

# Deptford ward profile

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\* EPC stands for Energy Performance Certificate

# Councillors 2022 - 2026



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# Ward profile introduction

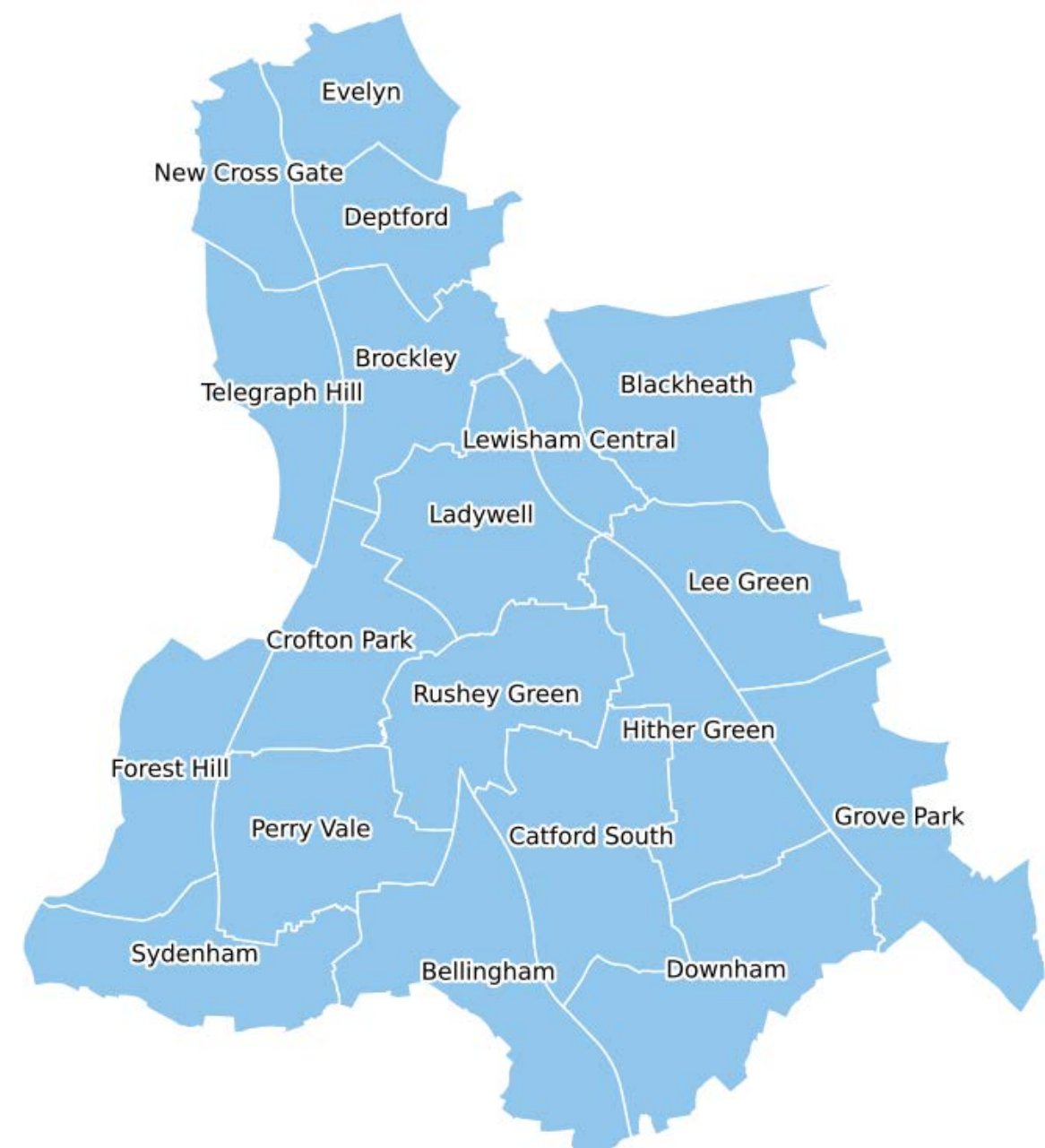
## About Lewisham's Ward profiles

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of the 2021 Census have not yet been published, which means many indicator variables in this report rely on potentially outdated data from the 2011 Census.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



# Deptford

Deptford is one of the newly created wards. Located in the north of the borough, the eastern boundaries are outlined by the South London railway line and the western ones by Deptford Creek.

Deptford is **one of the oldest settlements in Lewisham and includes two conservation areas**: Deptford High street & St Paul’s Church that grew following Henry VIII’s Royal Naval Dockyard, and Deptford Creekside, with its origins in the 16th century.

**There are a number of housing estates managed by Lewisham homes**: Achilles Street Estate, Albury Street/Mary Ann Gardens/Hughes Field Estate, Crossfields Estate, Milton Court Estate and Tanners Hill Estate and the Evelyn estate. The iconic Deptford Market runs along Deptford High Street and Douglas Way 3 days a week with a variety of goods and its famous bric-a-brac section.

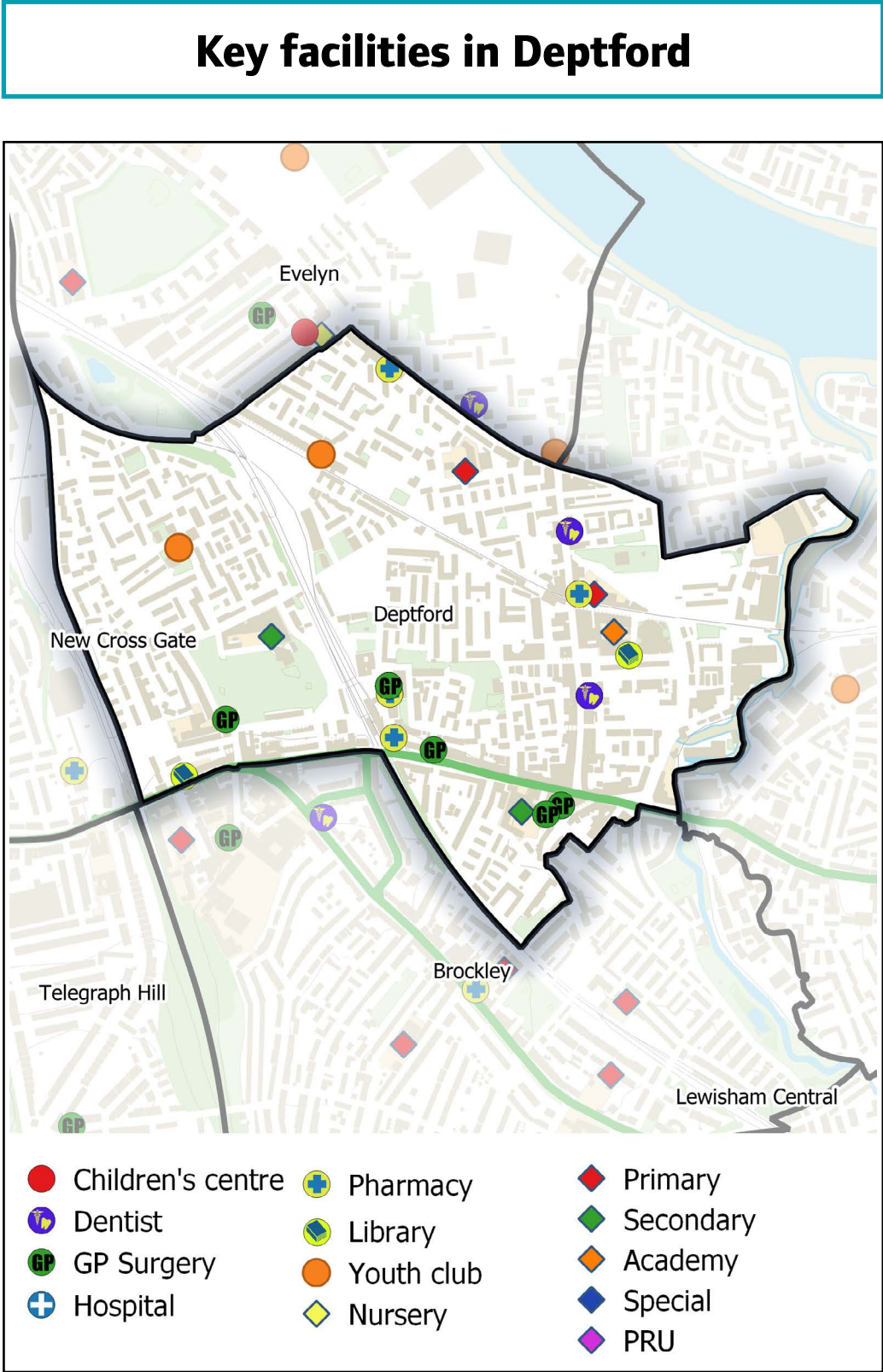
Relevant **places of interest that highlight the vibrant art and culture local scene** are: Trinity Laban Conservatoire with its Faculty of Dance and Theatre in Creekside; Moonshot Centre with IRIE! Dance Theatre, offering a BA (Hons) Degree in Diverse Dance Styles; the Albany, a multi-purpose art centre; and Deptford Lounge, providing a range of community services and incorporating one of the borough’s flagship libraries.

Other community facilities within the ward include New Cross Learning - a community library, run by volunteers; Evelyn Community Centre which hosts a number of community activities and organisations, and a very successful Community Store; the Mulberry Community Centre which is available to local residents and non-profit organisations, and where the METRO Charity offers frontline services related to sexual and reproductive health, mental health, hate crime, etc.

Notable cultural events are Deptford X – which is London’s longest running contemporary visual arts festival launched in 1998 as a free, artist-led, annual festival; the New Cross and Deptford Free Film Festival - a 10 day community run event; and Deptford Pride, which takes place in August featuring a range of films, events and celebrations of the LGBTQ+ community, held in the local bars and venues around Deptford High Street.

Public Health is working on the **development of a green corridor, connecting green areas and places of interest around New Cross Station and the Waldron Centre**.

**A number of the NCIL projects from Evelyn ward and the old New Cross ward will be delivered in the new Deptford ward**. These include upgrading Evelyn Green, refreshing facilities at the Moonshot Centre, Girls only football, Triangle LGBTQ+ Cultural Centre and a number of other projects.



# Summary of key statistics

Population

**15,617**

Average age

**34**

% of households that reported themselves as a family

**45.7**

% of residents in employment

**61.5**

% of residents that practice a religion

**66**

% of residents not born in England

**25.9**

Number of universal credit claimants

**2,619**

% of residents whose day to day activities are limited a lot

**6.5**

% of residents with low English proficiency

**6.2**

LSOAs among the most deprived 20% of national IMD

**7 of 8**

Average life expectancy (female / male)

**83.4(f) / 80.3(m)**

Air pollution (NO2) with recommended guideline <40

**21.39**

Average proportion of households in fuel poverty

**9.3% - 21.7%**

Median house price (borough)

**£430k**

% of residents without formal qualifications

**18.8**

Number of crimes reported in 2021

**166**

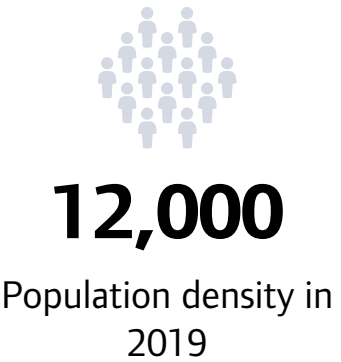


# Population

Deptford has an estimated population of **15,617 residents**, which makes it one of the smaller constituencies in the borough (rank 14 of 19 wards.)

Among its residents, **49.7% identify as female**, and **50.3% as male**. Unfortunately, ONS population statistics do not include estimates for nonbinary gender identities.

