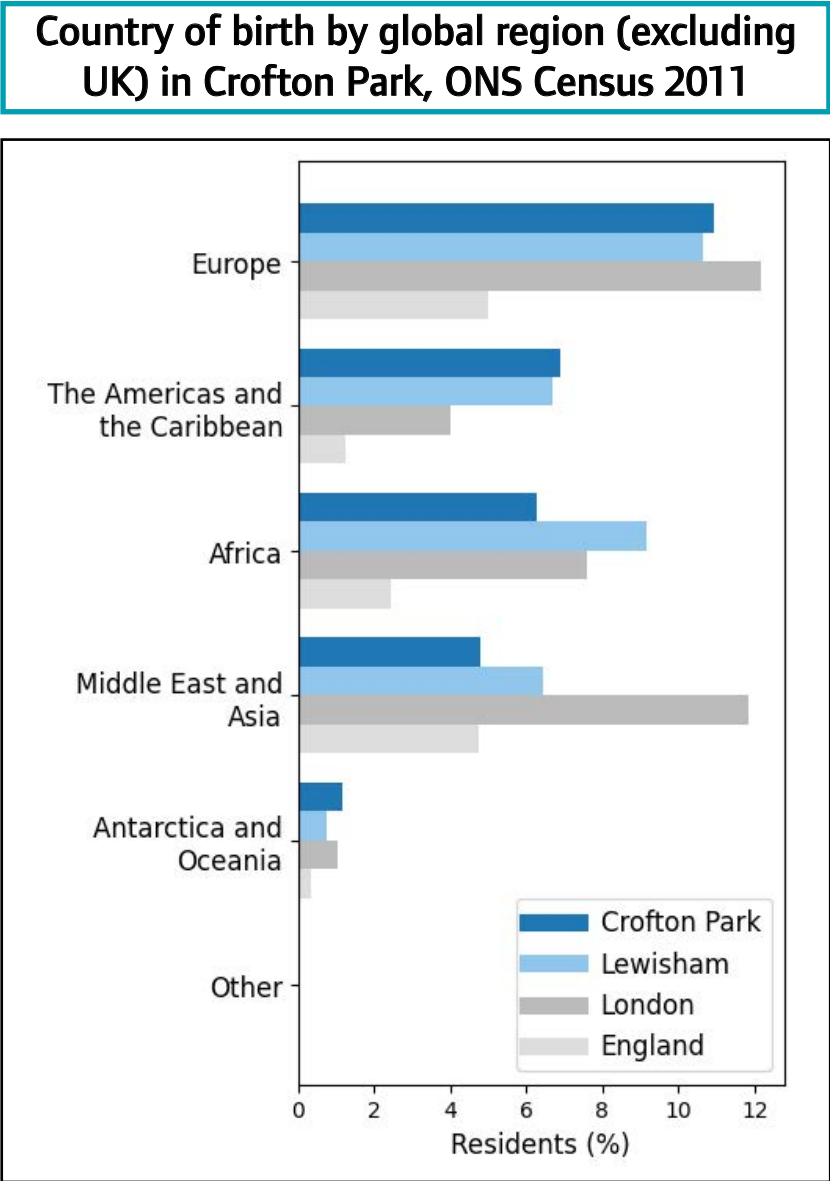
49.9% of Crofton Park residents identify as Christian, compared to 52.8% in Lewisham as a whole, 48.4% in London, and 59.4% in England. Among those not identifying as Christian, the three most common religions are No Religion (31.7%), Not Stated (9.6%), and Muslim (5.1%).



Diversity: Country of birth

67.2% of Crofton Park residents were born in England, compared to 64.0% in Lewisham as a whole, 61.1% in London, and 83.5% in England.

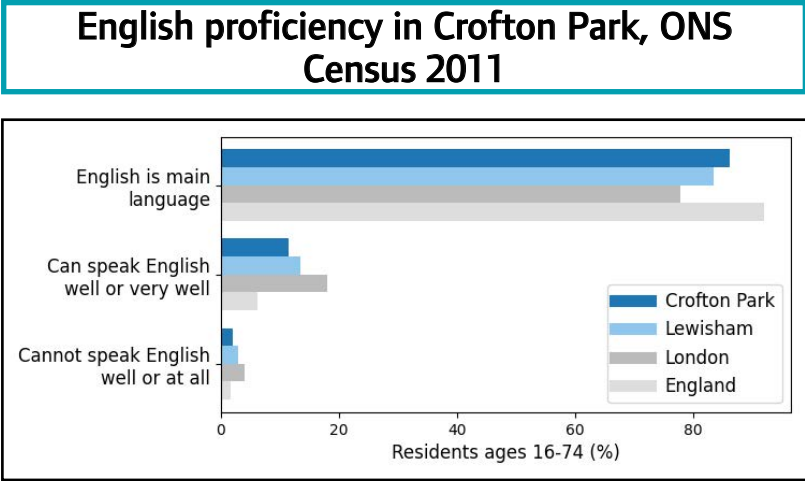
Among those not born in England, the three most common countries of birth are Jamaica (3.6%), Nigeria (2.0%), and Ireland (1.8%).



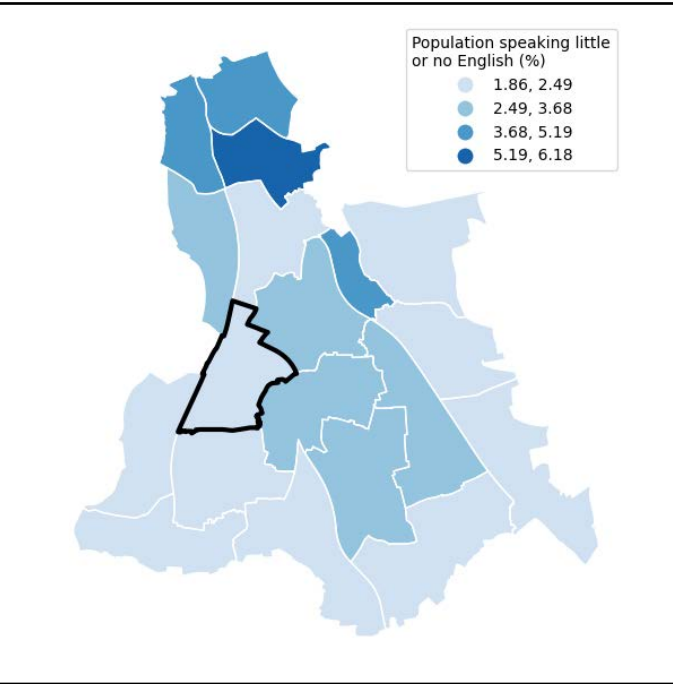
Diversity: Languages

86.3% of Crofton Park residents speak English as their primary language, compared to 83.5% in Lewisham as a whole, 77.9% in London, and 92.0% in England.

Of the remaining residents, 11.6% can speak English well or very well.

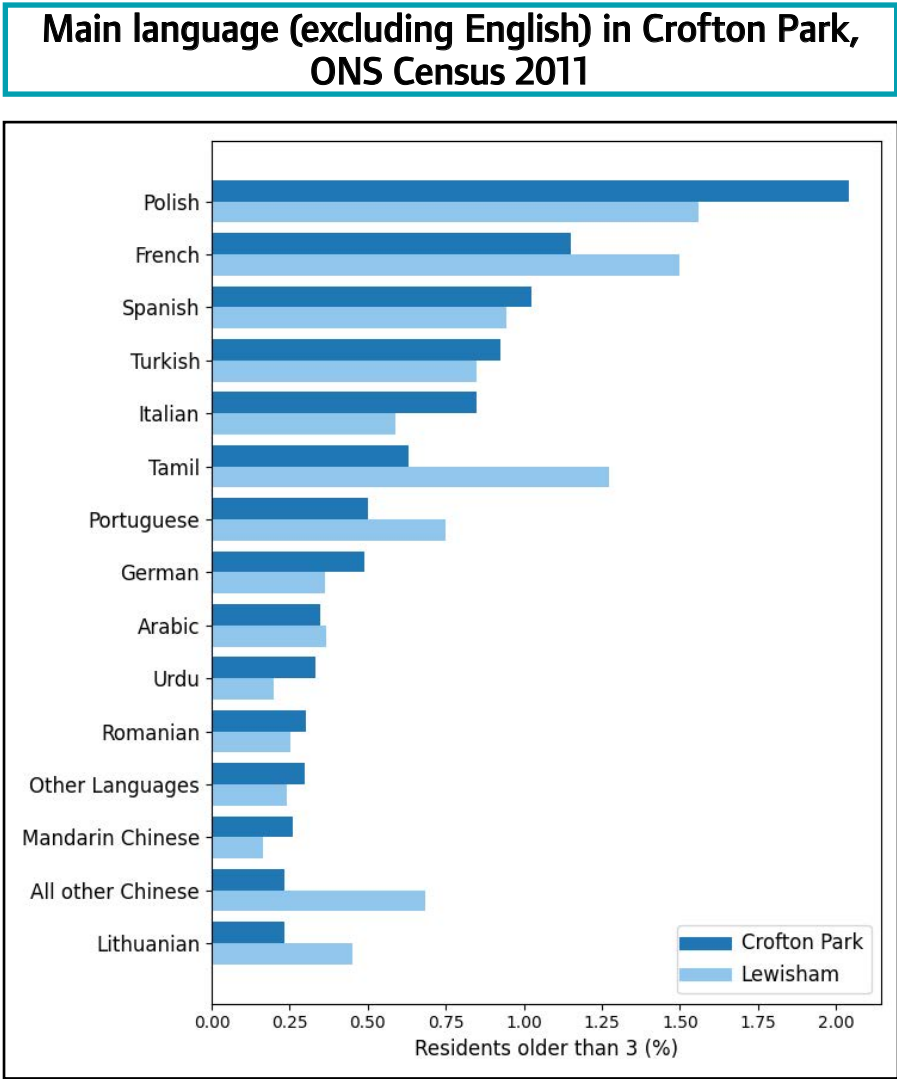


Population speaking little or no English in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011



On the other hand, **2.1% of residents cannot speak English well or at all**, compared to a Lewisham average of 3.1%. This means an estimated 326 people in Crofton Park may require everyday language support.

Among those not speaking English as their main language, the three most widely spoken languages are Polish (2.0%), French (1.2%), and Spanish (1.0%).

