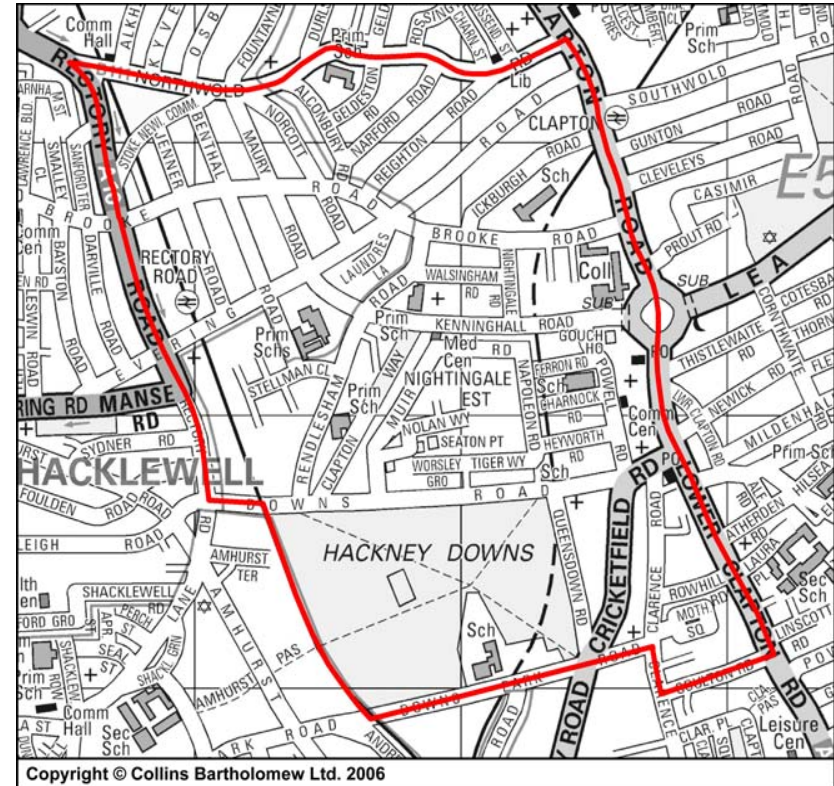
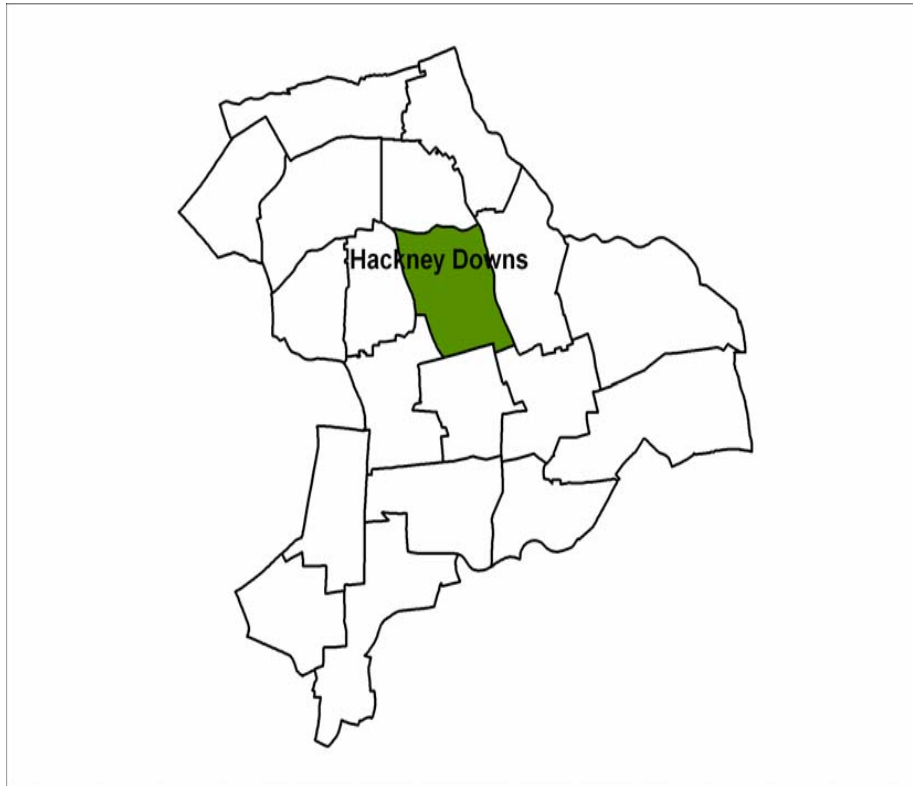




