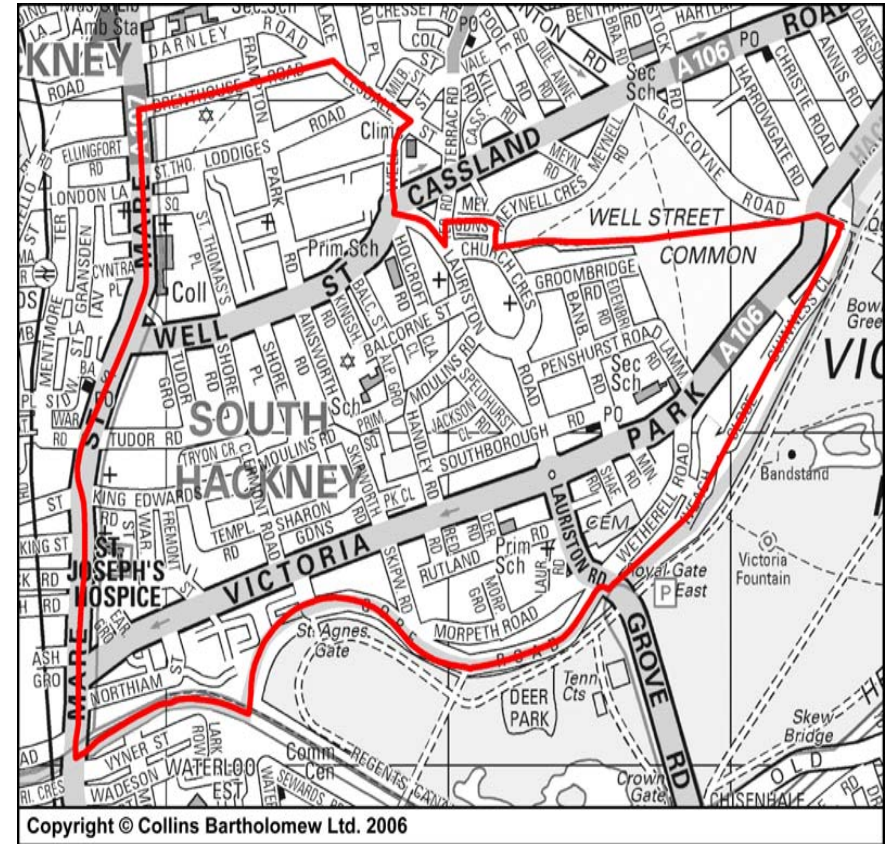




A Profile of Victoria Ward



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Introduction

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

Victoria ward lies in the south of Hackney. At the time of the 2001 census its 80 hectares were home to 12,066 people, making it the most populous ward in the borough. The ward forms part of the Homerton neighbourhood and embraces much of the district of South Hackney. The ward also borders Victoria Park.

The profile shows that Victoria's population has a similar age profile to Hackney's, but is a little less ethnically diverse. Victoria's economic and social profiles often show it to be close to the Hackney norm. Levels of qualifications are much the same, although proportionately more people are in work. Residents also have higher levels of poor health and limiting long-term illness.

The area has slightly lower crime rates than the borough average, and several categories of crime have seen falls in the last year.



Age

Age	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
People aged 0-4	8.5%	8.3%	6.7%	6.0%
People aged 5-7	3.7%	4.2%	3.8%	3.7%
People aged 8-9	3.0%	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	2.7%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%
People aged 18-19	2.3%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%
People aged 20-24	7.9%	7.8%	7.4%	6.0%
People aged 25-29	10.3%	10.3%	9.7%	6.6%
People aged 30-44	27.3%	27.5%	25.7%	22.6%
People aged 45-59	13.5%	13.5%	16.1%	18.9%
People aged 60-64	2.9%	3.3%	3.9%	4.9%
People aged 65-74	5.2%	5.1%	6.5%	8.4%
People aged 75-84	3.6%	3.1%	4.3%	5.6%
People aged 85-89	1.0%	0.7%	1.1%	1.3%
People aged 90 and over	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%
All People	12066	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.

Victoria's age profile closely follows Hackney's. However, it does have relatively more 75-and-overs.



Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
White	63.0%	59.4%	71.2%	91.3%
White; British	50.2%	44.1%	59.8%	87.5%
White; Irish	3.4%	3.0%	3.1%	1.2%
White; Other White	9.4%	12.3%	8.3%	2.6%
Mixed	4.2%	4.2%	3.2%	1.3%
Mixed; White and Black Caribbean	1.7%	1.5%	1.0%	0.5%
Mixed; White and Black African	0.7%	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	7.3%	8.6%	12.1%	4.4%
Indian	2.1%	3.8%	6.1%	2.0%
Pakistani	0.6%	1.1%	2.0%	1.4%
Bangladeshi	4.0%	2.9%	2.2%	0.5%
Other Asian	0.6%	0.8%	1.9%	0.5%
Black or Black British	22.5%	24.7%	10.9%	2.2%
Caribbean	9.0%	10.3%	4.8%	1.1%
African	11.1%	12.0%	5.3%	0.9%
Other Black	2.4%	2.4%	0.8%	0.2%
Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	3.0%	3.2%	2.7%	0.9%
Chinese	1.1%	1.2%	1.1%	0.4%
Other Ethnic Group	1.9%	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 a little less pronounced in Victoria. The ward has a higher proportion of White groups and lower ones for most minority ethnic communities than is typical for the borough. One exception to this is Bangladeshis, who make up 4% of Victoria’s population.



Religion

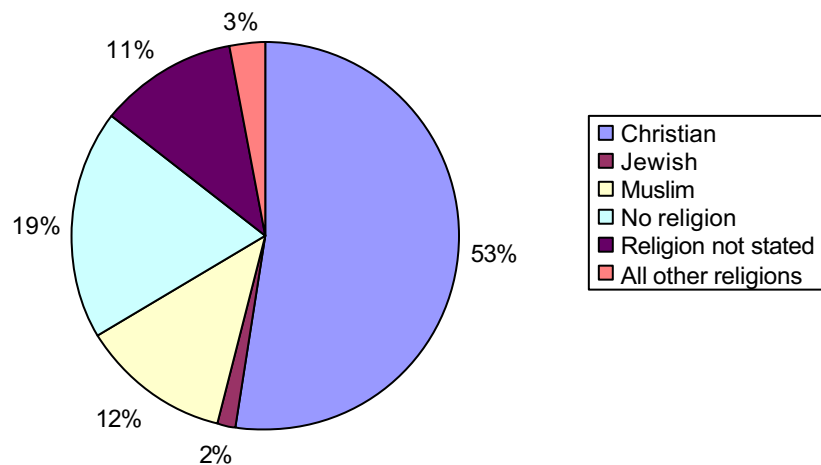
Religion	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Christian	52.4%	46.6%	58.2%	71.7%
Buddhist	1.4%	1.1%	0.8%	0.3%
Hindu	0.7%	0.8%	4.1%	1.1%
Jewish	1.6%	5.3%	2.1%	0.5%
Muslim	12.2%	13.8%	8.5%	3.0%
Sikh	0.4%	0.9%	1.5%	0.6%
Any other religion	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%
No religion	19.4%	19.0%	15.8%	14.8%
Religion not stated	11.4%	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.

Victoria has a higher proportion of Christians than Hackney does, but smaller ones of Jews and Muslims. Its Buddhist community is slightly larger than the average for the borough.

Religion in Victoria





Social Class

Social Grade	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
AB: Higher and intermediate managerial / administrative / professional	23.1%	21.3%	26.5%	22.0%
C1: Supervisory, clerical, junior managerial / administrative / professional	28.9%	30.2%	33.0%	29.7%
C2: Skilled manual workers	9.1%	9.4%	11.0%	15.1%
D: Semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers	16.9%	18.3%	14.3%	17.2%
E: On state benefit, unemployed, lowest grade workers	22.0%	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.

Victoria's class profile shows a degree of polarisation – it has relatively more of both ABs and Es than does Hackney.



Household type

Household Type	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Married couple household with dependent child(ren)	12.2%	13.3%	16.8%	18.5%
Married couple household with no dependent child(ren)	10.7%	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)	7.5%	7.3%	6.7%	5.7%
Lone parent household with dependent child(ren)	14.1%	12.4%	8.9%	7.2%
Lone parent household with no dependent child(ren)	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%
One person household	40.5%	40.5%	34.7%	30.0%
Multi person household: All student	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Multi person household: All other	6.6%	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).

