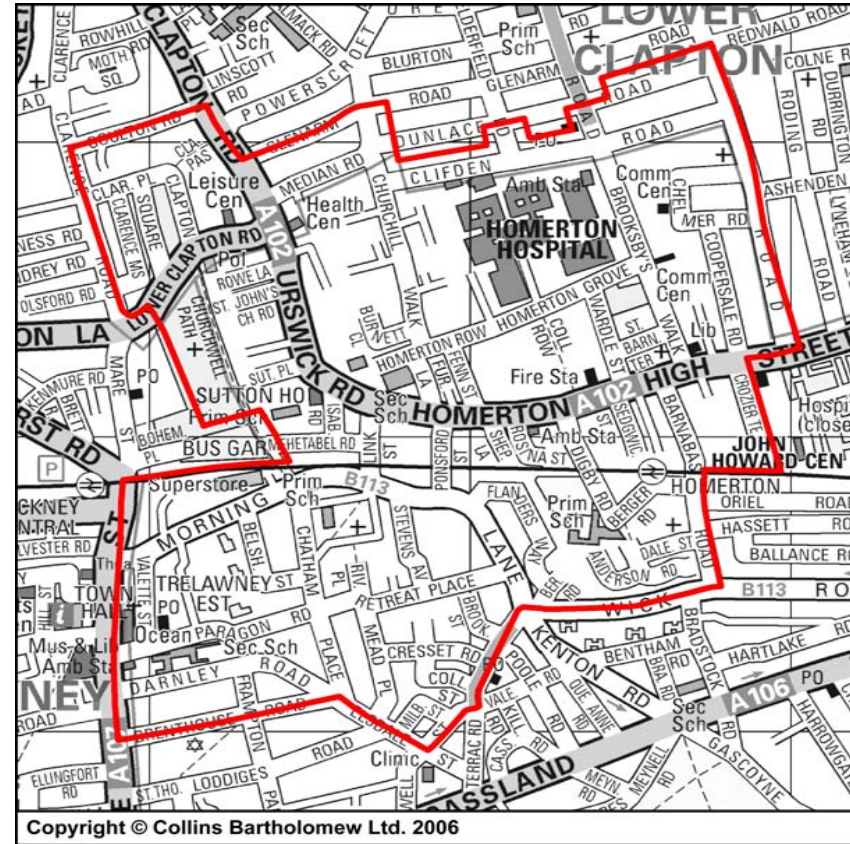




A Profile of Chatham Ward



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Introduction

This profile explores the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Chatham ward. All data used in this profile has been drawn from Census 2001 unless stated otherwise. All census data has been sourced via Neighbourhood Statistics (<http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk>).

Chatham ward lies on the eastern side of Hackney. At the time of the 2001 census its 91 hectares were home to 10,728 people. The ward forms part of the Homerton neighbourhood and includes Homerton Hospital and Sutton House, which was built in 1535 and is believed to be the oldest house in East London still standing.

The profile shows that Chatham's population has a similar age profile to Hackney's, but is more ethnically diverse, with proportionately more Black people and fewer White ones than average. The ward has many single person and lone parent households.

Chatham's economic and social profiles show it to be poorer than the Hackney norm. Levels of qualifications are lower and more people are unemployed or economically inactive - less than half the working-age population is in work. Residents also have higher levels of poor health and limiting long-term illness.

The area has higher crime rates than the borough average, although crime has fallen in the last year.



Age

Age	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
People aged 0-4	8.3%	8.3%	6.7%	6.0%
People aged 5-7	4.1%	4.2%	3.8%	3.7%
People aged 8-9	2.5%	2.8%	2.5%	2.6%
People aged 10-14	6.2%	6.9%	6.1%	6.6%
People aged 15	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%
People aged 16-17	2.5%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%
People aged 18-19	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%
People aged 20-24	8.3%	7.8%	7.4%	6.0%
People aged 25-29	10.3%	10.3%	9.7%	6.6%
People aged 30-44	27.8%	27.5%	25.7%	22.6%
People aged 45-59	14.1%	13.5%	16.1%	18.9%
People aged 60-64	3.5%	3.3%	3.9%	4.9%
People aged 65-74	5.2%	5.1%	6.5%	8.4%
People aged 75-84	2.8%	3.1%	4.3%	5.6%
People aged 85-89	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%	1.3%
People aged 90 and over	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%
All People	10728	202824	7172091	52041916

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Hackney's population is younger than that of either London or England and Wales. It has particularly big cohorts of 0-14 year olds and 25-44 year olds, but smaller ones among those aged 45 and over.

