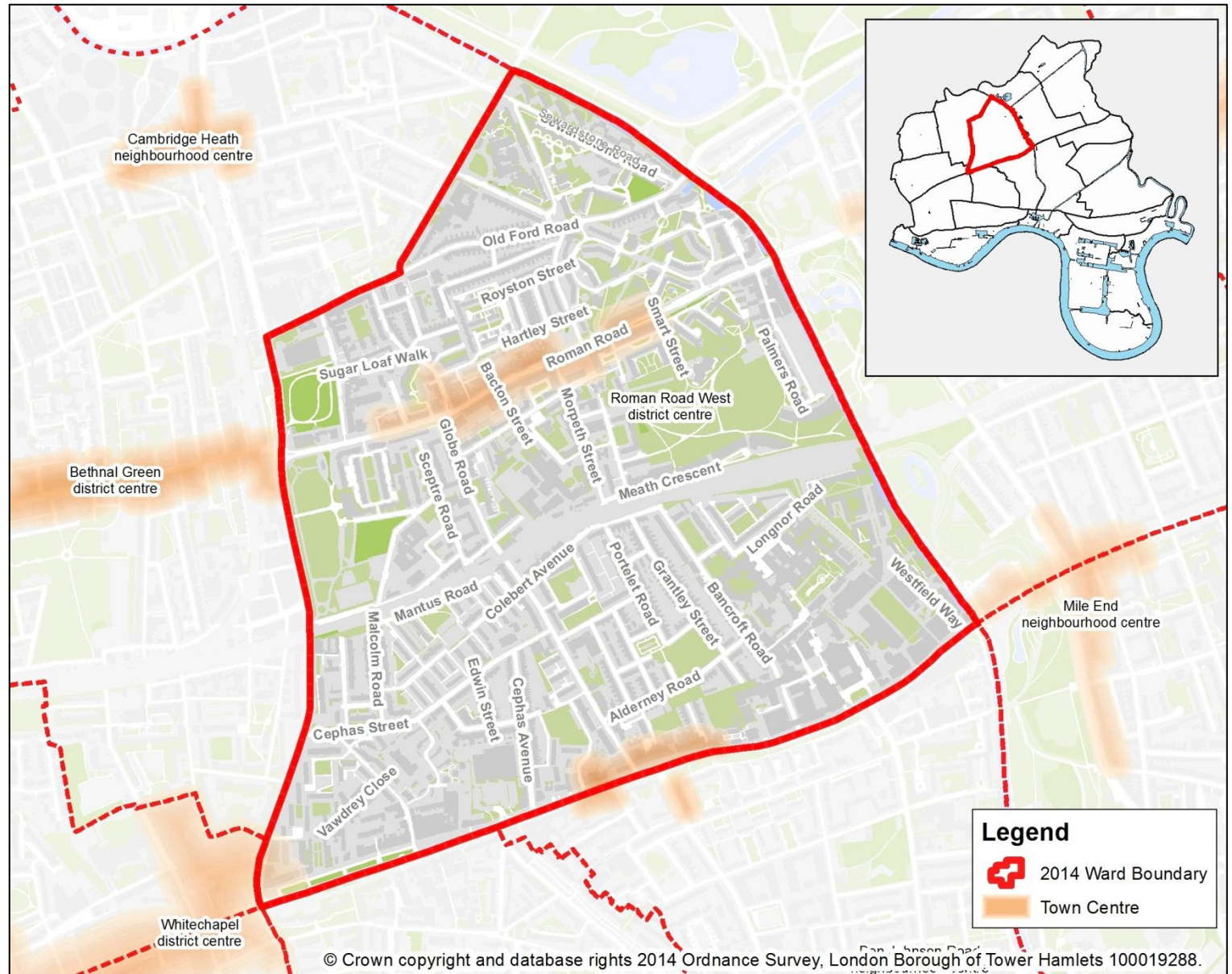


Bethnal Green Ward Profile



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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 Tower Hamlets 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.

