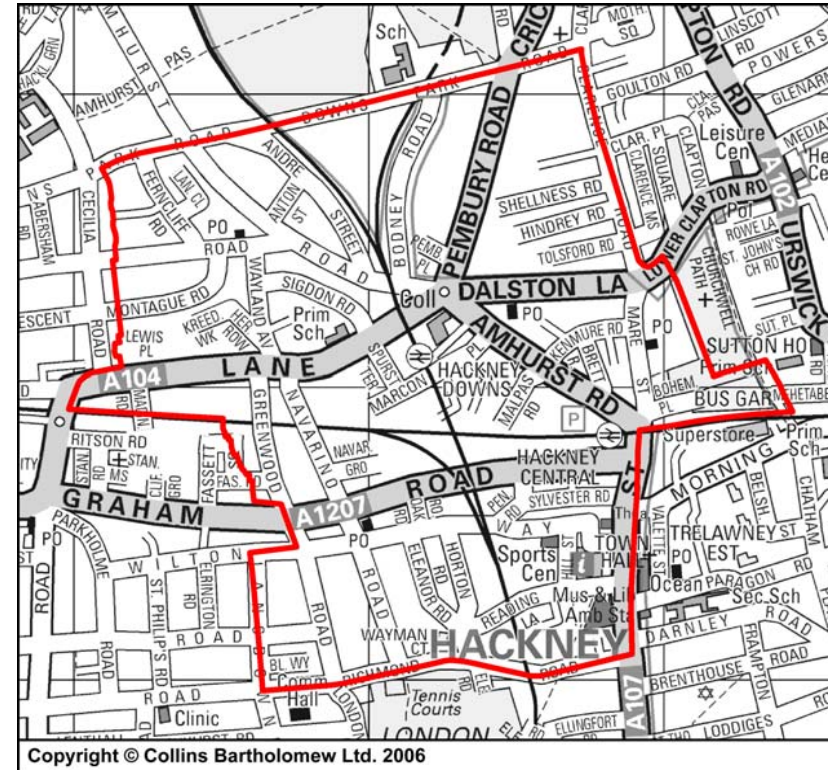
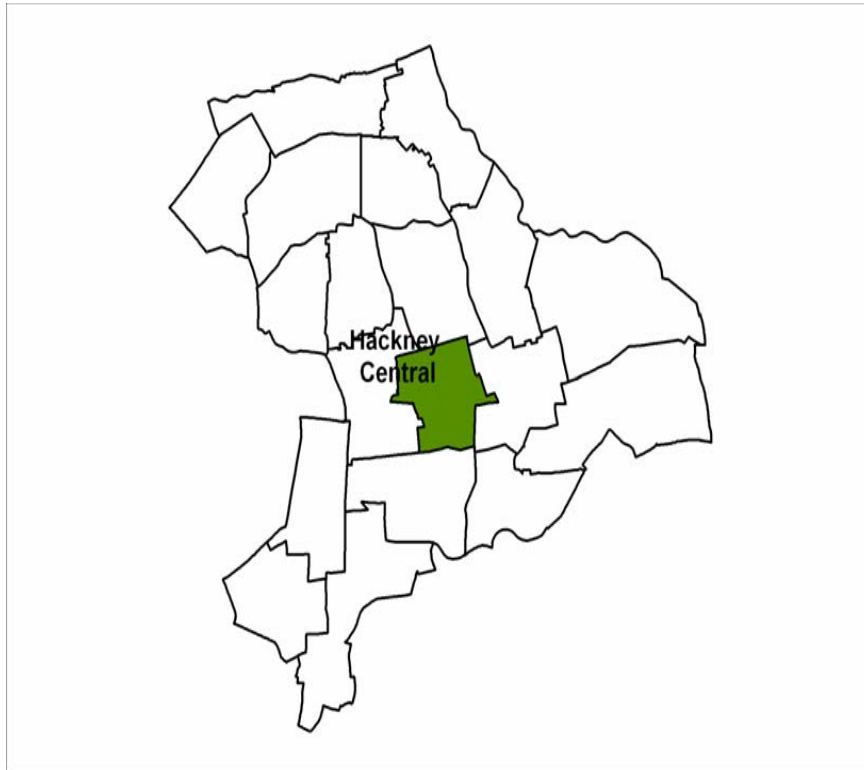




A Profile of Hackney Central Ward



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Introduction

This profile explores the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Hackney Central 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>).

