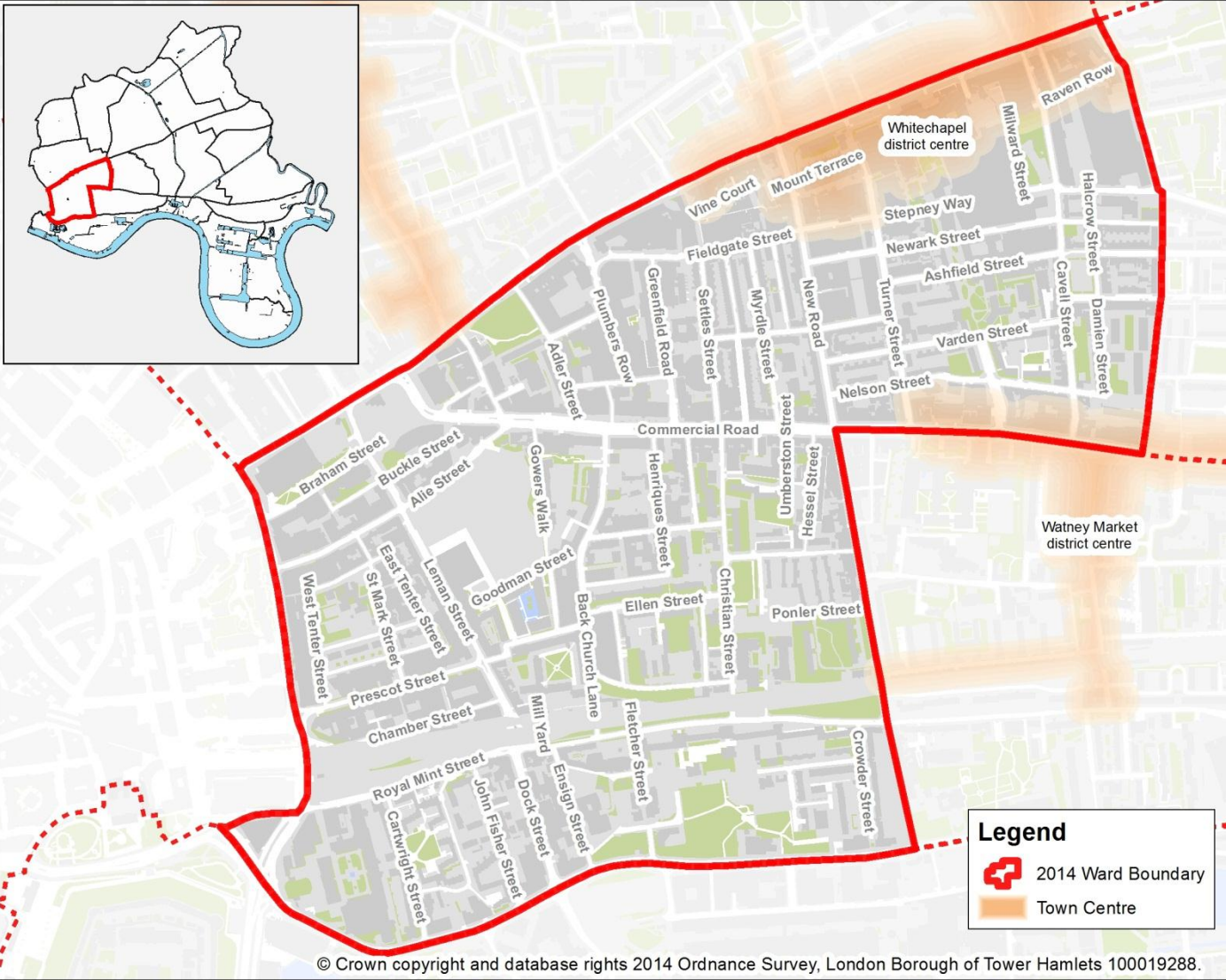


Whitechapel Ward Profile



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Introduction

The ward profiles have been produced for all 20 wards in Tower Hamlets. They provide the social, economic and demographic characteristics of each ward in the borough developing a broad picture of the area and help describing local differences.