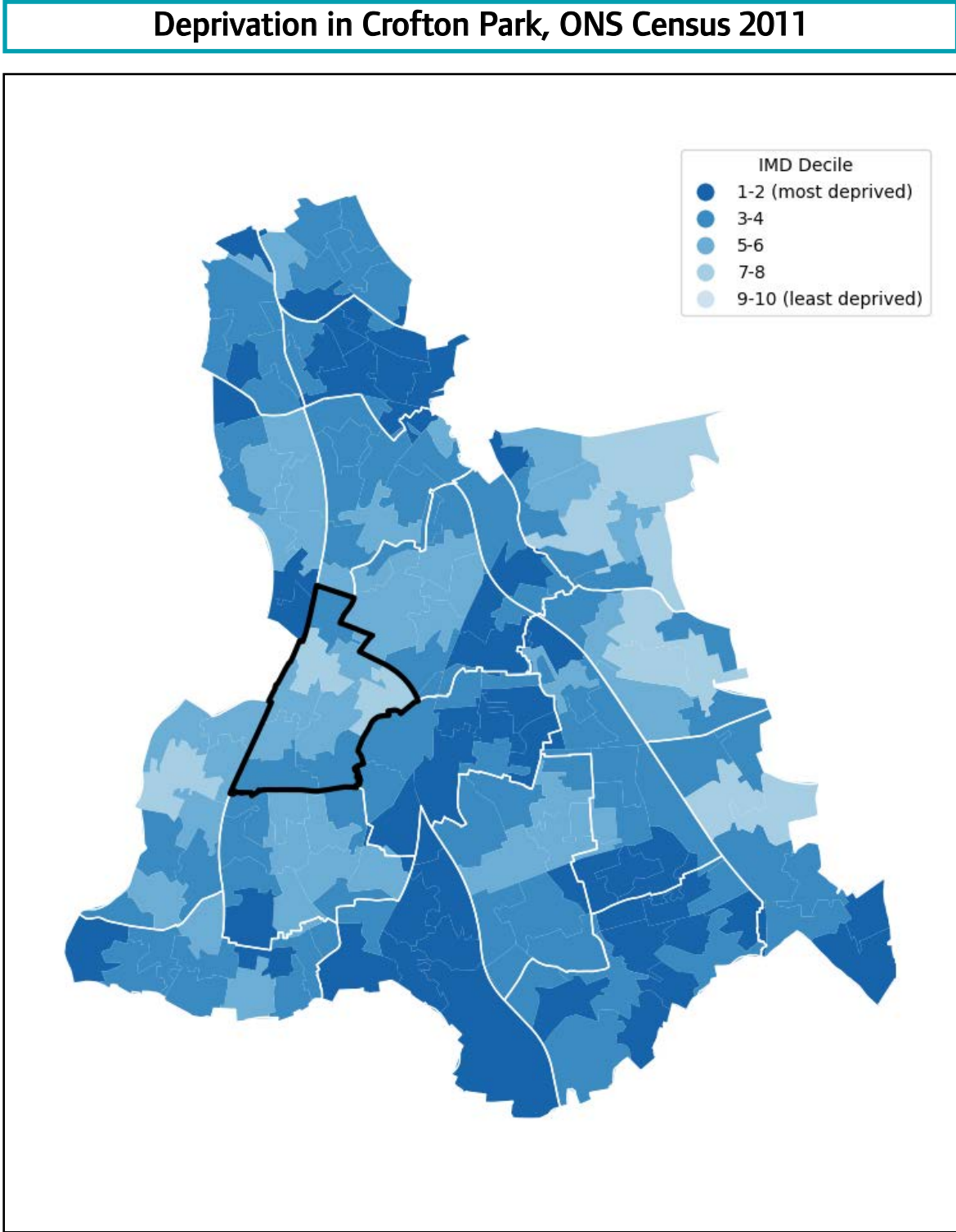
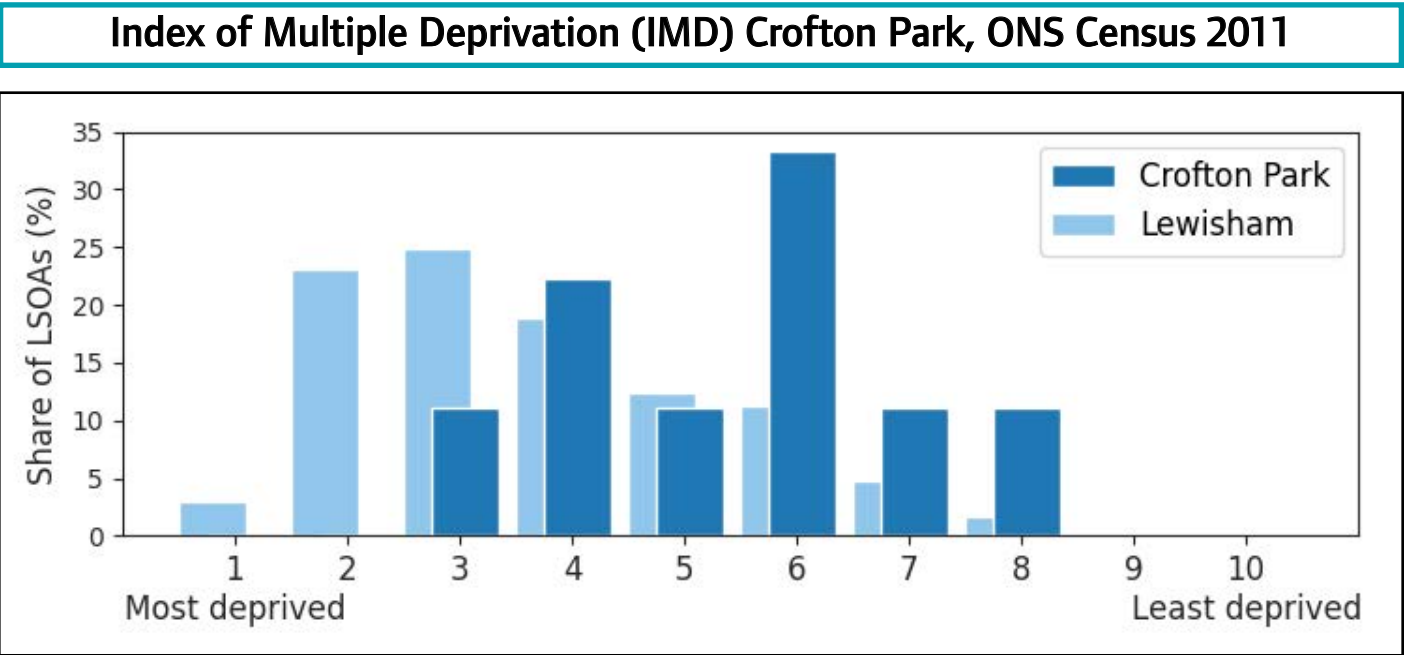


Deprivation

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) is the official measure of relative deprivation in England. It is based on multiple factors: population income, employment, education skills and training, health and disability, crime, barriers to housing and services, and general living environment.

The IMD is determined for small areas, using a statistical geography called Lower-layer Super Output Areas (LSOA), with each LSOA typically representing between 1,000 and 3,000 people. Each LSOA in England is ranked from most deprived to least deprived, and then segmented into ten groups (or deciles), with the bottom decile (or decile 1) representing the most deprived 10% LSOAs in England.

Of the nine LSOAs in Crofton Park, zero rank in the bottom 20% of the country (decile 1 or 2.)



Fuel poverty and EPC

Fuel poverty in England is measured statistically using the Low Income High Costs definition, under which a household is considered to be in fuel poverty if:

- They have required fuel costs that above average (the national median spend on fuel).
- Were they to spend that amount they would be left with a residual income below the official poverty line.

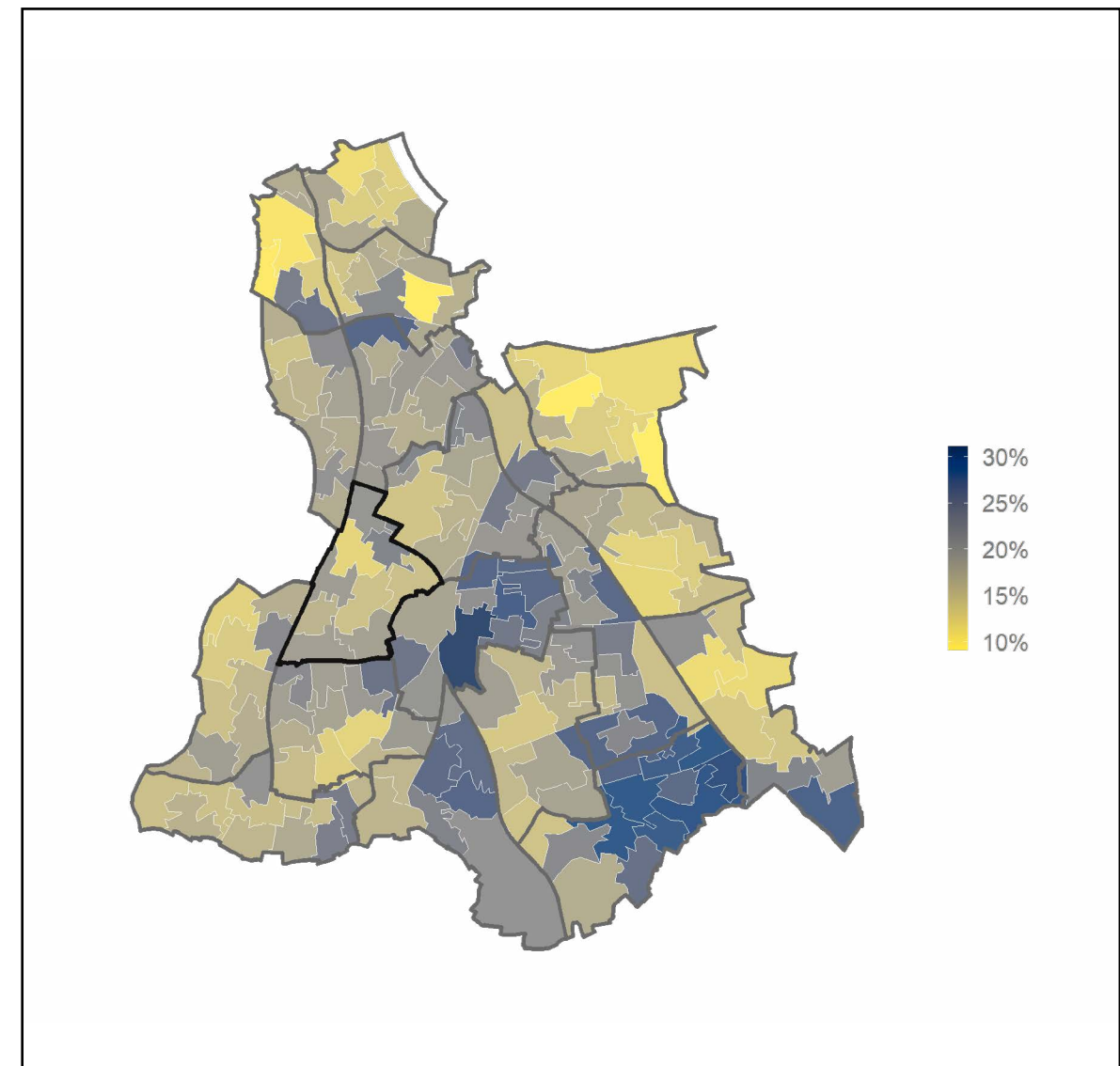
In the nine LSOAs in Crofton Park, proportion of households fuel poor ranges from 11.8% to 22.4%.

Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) were first introduced in England and Wales in 2007, and are valid for 10 years. They contain information about a property's energy use and typical energy costs, and recommendations about how to reduce energy use and save money. Dwellings are rated between A (highly energy efficient) and G (highly inefficient.) The average EPC rating for dwellings in England is D.

In Crofton Park, 28% of assessed households have received an EPC rating of A, B, or C, which means they are highly energy-efficient.

It is estimated that the share of highly energy-efficient dwellings in Crofton Park could be as high as 79% if home owners were to carry out the improvements recommended during their assessment.

Proportion of households in fuel poverty, BEIS 2019



Housing and affordability

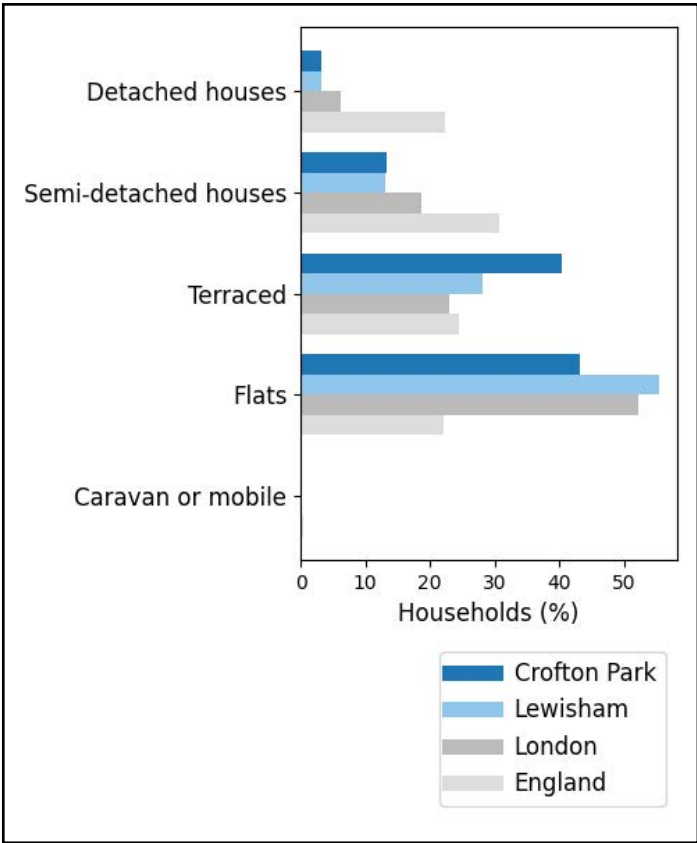
43.1% of Crofton Park residents live in flats, compared to 55.4% in Lewisham as a whole, 52.2% in London, and 22.1% in England. Among Crofton Park residents, the three most common accommodation types are Flats (43.1%), Terraced (40.4%), and Semi-detached houses (13.3%).

16.8% of Crofton Park residents live in social rented accommodation, compared to 31.1% in Lewisham as a whole, 24.1% in London, and 17.7% in England. Among Crofton Park residents, the three most common types of tenure are Owned (55.0%), Private rented (25.8%), and Social rented (16.8%).

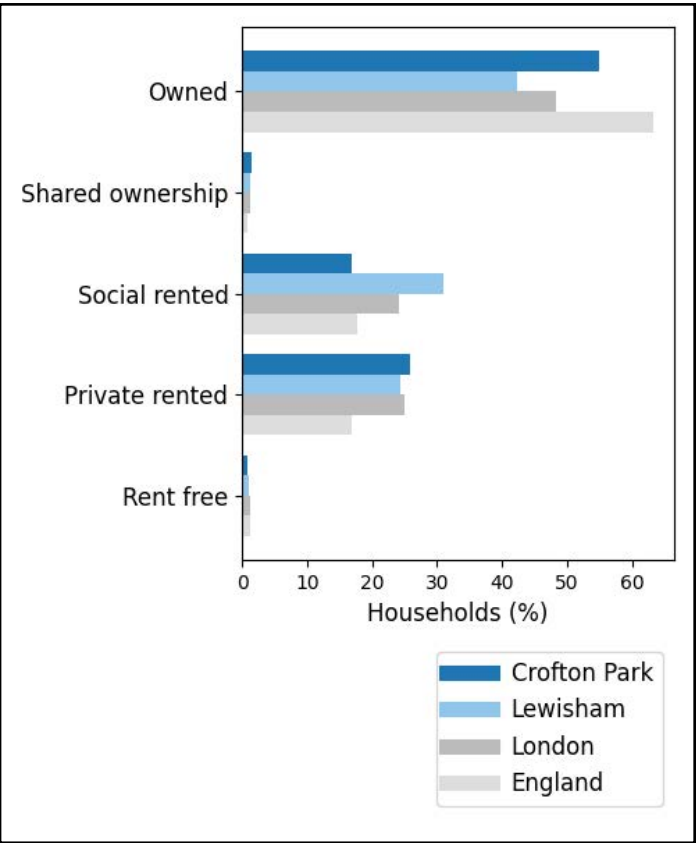
House prices in Lewisham remain lower than those for London as a whole. In 2020, the median house price in the borough was **£430,000** compared with £483,000 for Greater London and £249,000 for England.

In terms of relative affordability based on median prices, Lewisham had a median work-place based income to house price ratio in 2020 of 12.3x. Based on median ratios, Lewisham was relatively more affordable than Lambeth, Greenwich and Bromley; and less affordable than Southwark, Croydon, Tower Hamlets and London overall, the South East region and England.

Housing by accommodation type in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011



Types of tenure in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011

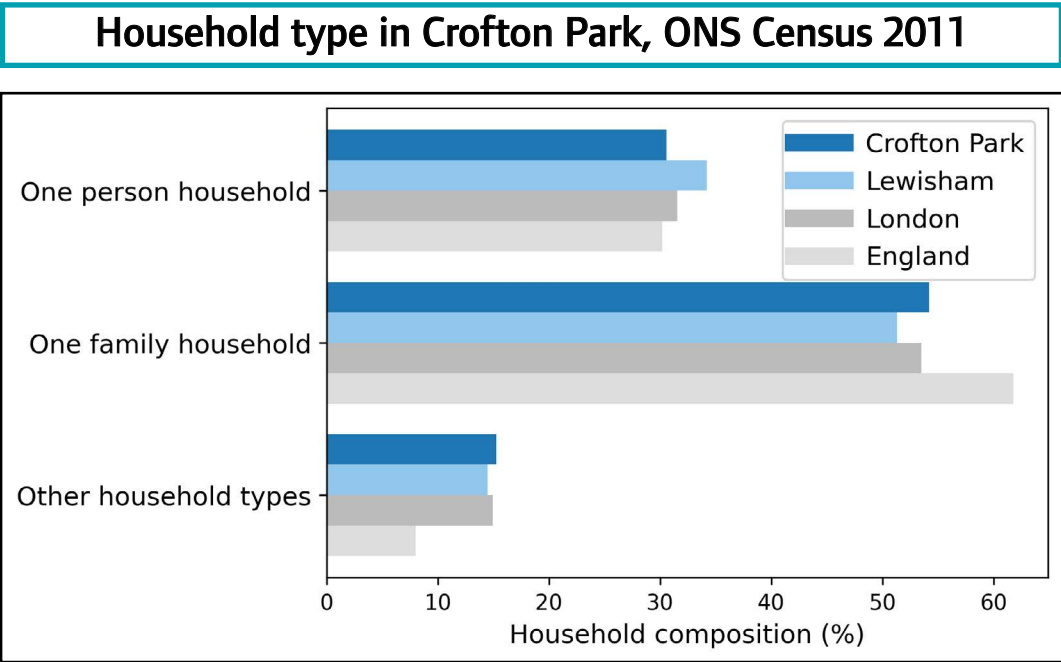


Relative affordability of median prices by local authority area, ONS 2021

| | Workplace-based | | | | Resident-based | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Southwark | 14.23 | 13.88 | 13.87 | 12.12 | 15.28 | 15.35 | 14.31 | 13.83 |
| Lambeth | 14.7 | 14.5 | 14.3 | 14.21 | 15.03 | 13.82 | 14.4 | 13.1 |
| London | 7.91 | 12.26 | 12.05 | 11.78 | 13.25 | 13.09 | 12.75 | 12.52 |
| Tower Hamlets | 9.82 | 9.85 | 10.67 | 9.98 | 12.88 | 12.73 | 11.5 | 12.12 |
| Greenwich | 12.87 | 12.97 | 13.77 | 12.73 | 12.67 | 11.95 | 12.72 | 12 |
| Lewisham | 12.61 | 13.65 | 13.27 | 12.33 | 12.28 | 12.2 | 12.74 | 11.55 |
| Bromley | 14.59 | 14.3 | 13.85 | 13.3 | 10.83 | 11 | 10.73 | 10.55 |
| Croydon | 11.21 | 11.09 | 10.83 | 11.34 | 10.73 | 10.46 | 10.97 | 10.41 |
| South East | 10.25 | 10.37 | 10.05 | 9.92 | 9.79 | 9.92 | 9.67 | 9.57 |
| England | 7.91 | 8.04 | 7.88 | 7.84 | 7.91 | 8.04 | 7.88 | 7.84 |

Household composition

Of Crofton Park’s households in 2011, 30.5% were one person households, 54.2% were families and 15.2% other household types, compared to a Lewisham average composition of 34.1% one person household, 51.3% families and 14.4% other household types.