Hackney Central ward lies, appropriately enough, in the centre of Hackney. At the time of the 2001 census its 78 hectares were home to 10,291 people. It forms part of the Homerton neighbourhood. The Town Hall and the Hackney Empire theatre are found in the ward along Mare Street, its main thoroughfare.

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

Hackney Central's economic and social profiles show it to be close to the Hackney norm. Levels of qualifications are very similar, but more people are unemployed. Just over half the working-age population is in work. Residents also have higher levels of poor health and limiting long-term illness.

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



Age

Age	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
People aged 0-4	7.4%	8.3%	6.7%	6.0%
People aged 5-7	4.3%	4.2%	3.8%	3.7%
People aged 8-9	2.3%	2.8%	2.5%	2.6%
People aged 10-14	6.9%	6.9%	6.1%	6.6%
People aged 15	1.2%	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	7.1%	7.8%	7.4%	6.0%
People aged 25-29	10.3%	10.3%	9.7%	6.6%
People aged 30-44	29.5%	27.5%	25.7%	22.6%
People aged 45-59	13.6%	13.5%	16.1%	18.9%
People aged 60-64	3.3%	3.3%	3.9%	4.9%
People aged 65-74	5.3%	5.1%	6.5%	8.4%
People aged 75-84	2.9%	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	10291	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.

Hackney Central's age profile generally follows Hackney's. However, it does have relatively fewer children and more 30 to 44 year olds.



Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
White	52.4%	59.4%	71.2%	91.3%
White; British	38.2%	44.1%	59.8%	87.5%
White; Irish	3.2%	3.0%	3.1%	1.2%
White; Other White	11.0%	12.3%	8.3%	2.6%
Mixed	4.7%	4.2%	3.2%	1.3%
Mixed; White and Black Caribbean	1.9%	1.5%	1.0%	0.5%
Mixed; White and Black African	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	0.2%
Mixed; White and Asian	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.4%
Mixed; Other Mixed	1.2%	1.1%	0.9%	0.3%
Asian or Asian British	8.7%	8.6%	12.1%	4.4%
Indian	3.3%	3.8%	6.1%	2.0%
Pakistani	1.5%	1.1%	2.0%	1.4%
Bangladeshi	3.1%	2.9%	2.2%	0.5%
Other Asian	0.8%	0.8%	1.9%	0.5%
Black or Black British	30.9%	24.7%	10.9%	2.2%
Caribbean	13.3%	10.3%	4.8%	1.1%
African	14.2%	12.0%	5.3%	0.9%
Other Black	3.4%	2.4%	0.8%	0.2%
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	3.4%	3.2%	2.7%	0.9%
Chinese	1.2%	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 Hackney Central. More than 30% of the ward’s population is Black. It also has a higher proportion of Mixed groups than is typical for the borough.



Religion

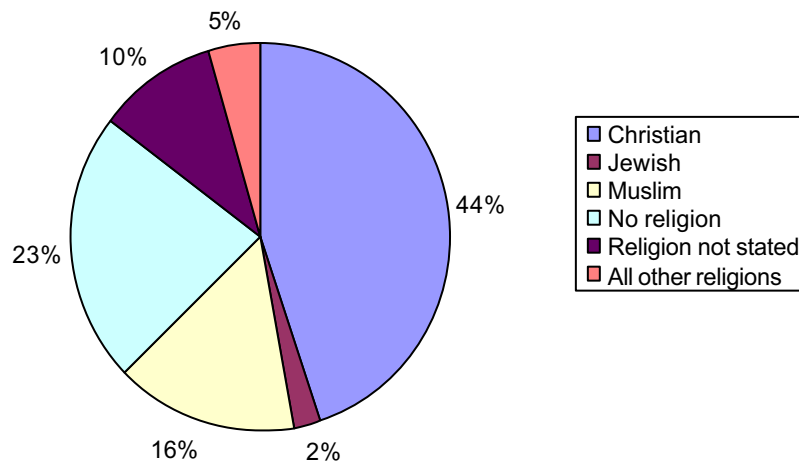
Religion	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Christian	49.8%	46.6%	58.2%	71.7%
Buddhist	1.7%	1.1%	0.8%	0.3%
Hindu	0.7%	0.8%	4.1%	1.1%
Jewish	2.0%	5.3%	2.1%	0.5%
Muslim	14.1%	13.8%	8.5%	3.0%
Sikh	1.1%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%
Any other religion	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%
No religion	20.4%	19.0%	15.8%	14.8%
Religion not stated	9.5%	12.0%	8.7%	7.7%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

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.