Chatham's age profile closely follows Hackney's. However, it does have relatively fewer 5-17 year olds.



Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
White	53.0%	59.4%	71.2%	91.3%
White; British	39.1%	44.1%	59.8%	87.5%
White; Irish	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	1.2%
White; Other White	10.9%	12.3%	8.3%	2.6%
Mixed	4.6%	4.2%	3.2%	1.3%
Mixed; White and Black Caribbean	1.9%	1.5%	1.0%	0.5%
Mixed; White and Black African	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.2%
Mixed; White and Asian	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.4%
Mixed; Other Mixed	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%	0.3%
Asian or Asian British	8.1%	8.6%	12.1%	4.4%
Indian	3.0%	3.8%	6.1%	2.0%
Pakistani	1.1%	1.1%	2.0%	1.4%
Bangladeshi	3.4%	2.9%	2.2%	0.5%
Other Asian	0.7%	0.8%	1.9%	0.5%
Black or Black British	30.6%	24.7%	10.9%	2.2%
Caribbean	12.6%	10.3%	4.8%	1.1%
African	15.5%	12.0%	5.3%	0.9%
Other Black	2.5%	2.4%	0.8%	0.2%
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	3.7%	3.2%	2.7%	0.9%
Chinese	1.5%	1.2%	1.1%	0.4%
Other Ethnic Group	2.1%	2.0%	1.6%	0.4%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Hackney is one of the most ethnically diverse boroughs in the country – more than 40% of its people are non-White. Black groups make up the largest component of the minority communities, accounting for almost a quarter of Hackney’s people .

This diversity is even more pronounced in Chatham. More than 30% of the ward’s population is Black. It also has a higher proportion of Chinese or Other groups than is typical for the borough.



Religion

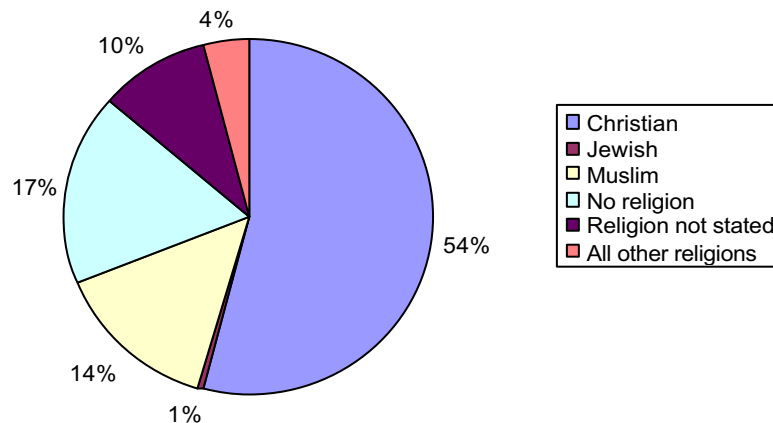
Religion	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Christian	53.8%	46.6%	58.2%	71.7%
Buddhist	1.6%	1.1%	0.8%	0.3%
Hindu	1.0%	0.8%	4.1%	1.1%
Jewish	0.7%	5.3%	2.1%	0.5%
Muslim	14.3%	13.8%	8.5%	3.0%
Sikh	0.8%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%
Any other religion	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%
No religion	17.4%	19.0%	15.8%	14.8%
Religion not stated	10.0%	12.0%	8.7%	7.7%

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Less than half of Hackney's residents describe themselves as Christians – a significantly smaller proportion than in London or England and Wales. The borough has relatively high proportions of Jews, Muslims and people with no religion or who declined to state one.

