Blackwall and Cubitt Town Ward Profile
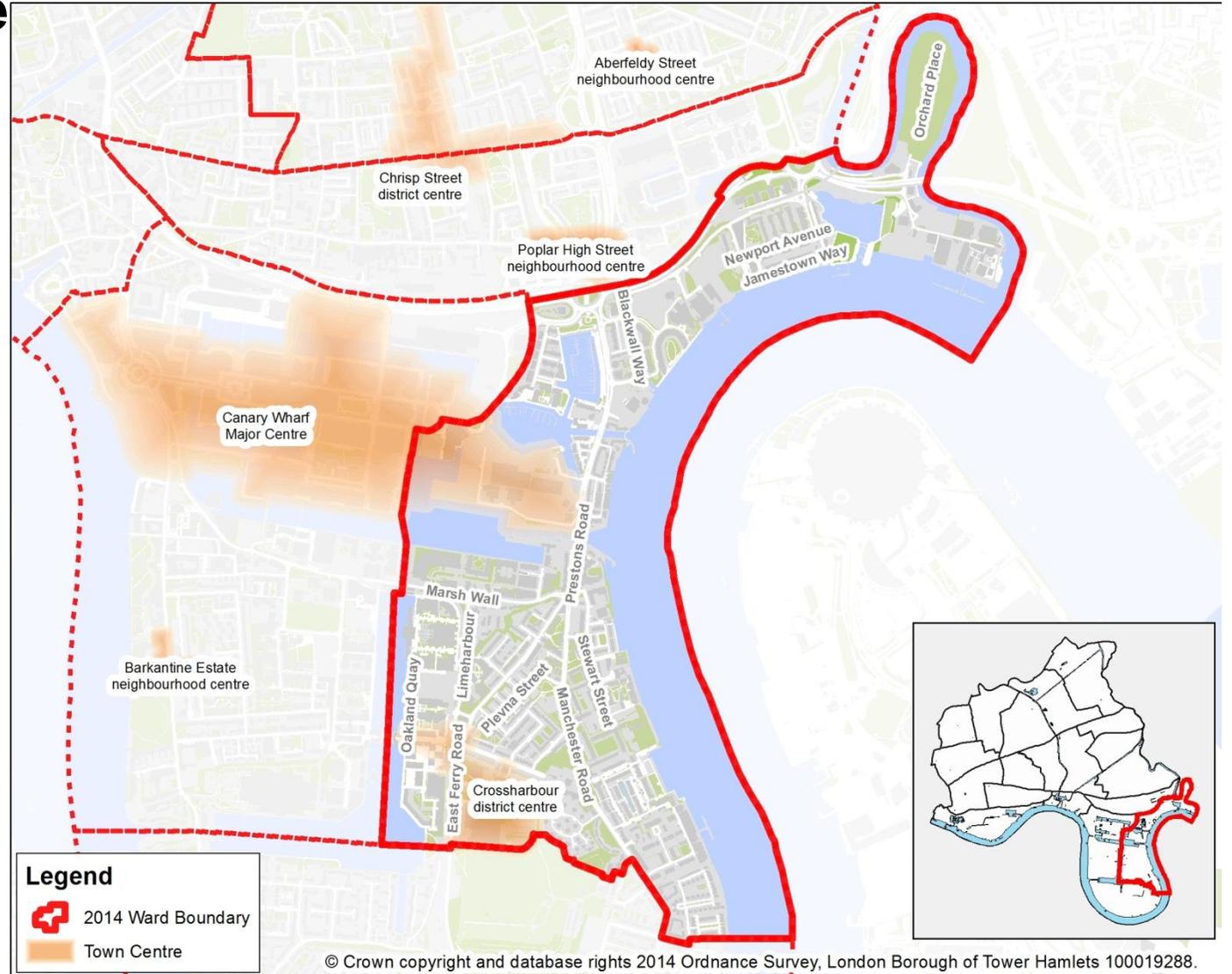
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Chrisp Street
district centre

Poplar High Street
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Orchard Place

Newport Avenue
Jamestown Way

Blackwall Way

Canary Wharf
Major Centre

Prestons Road

Marsh Wall

Barkantine Estate
neighbourhood centre

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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 Blackwall and Cubitt Town was 13,531, which accounted for 5.3 percent of the total population of Tower Hamlets.
- The population density in this ward was 81 residents per hectare; the ward was one of the least dense in the borough with the average for the borough being 129 residents per hectare.
- The ward had 7,121 males and 6,410 females providing a gender split in the ward of 52.6 per cent male and 47.4 per cent female. There were just over 700 more males than females resident in the ward.