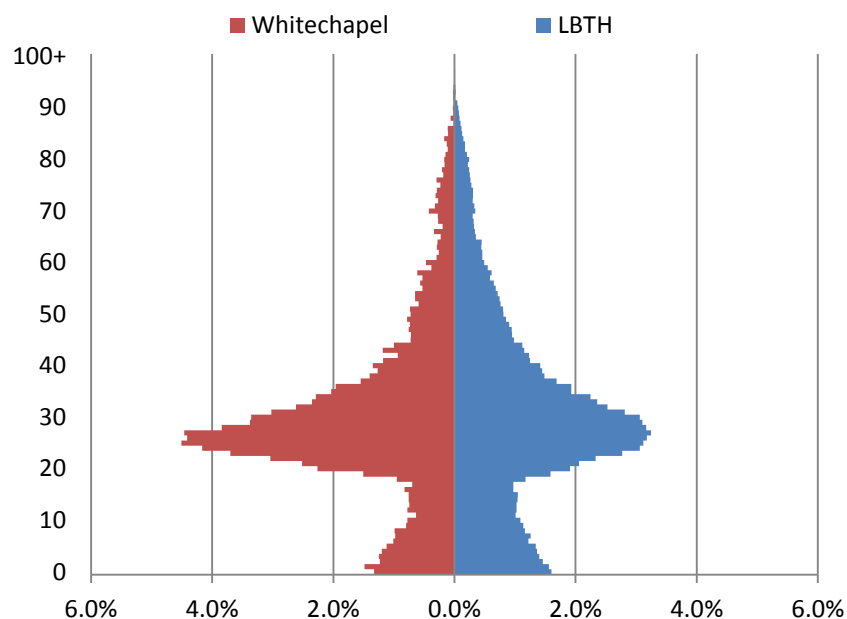
In May 2014, the number of wards increased from 17 to 20. The changes were made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, in order to ensure that every councillor in Tower Hamlets represented roughly the same number of residents. The changes mean that no ward will have a population variance of greater than 10 per cent. As a result of the changes, the average population per councillor will be 4,029 in 2014, rising to 4,417 by 2018, according to projected population growth.

Data from the 2011 Census has been used throughout this ward profile as this still provides the single best source of statistics which are available at geography small enough to be aggregated up in to the new wards. While more recent estimates of the resident population are available for the borough and old ward boundaries, these cannot be used to infer the current population according to the new ward boundaries.

Population

Age Structure

Figure 1: Proportion of population by age



(Source: Census 2011 QS103EW - Age by single year)

Table 1: Number and proportion of residents by age range

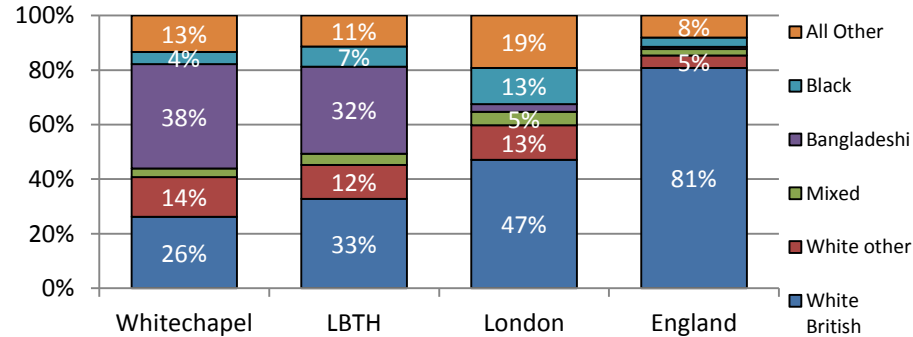
Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
Whitechapel	2,245	11,215	730	14,190
Whitechapel %	15.8%	79.0%	5.1%	100%
Tower Hamlets %	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%

(Source: Census 2011 QS103EW - Age by single year)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, the population for the Whitechapel ward was 14,190 which accounted for 5.9 per cent of the total population of Tower Hamlets.
- The ward had 6,682 males and 6,203 females providing a gender split in the ward of 51.9 per cent male and 48.1 per cent female.
- The population density in this ward was 148 people per hectare, higher than the borough average of 129 people per hectare.
- The Whitechapel ward had a lower proportion both of residents aged 65+ and aged 0-15 years old than the borough average.

Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity

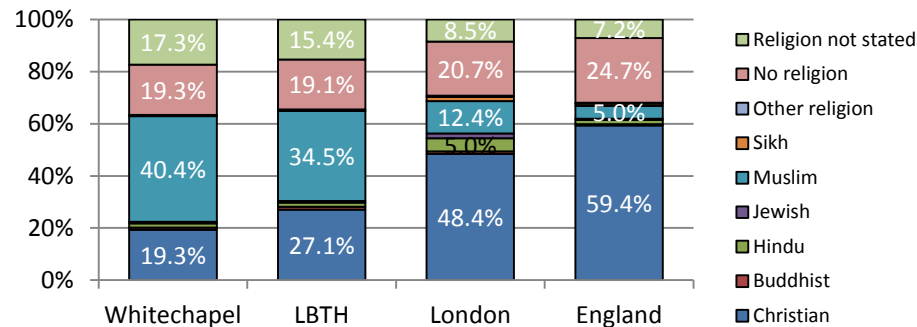


(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, 8,416 residents in the ward were BME (59 per cent). This proportion was higher than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- Residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for 38 per cent of the population (5,421 residents), a higher proportion than the borough average.
- There were 3,718 White British residents in the Whitechapel ward. There was a higher proportion of residents who are White British in the ward compared to the borough average.
- The three largest ethnic groups in the borough (White British, Bangladeshi and White Other) accounted for 79 per cent of all residents in this ward.

Religion

Figure 3: Religion

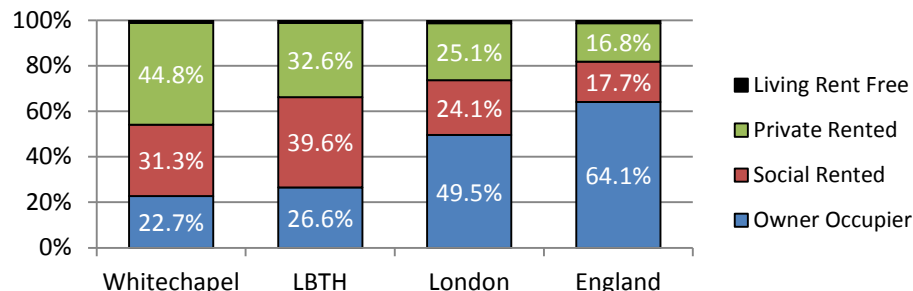


(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW - Religion)

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as Christian was 19.3 per cent – the second lowest proportion of residents out of the borough’s 20 wards. At 40.4 per cent of the population, the proportion of Muslim residents was significantly higher than the borough average.
- 2,742 residents in the Whitechapel ward explicitly stated that they had no religion, this equated to 19.3 per cent of the ward population, compared to the borough average of 19.1 per cent.
- Tower Hamlets had a significantly higher proportion of residents who did not state their religion on the census form when compared to London and the rest of England. In the Whitechapel ward there were 2,460 residents who did not state their religion – accounting for 17.3 per cent of the ward’s population, higher than the borough average.

Housing Tenure¹

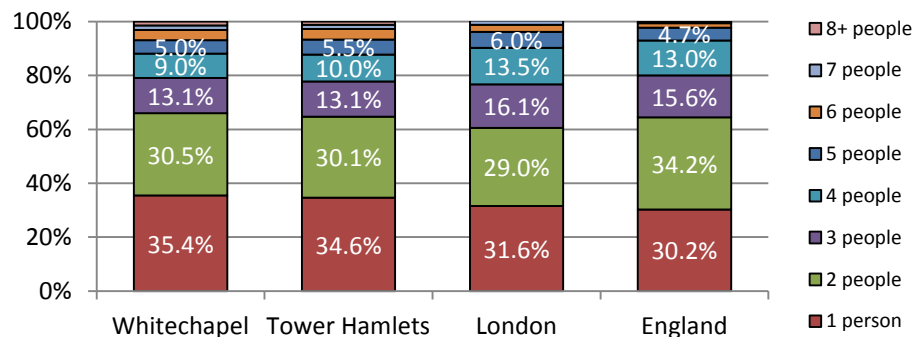
Figure 4: Tenure of households



(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

Household size

Figure 5: Tenure of households



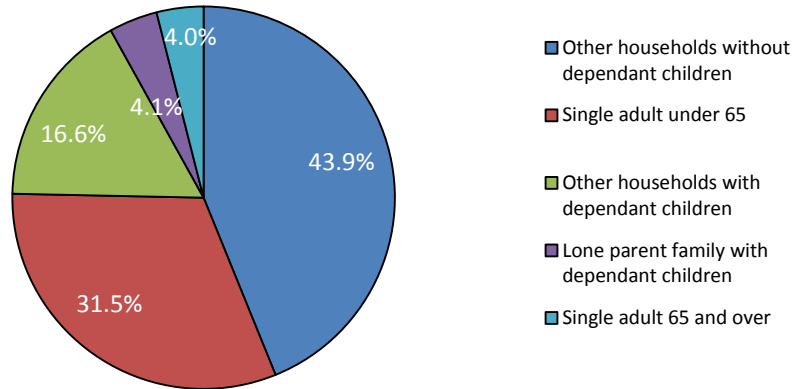
(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