Chatham has a higher proportion of Christians than Hackney does, but a much lower one of Jews. Both its Muslim and Buddhist communities are slightly larger than the average for the borough.

Religion in Chatham





Social Class

Social Grade	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
AB: Higher and intermediate managerial / administrative / professional	17.2%	21.3%	26.5%	22.0%
C1: Supervisory, clerical, junior managerial / administrative / professional	28.5%	30.2%	33.0%	29.7%
C2: Skilled manual workers	9.3%	9.4%	11.0%	15.1%
D: Semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers	23.5%	18.3%	14.3%	17.2%
E: On state benefit, unemployed, lowest grade workers	21.6%	20.8%	15.2%	16.1%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Close to 60% of Londoners are classed as ABs or C1s (the groups conventionally regarded as the middle class), a significantly higher percentage than in the country as a whole. Hackney, though, lies closer to the England and Wales average. However, more than a fifth of the borough's people fall into social class E, an unusually high proportion by national standards.

Chatham's class profile shows high concentrations of classes D and E – they constitute more than 45% of the ward's people. Chatham has comparatively few ABs or C1s.



Household type

Household Type	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Married couple household with dependent child(ren)	11.5%	13.3%	16.8%	18.5%
Married couple household with no dependent child(ren)	11.1%	10.9%	20.0%	28.8%
Cohabiting couple household with dependent child(ren)	3.2%	3.5%	2.7%	3.4%
Cohabiting couple household with no dependent child(ren)	6.2%	7.3%	6.7%	5.7%
Lone parent household with dependent child(ren)	14.4%	12.4%	8.9%	7.2%
Lone parent household with no dependent child(ren)	4.4%	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%
One person household	41.3%	40.5%	34.7%	30.0%
Multi person household: All student	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Multi person household: All other	7.2%	7.3%	5.8%	2.6%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Hackney has proportionately more lone parent, single person and multi person households than the averages for both London and England and Wales, and fewer married couple households (both with and without dependent children).

Chatham generally has a similar profile to the wider borough, but it does have a higher share of lone parent households.



Housing Tenure and House Prices

Housing Tenure	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Owned	27.2%	32.1%	56.5%	68.9%
Social rented: Rented from Council	37.8%	30.7%	17.1%	13.2%
Social rented: Other social rented	19.1%	20.1%	9.1%	5.9%
Private rented	14.2%	15.5%	15.5%	9.9%
Other	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	2.1%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

House Prices 2002	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Flat - Median	£130,000	£160,000	£160,000	£111,000
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Terraced - Median	£195,000	£250,000	£180,000	£80,000
Price Indicators for All Dwellings: Median	£160,000	£180,000	£181,000	£110,000