Age Structure

Figure 1: Proportion of population by age
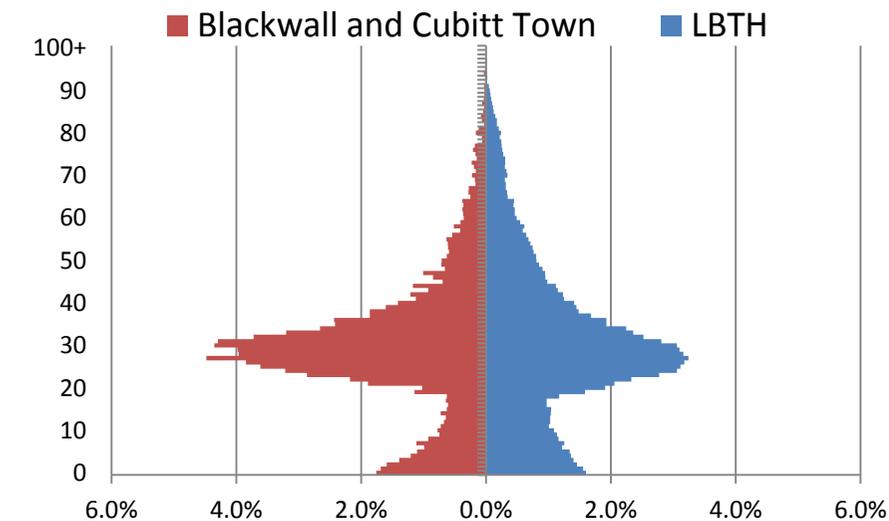
(Source: Census 2011 QS103EW - Age by single year)

Table 1: Number and proportion of residents by age range

Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	2,256	10,790	485	13,531
Blackwall & Cubitt Town %	16.7%	79.7%	3.6%	100%
Tower Hamlets %	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%
(Source: Census 2011 QS103EW - Age by single year)				

- The ward had the second lowest proportion of residents in the 65+ age range and the fifth highest proportion of residents aged between 16-64 years old.
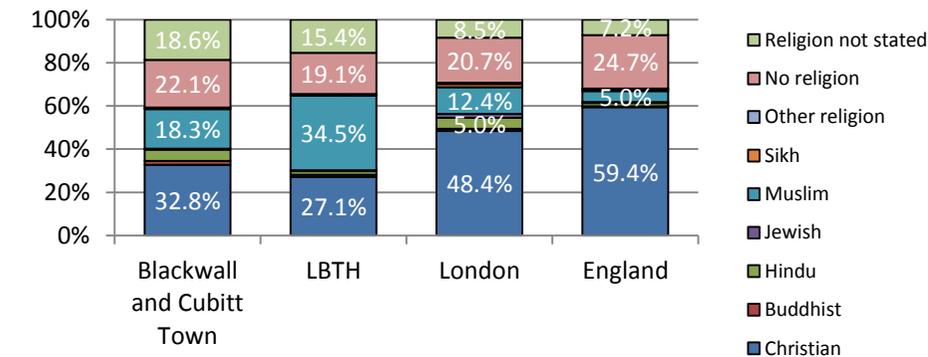
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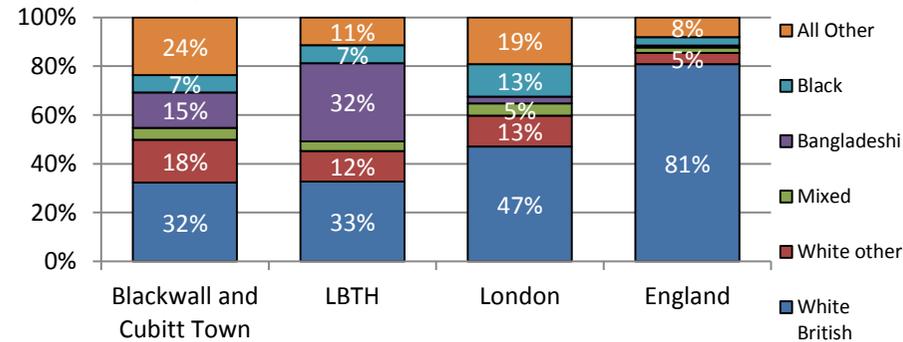
(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