Hackney Central has a higher proportion of Christians than Hackney does, but a lower one of Jews. Its Buddhist community is slightly larger than the average for the borough.

Religion in Hackney Central





Social Class

Social Grade	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
AB: Higher and intermediate managerial / administrative / professional	20.6%	21.3%	26.5%	22.0%
C1: Supervisory, clerical, junior managerial / administrative / professional	29.0%	30.2%	33.0%	29.7%
C2: Skilled manual workers	9.9%	9.4%	11.0%	15.1%
D: Semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers	19.5%	18.3%	14.3%	17.2%
E: On state benefit, unemployed, lowest grade workers	21.0%	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.

Hackney Central's class profile closely resembles Hackney's. It does, however, have slightly more grade D workers than the borough average.



Household type

Household Type	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Married couple household with dependent child(ren)	11.4%	13.3%	16.8%	18.5%
Married couple household with no dependent child(ren)	9.2%	10.9%	20.0%	28.8%
Cohabiting couple household with dependent child(ren)	3.1%	3.5%	2.7%	3.4%
Cohabiting couple household with no dependent child(ren)	8.1%	7.3%	6.7%	5.7%
Lone parent household with dependent child(ren)	13.2%	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	42.3%	40.5%	34.7%	30.0%
Multi person household: All student	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Multi person household: All other	7.9%	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 children).

Hackney Central has a smaller share of married couple households and larger ones of lone parent and single person households than are typical for the borough.



Housing Tenure and House Prices

Housing Tenure	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Owned	25.9%	32.1%	56.5%	68.9%
Social rented: Rented from Council	19.3%	30.7%	17.1%	13.2%
Social rented: Other social rented	36.5%	20.1%	9.1%	5.9%
Private rented	16.9%	15.5%	15.5%	9.9%
Other	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	2.1%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

House Prices 2002	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Flat - Median	£160,000	£160,000	£160,000	£111,000
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Terraced - Median	£231,500	£250,000	£180,000	£80,000
Price Indicators for All Dwellings: Median	£176,750	£180,000	£181,000	£110,000