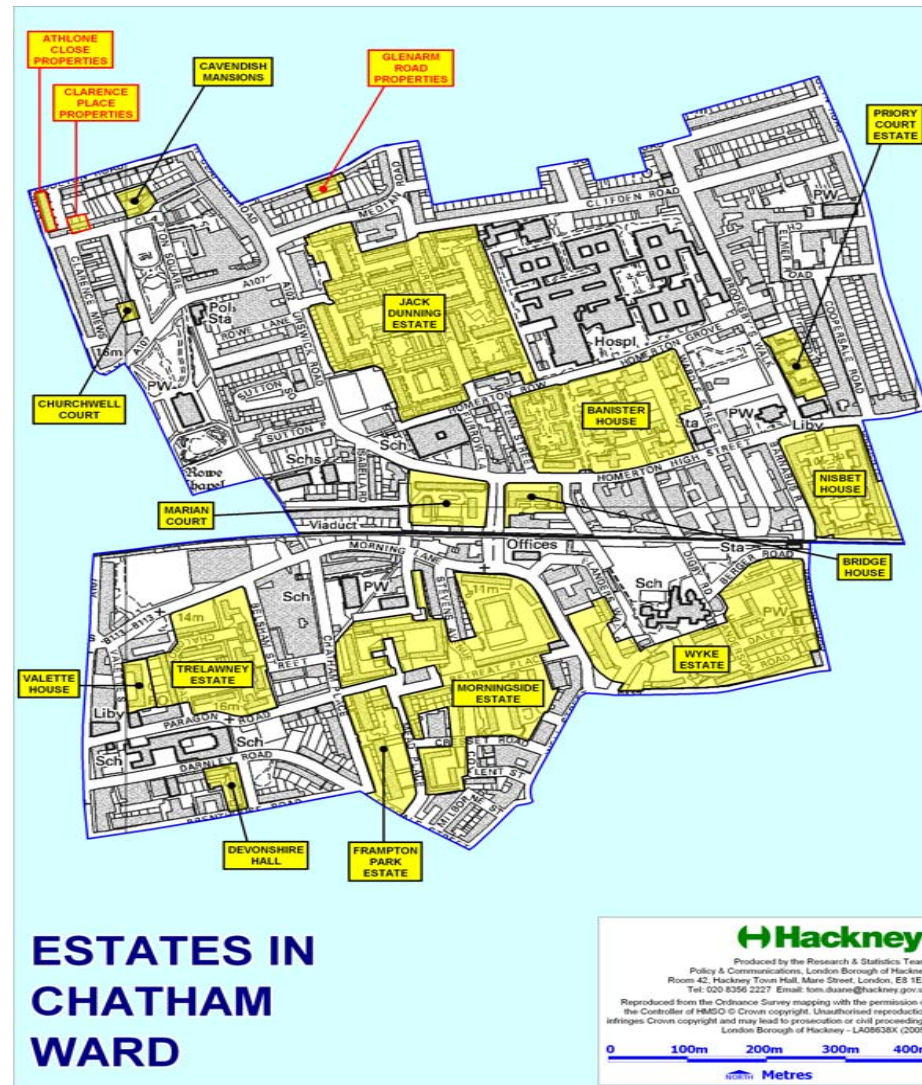
Source: Land Registry, DCLG, ONS

More than half of Hackney's housing is socially rented, a much higher percentage than in London or nationally. Home ownership is correspondingly lower – less than a third of the borough's properties fall into this category. According to Halifax Estate Agents, property prices per square metre rose by 320% between 1996 and 2006 in Hackney, the biggest rise in London. In 2002 (the last year for which we have ward data) median house prices in Hackney were in line with the London average, and well above the national equivalent.

Social housing is dominant in Chatham, too, accounting for around 57% of tenure. House prices in the ward are generally lower than the Hackney average.



Social Housing Estates in Chatham





Qualifications

Qualification Level	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
No qualifications	31.2%	29.0%	23.7%	29.1%
Level 1 qualifications	10.9%	10.5%	13.0%	16.6%
Level 2 qualifications	14.9%	13.8%	17.1%	19.4%
Level 3 qualifications	8.3%	8.6%	9.8%	8.3%
Level 4 / 5 qualifications	29.3%	32.9%	31.0%	19.8%
Other qualifications: Level unknown	5.4%	5.1%	5.4%	6.9%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

In England and Wales the largest single group is those with no qualifications – 29% of adults. London’s qualifications profile, however, is very different from the national picture. It has a better-educated population, with 31% of people having at least a first degree (level 4/5). It also has below average numbers with level 1 or 2 qualifications, while less than a quarter of its people have none. These trends are even more distinct in Hackney, which has lots of residents with degrees or with no qualifications, and relatively few with intermediate level ones.

Chatham’s profile is also skewed in this fashion, although it has slightly more people with no qualifications than with degrees.