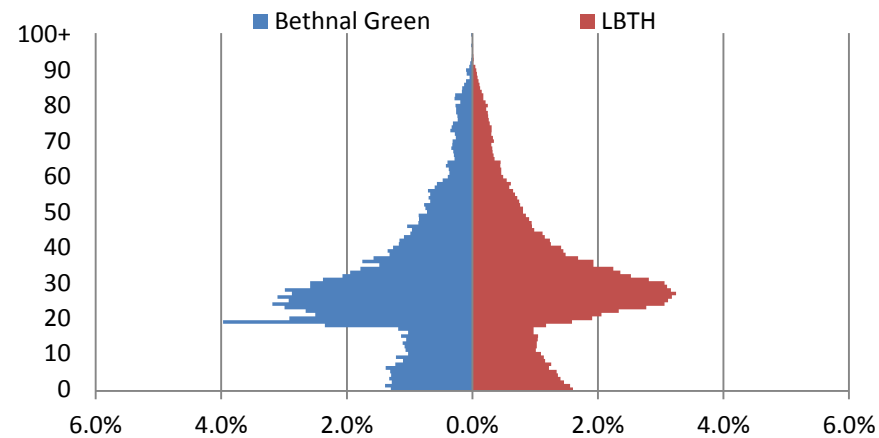
Data from the 2011 Census has been used throughout this ward profile as this still provides the single best source of statistics which are available at geography small enough to be aggregated up in to the new wards. While more recent estimates of the resident population are available for the borough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

Population

- At the time of the 2011 Census, the population for Bethnal Green was 19,308 residents, which accounted for 7.2 per cent of the total population of Tower Hamlets.
- The population density in this ward was 171 people per hectare; the ward had one of the highest densities in the borough with the average for the borough being 129 people per hectare.
- The Bethnal Green ward had 9,616 males and 9,692 females providing a gender split in the ward of 49.8 per cent male and 50.2 per cent female. The proportion of females in this ward was slightly higher than the average for the borough.

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

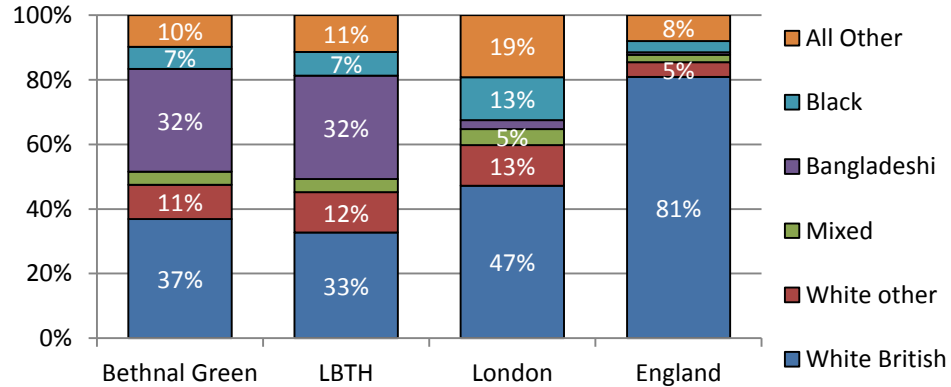
Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
Bethnal Green	3,728	14,351	1,229	19,308
Bethnal Green %	19.3%	74.3%	6.4%	100%
Tower Hamlets %	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%

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

- The ward has the highest proportion of 18-21 year olds in the borough. This is due to the location of the Queen Mary University. 11.7per cent of residents (2,267) are this age range, compared to the borough average of 6.7per cent.

Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity

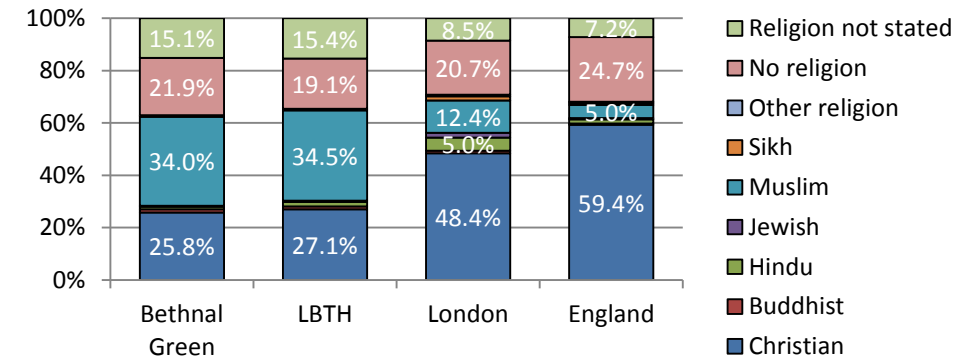


(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

- 10,143 residents in the ward were BME (53 per cent). This proportion was lower than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- Residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for 32 per cent of the population (6,130 residents), the same proportion as the borough average.
- There were 7,126 White British residents in the Bethnal Green 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