Religion

Figure 3: Religion

(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW – Religion)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, 6,788 residents in the ward were BME (50 per cent). This proportion was lower than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- Residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for 15 per cent of the population (1,965 residents), a lower proportion than the borough average of 32 per cent.
- There were 4,369 White British residents in the ward. There was a slightly lower proportion of residents who were 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 64 per cent of the residents in this ward.
- Nine per cent of the population in this ward was from the Chinese community (1,226 people).

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as Christian (32.8 per cent) was higher than the borough average. 18.3 per cent of residents identified themselves as Muslim, this was slightly lower than the borough average for this group.
- 2,988 residents in the Blackwall and Cubitt Town ward explicitly stated that they had no religion; this was higher than both the borough and the London averages, and accounted for 22.1 per cent of the ward population.
- 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. There were just over 2,500 residents in this ward who did not state their religion – accounting for 18.6 per cent of the ward's population, higher than the borough average.
- At 5.2 per cent, the ward had the highest proportion of Hindu's in the borough.
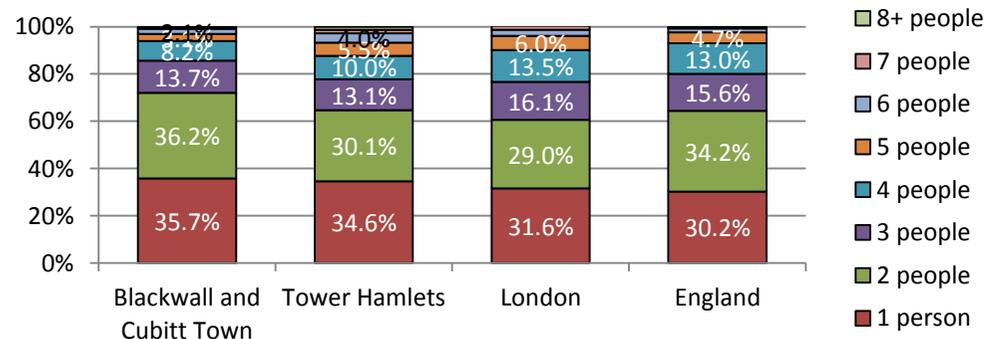
Housing

Tenure[1]

Figure 4: Tenure of households
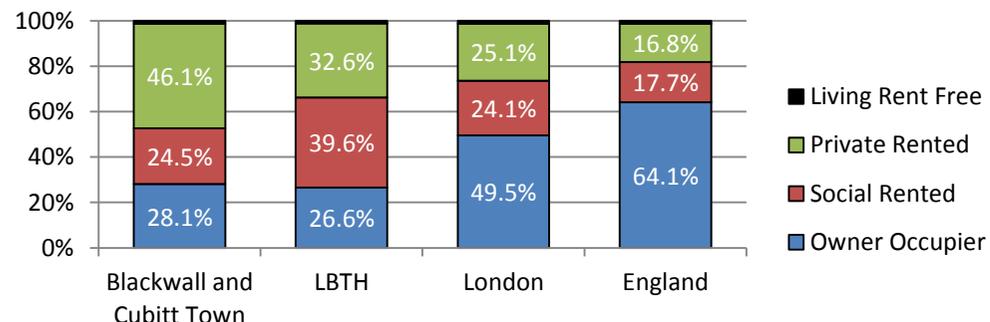
(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

Household size

Figure 5: Tenure of households

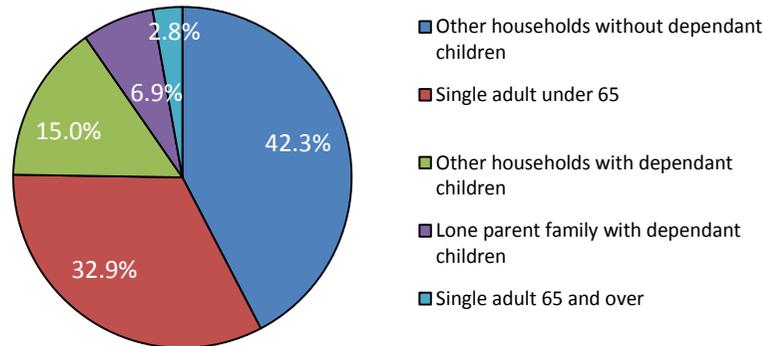(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

- There were 6,227 households in the Blackwall and Cubitt Town ward. Compared to the other wards, the ward had a higher than average proportion of households – accounting for 6.1 per cent of the whole.
- 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 was a lower than average proportion of socially rented properties in this ward and a higher than average proportion of private rented properties. Together the proportion of renters (70.6 per cent) was lower than the borough average (72.2 per cent).