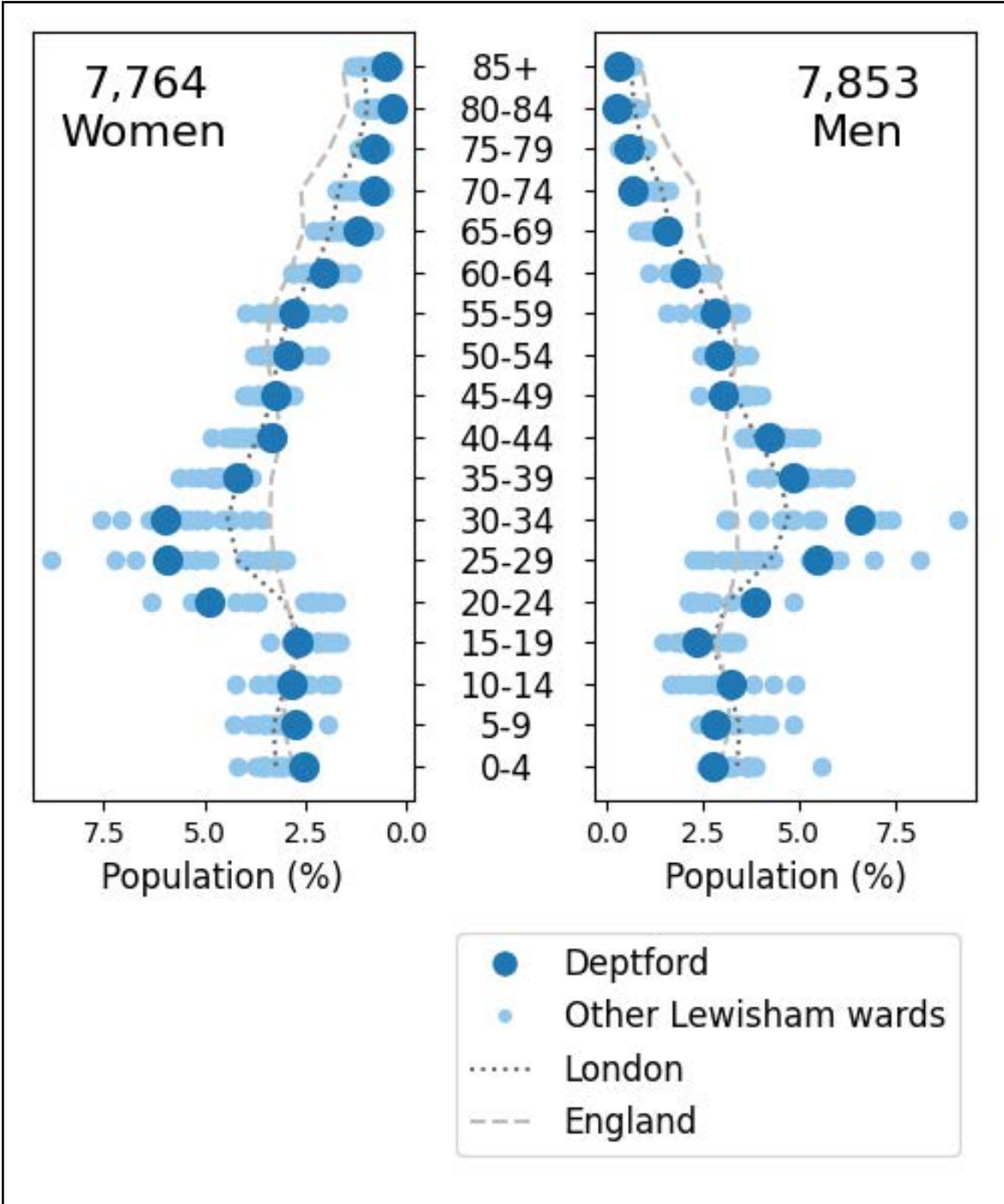
The **average age in Deptford is 34**, compared to 36 in Lewisham as a whole, and 37 in London. This makes it one of the youngest wards in the borough.



In terms of its geographic area, at 1.3 km<sup>2</sup> it is one of the smallest wards in the borough (rank 17 of 19.)

As to its population density, at 12,000 people per km<sup>2</sup> it is among the most densely populated wards in the borough (rank 2 of 19.)

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



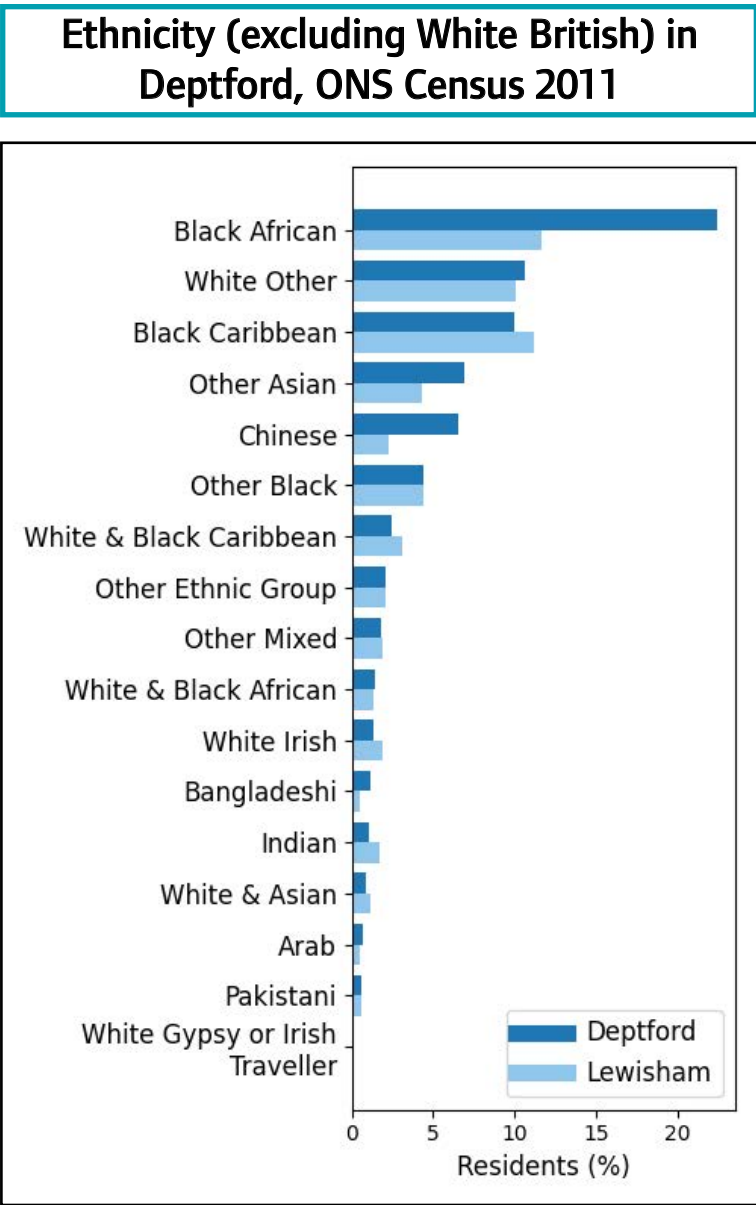
| Proportion of Population Groups in Deptford, ONS 2020 |                |        |          |          |
|---|----------------|--------|----------|----------|
|   | United Kingdom | London | Lewisham | Deptford |
| Children and Youth (0-17)                             | 22.2%          | 23.8%  | 23.3%    | 20.8%    |
| Working age (18-64)                                   | 60.2%          | 64.8%  | 67.8%    | 72.7%    |
| Senior (65+)  | 17.6%          | 11.4%  | 8.9%     | 6.5%     |

# Diversity: Ethnicity and religion

## Ethnicity

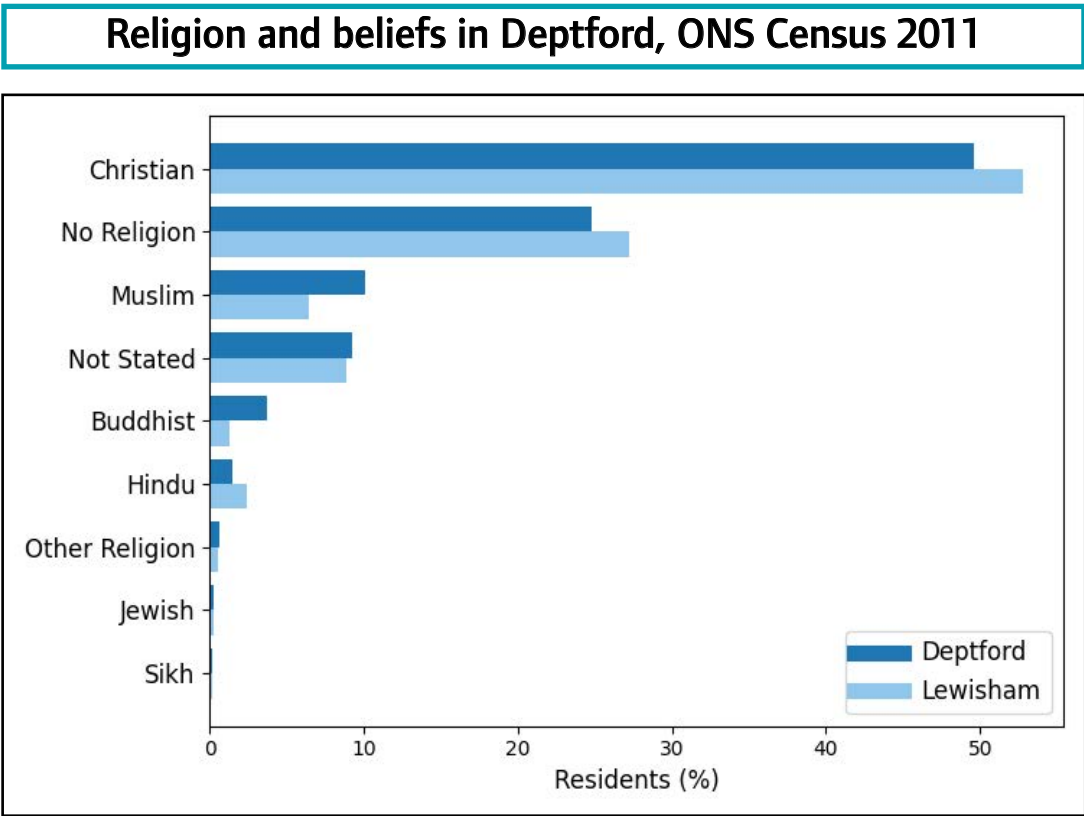
**25.8% of Deptford residents have an ethnicity of White British (White English, Welsh, Scottish, or Northern Irish), compared to 41.5% in Lewisham as a whole, 44.9% in London, and 79.8% in England.**

Among those not White British, the three most common ethnicities are Black African (22.4%), White Other (10.6%), and Black Caribbean (9.9%).



## Religion

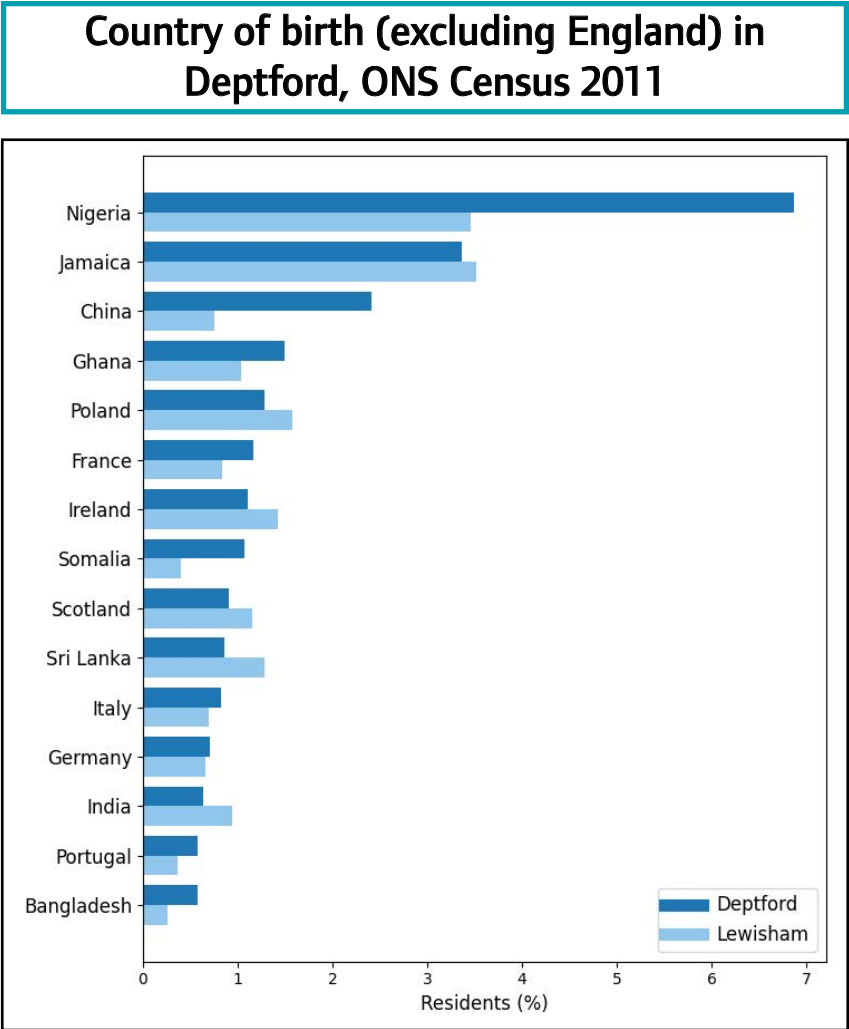
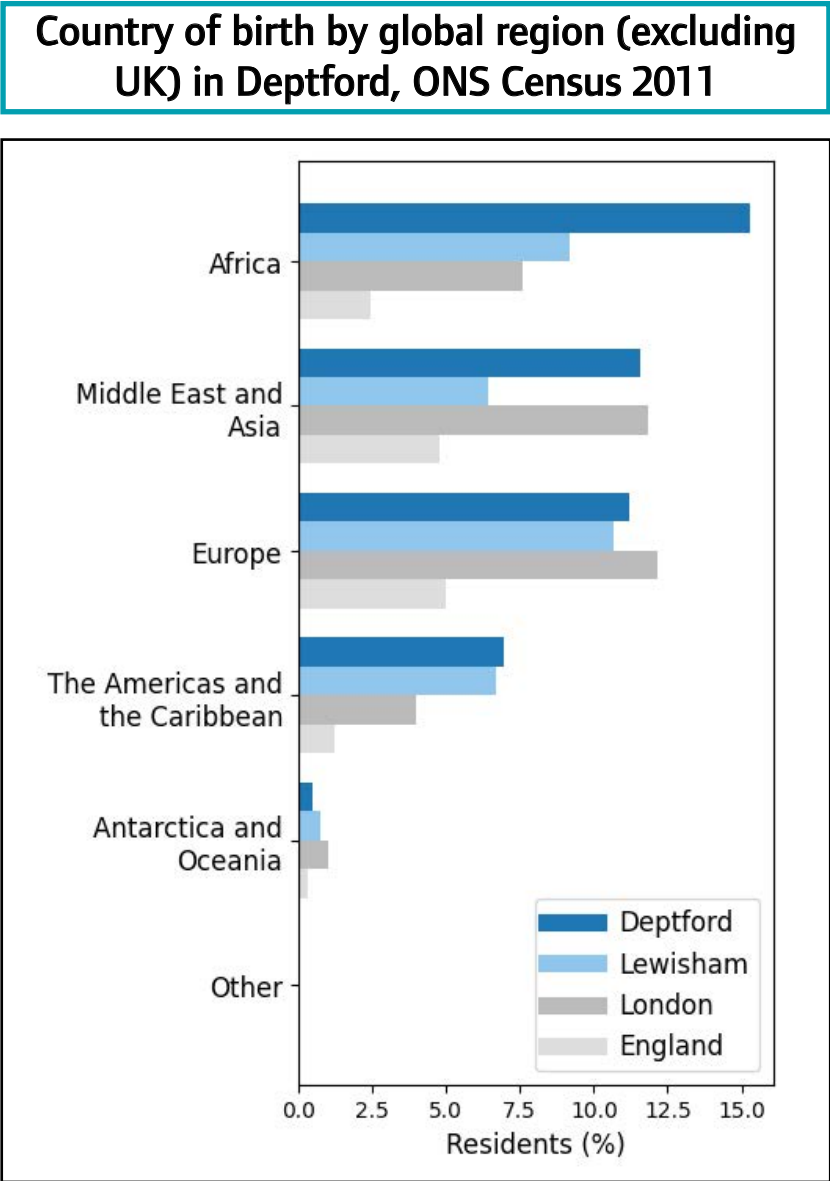
**49.6% of Deptford residents identify as Christian, compared to 52.8% in Lewisham as a whole, 48.4% in London, and 59.4% in England.** Among those not identifying as Christian, the three most common religions are No Religion (24.8%), Muslim (10.1%), and Not Stated (9.2%).