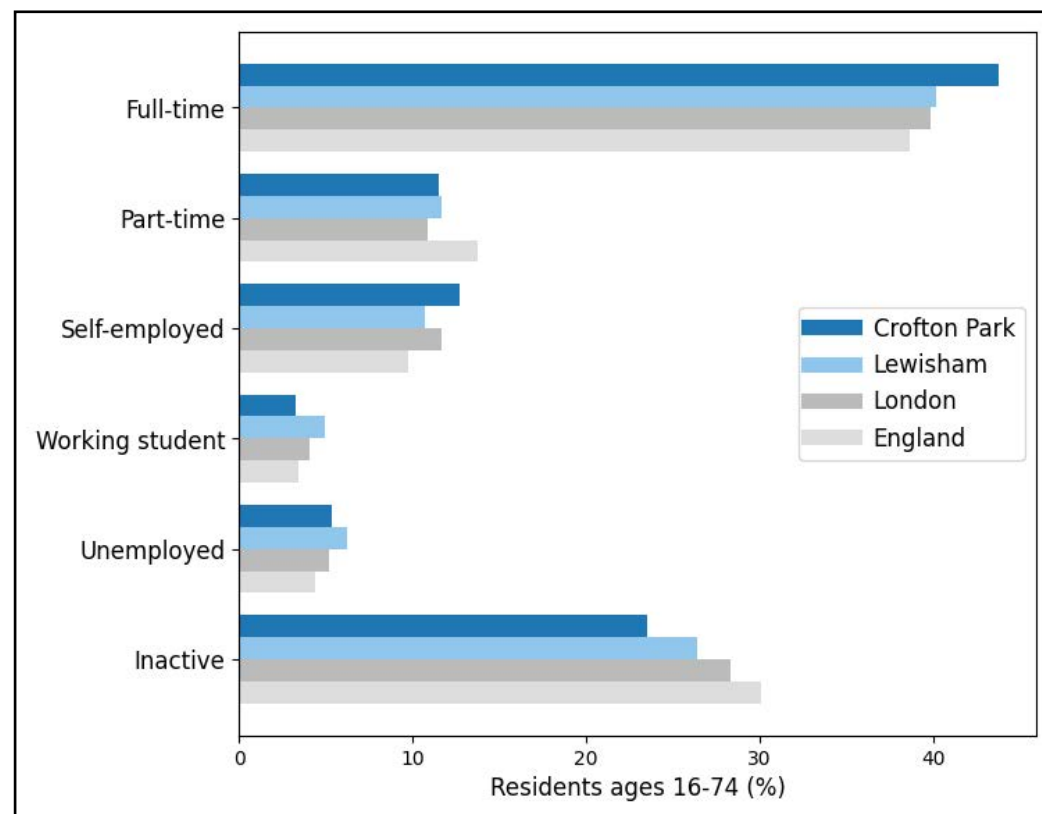


| Household living arrangements in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
| | Crofton Park | | Lewisham | | England | |
| | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % |
| One person household: Aged 65 and over | 466 | 7.4 | 9,994 | 8.6 | 2,725,596 | 12.4 |
| One person household: Other | 1447 | 23.1 | 29,686 | 25.6 | 3,940,897 | 17.9 |
| One family only: All aged 65 and over | 195 | 3.1 | 3,134 | 2.7 | 1,789,465 | 8.1 |
| One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: No children | 518 | 8.3 | 7,985 | 6.9 | 2,719,210 | 12.3 |
| One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: Dependent children | 933 | 14.9 | 14,152 | 12.2 | 3,375,890 | 15.3 |
| One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent | 239 | 3.8 | 4,105 | 3.5 | 1,234,355 | 5.6 |
| One family only: Cohabiting couple: No children | 426 | 6.8 | 6,755 | 5.8 | 1,173,172 | 5.3 |
| One family only: Cohabiting couple: Dependent children | 254 | 4 | 4,200 | 3.6 | 890,780 | 4 |
| One family only: Cohabiting couple: All children non-dependent | 25 | 0.4 | 464 | 0.4 | 108,486 | 0.5 |
| One family only: Lone parent: Dependent children | 487 | 7.8 | 13,301 | 11.5 | 1,573,255 | 7.1 |
| One family only: Lone parent: All children non-dependent | 318 | 5 | 5,494 | 4.7 | 766,569 | 3.5 |
| Other household types: With dependent children | 275 | 4.4 | 5,257 | 4.5 | 584,016 | 2.6 |
| Other household types: All full-time students | 20 | 0.3 | 718 | 0.6 | 124,285 | 0.6 |
| Other household types: All aged 65 and over | 7 | 0.1 | 307 | 0.3 | 61,715 | 0.3 |
| Other household types: Other | 654 | 10.4 | 10,539 | 9.1 | 995,677 | 4.5 |

Employment

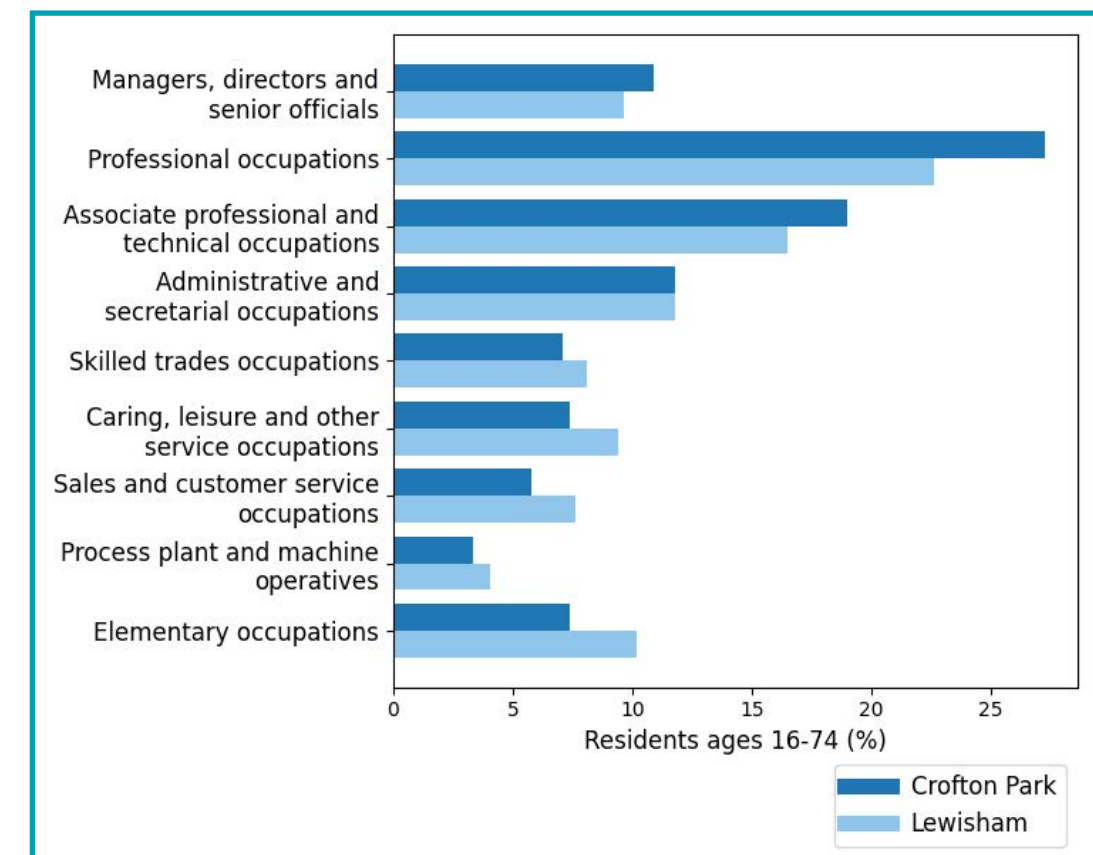
In the 2011 Census, the unemployment rate in Crofton Park was 5.3% among residents aged 16-74, compared to a Lewisham average of 6.3%. 23.5% of residents are not economically active, for example because they are in education, looking after home or family, long-term sick or disabled, or in retirement.

Economic activity in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011



The three most common occupations in Crofton Park are Professional occupations (27.3%), Associate professional and technical occupations (19.0%), and Administrative and secretarial occupations (11.8%).

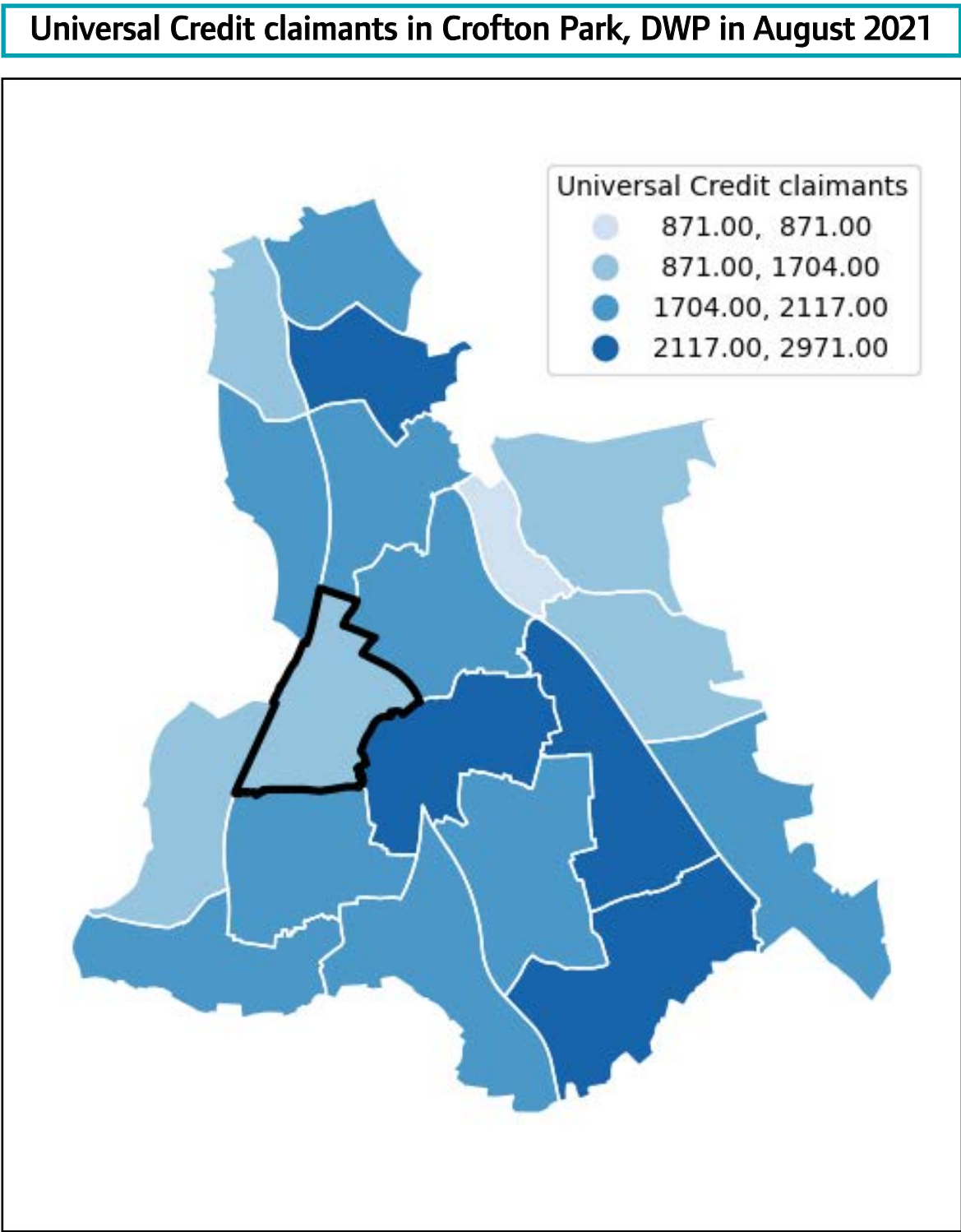
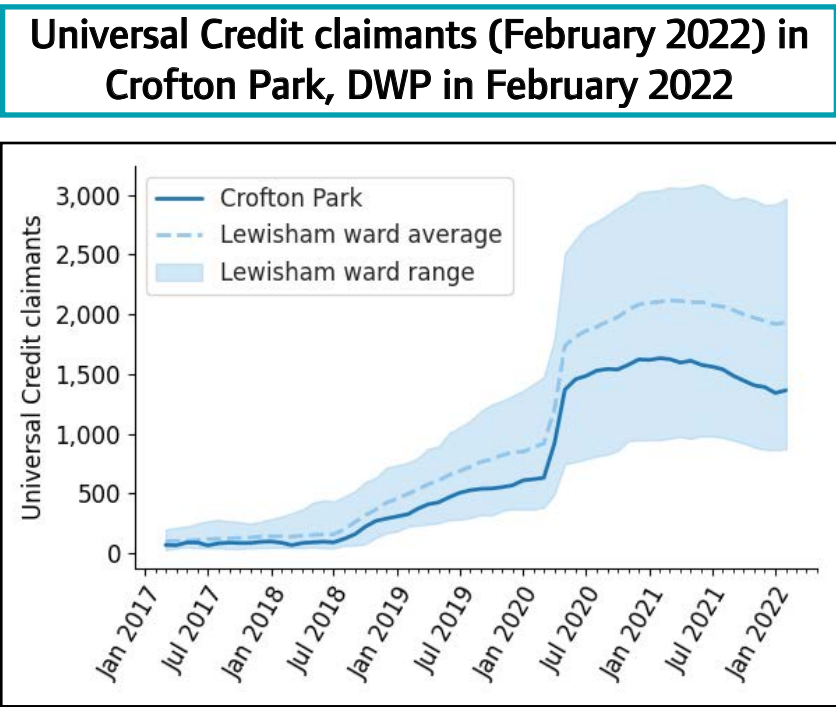
Occupation groups in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011