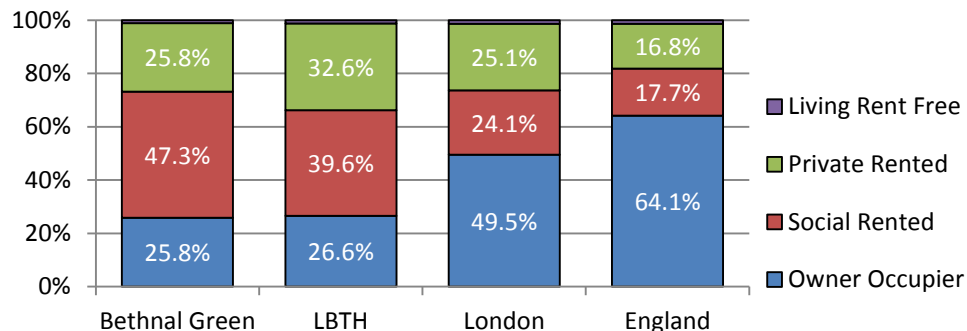


(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW - Religion)

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as either Christian (25.8 per cent) or Muslim (34 per cent) was slightly lower than the borough average for those groups.
- 4,255 of the ward's population explicitly stated that they had no religion, accounting for 21.9 per cent of the ward population
- 2,909 residents in the ward did not state their religion on the census form – accounting for 15.1 per cent of the ward population.

Housing Tenure¹

Figure 4: Tenure of households

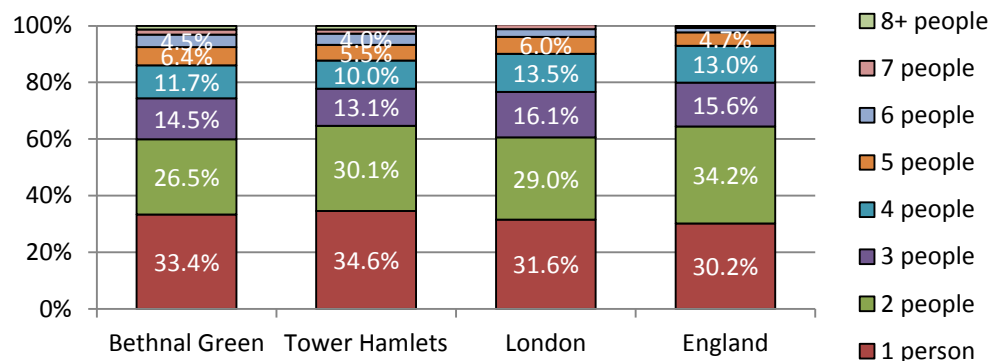


(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

- On Census day, there were 6,918 households in the Bethnal Green ward. Compared to the other wards, Bethnal Green had a higher than average proportion of households – accounting for 6.8 per cent of the whole.
- There were a higher than average proportion of socially rented properties in this ward and a lower than average proportion of private rented properties. However the proportion of renters as a whole (73.1 per cent) was higher than the borough average (72.2 per cent).

Household size

Figure 5: Tenure of households



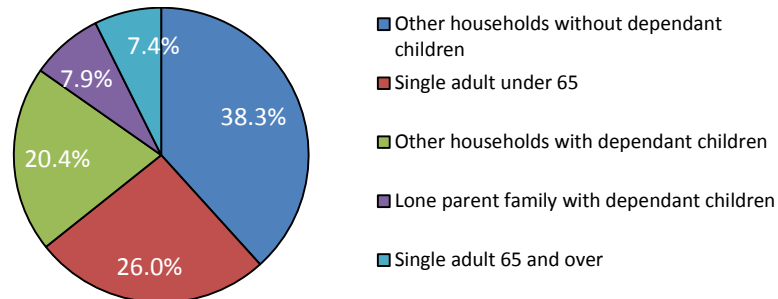
(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

- The proportion of households in Bethnal Green with three or more people accounted for just over 40 per cent of the total households in the ward. This proportion was higher than the borough average of 35 per cent.
- This ward had the second highest proportion of three person households.
- 963 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them. This equates to 13.9 per cent of the households in the ward and was higher than the average for Tower Hamlets (12.3 per cent) and for the London average of 9.8 per cent.
- The average household size in the ward was 2.79.