# Diversity: Country of birth

52.5% of Deptford 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 Nigeria (6.9%), Jamaica (3.4%), and China (2.4%).

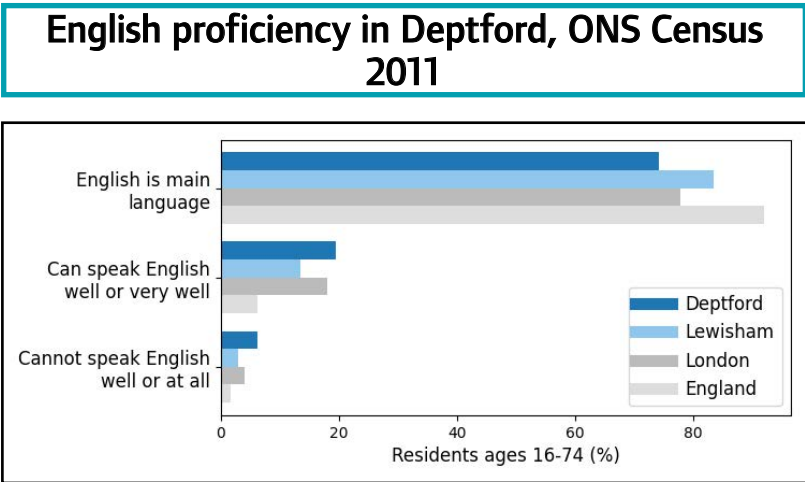




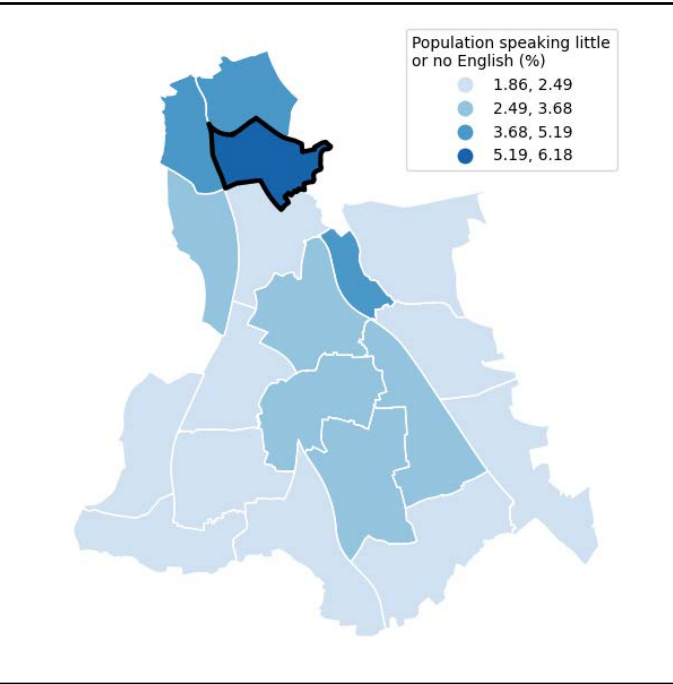
# Diversity: Languages

**74.3% of Deptford 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, 19.6% can speak English well or very well.

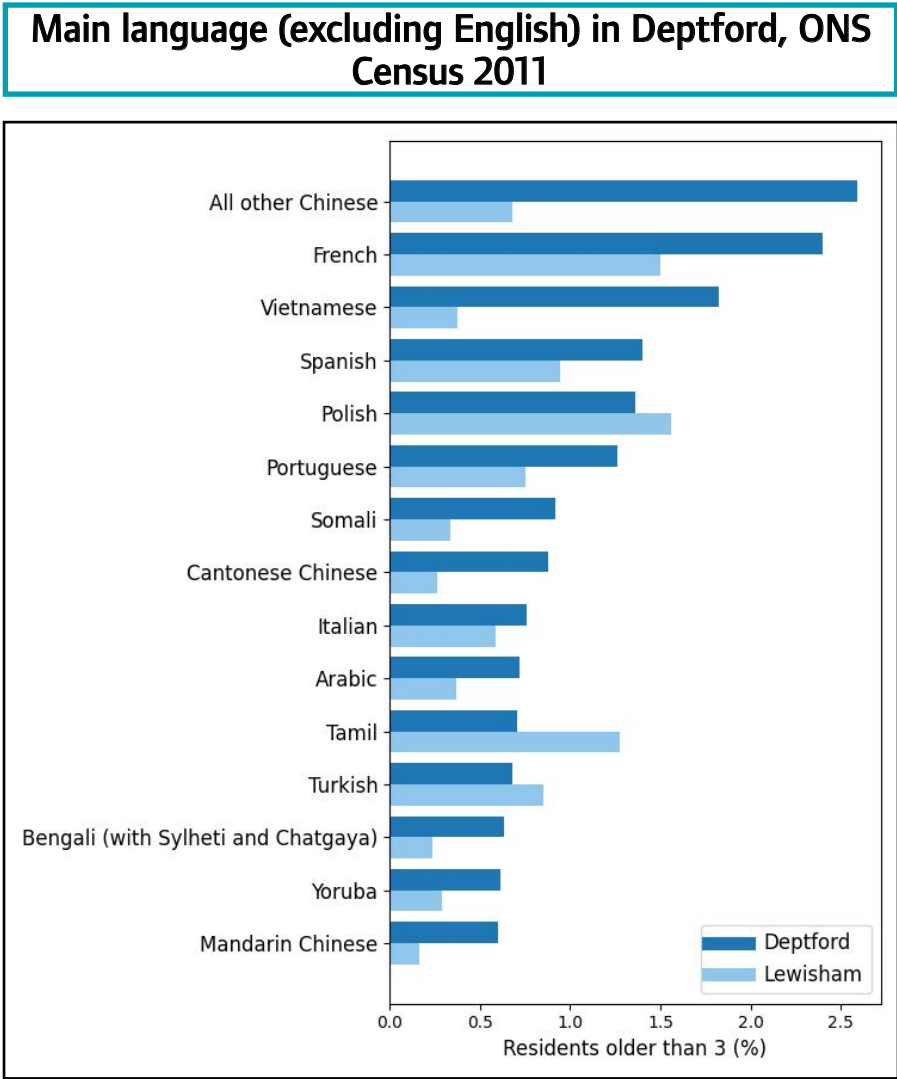


**Population speaking little or no English in Deptford, ONS Census 2011**



On the other hand, **6.2% of residents cannot speak English well or at all**, compared to a Lewisham average of 3.1%. This means an estimated 965 people in Deptford may require everyday language support.

Among those not speaking English as their main language, the three most widely spoken languages are All other Chinese (2.6%), French (2.4%), and Vietnamese (1.8%).

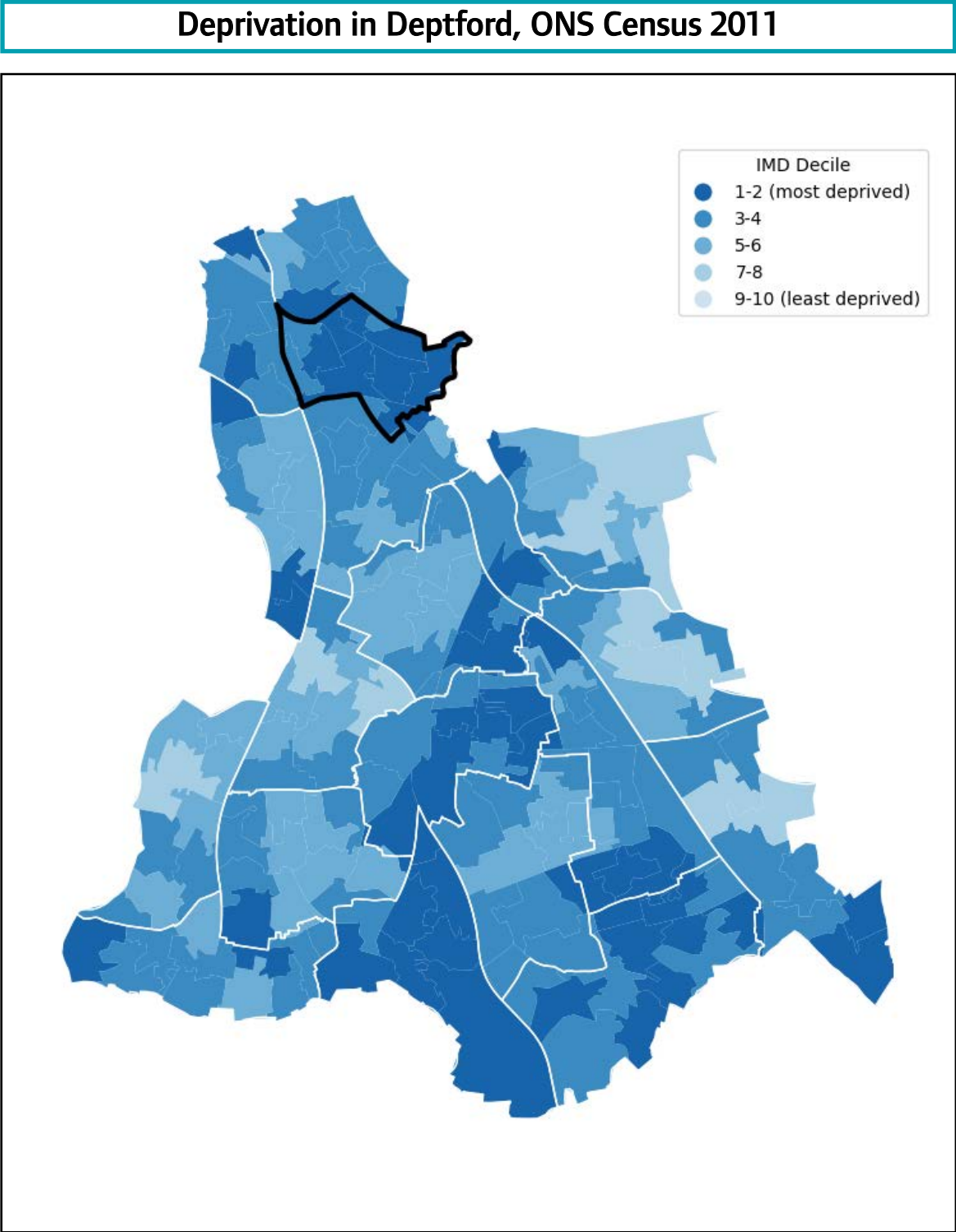
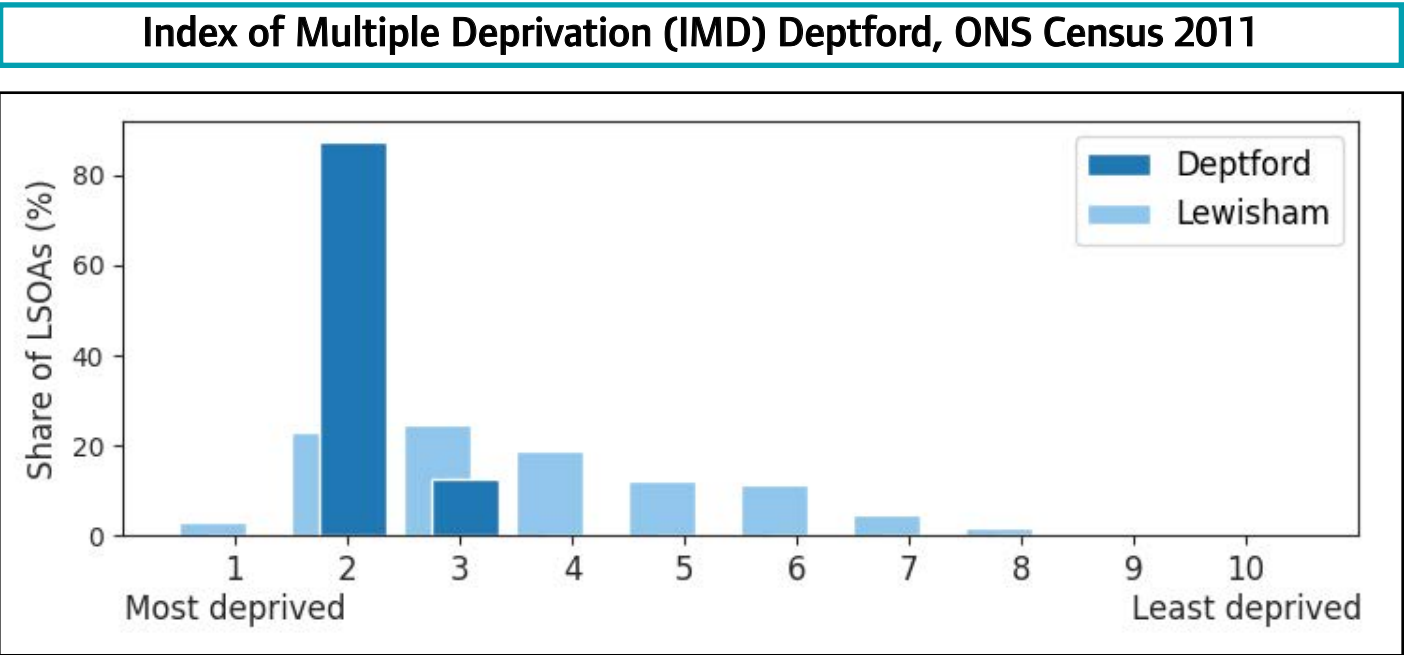