- Tower Hamlets as a whole had a significantly lower proportion of households who were owner-occupier compared to the London average (26.6 per cent compared to 49.5 per cent). The proportion of socially rented households in the borough was almost double that of the London average. There was also a higher proportion of privately rented households compared to the London average.
- There were 5,707 households in the Whitechapel ward. Compared to the other wards, Whitechapel had a higher than average proportion of households compared to the borough average, accounting for 5.6 per cent of the whole.
- 22.7 per cent of households in the wards were owner-occupied, a lower rate than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- There were a lower than average proportion of socially rented properties in this ward but a higher than average proportion of private rented properties. Together, the proportion of renters (76.1 per cent) was lower than the borough average (72.2 per cent).
- The proportion of households in the Whitechapel ward with three or more people accounted for 34 per cent of the total households in the ward. This proportion was just below the borough average of 35 per cent.
- On Census day, 680 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them. This equates to 11.9 per cent of the households in the ward and was lower than the average for Tower Hamlets (12.3 per cent).
- The average household size in the ward was 2.49 compared to the borough average of 2.51.

¹ Tenure provides information about whether a household rents or owns the accommodation that it occupies and, if rented, combines this with information about the type of landlord who owns or manages the accommodation.

Household composition

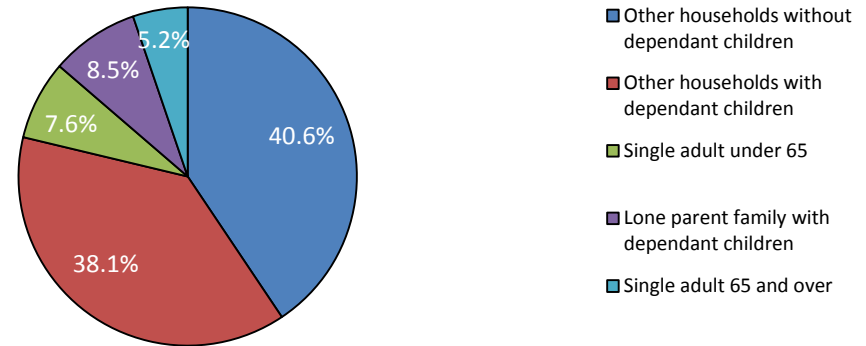
Figure 6: Household composition - percentage of households by type



(Source: Census 2011 QS113EW - Household composition – Households)

- At the time of the Census, 39.3 per cent of all residents in the ward lived in family households with dependent children; this proportion was lower than the borough average of 46.2 per cent.
- However, families with dependent children occupied 20.7 percent of the households in the ward, lower than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 35.4 per cent of all households in the ward; however 14 per cent of the ward's residents live in this type of household.
- Older people living alone (65+) accounted for 4 per cent of households which was lower than the borough average of 6 per cent.
- Table 3 shows the proportion of households that were overcrowded, had the required number of bedrooms, or were under-occupied at the time of the Census. 18 per cent of households in the ward (1,026 households) were overcrowded – higher than the average for the borough.

Figure 7: Household composition: percentage of residents that live in each household type



(Source: Census 2011 QS112EW - Household composition – People)

Table 2: Average household size

Average residents per household	Whitechapel	Tower Hamlets	London	England
Households with dependent children	4.65	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.88	1.81	1.84	1.78

(Source: Census 2011 QS406EW - Household size)

Table 3: Occupancy ratings

Area	Overcrowded (-1 or less)		Required Bedrooms (0)		Under Occupied (+1 or more)	
Whitechapel	1,026	18%	3,146	55%	1,535	27%
Tower Hamlets	16,605	16%	51,058	50%	33,594	33%
London	370,531	11%	1,282,883	39%	1,612,759	49%
England	1,024,473	5%	5,885,951	27%	15,152,944	69%

(Source: Census 2011 QS406EW - Household size)

Health - Limiting illness or disability

Area	Day-to-day activities limited a lot	Day-to-day activities limited a little	Day-to-day activities not limited
Whitechapel	808	887	12,495
Whitechapel (%)	5.7%	6.3%	88.1%
Tower Hamlets (%)	6.8%	6.7%	86.5%
London (%)	6.7%	7.4%	85.8%
England (%)	8.3%	9.3%	82.4%

(Source: Census 2011 QS303EW - Long-term health problem or disability)

- On Census day, around 808 residents (5.7 per cent) in Whitechapel had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while 6.3 per cent (887 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.
- In Whitechapel, the rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a lot* was below the Tower Hamlets (6.8 per cent), London (6.7 per cent) and England rates.
- The rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a little* of 6.3 per cent was also below the Tower Hamlets (6.7 per cent), London and England averages.