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

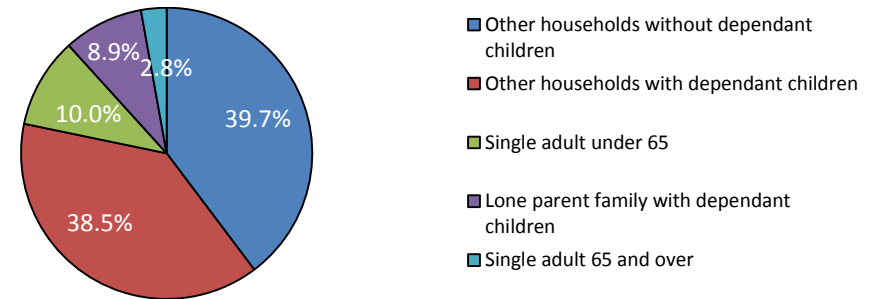
Figure 6: Household composition - percentage of households by type



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

- 47.4 per cent of all residents in the Bethnal Green ward lived in family households with dependent children.
- However, family households with dependent children occupied 28.3 per cent of the households in the ward. This proportion was higher than the borough average of 19.3 per cent and the London average of 22.4 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 33.4 per cent of households; however 12.8 per cent of the ward's residents lived in this type of household.
- Older people living alone (aged 65+) accounted for 7.4 per cent of households which was higher 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. 19 per cent of households in Bethnal Green ward were overcrowded – higher than the average for the borough (16 per cent) and for London (11 per cent).

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



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

Average residents per household	Bethnal Green	Tower Hamlets	London	England
Households with dependent children	4.34	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.90	1.81	1.84	1.78

(Source: Census 2011 QS406EW - Household size)

Area	Overcrowded (-1 or less)		Required Bedrooms (0)		Under Occupied (+1 or more)	
Bethnal Green	1,299	19%	3,368	49%	2,251	33%
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

Table 4: Limiting illness and disability

Area	Day-to-day activities limited a lot	Day-to-day activities limited a little	Day-to-day activities not limited
Bethnal Green	1,336	1,362	16,610
Bethnal Green (%)	6.9%	7.1%	86.0%
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 1,336 residents (6.9 per cent) in Bethnal Green had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while around 7.1 per cent (1,362 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.
- In Bethnal Green, the rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a lot* was close to the Tower Hamlets (6.8 per cent) and London rate (6.7 per cent).
- In Bethnal Green, the rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a little* was slightly above the Tower Hamlets rate (6.7 per cent) but below the London rate (7.4 per cent).

Unpaid care provision

Table 5: 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
Bethnal Green	17,836	831	247	394
Bethnal Green (%)	92.4%	4.3%	1.3%	2.0%
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 7.6 per cent of residents in Bethnal Green provided unpaid care. The Bethnal Green rate was the same as the Tower Hamlets average but below London (8.4 per cent) and England (10.2 per cent) averages.
- From 1,472 residents in Bethnal Green who provided unpaid care, around 247 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 394 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.
- The proportion of those providing unpaid care for 50 hours or more of 2 per cent in Bethnal Green was slightly above the Tower Hamlets (1.9 per cent) and London (1.8 per cent) averages.

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
Bethnal Green	7,467	957	1,135	659	2,532	966	669	562
Bethnal Green (%)	50.0	6.4	7.6	4.4	16.9	6.5	4.5	3.8
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)

- However, the proportion of economically active students (7.6 per cent) and economically inactive students (16.9 per cent) was significantly higher compared to most other wards in the borough and the Tower Hamlets average. This can be explained with the Queen Mary University campus in the area.
- A total of 957 residents were unemployed in Bethnal Green. This rate of 6.4 per cent was slightly below the Tower Hamlets average (6.7 per cent) but still above the London (5.2 per cent) and England (4.4 per cent) rates .