A Profile of Hackney Downs Ward



Maps





Introduction

This profile explores the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Hackney Downs 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 Downs ward lies just north of the centre of the borough. At the time of the 2001 census its 102 hectares were home to 10,276 people. The ward forms part of the North East neighbourhood and contains a large park which shares the same name.

The profile shows that Hackney Downs' population has a similar age profile to Hackney's, but is more ethnically diverse, with proportionately more Asian and Black people and fewer White ones than average.

Hackney Downs' economic and social profiles suggest it is broadly in line with the Hackney norm. Levels of qualifications are higher and more people are in work, but the unemployment rate is also higher and its residents health is marginally worse.

The area has lower crime rates than the borough average, with levels of crime continuing to fall over the past year.



Age

Age	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
People aged 0-4	7.6%	8.3%	6.7%	6.0%
People aged 5-7	4.1%	4.2%	3.8%	3.7%
People aged 8-9	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.6%
People aged 10-14	6.7%	6.9%	6.1%	6.6%
People aged 15	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%
People aged 16-17	2.6%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%
People aged 18-19	2.2%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%
People aged 20-24	7.5%	7.8%	7.4%	6.0%
People aged 25-29	10.7%	10.3%	9.7%	6.6%
People aged 30-44	29.1%	27.5%	25.7%	22.6%
People aged 45-59	13.7%	13.5%	16.1%	18.9%
People aged 60-64	3.8%	3.3%	3.9%	4.9%
People aged 65-74	5.2%	5.1%	6.5%	8.4%
People aged 75-84	2.4%	3.1%	4.3%	5.6%
People aged 85-89	0.5%	0.7%	1.1%	1.3%
People aged 90 and over	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%
All People	10276	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 Downs' age profile is broadly similar to Hackney's. However, it does have a higher proportion of residents in the 30-44 age bracket.



Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
White	51.3%	59.4%	71.2%	91.3%
White; British	37.9%	44.1%	59.8%	87.5%
White; Irish	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	1.2%
White; Other White	10.3%	12.3%	8.3%	2.6%
Mixed	4.5%	4.2%	3.2%	1.3%
Mixed; White and Black Caribbean	1.4%	1.5%	1.0%	0.5%
Mixed; White and Black African	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	0.2%
Mixed; White and Asian	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.4%
Mixed; Other Mixed	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%	0.3%
Asian or Asian British	12.8%	8.6%	12.1%	4.4%
Indian	6.9%	3.8%	6.1%	2.0%
Pakistani	1.8%	1.1%	2.0%	1.4%
Bangladeshi	3.3%	2.9%	2.2%	0.5%
Other Asian	0.8%	0.8%	1.9%	0.5%
Black or Black British	29.2%	24.7%	10.9%	2.2%
Caribbean	14.7%	10.3%	4.8%	1.1%
African	11.8%	12.0%	5.3%	0.9%
Other Black	2.7%	2.4%	0.8%	0.2%
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	2.2%	3.2%	2.7%	0.9%
Chinese	0.9%	1.2%	1.1%	0.4%
Other Ethnic Group	1.4%	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 Downs where nearly half the residents are non-White. The ward has a higher proportion of Asian and Black ethnic groups than is typical for the borough.