Unpaid care provision

Area	Provides no unpaid care	Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week
Whitechapel	13,073	680	209	228
Whitechapel (%)	92.1%	4.8%	1.5%	1.6%
Tower Hamlets (%)	92.4%	4.3%	1.4%	1.9%
London (%)	91.6%	5.3%	1.3%	1.8%
England (%)	89.8%	6.5%	1.4%	2.4%

(Source: Census 2011 QS301EW - Provision of unpaid care)

- Around 7.9 per cent of residents in Whitechapel provided unpaid care. The Whitechapel rate was slightly above the Tower Hamlets average (7.6 per cent) but below London (8.4 per cent) and England (10.2 per cent) rates.
- From 1,117 residents in Whitechapel who provided unpaid care, around 209 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 228 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.
- The proportion of those providing care for 50 hours or more of 1.6 per cent in Whitechapel was slightly below the Tower Hamlets rate of 1.9 per cent.

Labour market participation

Table 6: Labour market participation - Economic active (EA) and Economic Inactive (EI) (totals and %)

Area	EA: In employment	EA: Unemployed	EA: Full-time student	EI: Retired	EI: Student (incl. full-time)	EI: Looking after home / family	EI: Long-term sick or disabled	EI: Other
Whitechapel	6,940	660	713	436	1,224	738	423	495
Whitechapel (%)	59.7	5.7	6.1	3.7	10.5	6.3	3.6	4.3
Tower Hamlets (%)	57.6	6.7	5.5	4.7	9.9	7.0	4.5	4.0
London (%)	62.4	5.2	4.1	8.4	7.8	5.2	3.7	3.2
England (%)	62.1	4.4	3.4	13.7	5.8	4.4	4.0	2.2

(Source: Census 2011 KS601EW to KS603EW - Economic activity by sex, Population 16 to 74)

- Table 6 shows a summary of labour market participation of residents in the week before the Census 2011.

- The table summarises economic activity and inactivity of the 16 to 74 population in Whitechapel and comparator areas.

- The Whitechapel ward had a rate of 59.7 per cent residents in employment, slightly

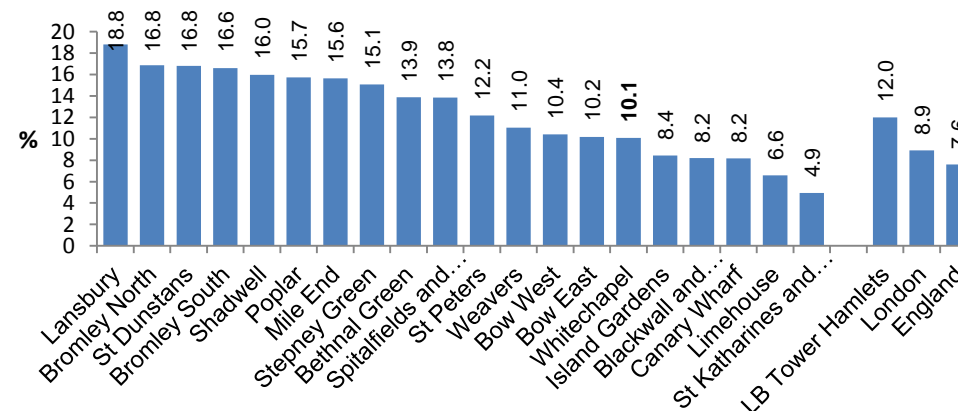
above the Tower Hamlets rate (57.6 per cent), but below London (62.4 per cent) and England (62.1 per cent) averages.

- The proportion of economically inactive residents, including those looking after home & family (6.3 per cent) and long term sick (3.6 per cent) was lower in Whitechapel. However, the proportion of economically inactive students (10.5 per cent) was above the borough average.
- A total of 660 residents were unemployed in Whitechapel. While the rate of 5.7 per cent was below the Tower Hamlets (6.7 per cent) rate, it was above London (5.2 per cent) and England (4.4 per cent) averages.

Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 (economic active population only)

- Figure 8 on the right shows the unemployment rate based on the economically active population only. This measure is the better unemployment measure but it is in general higher compared to the rate based on the proportion of all residents in the 16 to 74 age group as shown above.
- Whitechapel had the 6th lowest unemployment rate in the borough with 10.1 per cent, nearly 2 percentage points below the Tower Hamlets rate.
- On Census day, the highest unemployment rate was recorded in Lansbury (18.8 per cent) and the lowest in St Katharine's and Wapping with only 4.9 per cent.

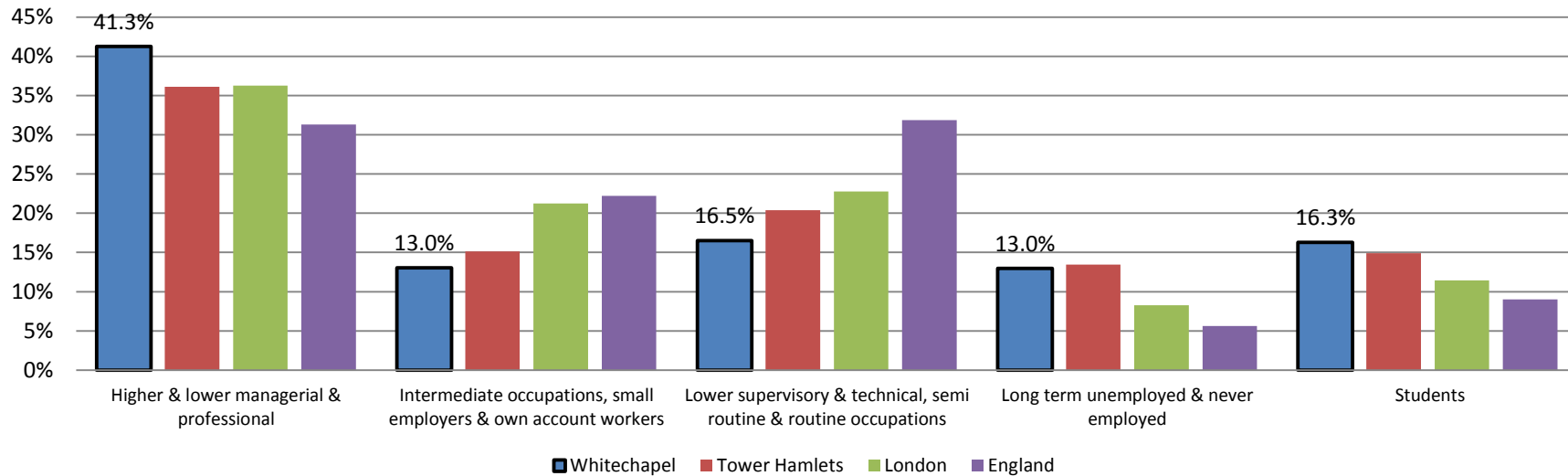
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only



(Source: Census 2011: QS601EW - Economic activity)

Socio economic groups

Figure 9: Socio Economic groups



(Source: Census 2011 QS607EW - NS-SeC)

- At the time of the Census, there was 41.3 per cent of working aged residents working in managerial and professional occupations. This was higher than the borough average of 36.1 per cent.
- At 16.3 per cent, the ward had a higher proportion of residents who were students than the borough average (14.9 per cent).
- The ward had a slightly lower proportion of working aged residents who were classified as long term unemployed / never employed compared to the borough average of 13.5 per cent (1,506 residents).