# Deprivation

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 eight LSOAs in Deptford, seven 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.

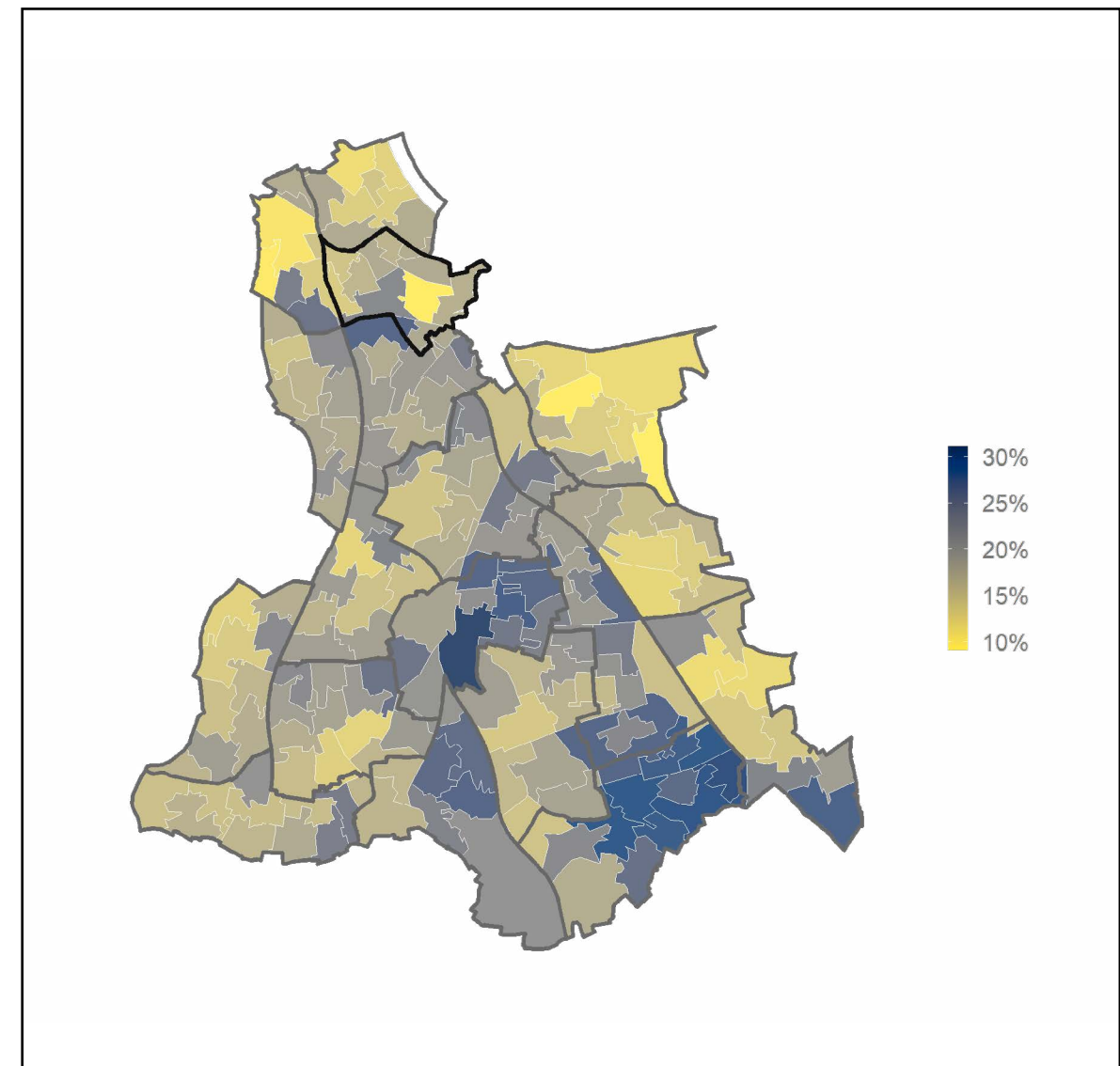
**In the eight LSOAs in Deptford, proportion of households fuel poor ranges from 9.3% to 21.7%.**

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 Deptford, 66% 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 Deptford could be as high as 90% if home owners were to carry out the improvements recommended during their assessment.

Proportion of households in fuel poverty, BEIS 2019





# Housing and affordability

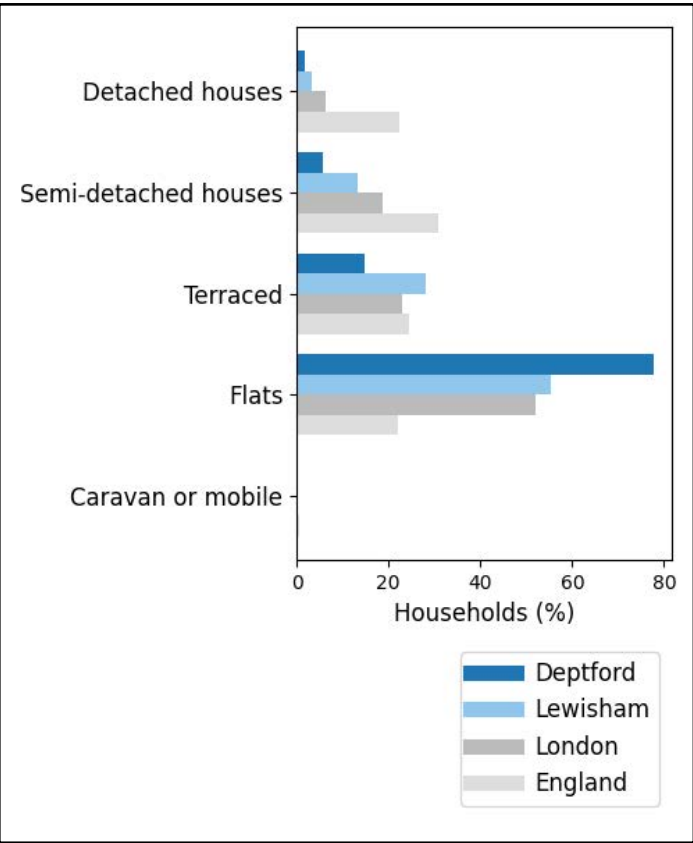
**77.7% of Deptford residents live in flats**, compared to 55.4% in Lewisham as a whole, 52.2% in London, and 22.1% in England. Among Deptford residents, the three most common accommodation types are Flats (77.7%), Terraced (14.8%), and Semi-detached houses (5.6%).

**50.7% of Deptford 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 Deptford residents, the three most common types of tenure are Social rented (50.7%), Private rented (26.8%), and Owned (20.2%).

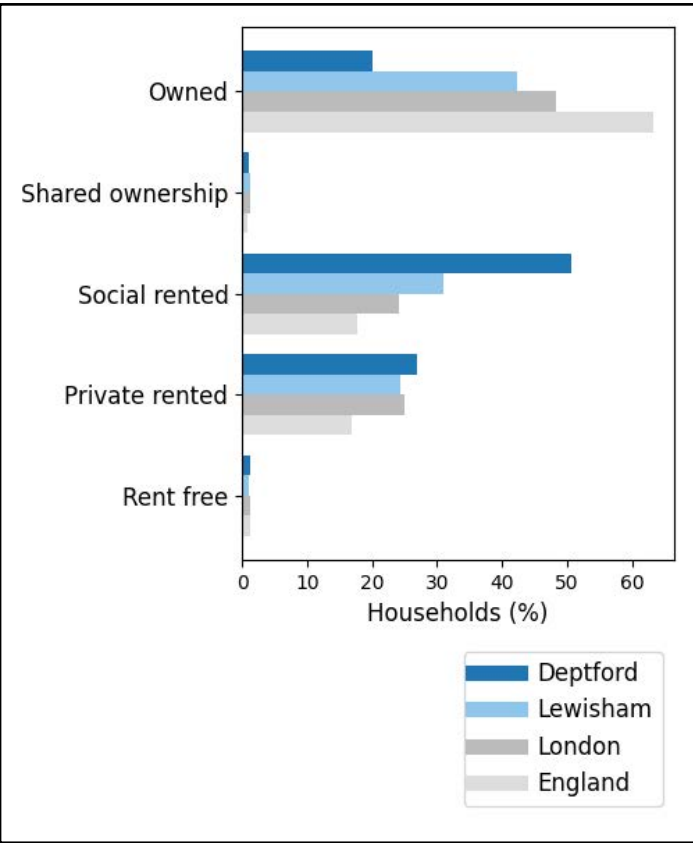
**House prices in Lewisham remain lower than those for London as a whole.** In 2020, the median house price in the borough was **£430,000** compared with £483,000 for Greater London and £249,000 for England.

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 Deptford, ONS Census 2011



Types of tenure in Deptford, ONS Census 2011

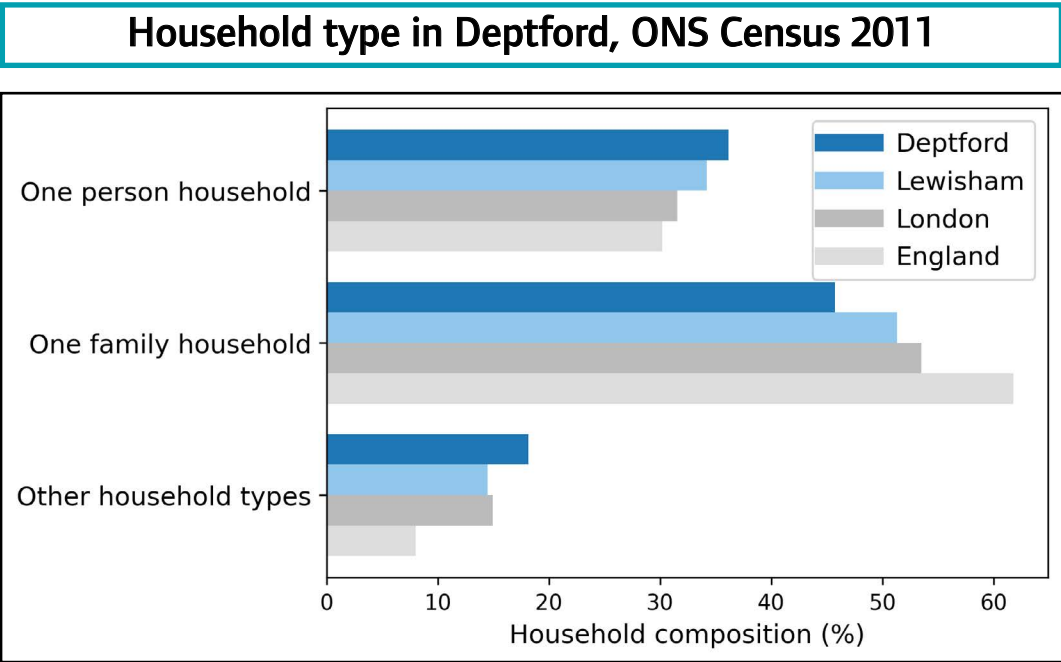


Relative affordability of median prices by local authority area, ONS 2021

|                 | 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           |
| <b>Lewisham</b> | <b>12.61</b>    | <b>13.65</b> | <b>13.27</b> | <b>12.33</b> | <b>12.28</b>   | <b>12.2</b> | <b>12.74</b> | <b>11.55</b> |
| 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 Deptford’s households in 2011, 36.1% were one person households, 45.7% were families and 18.1% other household types, compared to a Lewisham average composition of 34.1% one person household, 51.3% families and 14.4% other household types.