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



Housing Tenure and House Prices

Housing Tenure	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Owned	30.6%	32.1%	56.5%	68.9%
Social rented: Rented from Council	27.8%	30.7%	17.1%	13.2%
Social rented: Other social rented	26.2%	20.1%	9.1%	5.9%
Private rented	13.7%	15.5%	15.5%	9.9%
Other	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	2.1%

Source: 2001 Census. Crown copyright

House Prices 2002	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Flat - Median	£160,500	£160,000	£160,000	£111,000
Price Indicators by Dwelling Type: Terraced - Median	£273,000	£250,000	£180,000	£80,000
Price Indicators for All Dwellings: Median	£183,498	£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 Victoria, too, accounting for 54% of tenure. House prices in the ward are generally a little higher than the Hackney average.



Qualifications

Qualification Level	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
No qualifications	29.1%	29.0%	23.7%	29.1%
Level 1 qualifications	11.4%	10.5%	13.0%	16.6%
Level 2 qualifications	13.3%	13.8%	17.1%	19.4%
Level 3 qualifications	8.4%	8.6%	9.8%	8.3%
Level 4 / 5 qualifications	32.6%	32.9%	31.0%	19.8%
Other qualifications: Level unknown	5.2%	5.1%	5.4%	6.9%

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.

Once again, Victoria’s profile closely resembles that of the wider borough.



Economic Activity

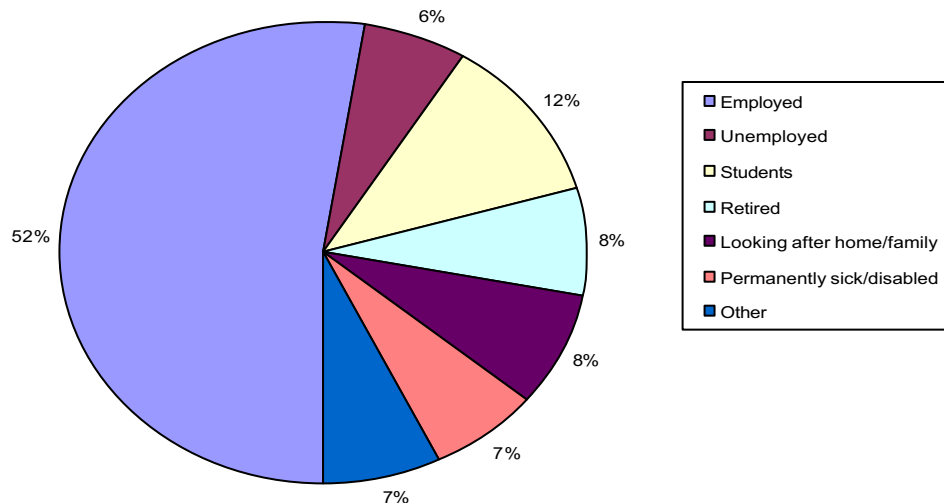
Economic Activity	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Economically active: Employee	44.6%	43.2%	51.3%	52.3%
Economically active: Self-employed with employees	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%	3.0%
Economically active: Self-employed without employees	5.7%	5.9%	6.1%	5.3%
Economically active: Unemployed	6.4%	6.9%	4.4%	3.4%
Economically active: Full-time Students	3.3%	3.5%	3.0%	2.6%
Economically inactive: Retired	7.6%	7.5%	9.8%	13.6%
Economically inactive: Student	8.3%	9.2%	6.6%	4.7%
Economically inactive: Looking after home / family	7.9%	7.9%	7.2%	6.5%
Economically inactive: Permanently sick / disabled	6.8%	7.0%	4.6%	5.5%
Economically inactive: Other	7.1%	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.

Economic Activity in Victoria



Things are better in Victoria than in Hackney generally. More than half the residents between the ages of 16 and 74 are in employment, while the ward's unemployment rate is lower than the borough's. Victoria also has proportionately fewer students.



Industry of Employment

Industry of Employment	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Agriculture, fishing, mining	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	1.8%
Manufacturing	6.9%	7.8%	7.6%	15.0%
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.7%
Construction	3.5%	3.3%	5.3%	6.8%
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	10.8%	12.1%	14.4%	16.8%
Hotels and restaurants	5.3%	5.2%	4.6%	4.8%
Transport, storage and communications	6.6%	6.2%	8.1%	7.0%
Financial intermediation	5.6%	4.5%	8.0%	4.7%
Real estate, renting and business activities	21.0%	21.6%	20.3%	13.0%
Public administration and defence, social security	5.6%	5.1%	5.4%	5.7%
Education	9.5%	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	11.1%	10.8%	7.7%	5.0%
Any other	0.3%	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.