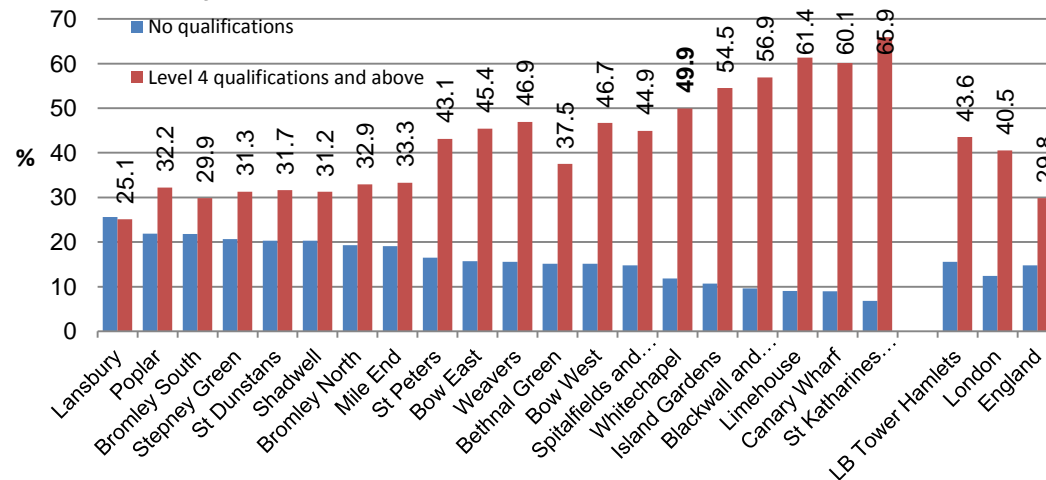
Qualification levels

Table 7: Highest qualification of residents aged 16 to 64

Area	No qualification	Level 1	Level 2	Apprenticeship	Level 3	Level 4 and above	Other
Whitechapel	1,328	893	868	78	1,263	5,596	1,189
Whitechapel (%)	11.8	8.0	7.7	0.7	11.3	49.9	10.6
Tower Hamlets (%)	15.6	9.8	9.2	0.8	10.8	43.6	10.2
London (%)	12.4	11.5	12.6	1.4	11.5	40.5	10.0
England (%)	14.8	15.2	17.1	3.1	14.5	29.8	5.6

(Source: Census 2011 LC5102EW - Highest level of qualification by age)

Figure 10: Residents aged 16 to 64 with No qualification and Level 4 plus qualification



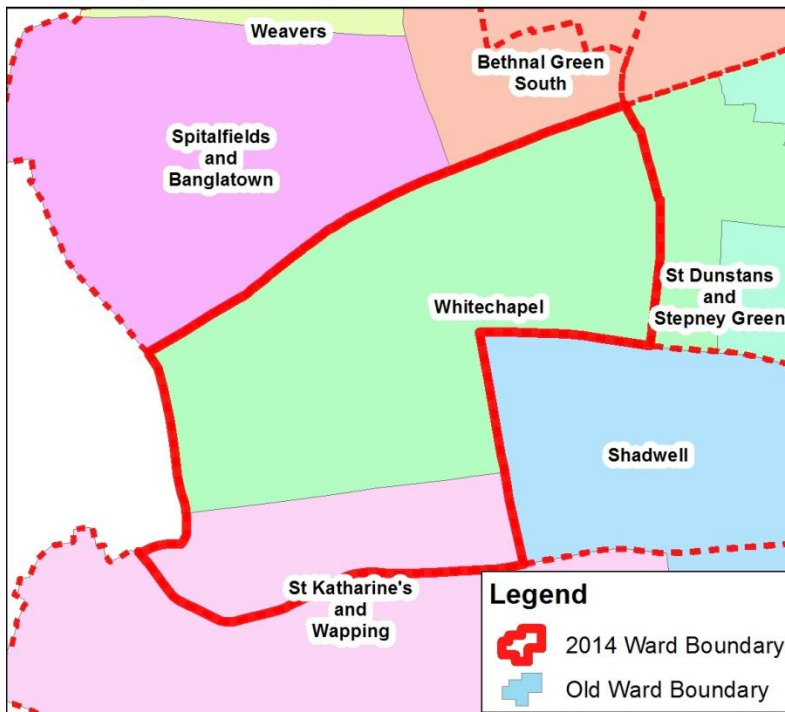
(Source: Census 2011 LC5102EW - Highest level of qualification by age)

- The population aged 16 to 64 in Whitechapel showed a slightly different qualification structure to Tower Hamlets as a whole with a higher proportion of highly qualified residents.
- The proportion of those with a level 4 qualification was above the average in Whitechapel (49.9 per cent) when compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent).
- Around 1,328 residents or 11.8 per cent aged 16 to 64 did not hold a formal qualification. This rate was substantially below the Tower Hamlets average (15.6 per cent), London (12.4 per cent) and England rates (14.8 per cent).
- The proportion of Whitechapel residents with no formal qualification was the 6th lowest out of all 20 wards in Tower Hamlets.
- The lowest proportion of residents with no qualification was recorded in St Katherine's and Wapping ward (6.8 per cent) while the highest proportion with no qualification was in the Lansbury ward with 25.6 per cent.
- The proportion of Whitechapel residents with a level 3 qualification was 11.3 per cent, a rate slightly above the Tower Hamlets average.