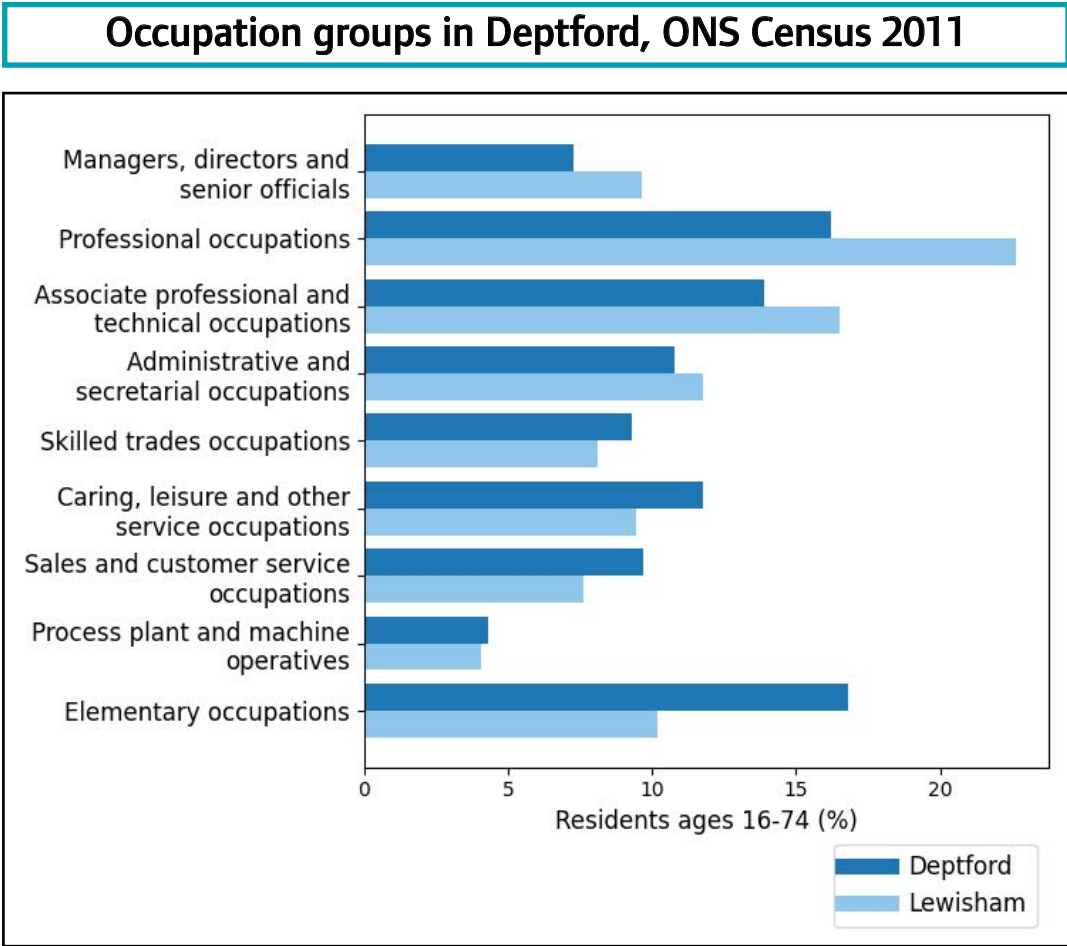
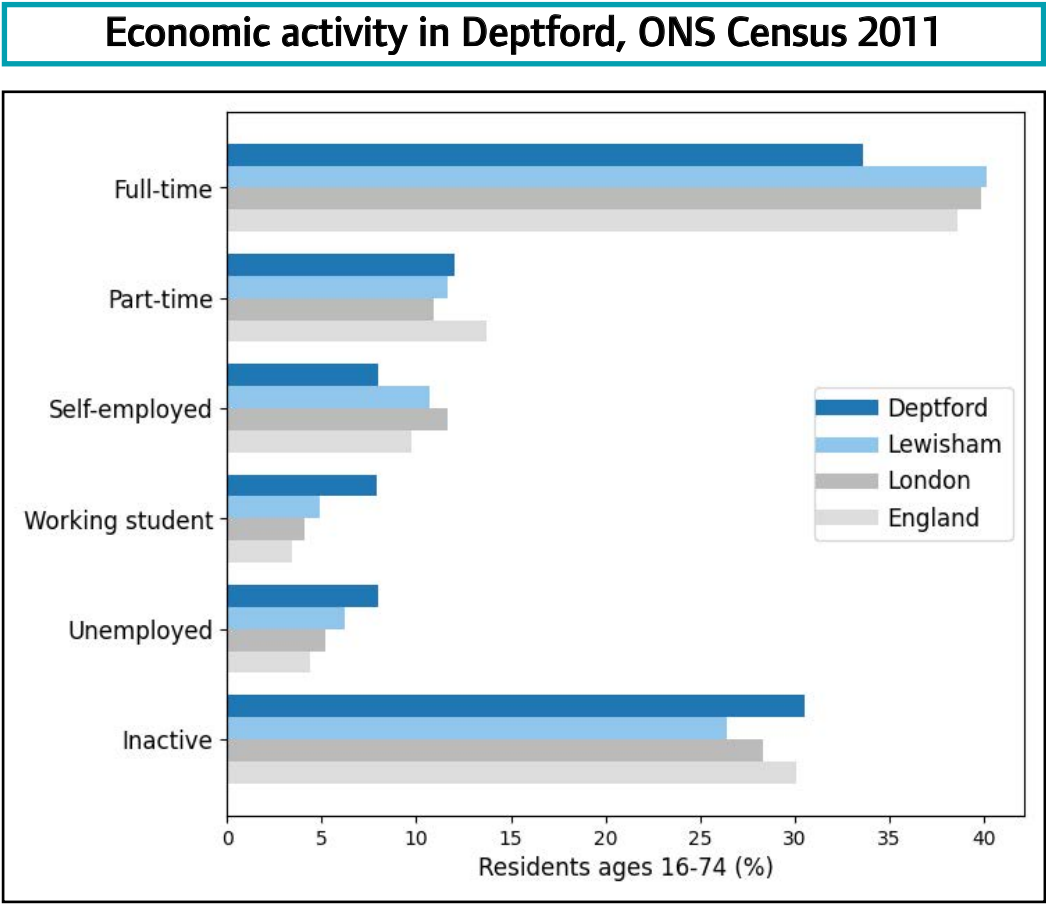


| Household living arrangements in Deptford, ONS Census 2011                                |          |      |          |      |           |      |
|---|----------|------|----------|------|-----------|------|
|   | Deptford |      | Lewisham |      | England   |      |
|   | Count    | %    | Count    | %    | Count     | %    |
| One person household: Aged 65 and over  | 393      | 6.5  | 9,994    | 8.6  | 2,725,596 | 12.4 |
| One person household: Other   | 1780     | 29.7 | 29,686   | 25.6 | 3,940,897 | 17.9 |
| One family only: All aged 65 and over   | 69       | 1.1  | 3,134    | 2.7  | 1,789,465 | 8.1  |
| One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: No children                | 292      | 4.9  | 7,985    | 6.9  | 2,719,210 | 12.3 |
| One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: Dependent children         | 568      | 9.4  | 14,152   | 12.2 | 3,375,890 | 15.3 |
| One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent | 135      | 2.2  | 4,105    | 3.5  | 1,234,355 | 5.6  |
| One family only: Cohabiting couple: No children   | 294      | 4.9  | 6,755    | 5.8  | 1,173,172 | 5.3  |
| One family only: Cohabiting couple: Dependent children                                    | 156      | 2.6  | 4,200    | 3.6  | 890,780   | 4    |
| One family only: Cohabiting couple: All children non-dependent                            | 24       | 0.4  | 464      | 0.4  | 108,486   | 0.5  |
| One family only: Lone parent: Dependent children  | 886      | 14.7 | 13,301   | 11.5 | 1,573,255 | 7.1  |
| One family only: Lone parent: All children non-dependent                                  | 324      | 5.4  | 5,494    | 4.7  | 766,569   | 3.5  |
| Other household types: With dependent children  | 316      | 5.3  | 5,257    | 4.5  | 584,016   | 2.6  |
| Other household types: All full-time students   | 96       | 1.6  | 718      | 0.6  | 124,285   | 0.6  |
| Other household types: All aged 65 and over   | 17       | 0.3  | 307      | 0.3  | 61,715    | 0.3  |
| Other household types: Other  | 662      | 11   | 10,539   | 9.1  | 995,677   | 4.5  |

# Employment

In the 2011 Census, the unemployment rate in Deptford was 8.0% among residents aged 16-74, compared to a Lewisham average of 6.3%. 30.5% 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.

The three most common occupations in Deptford are Elementary occupations (16.8%), Professional occupations (16.2%), and Associate professional and technical occupations (13.9%).

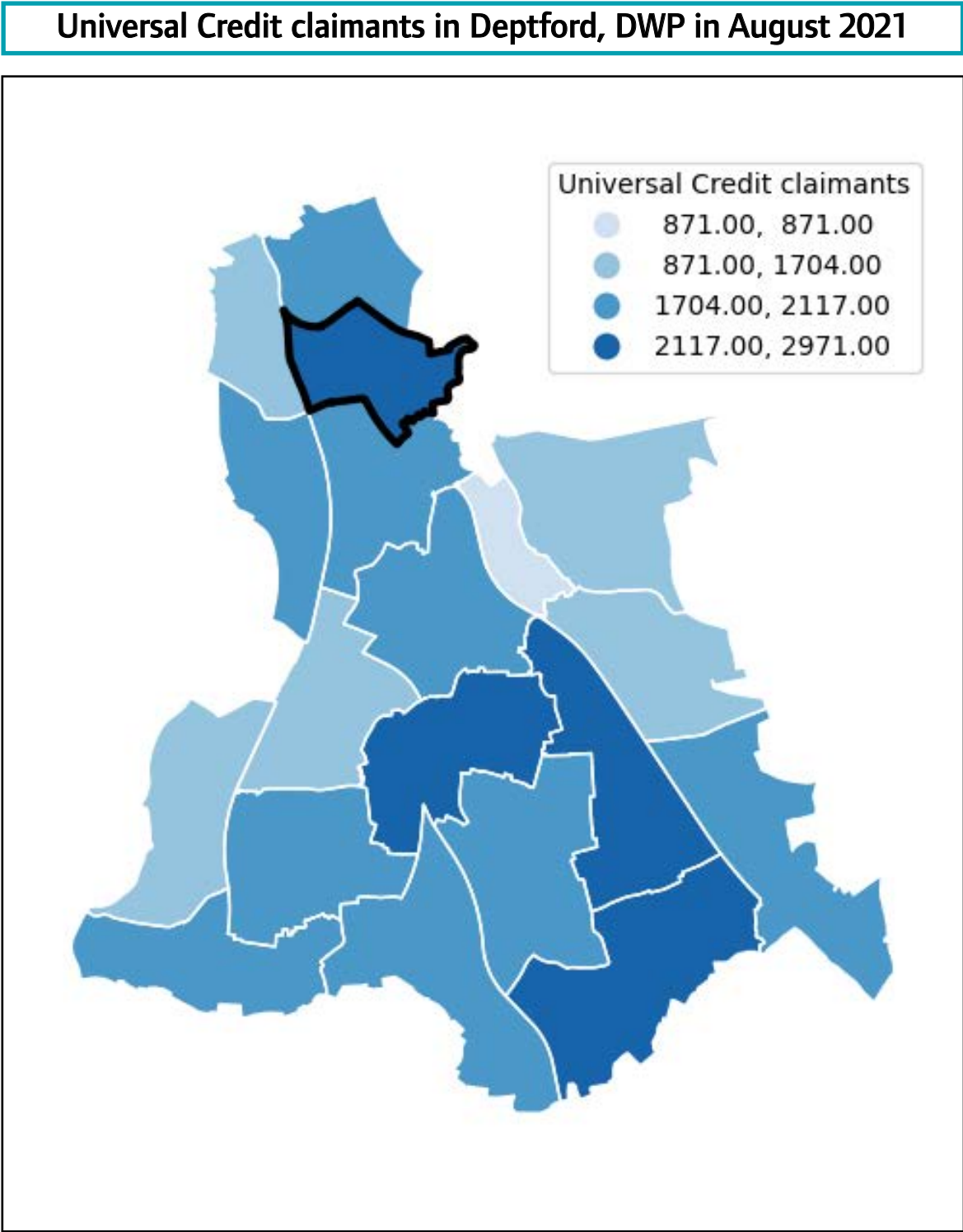
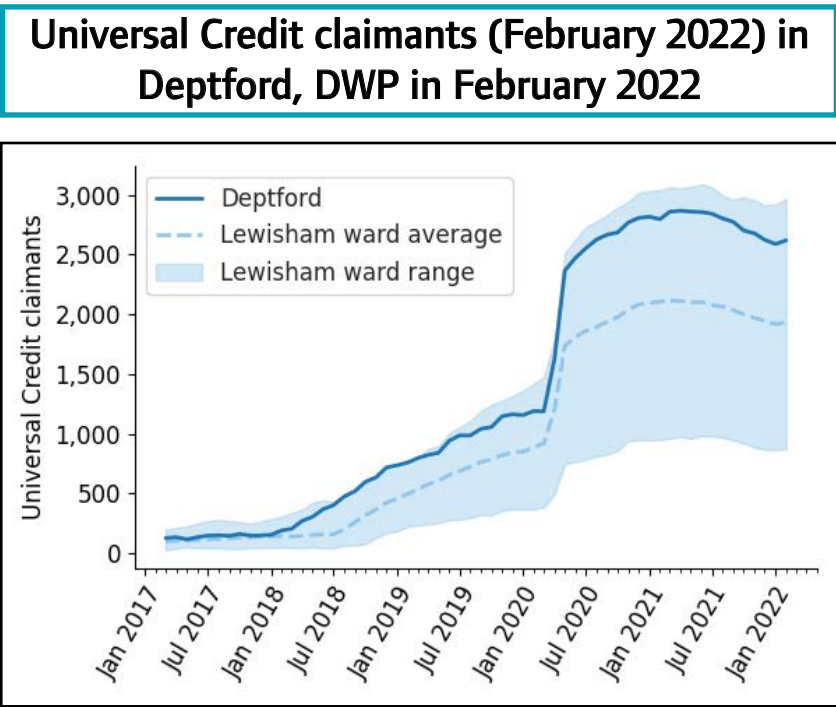