Benefit claimants

Universal Credit is the primary social security payment for working-age people with a low household income. It was introduced in 2013 and has gradually replaced six prior benefits: income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance, and Income Support; Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit; and Housing Benefit. All Universal Credit recipients receive a standard payment that varies by age and whether they live with a partner. Additional payments are offered to help with housing, children and childcare, sickness and disability, and for carers. A further weekly £20 uplift was offered during the COVID-19 pandemic until September 2021.

In Crofton Park, **1,364 people received Universal Credit in February 2022**. By comparison, in February 2020, 619 people received Universal Credit.

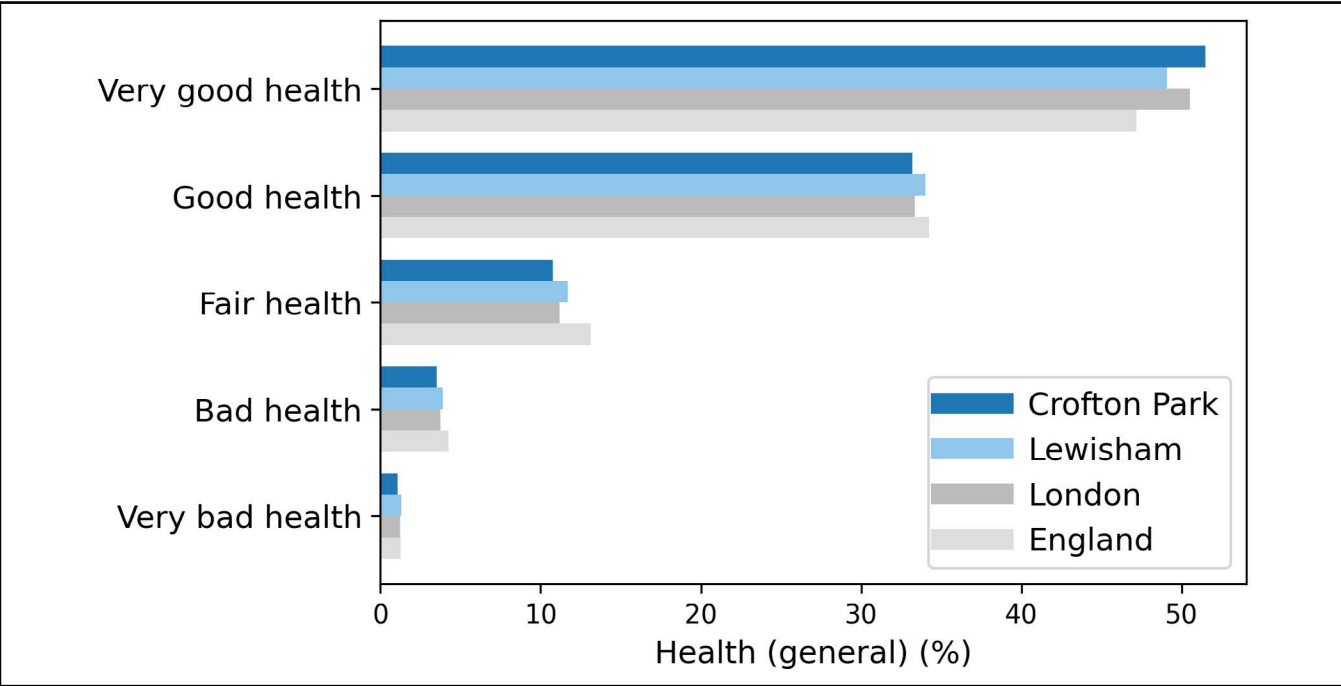


Health and wellbeing

Census captures different metrics related to a self-assessment of health which can be a useful indicator of the population’s general wellbeing and health-related quality of life. These include general health, day-to-day activities limited, and provision of unpaid care.

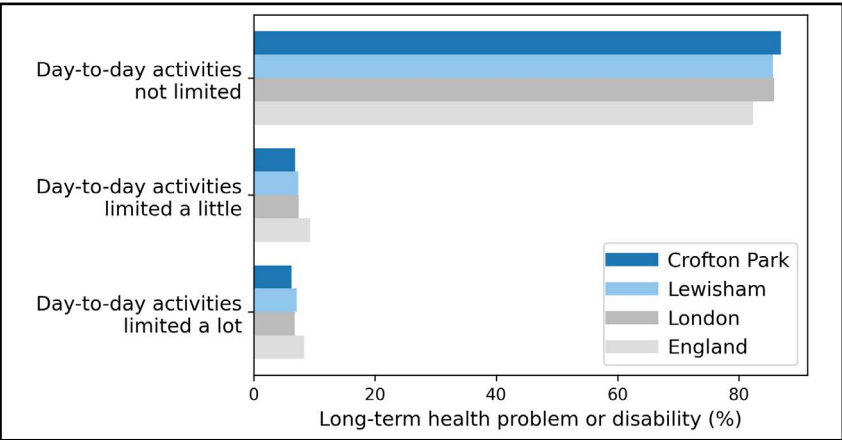
The average rate of Crofton Park residents in very good/good health is 84% compared to a Lewisham average of 81% and a national average of 83%.

General health status in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011

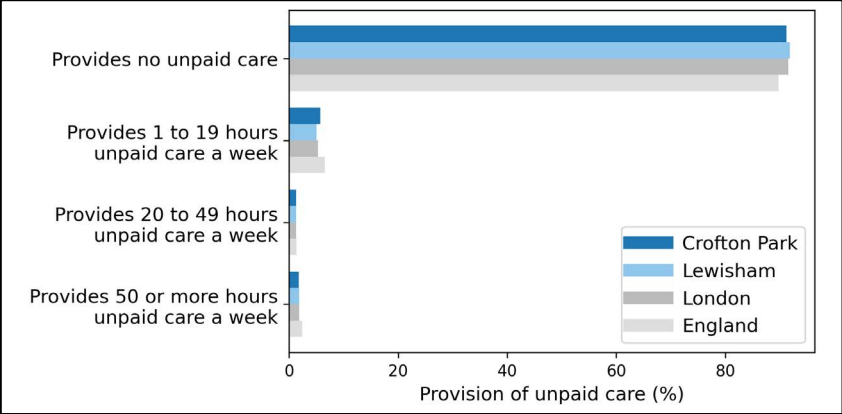


Around 6.2% residents of Crofton Park had a long term health problem or disability limiting their day to day activities a lot compared to a Lewisham average of 7% and a national average of 8.3%.

Day-to-day activities limited in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011