- The proportion of households in the Blackwall and Cubitt Town ward with three or more people accounted for 28 per cent of the total households in the ward. This proportion was lower than the borough average of 35 per cent.
- On Census day, 380 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them. This equates to 6.1 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 this ward was 2.17

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[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.
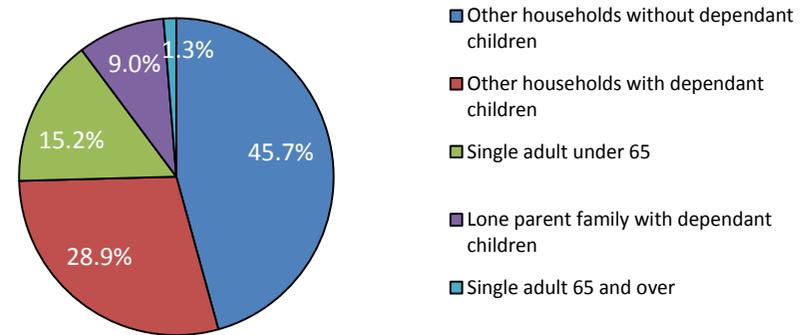
Household composition

Figure 6: Household composition - <u>percentage of households by type</u>

- Other households without dependant children
- Single adult under 65
- Other households with dependant children
- Lone parent family with dependant children
- Single adult 65 and over

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

Figure 7: Household composition: percentage of <u>residents that live in each household type</u>

- Other households without dependant children
- Other households with dependant children
- Single adult under 65
- Lone parent family with dependant children
- Single adult 65 and over

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

- At the time of the Census, 37.9 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 21.9 percent of the households in the ward, lower than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 35.7 per cent of all households in the ward; however 16.5 per cent of the ward's residents lived in this type of household.
- Older people living alone (65+) accounted for 2.8 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. 19 per cent of households (752 households) in the ward were overcrowded – higher than the average for the borough (16 per cent).

Table 2: Average household size				
Average residents per household	**Blackwall and Cubitt Town**	**Tower Hamlets**	**London**	**England**
Households with dependent children	3.75	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.73	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)**	
Blackwall and Cubitt Town	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**
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	583	602	12,346
Blackwall & Cubitt Town (%)	4.3%	4.4%	91.2%
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 583 residents (4.3 per cent) in Blackwall & Cubitt Town had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while around 4.4 per cent (602 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.

- In Blackwall and Cubitt Town, the rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a lot* was significantly below the Tower Hamlets (6.8 per cent) and London rate (6.7 per cent).

- Not dissimilar, the rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a little* was also below 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**
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	12,748	494	127	162
Blackwall & Cubitt Town (%)	94.2%	3.7%	0.9%	1.2%
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 5.8 per cent of residents in Blackwall and Cubitt Town provided unpaid care. The Blackwall and Cubitt Town rate was below the Tower Hamlets (7.6 per cent) , London (8.4 per cent) and England (10.2 per cent) averages.

- From 784 residents in Blackwall and Cubitt Green who provided unpaid care, around 127 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 162 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.

- The proportion of those providing unpaid care for 50 hours or more of 1.2 per cent in Blackwall and Cubitt Town was slightly below 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
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	7,628	592	404	323	905	568	327	328
Blackwall & Cubitt Town (%)	68.9	5.3	3.6	2.9	8.2	5.1	3.0	3.0
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 Blackwall and Cubitt Town and comparator areas.

- The ward had a higher than above the average rate of people in employment (68.9 per cent), outperforming Tower Hamlets (57.6 per cent) and London (62.4 percent).

- A total of 592 residents were unemployed in Blackwall and Cubitt Town. This rate of 5.3 per cent was noticable below the Tower Hamlets average (6.7 per cent), but close to the London (5.2 per cent) average.