# Benefit claimants

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 Deptford, **2,619 people received Universal Credit in February 2022**. By comparison, in February 2020, 1,190 people received Universal Credit.

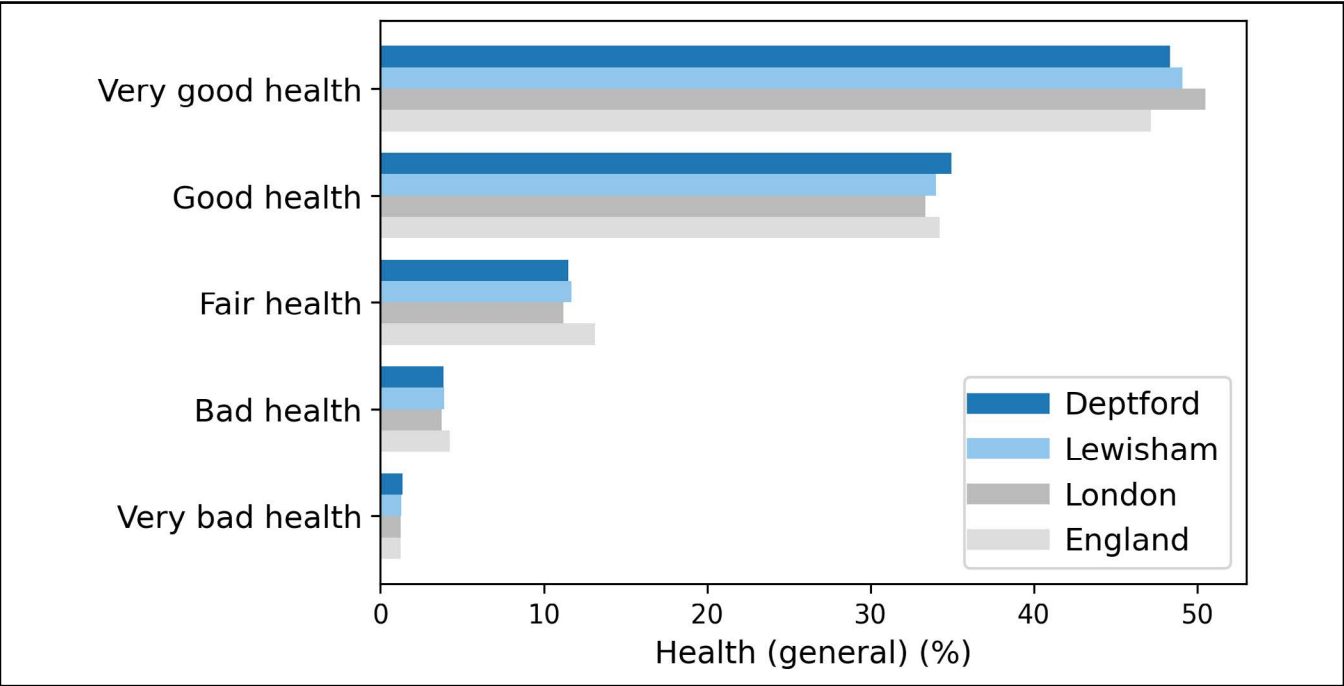


# Health and wellbeing

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.

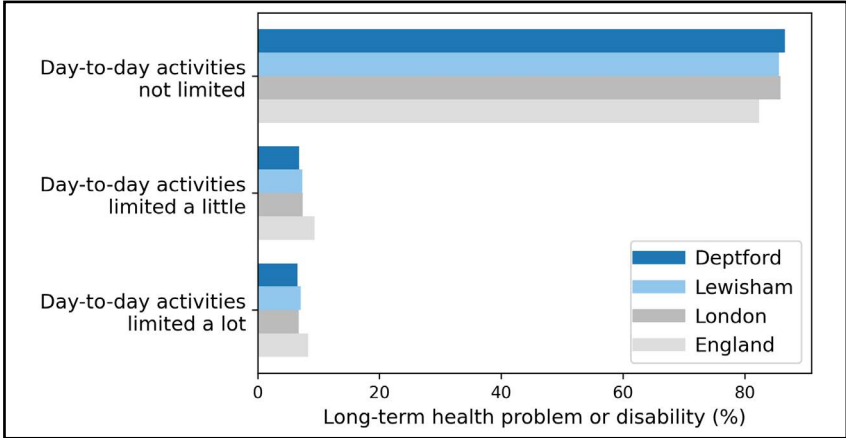
The average rate of Deptford residents in very good/good health is 83% compared to a Lewisham average of 81% and a national average of 83%.

General health status in Deptford, ONS Census 2011

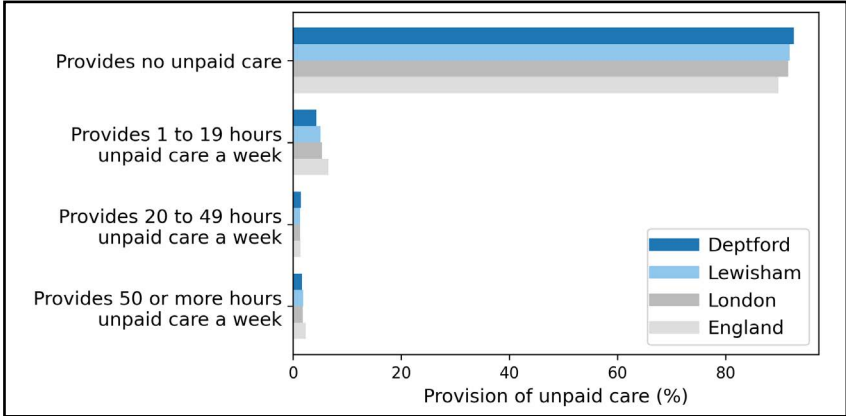


Around 6.5% residents of Deptford had a long term health problem or disability limiting their day to day activities a lot compared to a Lewisham average of 7% and a national average of 8.3%.

Day-to-day activities limited in Deptford, ONS Census 2011



Provision of unpaid care in Deptford, ONS Census 2011



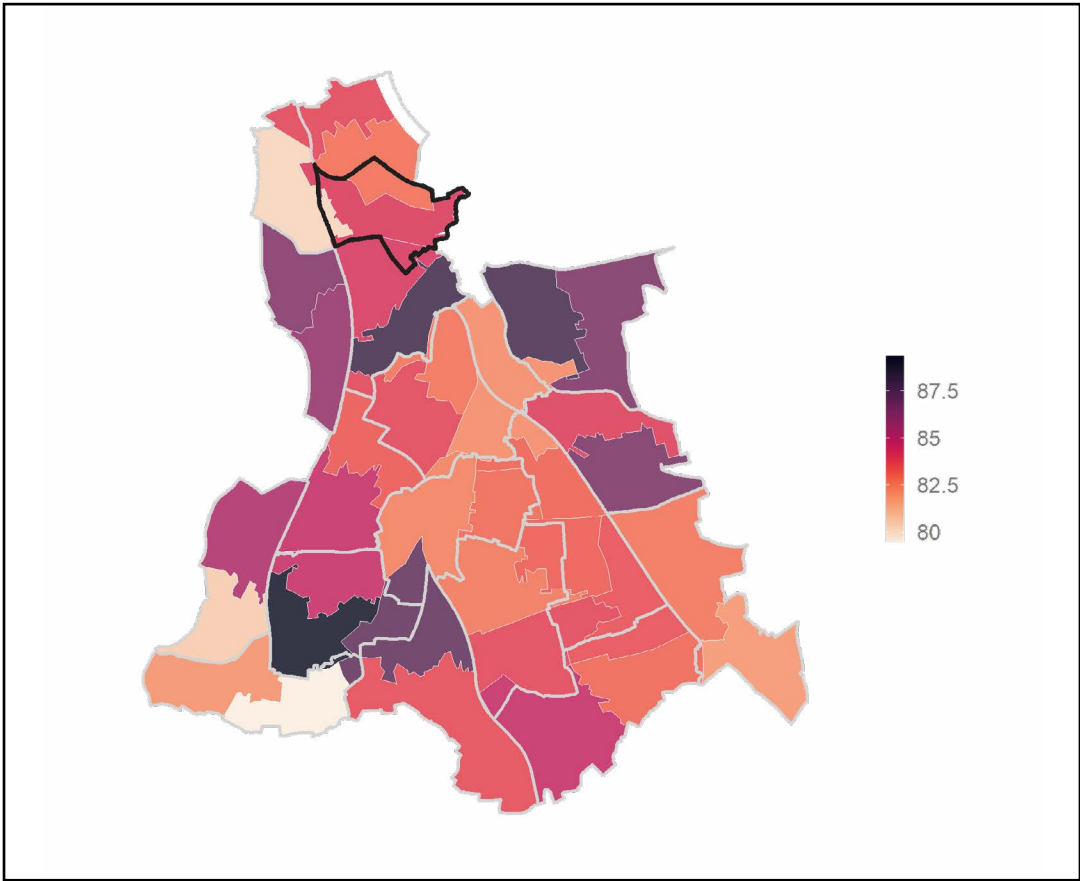
Around 7.3% of residents in Deptford provided unpaid care compared to a Lewisham average of 8.1% and a national average of 10.1%.