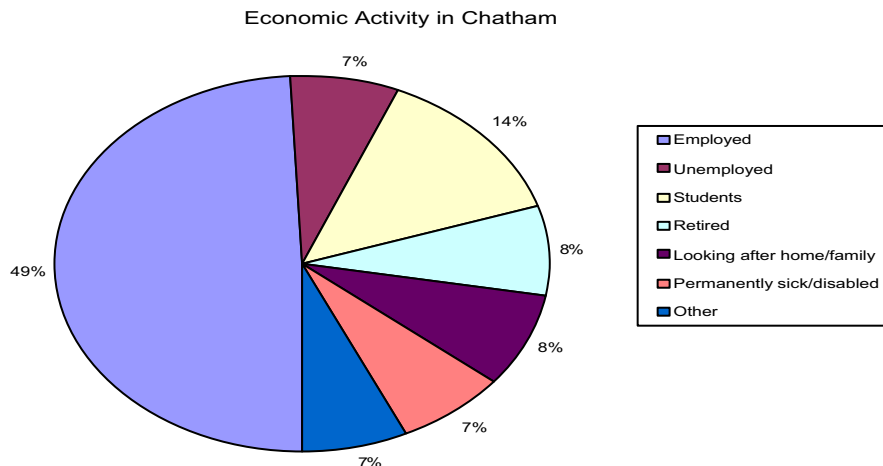
Economic Activity

Economic Activity	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Economically active: Employee	43.2%	43.2%	51.3%	52.3%
Economically active: Self-employed with employees	1.8%	2.3%	2.9%	3.0%
Economically active: Self-employed without employees	4.2%	5.9%	6.1%	5.3%
Economically active: Unemployed	7.2%	6.9%	4.4%	3.4%
Economically active: Full-time Students	3.9%	3.5%	3.0%	2.6%
Economically inactive: Retired	7.8%	7.5%	9.8%	13.6%
Economically inactive: Student	9.7%	9.2%	6.6%	4.7%
Economically inactive: Looking after home / family	8.0%	7.9%	7.2%	6.5%
Economically inactive: Permanently sick / disabled	7.5%	7.0%	4.6%	5.5%
Economically inactive: Other	6.8%	6.5%	4.3%	3.1%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Economic activity rates in Hackney are much lower than in London or England and Wales.

Unemployment is higher and there are many more students as a proportion of the population.



Again, things are worse in Chatham than in Hackney generally. Less than half the residents between the ages of 16 and 74 are in employment, and levels of disability are high. There are also large numbers of students.



Industry of Employment

Industry of Employment	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Agriculture, fishing, mining	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%	1.8%
Manufacturing	7.8%	7.8%	7.6%	15.0%
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
Construction	3.8%	3.3%	5.3%	6.8%
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	12.8%	12.1%	14.4%	16.8%
Hotels and restaurants	6.2%	5.2%	4.6%	4.8%
Transport, storage and communications	6.1%	6.2%	8.1%	7.0%
Financial intermediation	4.2%	4.5%	8.0%	4.7%
Real estate, renting and business activities	19.2%	21.6%	20.3%	13.0%
Public administration and defence, social security	4.9%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Education	10.3%	10.3%	7.5%	7.8%
Health and social work	14.7%	12.4%	10.1%	10.8%
Other community, social and personal service activities	9.7%	10.8%	7.7%	5.0%
Any other	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Although the wide-ranging 'real estate, renting and business activities' is the largest single category of employment, the most striking element in Hackney's profile is its dependence on public services, especially education, health and social work. Like the broader London economy, Hackney also has a much smaller share of employment in manufacturing than the national average.

These trends are even more pronounced in Chatham. Health and social work is particularly important, perhaps influenced by the presence of Homerton hospital. Employment in hotels and restaurants is also higher than the Hackney norm.



Occupation Group

Occupation Group	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Managers and Senior Officials	10.6%	14.0%	17.6%	15.1%
Professional Occupations	13.4%	16.8%	14.9%	11.2%
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	19.0%	21.5%	17.9%	13.8%
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	13.9%	13.0%	15.5%	13.3%
Skilled Trades Occupations	6.6%	6.3%	7.7%	11.6%
Personal Service Occupations	7.8%	6.4%	5.9%	6.9%
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	7.7%	6.3%	6.7%	7.7%
Process; Plant and Machine Operatives	6.1%	4.7%	4.9%	8.5%
Elementary Occupations	14.8%	11.0%	9.0%	11.9%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

London's profile is strongly skewed towards managerial, professional and administrative occupations, with smaller proportions than nationally of skilled tradespeople; process, plant and machine operatives; and those in personal or customer service occupations. Hackney differs somewhat from the London pattern. It has more professionals and associates and fewer managers. It also has a higher percentage of those in elementary occupations.