Religion

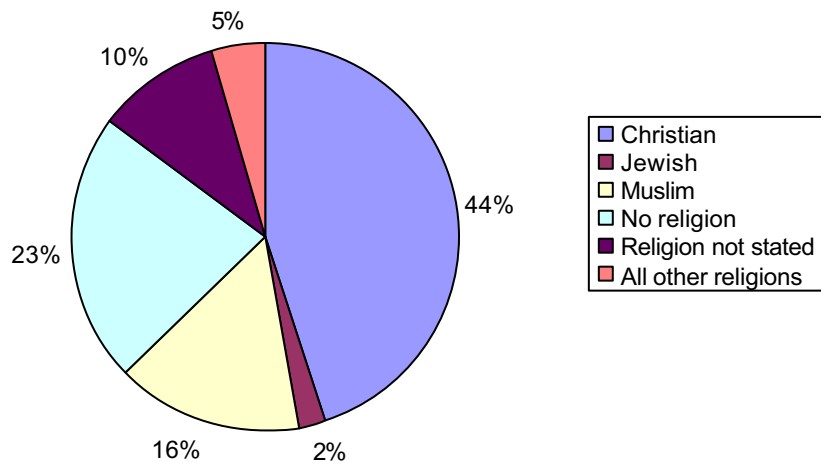
Religion	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Christian	45.0%	46.6%	58.2%	71.7%
Buddhist	1.2%	1.1%	0.8%	0.3%
Hindu	1.1%	0.8%	4.1%	1.1%
Jewish	2.1%	5.3%	2.1%	0.5%
Muslim	15.6%	13.8%	8.5%	3.0%
Sikh	1.3%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%
Any other religion	1.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%
No religion	22.5%	19.0%	15.8%	14.8%
Religion not stated	10.2%	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 Downs has a higher proportion of Muslims than Hackney, but a lower one of Jews. Its Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist communities are all slightly larger than the average for the borough.

Religion in Hackney Downs





Social Class

Social Grade	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
AB: Higher and intermediate managerial / administrative / professional	22.4%	21.3%	26.5%	22.0%
C1: Supervisory, clerical, junior managerial / administrative / professional	30.9%	30.2%	33.0%	29.7%
C2: Skilled manual workers	10.0%	9.4%	11.0%	15.1%
D: Semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers	17.7%	18.3%	14.3%	17.2%
E: On state benefit, unemployed, lowest grade workers	19.0%	20.8%	15.2%	16.1%

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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 Downs has slightly higher proportions of AB and C1 social groups and slightly lower ones of classes D and E, suggesting the ward is a little more affluent than Hackney as a whole.



Household type

Household Type	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Married couple household with dependent child(ren)	12.6%	13.3%	16.8%	18.5%
Married couple household with no dependent child(ren)	9.1%	10.9%	20.0%	28.8%
Cohabiting couple household with dependent child(ren)	3.8%	3.5%	2.7%	3.4%
Cohabiting couple household with no dependent child(ren)	8.4%	7.3%	6.7%	5.7%
Lone parent household with dependent child(ren)	11.6%	12.4%	8.9%	7.2%
Lone parent household with no dependent child(ren)	3.7%	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%
One person household	42.8%	40.5%	34.7%	30.0%
Multi person household: All student	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Multi person household: All other	7.7%	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 Downs has a similar profile to the wider borough, but it does have a bigger share of one person households and a smaller one of married couple households.



Housing Tenure and House Prices

Housing Tenure	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Owned	33.9%	32.1%	56.5%	68.9%
Social rented: Rented from Council	30.4%	30.7%	17.1%	13.2%
Social rented: Other social rented	18.8%	20.1%	9.1%	5.9%
Private rented	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	9.9%
Other	1.4%	1.6%	1.8%	2.1%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

House Prices 2002	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Flat - Median	£141,000	£160,000	£160,000	£111,000
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Terraced - Median	£250,000	£250,000	£180,000	£80,000
Price Indicators for All Dwellings: Median	£160,000	£180,000	£181,000	£110,000