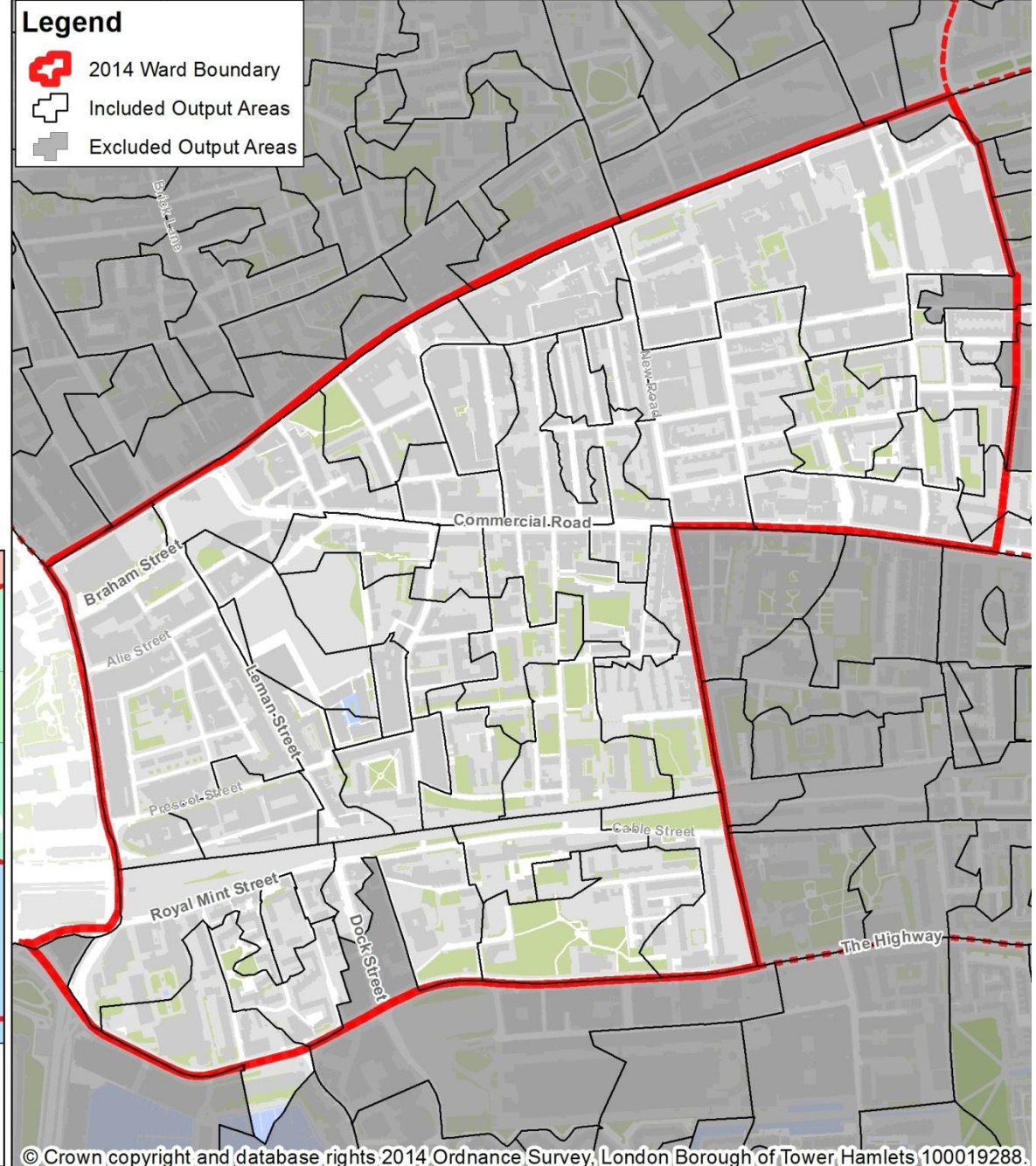
Statistical Areas

The map (right) shows which Census Output Areas have been included in the summary statistics for this ward, and which areas have been assigned to other wards. Census Output Area (OA) data has been aggregated on a best fit basis to match the new Tower Hamlets ward boundaries as closely as possible. This has been done in accordance with methodology employed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in producing census statistics for non-standard geographies. Details of this methodology can be found on the ONS website at: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/geography/geographic-policy/best-fit-policy/index.html>.

Whitechapel and the old wards



Whitechapel Statistical Area



Further information

The data used in this document has been sourced from the Office for National Statistics Census 2011 and specific Census 2011 data tables are quoted in the document.

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