Provision of unpaid care in Crofton Park, ONS Census 2011



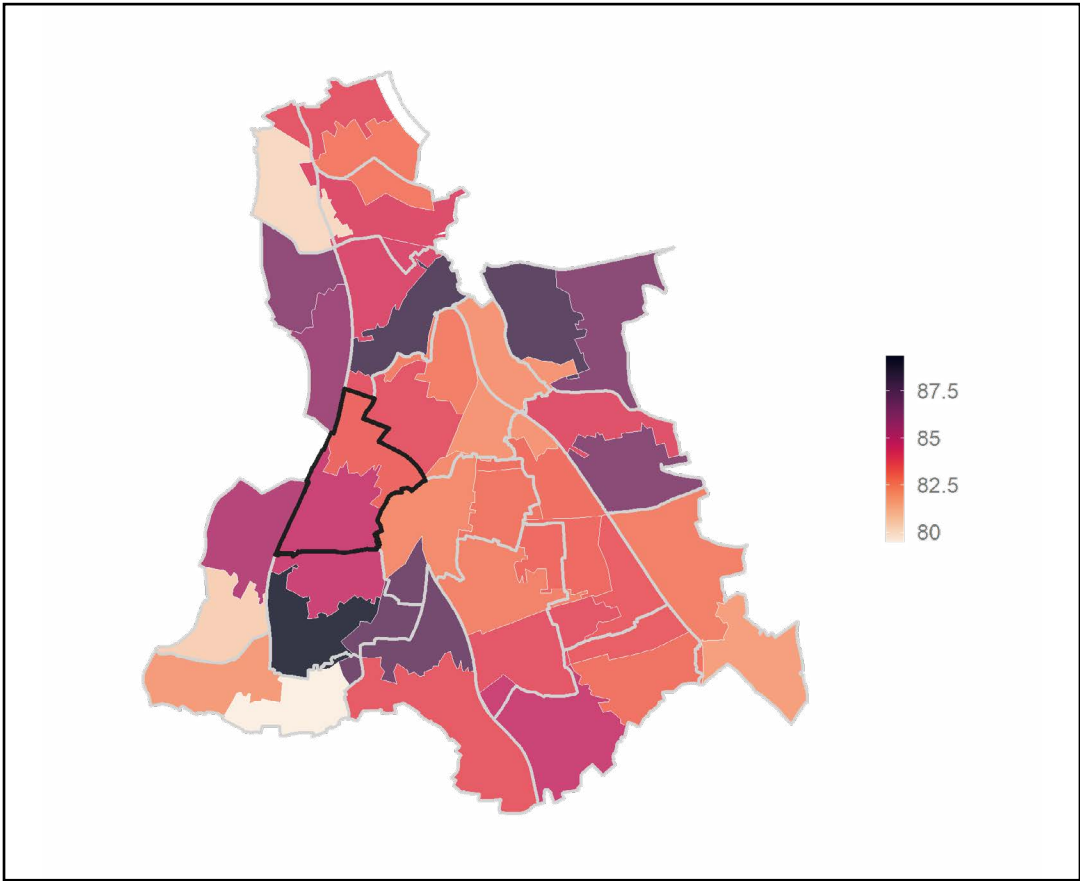
Around 8.5% of residents in Crofton Park provided unpaid care compared to a Lewisham average of 8.1% and a national average of 10.1%.

Health and life expectancy

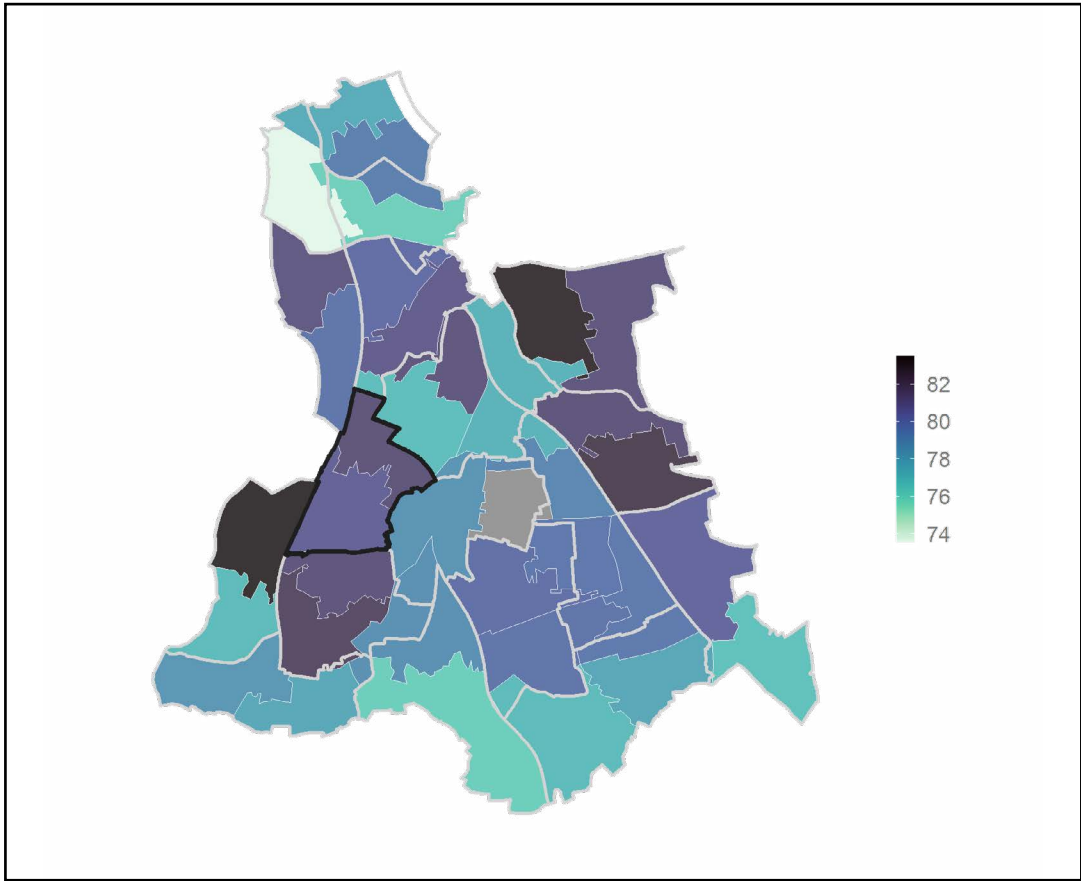
The average life expectancy at birth for females in Crofton Park is 83.9 years compared to England average of 83.2.

The average life expectancy at birth for males in Crofton Park is 80.8 years compared to England average of 79.6.

Life expectancy female, Public Health England 2015 - 2019



Life expectancy male, Public Health England 2015 - 2019



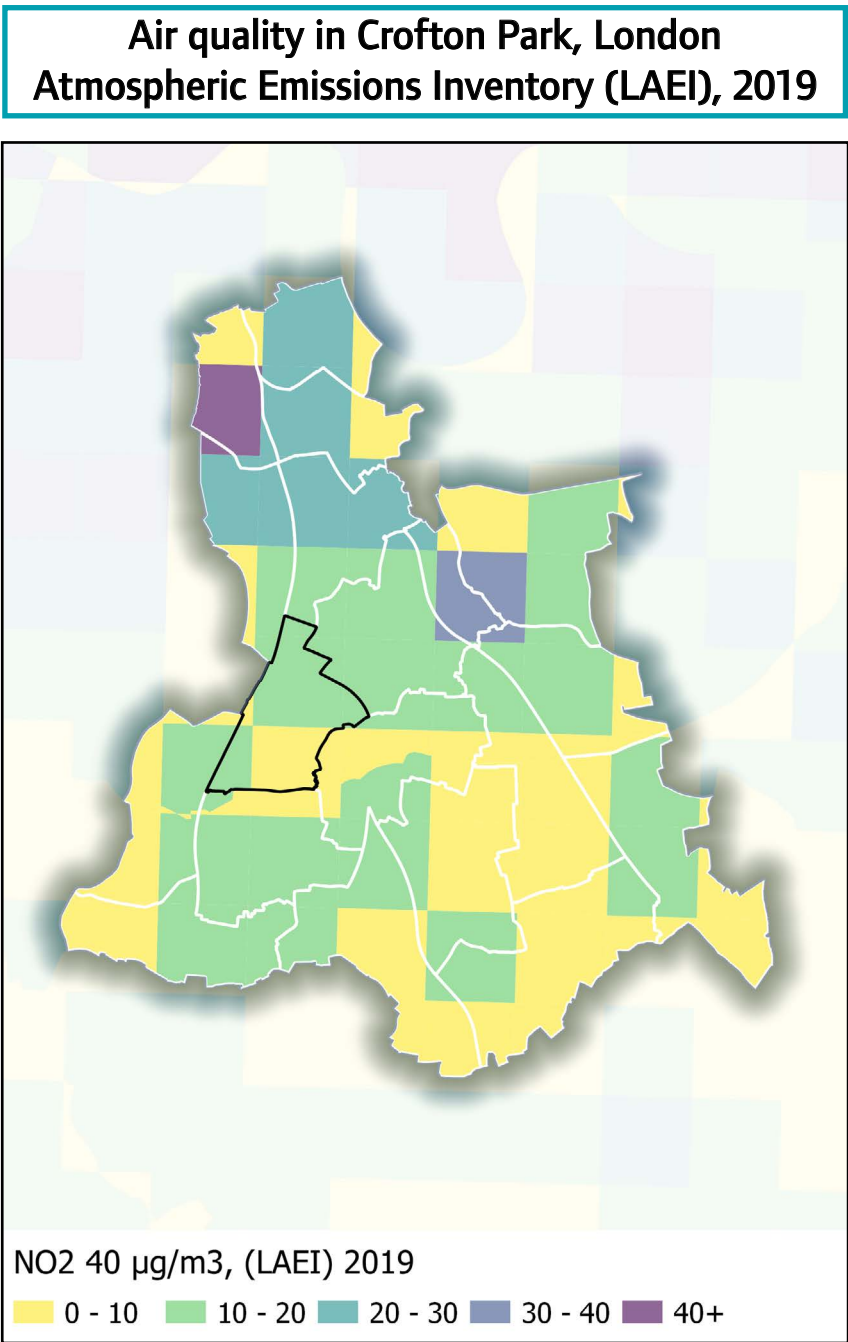
* Grey area on the map indicates missing data for MSOA Catford East & Mountsfield Park (Rushey Green ward).

Environment

Air quality

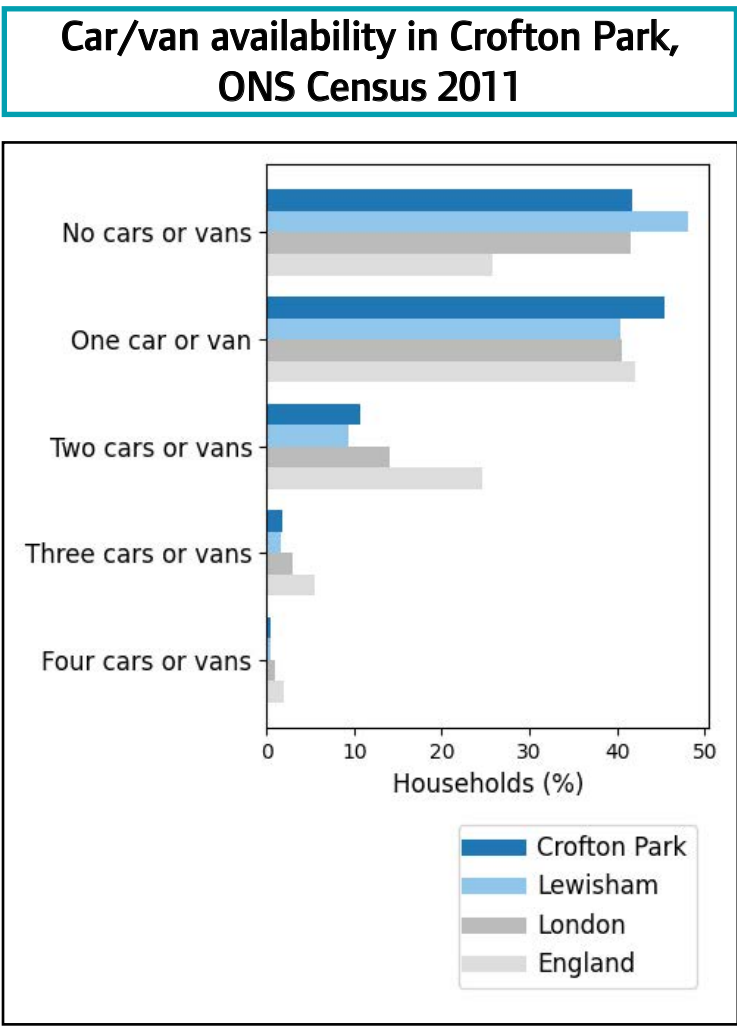
The DEFRA 2010 Air Quality Objective sets a target threshold for Nitrogen Dioxide particles in the air at **no more than 40 micrograms per cubic metre of air**.