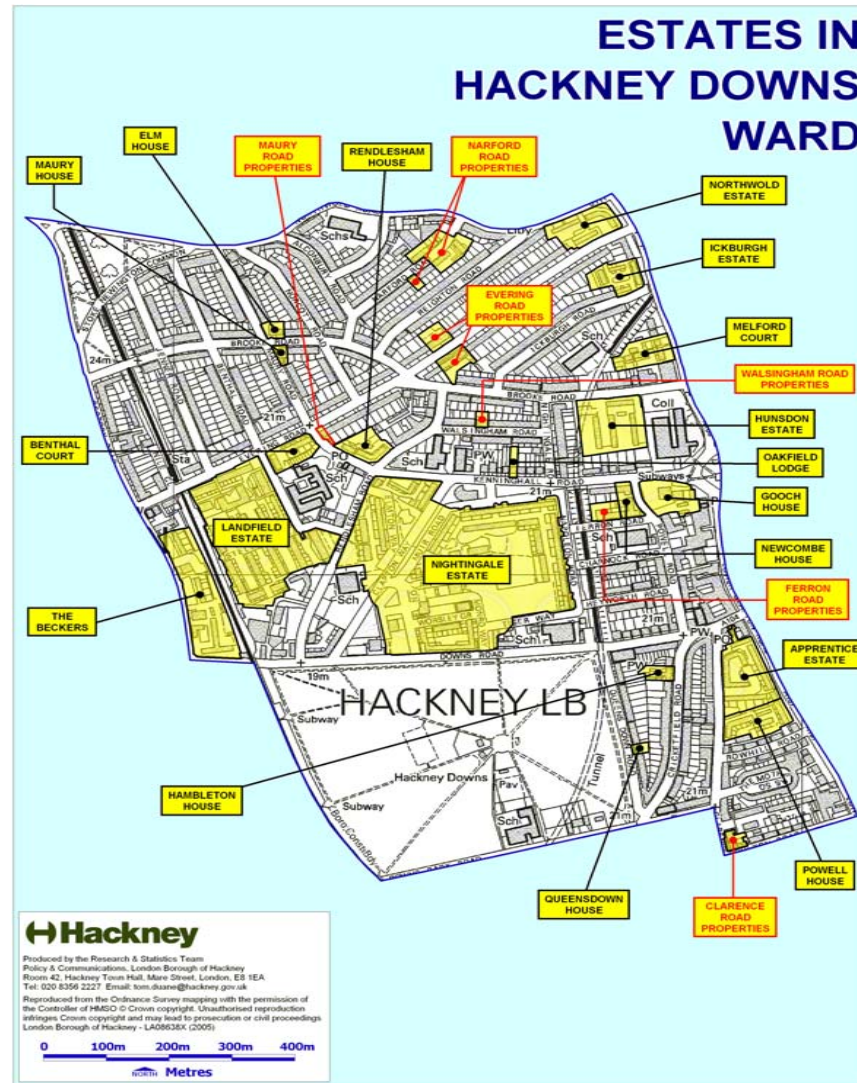
Source: Land Registry, DCLG, ONS

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.

Patterns of housing tenure in Hackney Downs are broadly similar to the borough average. House prices in the ward are slightly lower than the Hackney norm.



Social Housing Estates in Hackney Downs





Qualifications

Qualification Level	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
No qualifications	27.5%	29.0%	23.7%	29.1%
Level 1 qualifications	9.9%	10.5%	13.0%	16.6%
Level 2 qualifications	12.4%	13.8%	17.1%	19.4%
Level 3 qualifications	8.7%	8.6%	9.8%	8.3%
Level 4 / 5 qualifications	36.4%	32.9%	31.0%	19.8%
Other qualifications: Level unknown	5.0%	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 Downs’ profile is also skewed in this fashion, although it has more people with degrees and slightly fewer people with no qualifications than the borough average.