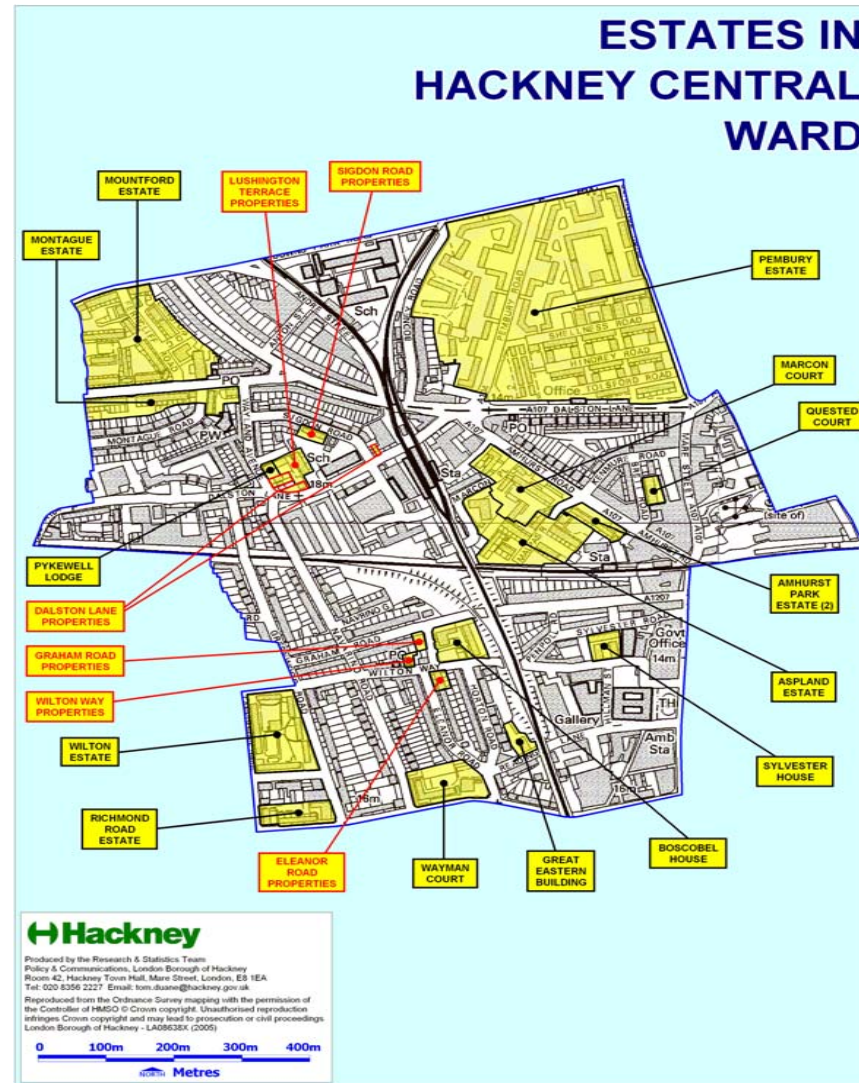
Source: Land Registry, DCLG, ONS

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 Hackney Central, too, accounting for around 56% of tenure. House prices in the ward are a little lower than the Hackney average.



Social Housing Estates in Hackney Central





Qualifications

Qualification Level	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
No qualifications	27.3%	29.0%	23.7%	29.1%
Level 1 qualifications	10.5%	10.5%	13.0%	16.6%
Level 2 qualifications	14.6%	13.8%	17.1%	19.4%
Level 3 qualifications	8.7%	8.6%	9.8%	8.3%
Level 4 / 5 qualifications	33.2%	32.9%	31.0%	19.8%
Other qualifications: Level unknown	5.7%	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.

Hackney Central’s profile resembles that of the wider borough, although it has slightly fewer people with no qualifications.



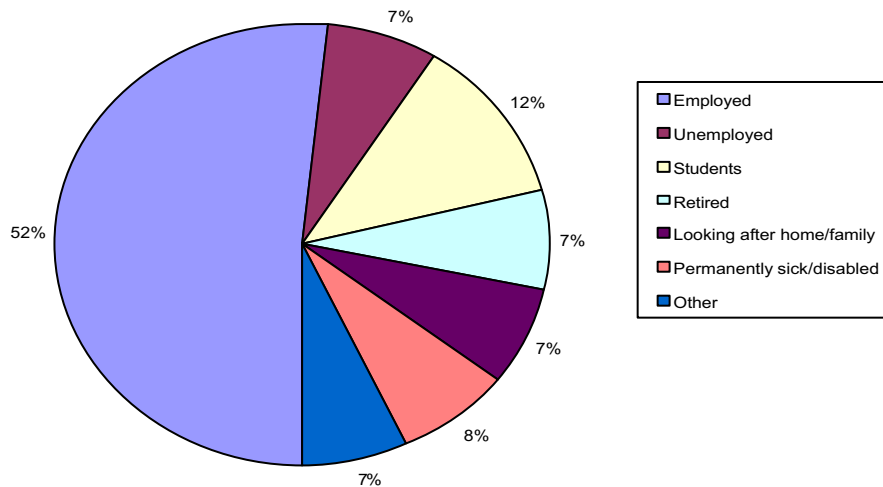
Economic Activity

Economic Activity	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Economically active: Employee	42.9%	43.2%	51.3%	52.3%
Economically active: Self-employed with employees	2.1%	2.3%	2.9%	3.0%
Economically active: Self-employed without employees	6.6%	5.9%	6.1%	5.3%
Economically active: Unemployed	7.5%	6.9%	4.4%	3.4%
Economically active: Full-time Students	3.6%	3.5%	3.0%	2.6%
Economically inactive: Retired	7.4%	7.5%	9.8%	13.6%
Economically inactive: Student	8.4%	9.2%	6.6%	4.7%
Economically inactive: Looking after home / family	7.0%	7.9%	7.2%	6.5%
Economically inactive: Permanently sick / disabled	7.6%	7.0%	4.6%	5.5%
Economically inactive: Other	7.0%	6.5%	4.3%	3.1%

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.

Economic Activity in Hackney Central



Again, Hackney Central's figures are close to those for Hackney generally. Just over half the residents between the ages of 16 and 74 are in employment, but the ward has higher than average rates of unemployment and disability.