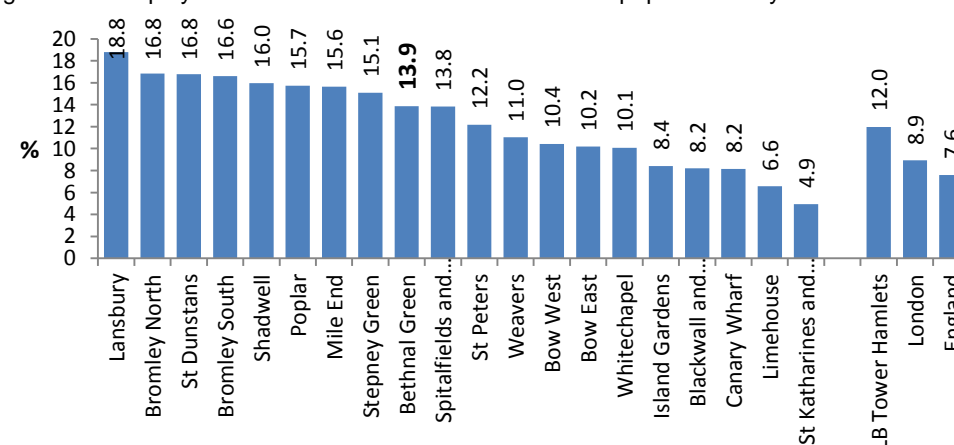
Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 (economic active population only)

- Figure 8 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.
- Bethnal Green had the 9th highest unemployment rate in the Borough with 13.9 per cent, which was around two percentage points above the Tower Hamlets rate (12 per cent).
- 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.

- 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 Bethnal Green and comparator areas.

- The Bethnal Green ward had a relative low rate of people in employment (50 per cent) compared to Tower Hamlets (57.6 per cent) and London (62.4 per cent).

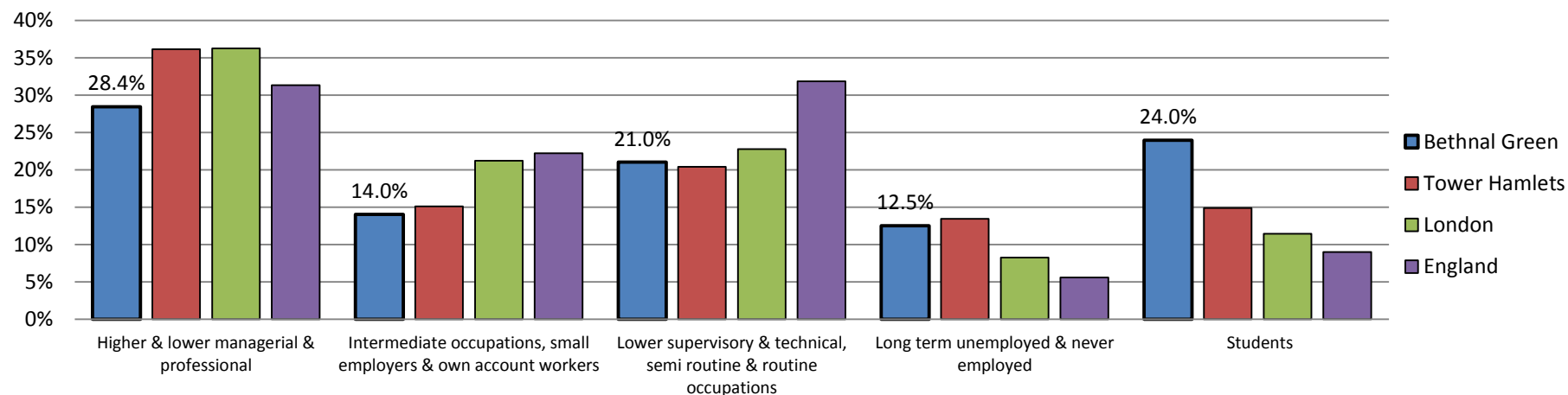
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only



(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, Bethnal Green ward had the highest proportion of residents in the borough who identified themselves as full time students. There were 3,582 students accounting for 24 per cent of the ward population, this is significantly higher than the borough average of 14.9 per cent and the London average of 11 per cent. The reason for the higher than average proportion of residents aged 18-21 in the ward is because the Queen Mary University is located within the ward (see page 3).
- There are slightly less residents who were classified as long term unemployed / never worked in this ward (12.5 per cent compared to the borough average of 13.5 per cent).
- The higher managerial & administrative and lower managerial & administrative professional classifications are broken down as 9.2 per cent and 19.3 per cent respectively. There is a significantly lower proportion of this group in the ward than both the borough and London average.