Chatham's profile is different again. It has relatively low shares of managers and professionals by Hackney standards, but slightly higher ones of personal and customer services workers. Perhaps the most notable figure, though, is that for those working in elementary occupations – almost 15%. This category includes labourers, postal workers, cleaners, bar/restaurant staff and security guards.

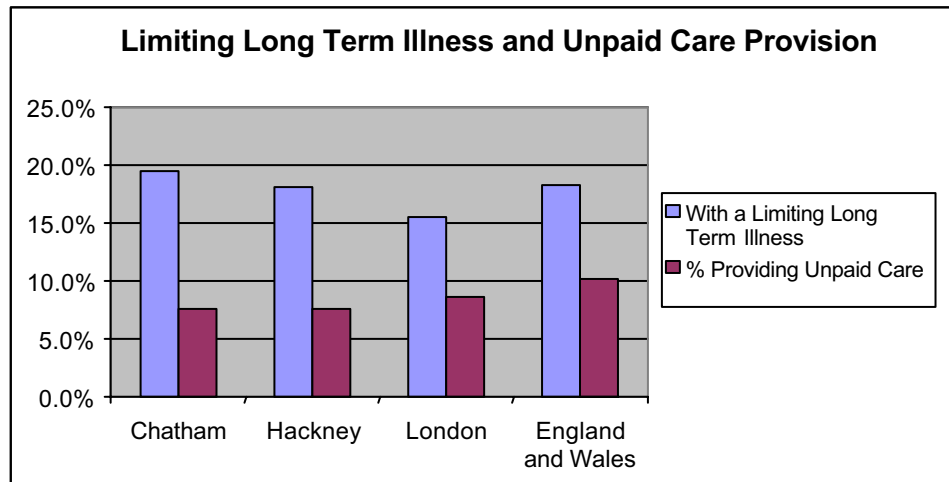


Health

Health Status	Chatham	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Good Health	65.5%	68.4%	70.8%	68.6%
Fairly Good Health	22.8%	21.0%	20.9%	22.2%
Not Good Health	11.8%	10.7%	8.3%	9.2%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

The health of Hackney’s residents is broadly in line with national trends, but is a little worse than London’s. It should be noted though that the borough has a young population by England and Wales’ standards, so its health ought to be relatively good.



Chatham residents’ health is generally poorer than the average for Hackney. Just under two-thirds of residents report their health as good, while almost a fifth have a limiting long-term illness. Despite this, the proportion of people providing unpaid care is comparatively low.



Crime

Crime data for Hackney, 2005 and 2006

MPS Offences per 1,000 people (rolling year)	12 months to Oct 2005	12 months to Oct 2006	% Change
Burglary	19.48	13.50	-30.7
Criminal Damage	17.62	15.49	-12.1
Drugs Offences	10.47	9.80	-6.4
Fraud or Forgery	4.10	3.16	-23.0
Other Offences	1.57	1.51	-3.8
Robbery	8.83	8.34	-5.5
Sexual Offences	1.86	2.06	10.6
Theft and Handling	62.13	60.82	-2.1
Violence against the Person	35.50	34.21	-3.6

The most recent figures available from the Metropolitan Police suggest crime has been falling in Hackney in the last year. Only one category of crime – sexual offences – has seen an increase, while significant falls have been recorded among some other types of offences: burglary, for instance, has seen a 30% fall.