Again, Victoria follows the same broad patterns as the wider borough. Health and social work is more important to Victoria than average, while employment in 'wholesale and retail trade, repairs' is a little less so.



Occupation Group

Occupation Group	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Managers and Senior Officials	12.9%	14.0%	17.6%	15.1%
Professional Occupations	17.7%	16.8%	14.9%	11.2%
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	22.1%	21.5%	17.9%	13.8%
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	12.8%	13.0%	15.5%	13.3%
Skilled Trades Occupations	5.7%	6.3%	7.7%	11.6%
Personal Service Occupations	6.0%	6.4%	5.9%	6.9%
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	6.3%	6.3%	6.7%	7.7%
Process; Plant and Machine Operatives	4.9%	4.7%	4.9%	8.5%
Elementary Occupations	11.7%	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.

Once more, Victoria's profile is not that different from Hackney's. Perhaps the most notable elements are that the ward has a marginally lower share of managers and higher ones of professionals and associated occupations.

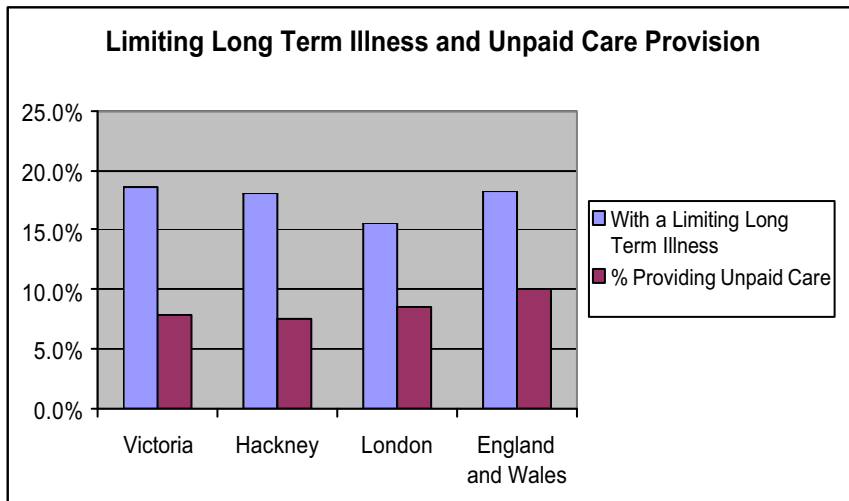


Health

Health Status	Victoria	Hackney	London	England and Wales
Good Health	67.2%	68.4%	70.8%	68.6%
Fairly Good Health	21.5%	21.0%	20.9%	22.2%
Not Good Health	11.2%	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.



Victoria residents’ health is generally poorer than the average for Hackney. Just over 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 only around the Hackney norm.



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 Victoria ward, 2005 and 2006

MPS Offences per 1,000 people (rolling year)	12 months to Oct 2005	12 months to Oct 2006	% Change
Burglary	21.63	12.68	-41.4
Criminal Damage	17.49	15.42	-11.8
Drugs Offences	8.54	10.19	19.4
Fraud or Forgery	1.74	1.99	14.3
Other Offences	0.99	1.16	16.7
Robbery	9.37	7.21	-23.0
Sexual Offences	1.24	2.57	106.7
Theft and Handling	54.04	44.67	-17.3
Violence against the Person	32.24	29.26	-9.3

Recorded crime in Victoria ward has also been falling. However, increases have been seen in a number of categories, including sexual and drugs offences. Crime in Victoria is generally somewhat lower than the average for Hackney, but this is not true for all types of crimes.