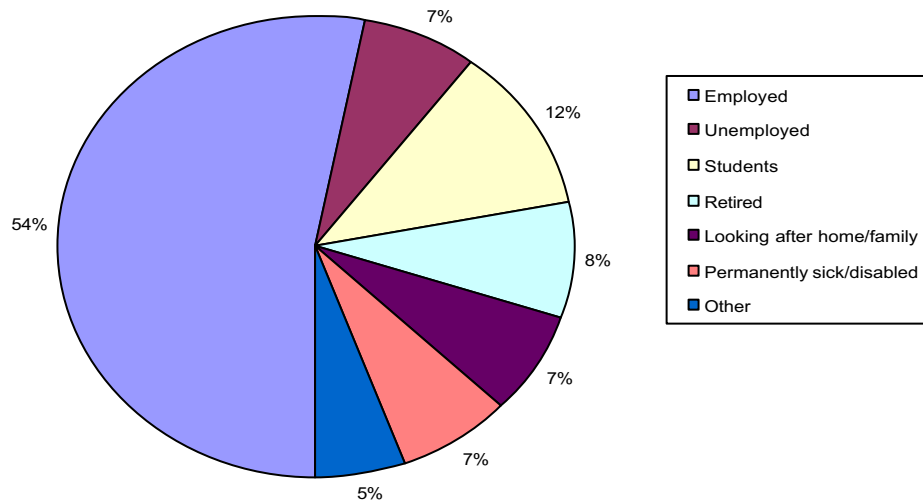
Economic Activity

Economic Activity	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Economically active: Employee	45.3%	43.2%	51.3%	52.3%
Economically active: Self-employed with employees	1.7%	2.3%	2.9%	3.0%
Economically active: Self-employed without employees	6.1%	5.9%	6.1%	5.3%
Economically active: Unemployed	7.3%	6.9%	4.4%	3.4%
Economically active: Full-time Students	3.3%	3.5%	3.0%	2.6%
Economically inactive: Retired	8.2%	7.5%	9.8%	13.6%
Economically inactive: Student	8.2%	9.2%	6.6%	4.7%
Economically inactive: Looking after home / family	7.2%	7.9%	7.2%	6.5%
Economically inactive: Permanently sick / disabled	7.2%	7.0%	4.6%	5.5%
Economically inactive: Other	5.5%	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 Downs



Economic activity rates in Hackney Downs are broadly similar to Hackney's. However, the proportion of unemployed residents is slightly higher than the borough average and there are fewer students.



Industry of Employment

Industry of Employment	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Agriculture, fishing, mining	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	1.8%
Manufacturing	7.2%	7.8%	7.6%	15.0%
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
Construction	2.7%	3.3%	5.3%	6.8%
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	11.6%	12.1%	14.4%	16.8%
Hotels and restaurants	5.4%	5.2%	4.6%	4.8%
Transport, storage and communications	5.5%	6.2%	8.1%	7.0%
Financial intermediation	3.2%	4.5%	8.0%	4.7%
Real estate, renting and business activities	20.4%	21.6%	20.3%	13.0%
Public administration and defence, social security	5.9%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Education	11.7%	10.3%	7.5%	7.8%
Health and social work	13.4%	12.4%	10.1%	10.8%
Other community, social and personal service activities	11.8%	10.8%	7.7%	5.0%
Any other	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%

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 mirrored in Hackney Downs, where more than a quarter of residents’ jobs are in education, health and social work.



Occupation Group

Occupation Group	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Managers and Senior Officials	13.6%	14.0%	17.6%	15.1%
Professional Occupations	18.1%	16.8%	14.9%	11.2%
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	23.0%	21.5%	17.9%	13.8%
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	12.3%	13.0%	15.5%	13.3%
Skilled Trades Occupations	6.2%	6.3%	7.7%	11.6%
Personal Service Occupations	6.6%	6.4%	5.9%	6.9%
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	6.6%	6.3%	6.7%	7.7%
Process; Plant and Machine Operatives	3.9%	4.7%	4.9%	8.5%
Elementary Occupations	9.6%	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 trades people; 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 Downs' occupational profile is broadly similar to Hackney's. However, the ward does have a higher proportion of people employed in professional and associated occupations and fewer people working in elementary ones.