# Health and life expectancy

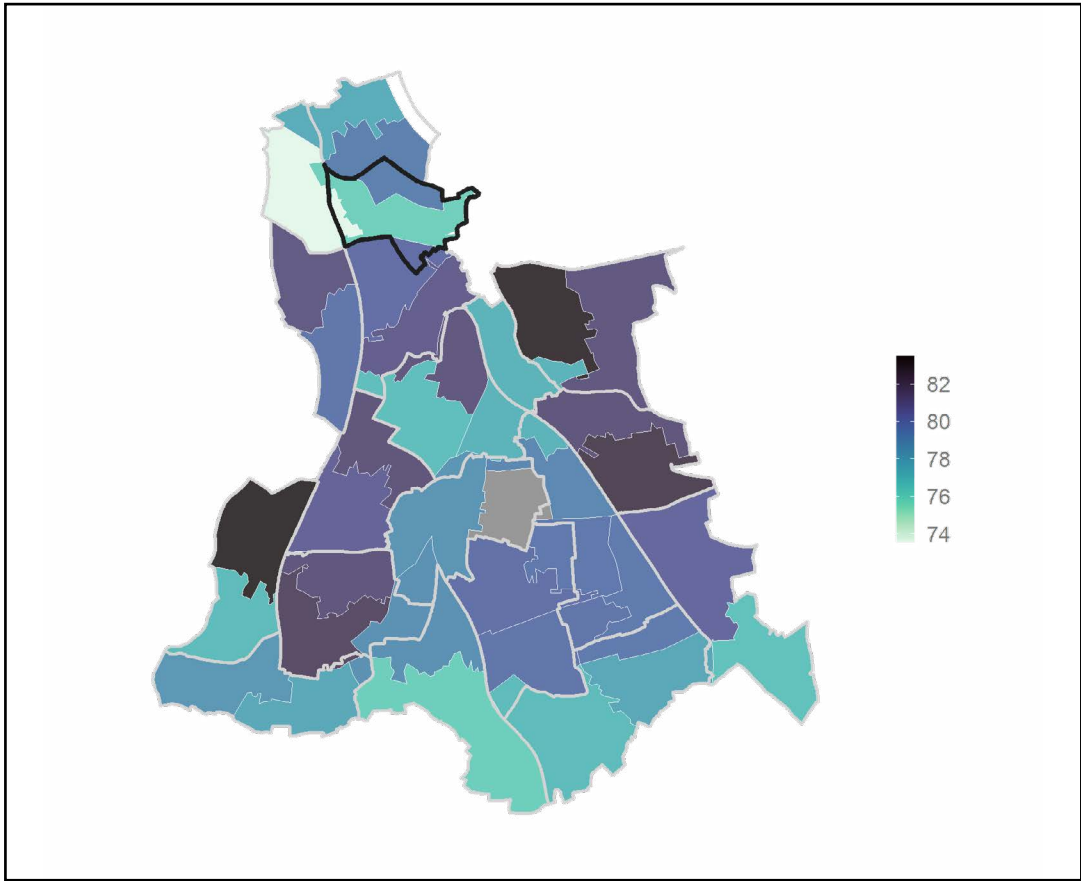
The average life expectancy at birth for females in Deptford is 83.4 years compared to England average of 83.2.

The average life expectancy at birth for males in Deptford is 80.3 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).

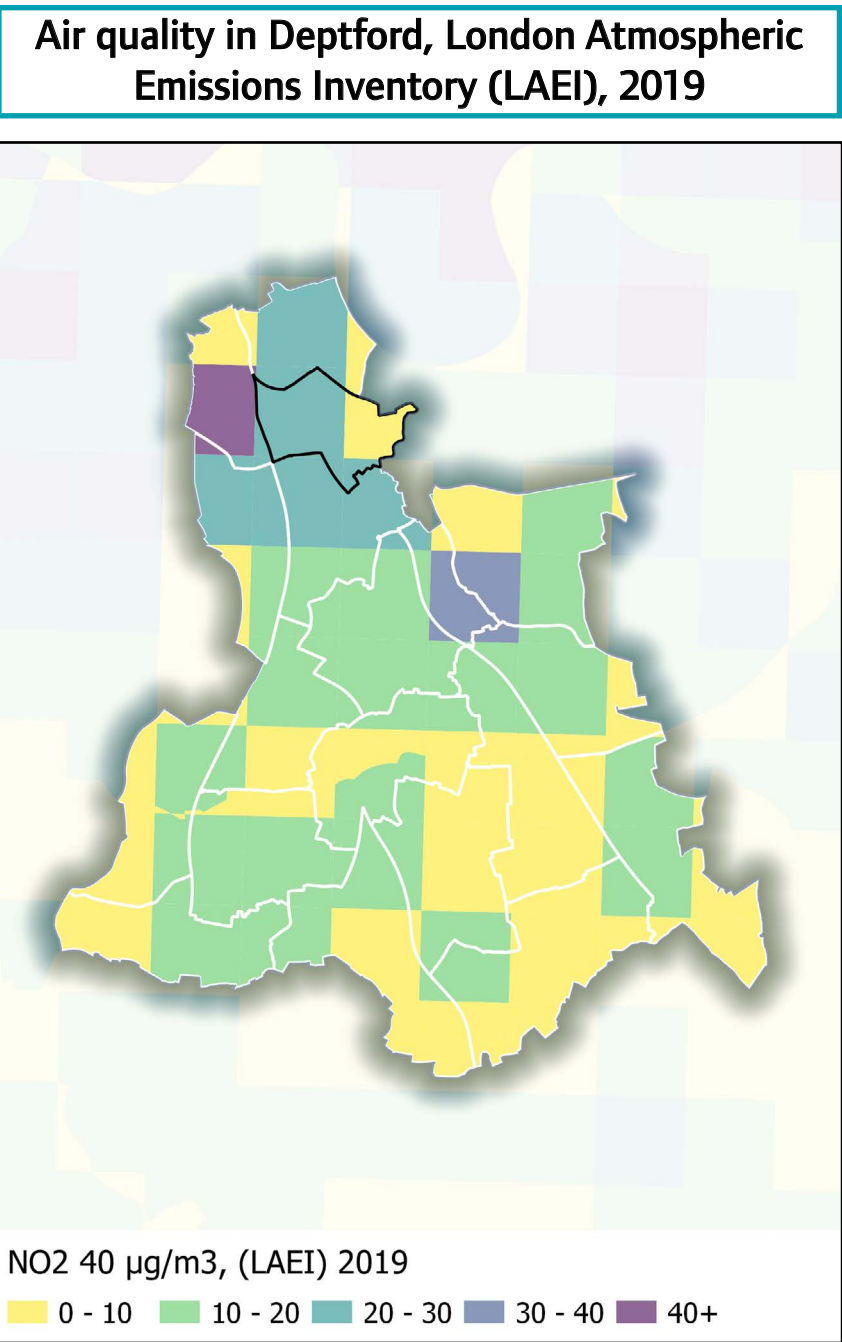


# Environment

## Air quality

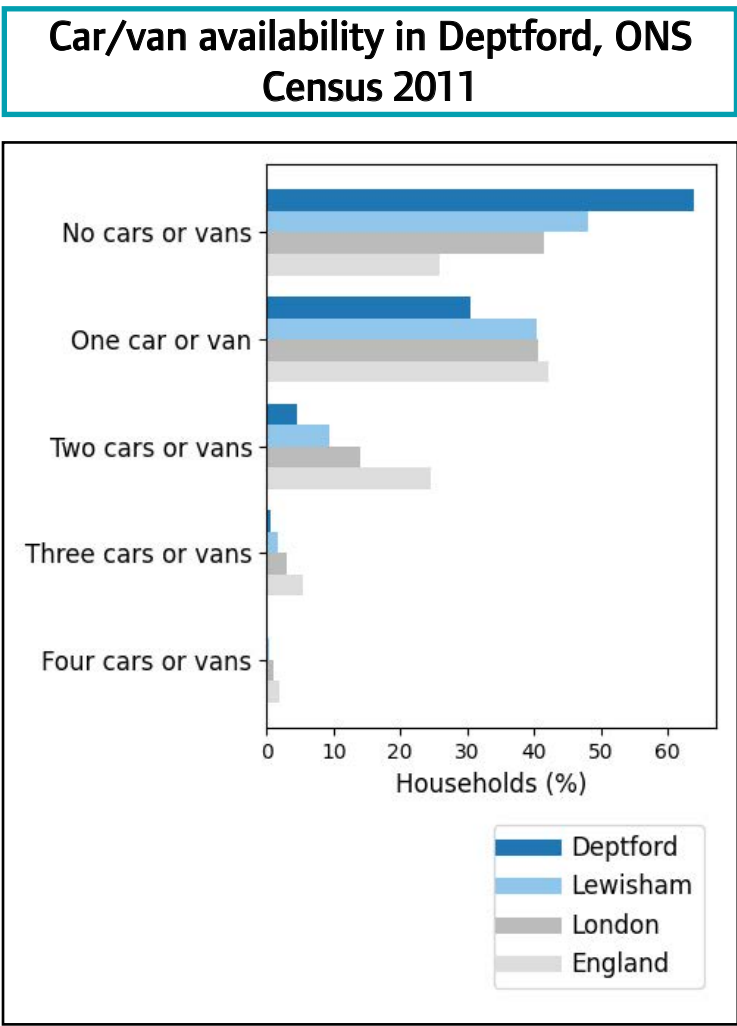
The DEFRA 2010 Air Quality Objective sets a target threshold for Nitrogen Dioxide particles in the air at **no more than 40 micrograms per cubic metre of air**.

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 Deptford are no cars or vans (64.1%), one car or van (30.6%), and two cars or vans (4.6%).

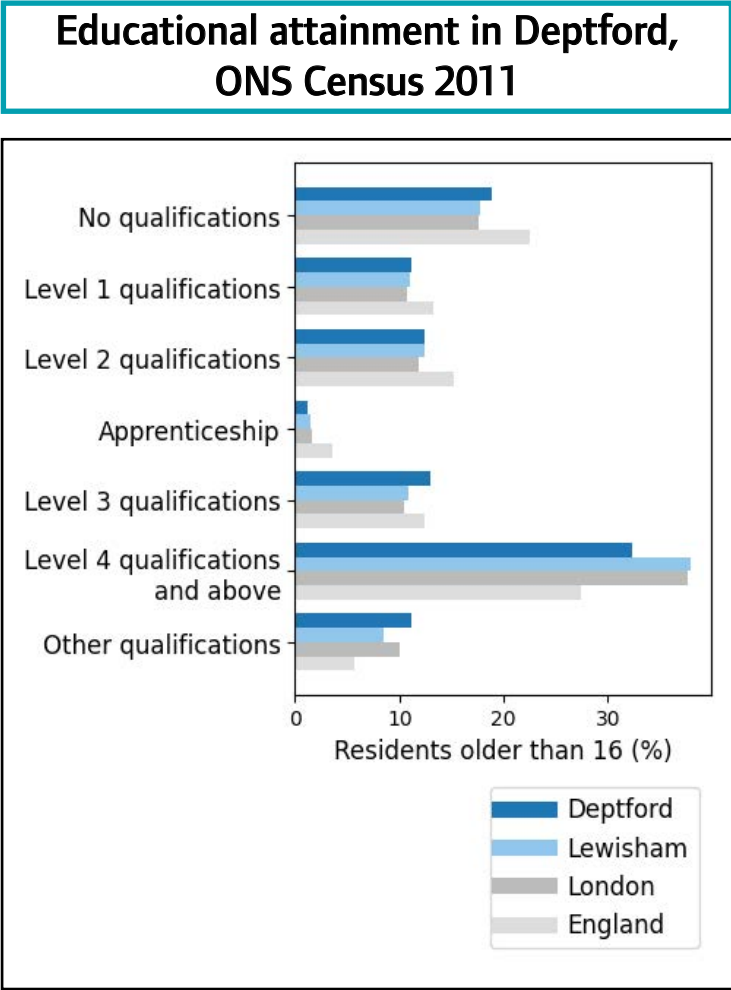


# Education

## 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 Deptford, 19% of residents have no qualifications; 11% have Level 1 qualifications; 12% have Level 2 qualifications; 1% have Apprenticeship; 13% have Level 3 qualifications; and 32% 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 five schools in Deptford, three are rated as Good and one is rated as Requires improvement.

OFSTED rating for schools in Deptford, Department for Education 2020 - 2021

| School Name                         | Group              | School Type              | Is Primary? | Is Secondary? | Is post 16? | Gender | OFSTED Rating        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|----------------------|
| Grinling Gibbons Primary School     | Maintained school  | Community school         | Yes         | No            | No          | Mixed  | Good                 |
| St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | Maintained school  | Voluntary aided school   | Yes         | No            | No          | Mixed  | Good                 |
| Deptford Green School               | Maintained school  | Community school         | No          | Yes           | No          | Mixed  | Requires improvement |
| Kings Kids Christian School         | Independent school | Other independent school | Yes         | No            | No          | Mixed  | Good                 |
| Tidemill Academy                    | Academy            | Academy converter        | Yes         | No            | No          | Mixed  | *                    |