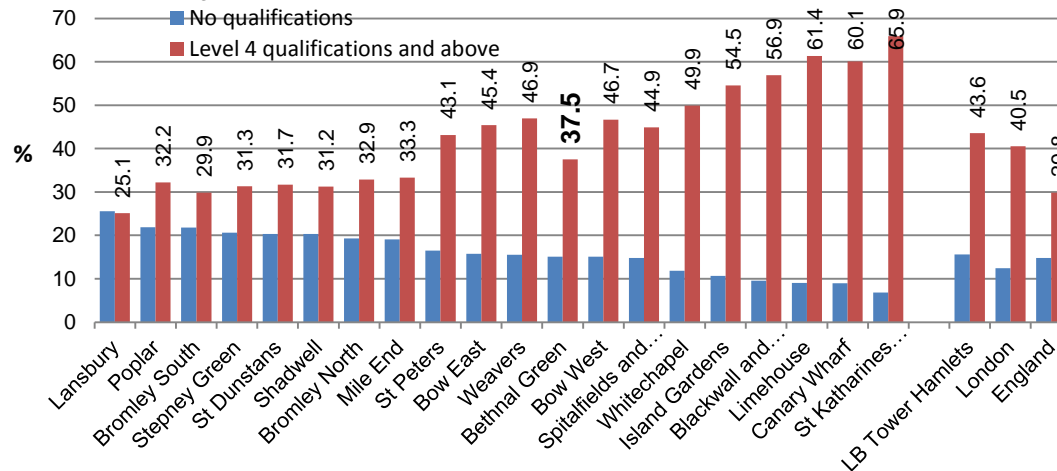
Qualification levels

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
Bethnal Green	2,169	1,482	1,360	104	2,233	5,382	1,621
Bethnal Green (%)	15.1	10.3	9.5	0.7	15.6	37.5	11.3
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 Bethnal Green showed a similar qualification structure to Tower Hamlets as a whole.
- In Bethnal Green, around 2,169 residents (15.1 per cent) aged 16 to 64 did not hold a formal qualification. This rate was slightly below the Tower Hamlets average of 15.6 per cent but above the London (12.4 per cent) and England rate (14.8 per cent).
- The proportion of Bethnal Green residents with a level 3 qualification was 15.6 per cent, a rate above Tower Hamlets, London and England averages.
- However, the proportion of those with a level 4 qualification was lower in Bethnal Green (37.5 per cent) when compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent). This can be explained with the large student population in Bethnal Green ward holding level 3 qualifications and studying for a level 4 qualification.
- The proportion of Bethnal Green residents with no formal qualification was 15.1 per cent representing around 2,169 residents. This proportion was the 9th lowest out of all 20 wards in Tower Hamlets.
- The overall 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.