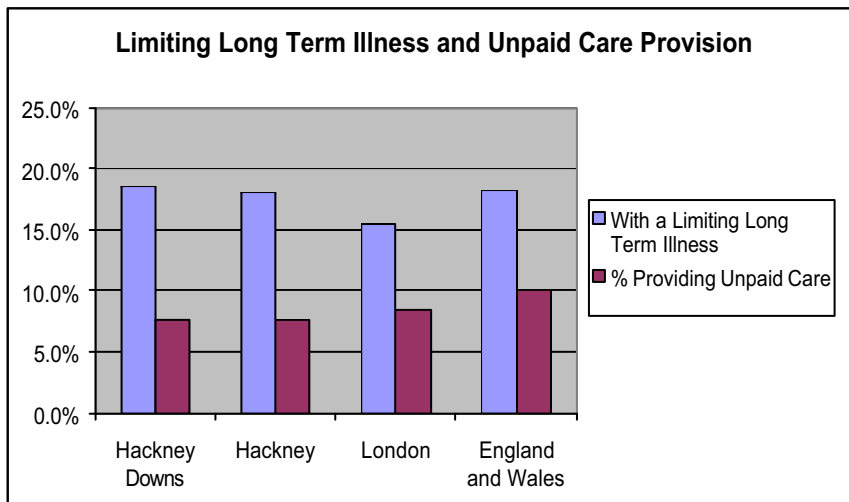


Health

Health Status	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Good Health	67.7%	68.4%	70.8%	68.6%
Fairly Good Health	21.7%	21.0%	20.9%	22.2%
Not Good Health	10.6%	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 profile of Hackney Downs residents is broadly similar to the Hackney average. More than two-thirds report their health as good, while almost a fifth have a limiting long-term illness.



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 Downs ward, 2005 and 2006

MPS Offences per 1,000 people (rolling year)	12 months to Oct 2005	12 months to Oct 2006	% Change
Burglary	18.98	7.40	-61.0
Criminal Damage	14.89	13.43	-9.8
Drugs Offences	11.68	6.91	-40.8
Fraud or Forgery	9.73	5.45	-44.0
Other Offences	1.07	1.27	18.2
Robbery	10.61	9.54	-10.1
Sexual Offences	1.65	1.17	-29.4
Theft and Handling	47.00	37.17	-20.9
Violence against the Person	33.48	29.78	-11.0

Recorded crime in Hackney Downs has been falling steeply - burglary has declined by over 60%. Other categories of crime are also down. Crime rates in the ward are lower than the Hackney averages for burglary, theft and handling, and violence against the person, but higher for fraud or forgery and robbery.