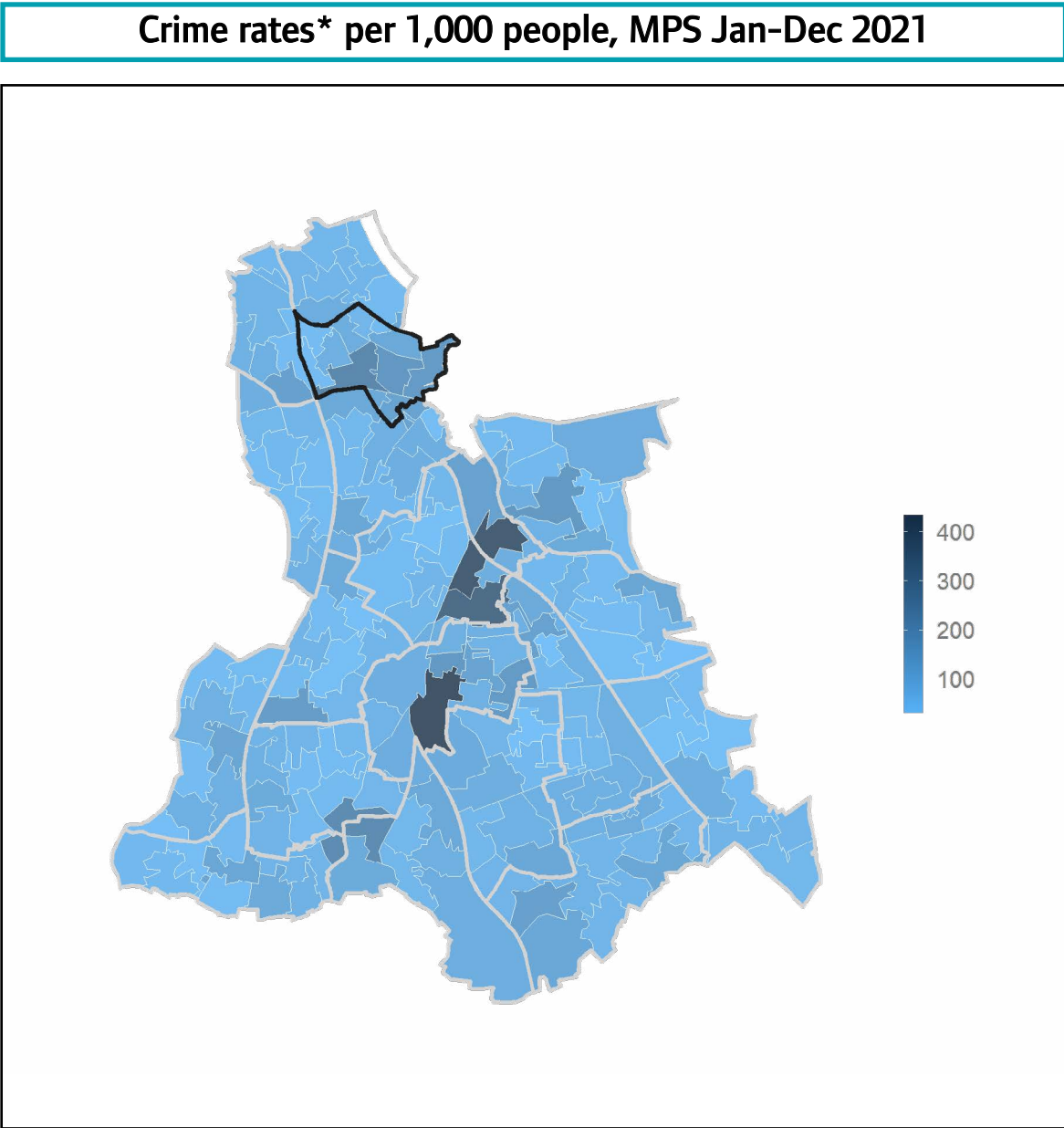
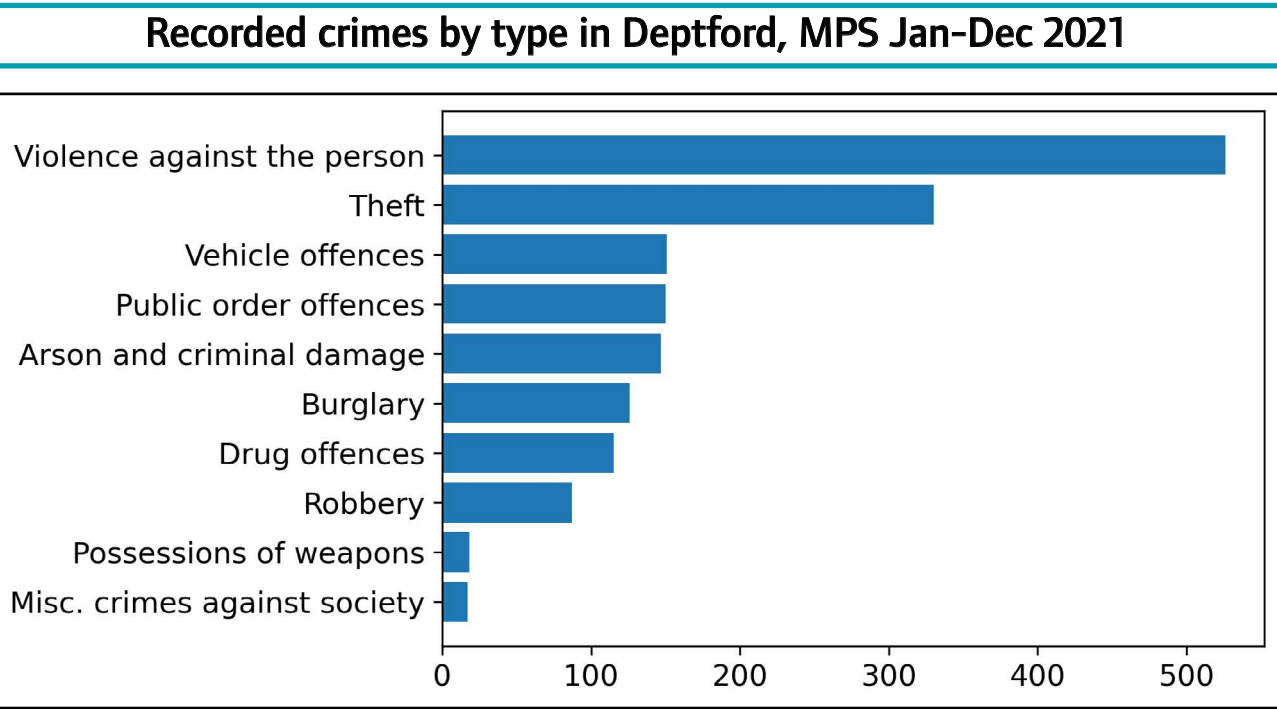
\* OFSTED rating not available.

# Crime

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

Of 1667 recorded crimes (Home Office crime classifications, excluding sexual offences) in Deptford, the three most common offences include violence against the person (526), theft (330) and vehicle offences (151).

**In the eight LSOAs in Deptford, overall crime rates per 1,000 people range from 44.3 to 227.4.**



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

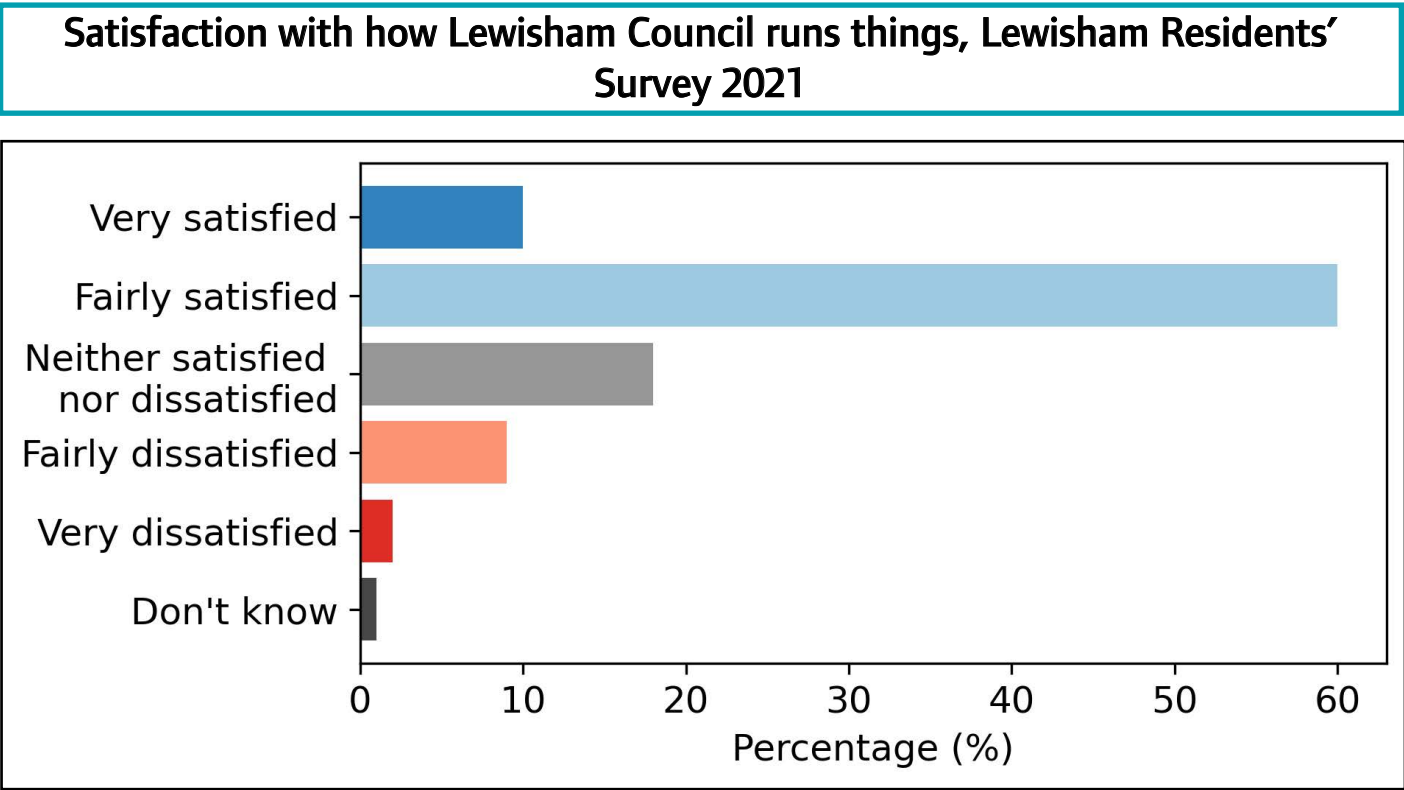


# Residents survey

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

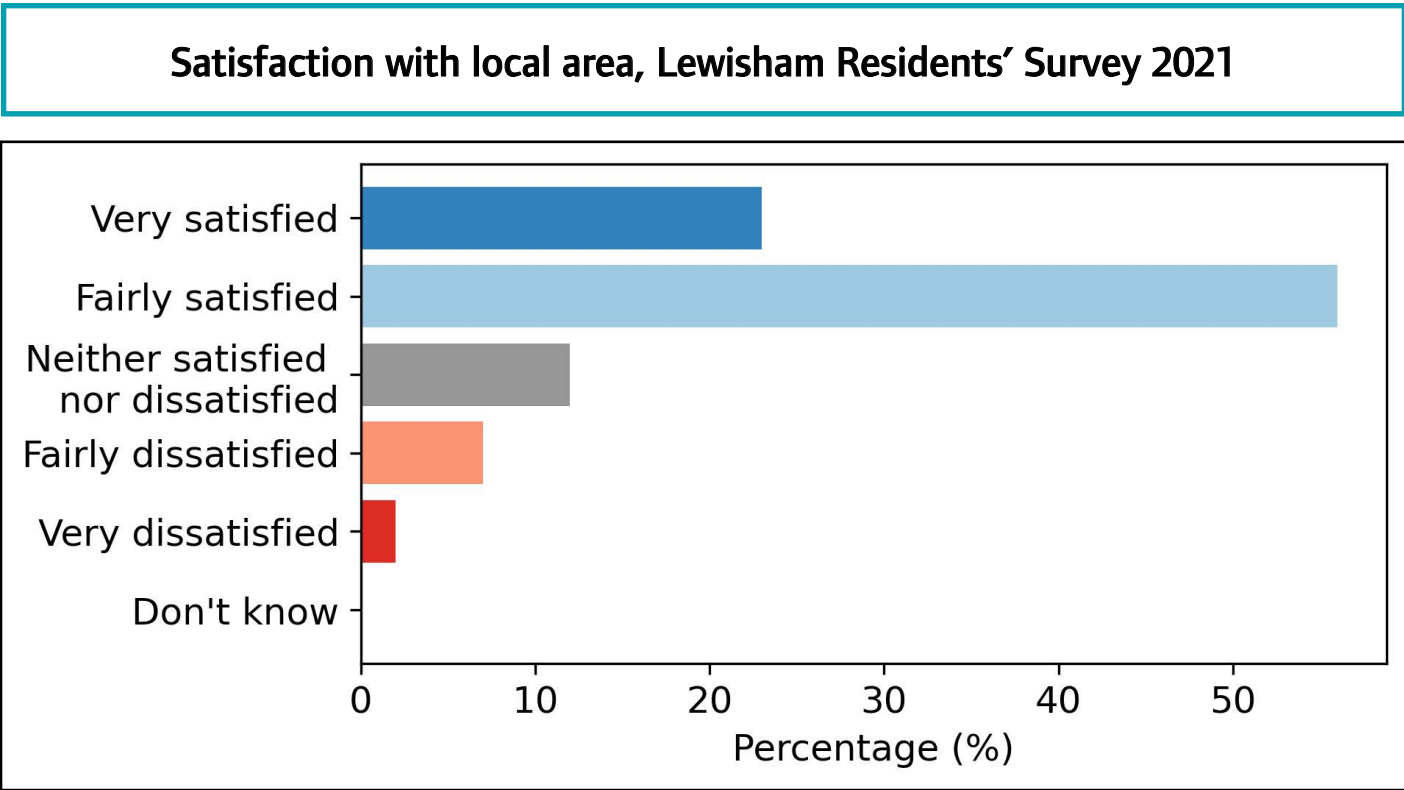
## Satisfaction with the Council

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