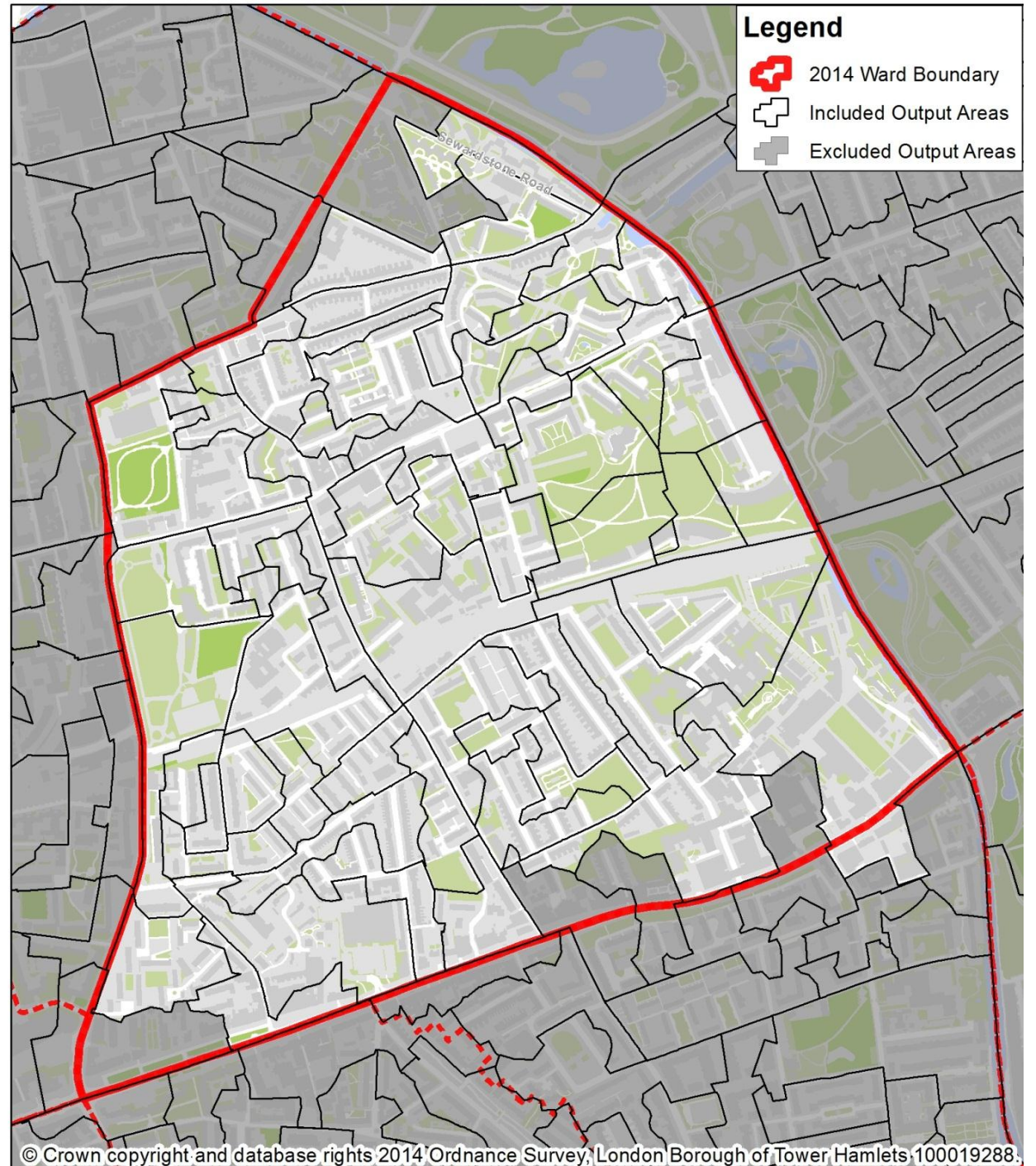
Bethnal Green Statistical Area

Statistical Areas

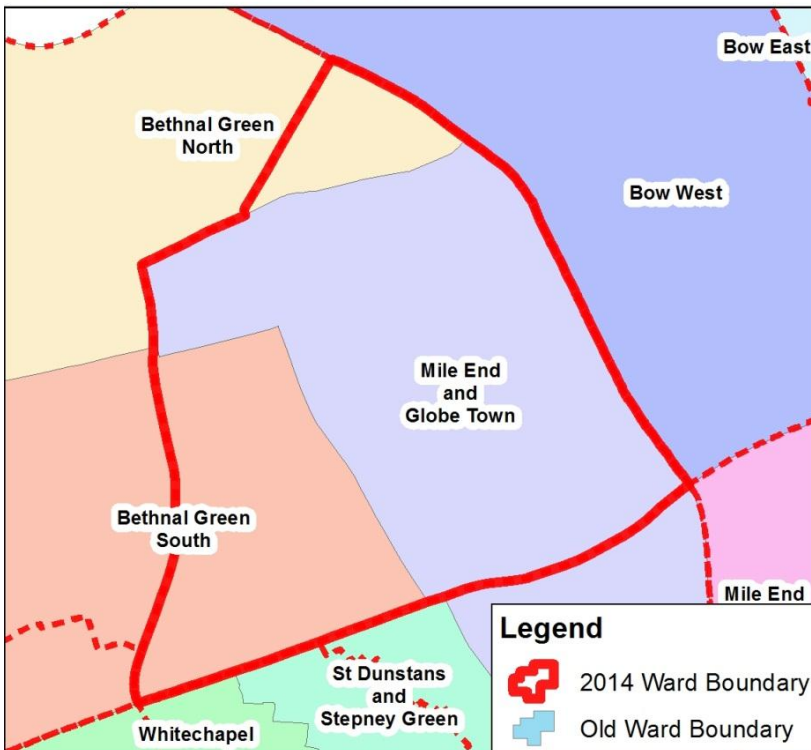
The map (right) shows which Census Output Areas have been included in the summary statistics for this ward, and which areas have been assigned to other wards.

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>.



Bethnal Green and the old wards



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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For more information, see the [Borough Statistics](#) page on the council's internet. Census 2011 data tables can be obtained from the [Office for National Statistics](#) official labour market statistics webpage.