Industry of Employment

Industry of Employment	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Agriculture, fishing, mining	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	1.8%
Manufacturing	8.2%	7.8%	7.6%	15.0%
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
Construction	2.6%	3.3%	5.3%	6.8%
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	11.4%	12.1%	14.4%	16.8%
Hotels and restaurants	5.8%	5.2%	4.6%	4.8%
Transport, storage and communications	7.0%	6.2%	8.1%	7.0%
Financial intermediation	3.8%	4.5%	8.0%	4.7%
Real estate, renting and business activities	22.8%	21.6%	20.3%	13.0%
Public administration and defence, social security	4.8%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Education	8.9%	10.3%	7.5%	7.8%
Health and social work	12.3%	12.4%	10.1%	10.8%
Other community, social and personal service activities	11.8%	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.

The business activities sector is the largest in Hackney Central. The ward also has higher than average levels of employment in hotels and restaurants and in the transport sector. Public services are a little less important in Hackney Central than in the borough as a whole.



Occupation Group

Occupation Group	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Managers and Senior Officials	13.1%	14.0%	17.6%	15.1%
Professional Occupations	15.3%	16.8%	14.9%	11.2%
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	22.7%	21.5%	17.9%	13.8%
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	12.2%	13.0%	15.5%	13.3%
Skilled Trades Occupations	6.6%	6.3%	7.7%	11.6%
Personal Service Occupations	7.0%	6.4%	5.9%	6.9%
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	6.4%	6.3%	6.7%	7.7%
Process; Plant and Machine Operatives	4.6%	4.7%	4.9%	8.5%
Elementary Occupations	12.0%	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.

Hackney Central's profile is different again. It has relatively low shares of managers and professionals by Hackney standards, but slightly higher ones of associate professional and personal services workers. It also has above-average numbers of those working in elementary occupations, such as labourers, postal workers, cleaners, bar/restaurant staff and security guards.

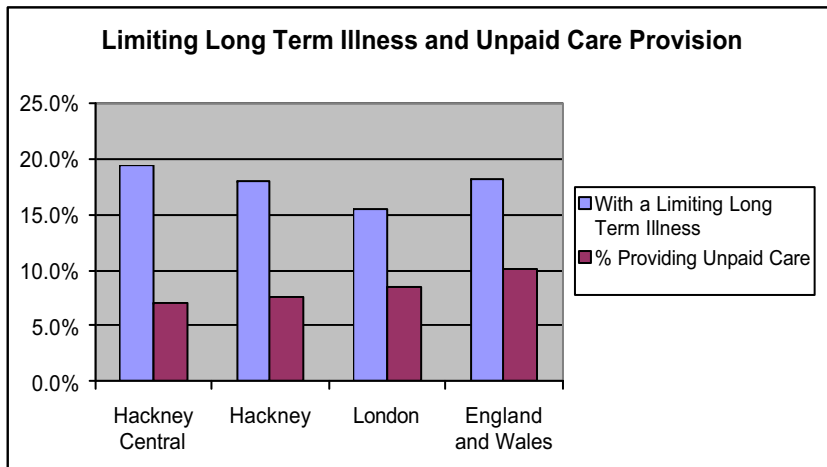


Health

Health Status	Hackney Central	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Good Health	66.7%	68.4%	70.8%	68.6%
Fairly Good Health	22.0%	21.0%	20.9%	22.2%
Not Good Health	11.3%	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.



The health of residents of Hackney Central is poorer than the average for Hackney. 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 Hackney Central ward, 2005 and 2006

MPS Offences per 1,000 people (rolling year)	12 months to Oct 2005	12 months to Oct 2006	% Change
Burglary	20.79	12.15	-41.6
Criminal Damage	18.37	16.62	-9.5
Drugs Offences	14.09	11.56	-17.9
Fraud or Forgery	2.92	3.21	10.0
Other Offences	2.53	1.55	-38.5
Robbery	14.38	10.98	-23.6
Sexual Offences	1.85	2.33	26.3
Theft and Handling	71.32	72.98	2.3
Violence against the Person	46.25	42.37	-8.4

Recorded crime in Hackney Central ward has also been falling. However, increases have been seen in some categories, such as sexual offences and fraud. Crime in Hackney Central is generally a little higher than the average for Hackney, especially for violence against the person and robbery.