Crime data for Chatham ward, 2005 and 2006

MPS Offences per 1,000 people (rolling year)	12 months to Oct 2005	12 months to Oct 2006	% Change
Burglary	21.53	17.06	-20.8
Criminal Damage	26.85	24.70	-8.0
Drugs Offences	15.19	14.73	-3.1
Fraud or Forgery	3.64	3.26	-10.3
Other Offences	3.54	3.26	-7.9
Robbery	12.68	12.77	0.7
Sexual Offences	2.52	2.61	3.7
Theft and Handling	89.86	84.82	-5.6
Violence against the Person	55.37	61.33	10.8

Recorded crime in Chatham ward has also been falling. However, increases have been seen in sexual offences and violence against the person. Crime in Chatham is generally higher than the average for Hackney, especially for violence against the person and robbery.

Source: Metropolitan Police Service



Deprivation

Ward	Average SOA Rank	Rank within London, based on average SOA rank. 1=most deprived, 624 least	Total Number of SOAs in the ward	No of SOAs in the lowest:		
				30%	20%	10%
Chatham	2381	10	7	7	5	

Source: Data Management and Analysis Group Briefing Feb 2005, GLA



The Index of Multiple Deprivation tries to gauge the level of deprivation in a locality across several 'domains', including employment, income, health, education and crime. Much of Hackney falls into super output areas (SOAs) classified as being among the 20% most deprived in the country.

All seven SOAs in Chatham ward rank among the 20% most deprived nationally. According to a calculation prepared for the GLA, Chatham itself ranks as the tenth most deprived ward in London.

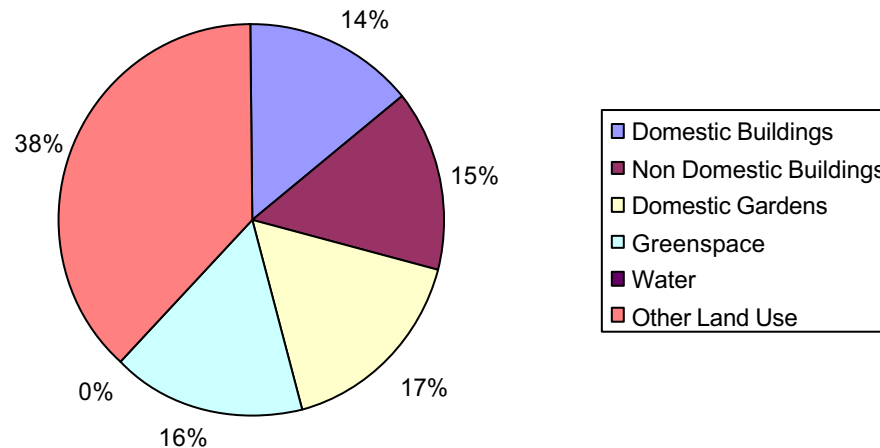


Land Use

Land Use	Chatham	Hackney	London
Domestic Buildings	14.3%	12.6%	8.5%
Non Domestic Buildings	14.8%	10.2%	4.8%
Domestic Gardens	16.9%	18.4%	24.0%
Greenspace	16.1%	24.2%	38.4%
Water	0.0%	2.2%	2.8%
Other Land Use	37.9%	32.5%	21.4%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Land Use in Chatham



London is a surprisingly green city – public green spaces, bodies of water and domestic gardens account for almost two-thirds of its land area. Hackney is more built-up than the London average, though green space and gardens still take up over 40% of its land.

Chatham is more urbanised still. Gardens and green spaces constitute just a third of its land area.



Civic Representation

Chatham ward's three councillors are Luke Akehurst (Lab), Sally Mulready (Lab) and Guy Nicholson (Lab).

Turnout in Chatham ward elections:

Election	Numbers voting	Turnout	Borough-wide Turnout
Local elections 2006	2,108	29.7%	34.4%
Local elections 2002	2,036	29.5%	31.9%

Source: www.hackney.gov.uk

Turnout in Chatham was below the borough average in both 2002 and 2006.

Chatham lies in the parliamentary constituency of Hackney South and Shoreditch. This seat was won at the 2005 general election by Meg Hillier (Lab), with a majority of 10,204 on a 49.7% turnout.