This model from 2019 estimates levels based on historical readings at sensor sites, interpolated across the whole of Greater London.



Car/van ownership per household

The three most common types of car or van availability in Crofton Park are one car or van (45.4%), no cars or vans (41.7%), and two cars or vans (10.6%).

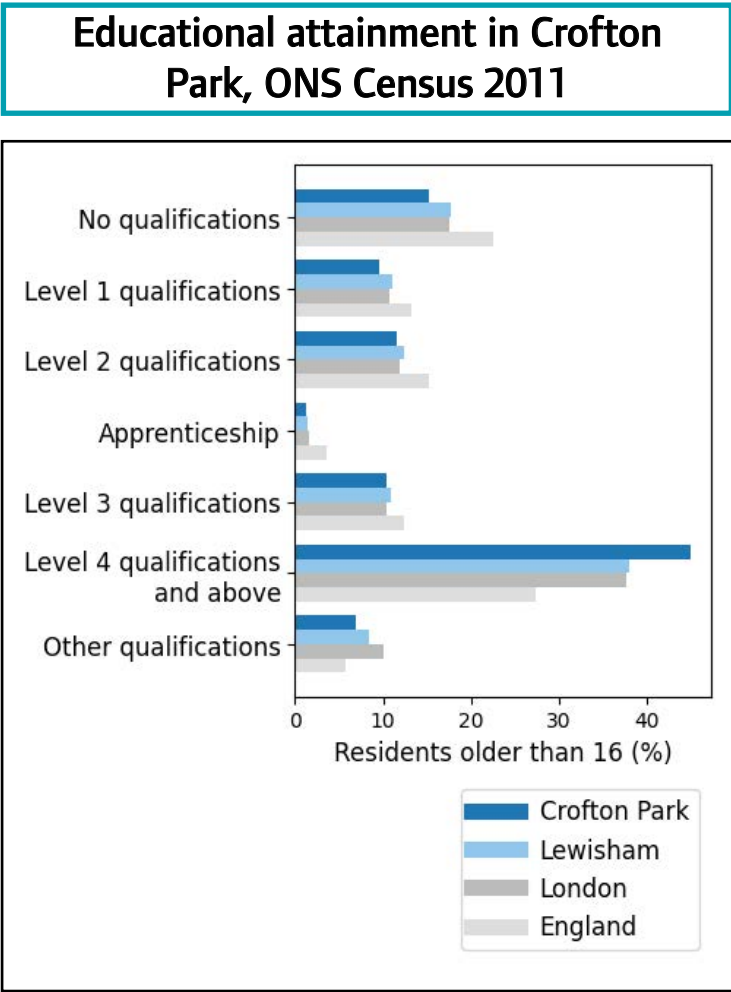


Education

Educational attainment

There are nine qualification levels in England: Entry level and then levels 1-9. Levels 1-2 cover GCSE and equivalents, Level 3 covers A level and equivalents, and Levels 4-8 cover higher education equivalents.

In Crofton Park, 15% of residents have no qualifications; 10% have Level 1 qualifications; 12% have Level 2 qualifications; 1% have Apprenticeship; 10% have Level 3 qualifications; and 45% have Level 4 qualifications and above.



OFSTED Ratings

This section provides general information on schools located in the ward and their OFSTED ratings.

Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills. They inspect services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. They also inspect and regulate services that care for children and young people.

Out of seven schools in Crofton Park, one is rated as Outstanding and six are rated as Good.

OFSTED rating for schools in Crofton Park, Department for Education 2020 - 2021

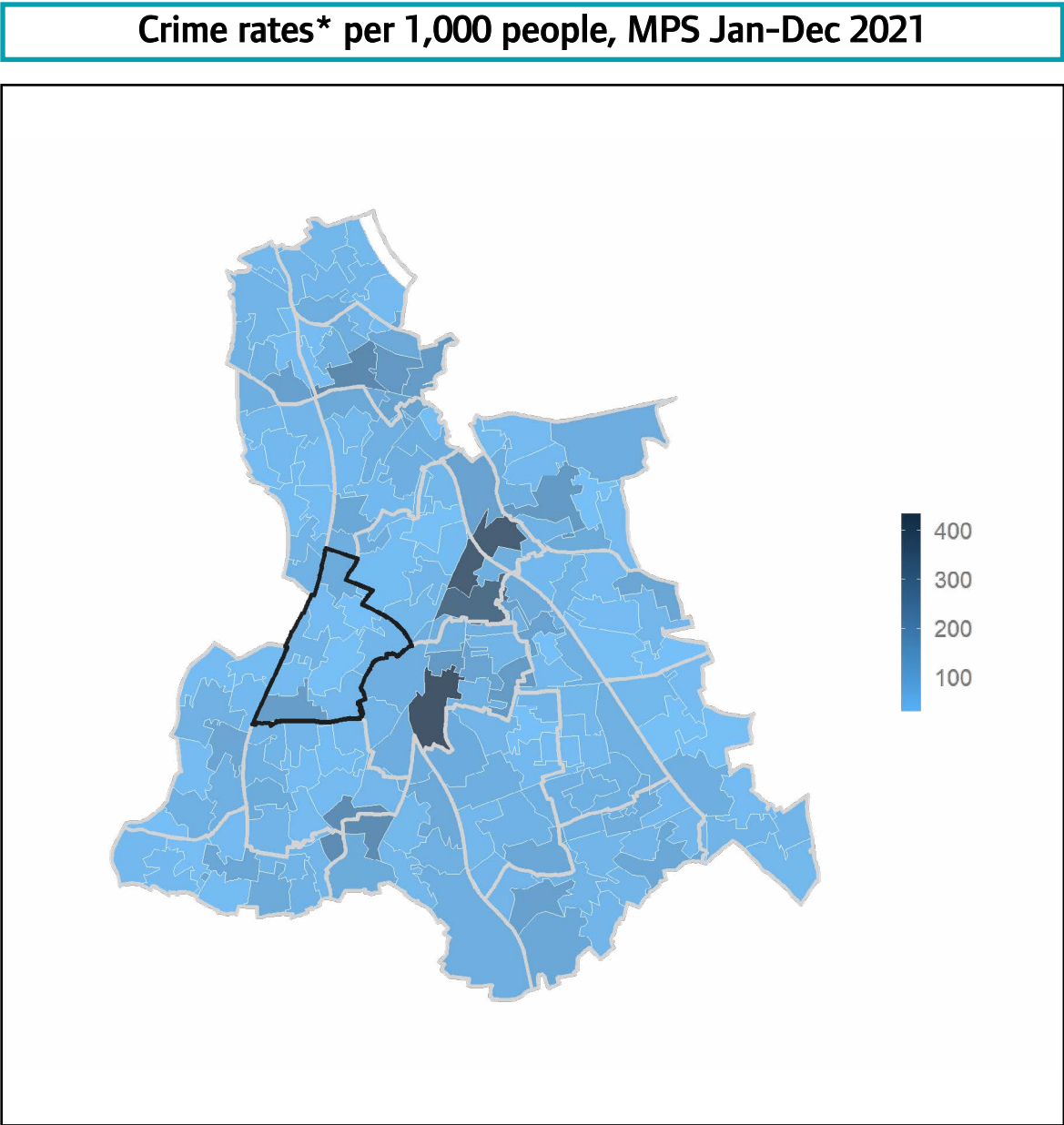
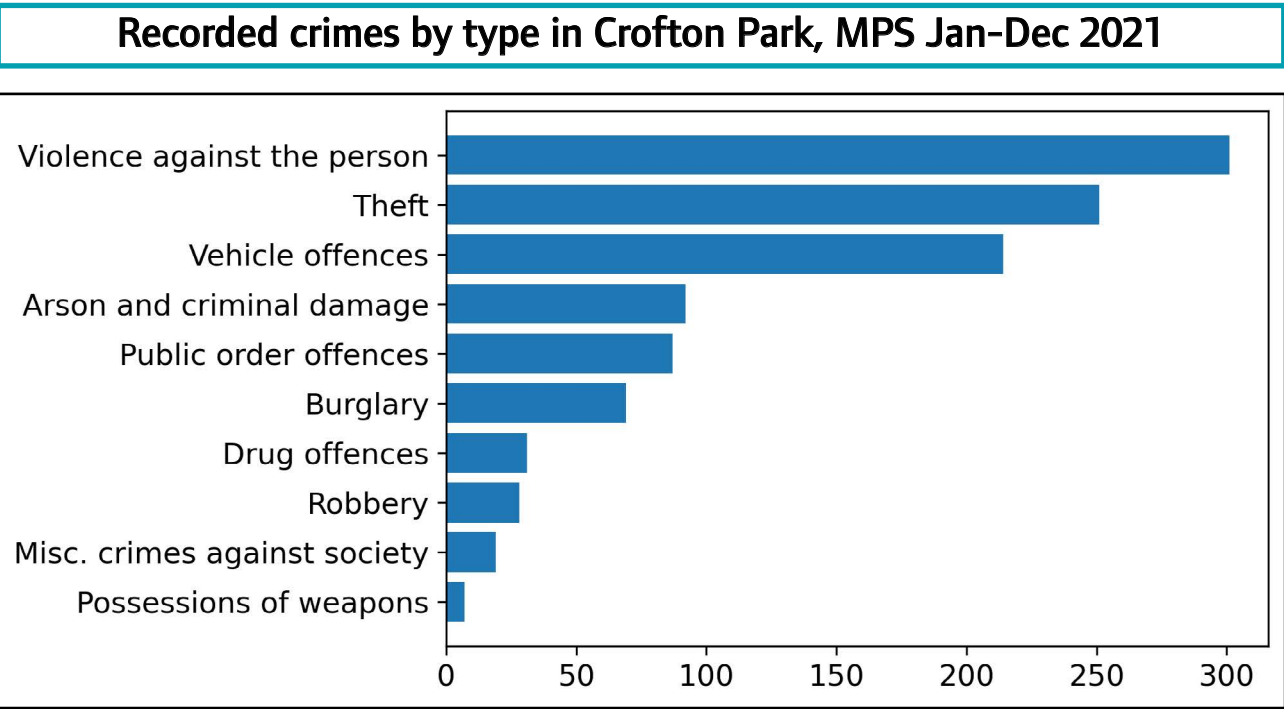
| School Name | Group | School Type | Is Primary? | Is Secondary? | Is post 16? | Gender | OFSTED Rating |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|---------------|
| Beecroft Garden Primary | Maintained school | Community school | Yes | No | No | Mixed | Good |
| Dalmain Primary School | Maintained school | Community school | Yes | No | No | Mixed | Good |
| Stillness Junior School | Maintained school | Community school | Yes | No | No | Mixed | Good |
| Stillness Infant School | Maintained school | Community school | Yes | No | No | Mixed | Outstanding |
| St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School | Maintained school | Voluntary aided school | Yes | No | No | Mixed | Good |
| St William of York Catholic Primary School | Maintained school | Voluntary aided school | Yes | No | No | Mixed | Good |
| Prendergast Ladywell School | Maintained school | Foundation school | Yes | Yes | No | Mixed | Good |

Crime

In the period January-December 2021, the number of recorded crimes in Lewisham was 25692 (excluding sexual offences).