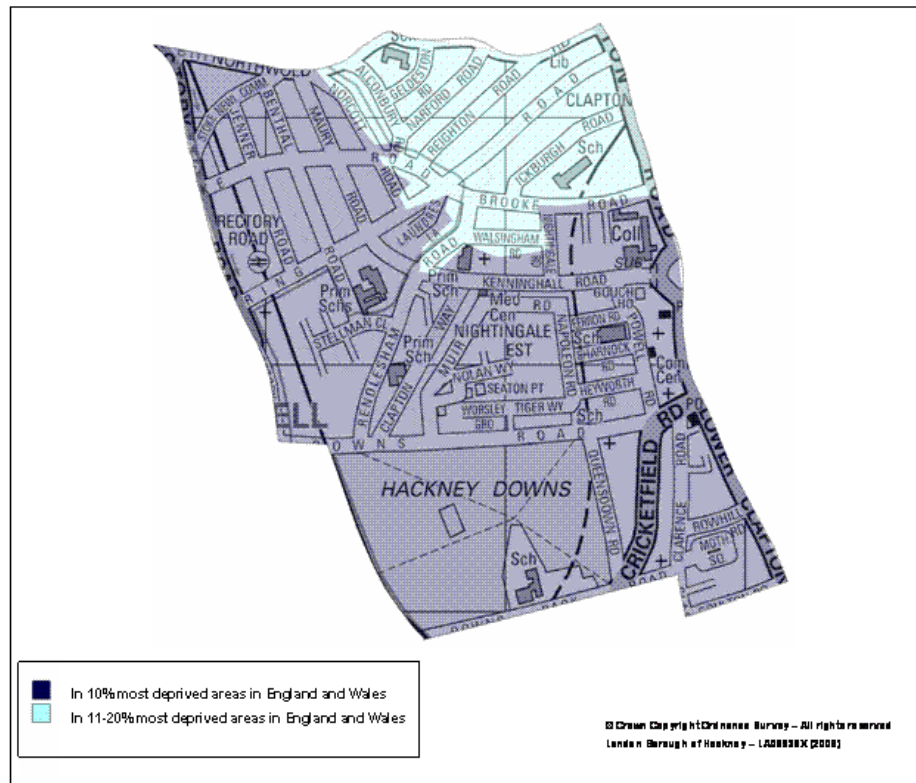
Source: Metropolitan Police Service



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 Downs	2813	24	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 Hackney Downs rank among the 20% most deprived nationally. Five out of these seven rank in the top 10% most deprived SOAs. According to a calculation prepared for the GLA, Hackney Downs itself ranks as the 24th most deprived ward in London.

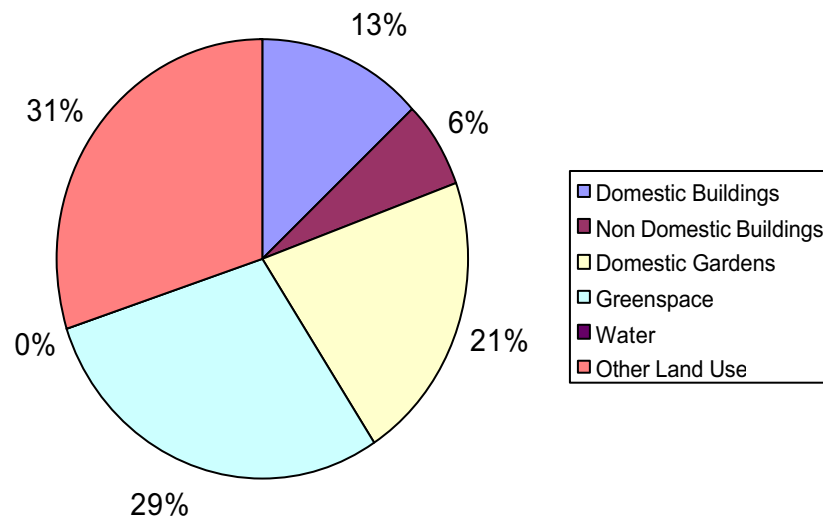


Land Use

Land Use	Hackney Downs	Hackney	London
Domestic Buildings	13.1%	12.6%	8.5%
Non Domestic Buildings	6.4%	10.2%	4.8%
Domestic Gardens	21.4%	18.4%	24.0%
Greenspace	28.6%	24.2%	38.4%
Water	0.0%	2.2%	2.8%
Other Land Use	30.4%	32.5%	21.4%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

Land Use in Hackney Downs



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 Downs is greener than Hackney as a whole, with public green space and domestic gardens accounting for 50% of its total land use. There is a slightly higher proportion of domestic buildings in the ward than the borough average.



Civic Representation

Hackney Downs ward's three councillors are Michael Desmond (Lab), Faizullah Khan (Lab) and Sem Moema (Lab).

Turnout in Hackney Downs ward elections:

Election	Numbers voting	Turnout	Borough-wide Turnout
Local elections 2006	2,220	30.0%	34.4%
Local elections 2002	2,043	29.3%	31.9%

Source: www.hackney.gov.uk

Turnout in Hackney Downs was lower than the borough average in both 2002 and 2006.

Hackney Downs lies in the parliamentary constituency of Hackney North and Stoke Newington. This seat was won at the 2005 general election by Diane Abbott (Lab), with a majority of 7,427 on a 49.6% turnout.