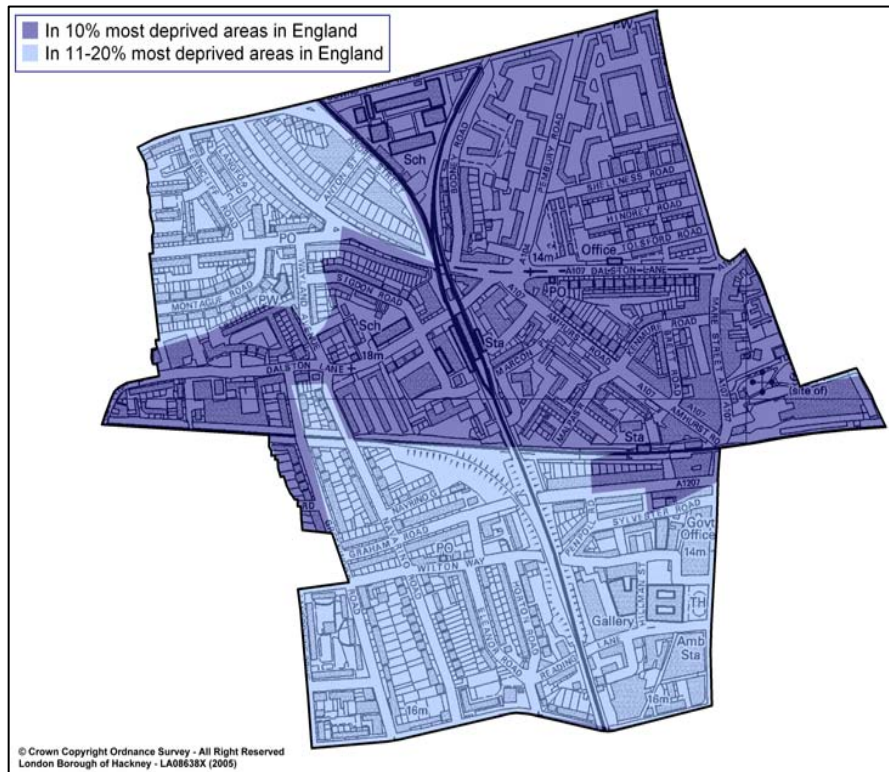
Source: Metropolitan Police Service



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%
Hackney Central	3186	35	7	7	7	4

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 Hackney Central ward rank among the 20% most deprived nationally. According to a calculation prepared for the GLA, Hackney Central itself ranks as the 35th most deprived ward in London.



Land Use

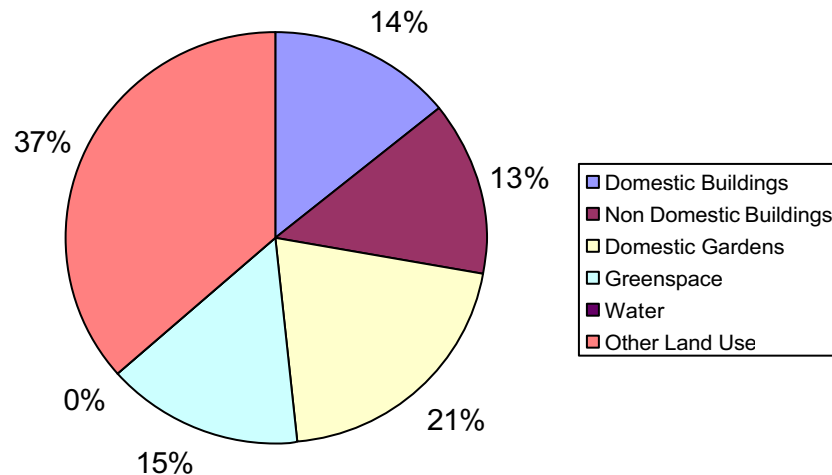
Land Use	Hackney Central	Hackney	London
Domestic Buildings	14.2%	12.6%	8.5%
Non Domestic Buildings	13.5%	10.2%	4.8%
Domestic Gardens	20.6%	18.4%	24.0%
Greenspace	15.3%	24.2%	38.4%
Water	0.0%	2.2%	2.8%
Other Land Use	36.4%	32.5%	21.4%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

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.

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

Land Use in Hackney Central





Civic Representation

Hackney Central ward's three councillors are Alan Laing (Lab), Samantha Lloyd (Lab) and Vincent Stops (Lab).

Turnout in Hackney Central ward elections:

Election	Numbers voting	Turnout	Borough-wide Turnout
Local elections 2006	2,448	32.8%	34.4%
Local elections 2002	2,228	31.9%	31.9%

Source: www.hackney.gov.uk

Turnout in Hackney Central was identical to the borough average in 2002, but a little below it in 2006.

Hackney Central 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.