Of 1099 recorded crimes (Home Office crime classifications, excluding sexual offences) in Crofton Park, the three most common offences include violence against the person (301), theft (251) and vehicle offences (214).

In the nine LSOAs in Crofton Park, overall crime rates per 1,000 people range from 35.3 to 151.1.



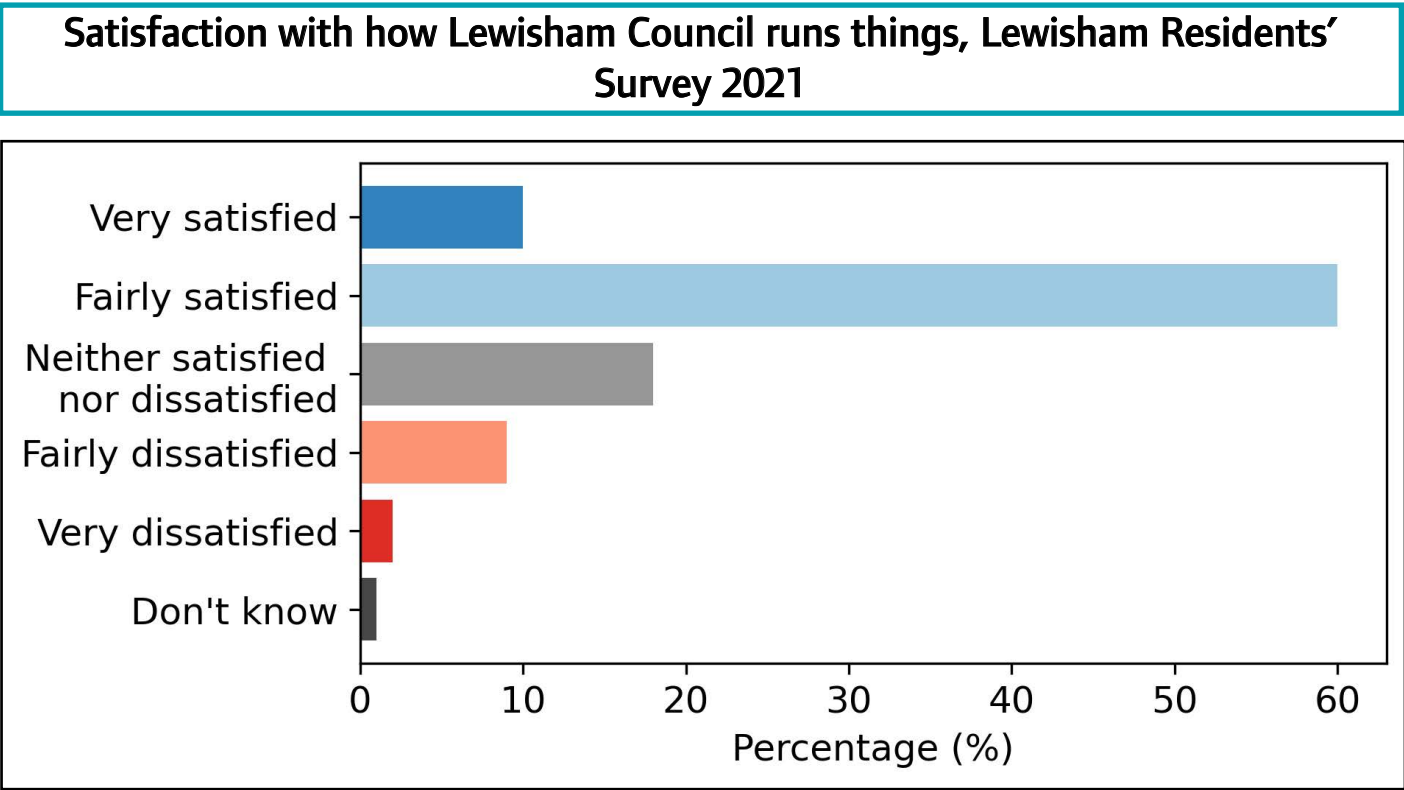
* Recorded crimes based on Home Office crime classifications, excluding sexual offences.

Residents survey

Due to limited data from Lewisham Residents’ Survey 2021 at ward level, survey results included in this document are presented at the borough level.

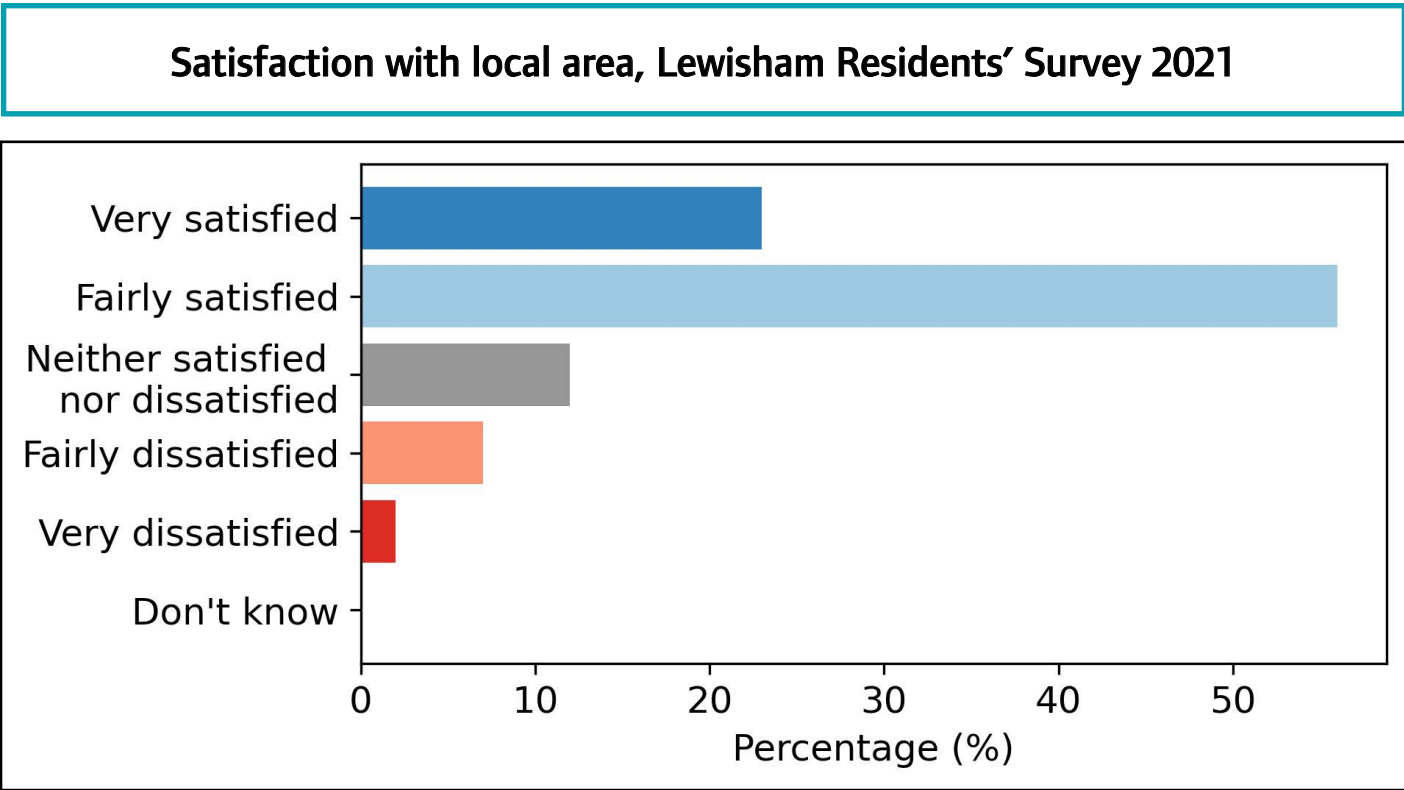
Satisfaction with the Council

Over two thirds (69%) of residents are satisfied with the way Lewisham Council runs things, whilst around 11% are dissatisfied. Satisfaction in Lewisham is significantly higher when compared with LGA October 2021 National data (56%; 13 percentage points).



Satisfaction local area

The majority of residents (79%) are satisfied with their local area as a place to live, whilst around 8% are dissatisfied. Satisfaction is slightly higher when compared with LGA October 2021 National data (78%; 1 percentage points).



Data sources

1. Basemaps (cover): OS Open Zoomstack
2. Ward boundaries: Office for National Statistics (ONS)
3. Community resources: Lewisham corporate postgis (mapthat)
4. Population estimates: ONS mid-2020 population estimate
5. Diversity - Ethnicity & religion: ONS Census 2011
6. Diversity - Country of birth: ONS Census 2011
7. Diversity - Main language & English proficiency: ONS Census 2011
8. Deprivation: Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government 2019
9. Fuel poverty & EPC:
Fuel poverty: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) 2019
EPC: Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities 2022
10. Housing & affordability:
Accommodation & tenure: ONS Census 2011
Affordability: ONS 2021
11. Household composition: ONS Census 2011
12. Employment (Economic activity and occupation): ONS Census 2011
13. Benefit claimants: DWP 2021
14. Health and wellbeing: ONS Census 2011
15. Health and life expectancy: Public Health England 2015 - 2019
16. Environment:
Air quality model: London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI) 2019
Car & van availability: ONS Census 2011
17. Education:
Educational attainment: ONS Census 2011
OFSTED Rating: Department for Education 2015 - 2019
18. Crime: Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), January - December 2021
19. Resident Survey: Lewisham's Residents' Survey 2021