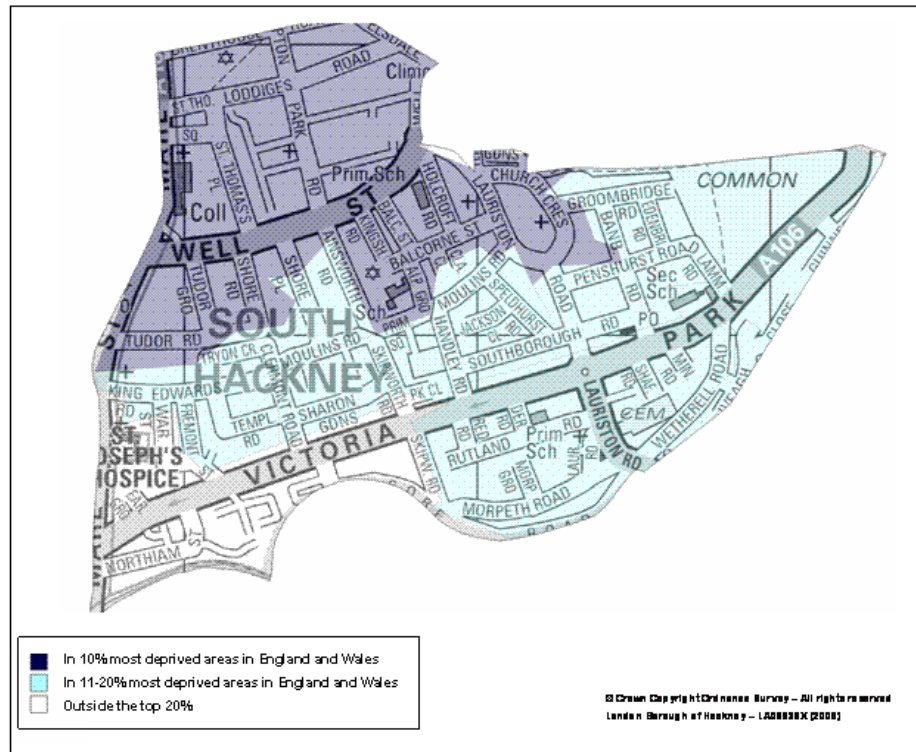
Source: Metropolitan Police Service



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%
Victoria	4095	56	8	7	7	3

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.

Seven of the eight SOAs in Victoria ward rank among the 20% most deprived nationally. According to a calculation prepared for the GLA, Victoria itself ranks as the 56th most deprived ward in London.



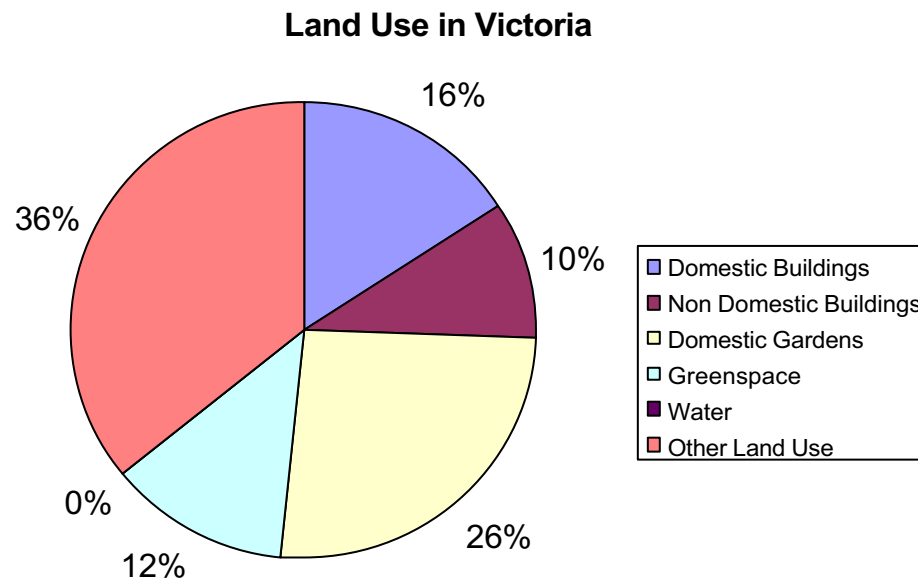
Land Use

Land Use	Victoria	Hackney	London
Domestic Buildings	15.9%	12.6%	8.5%
Non Domestic Buildings	9.5%	10.2%	4.8%
Domestic Gardens	26.2%	18.4%	24.0%
Greenspace	12.4%	24.2%	38.4%
Water	0.0%	2.2%	2.8%
Other Land Use	35.9%	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.

More of Victoria's land is taken up by domestic buildings and gardens than is typical for Hackney. The ward has a smaller share of public green space than the borough norm, but this excludes Victoria Park which, although bordering the ward, actually falls entirely within the boundaries of Tower Hamlets.





Civic Representation

Victoria ward’s three councillors are Catherine Hanson (Lab), Daniel Kemp (Lab), and Geoffrey Taylor (Lab).

Turnout in Victoria ward elections:

Election	Numbers voting	Turnout	Borough-wide Turnout
Local elections 2006	2,753	34.0%	34.4%
Local elections 2002	2,577	33.1%	31.9%

Source: www.hackney.gov.uk

Turnout in Victoria has been close to the borough average for the last two elections.

Victoria 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.