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.

- Blackwall and Cubitt Town had the 5th lowest unemployment rate in the borough with 8.2 per cent, which was nearly four percentage points below 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.
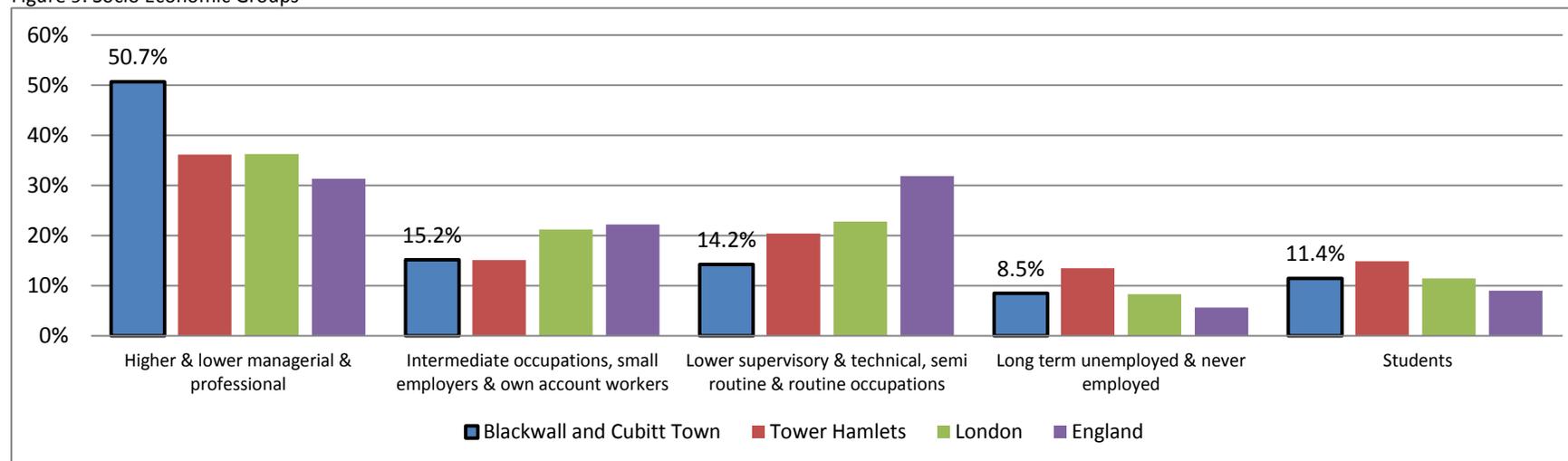
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only
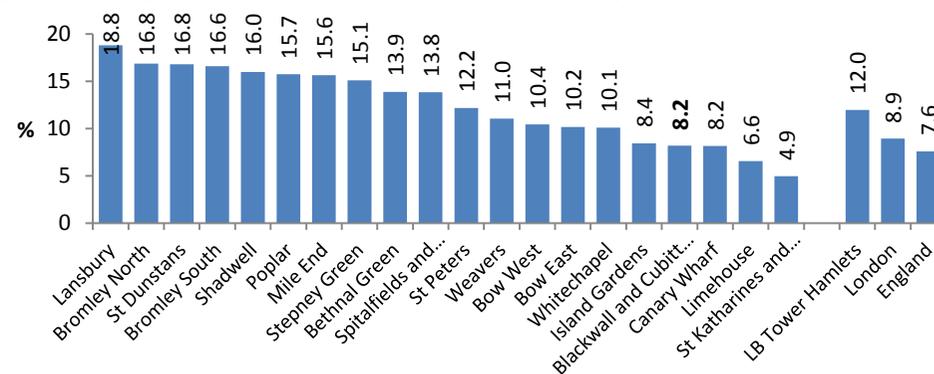
(Source: Census 2011: QS601EW - Economic activity)

Socio economic groups

Figure 9: Socio Economic Groups

(Source: Census 2011 QS607EW - NS-SeC)

- At the time of the Census, the majority of working aged residents in the Blackwall and Cubitt Town ward worked in higher & lower managerial, administration & professional occupations, compared to the borough average of 36.1 per cent.

- There were fewer residents who were classified as long term unemployed / never worked in this ward (8.5 per cent compared to the borough average of 13.5 per cent).
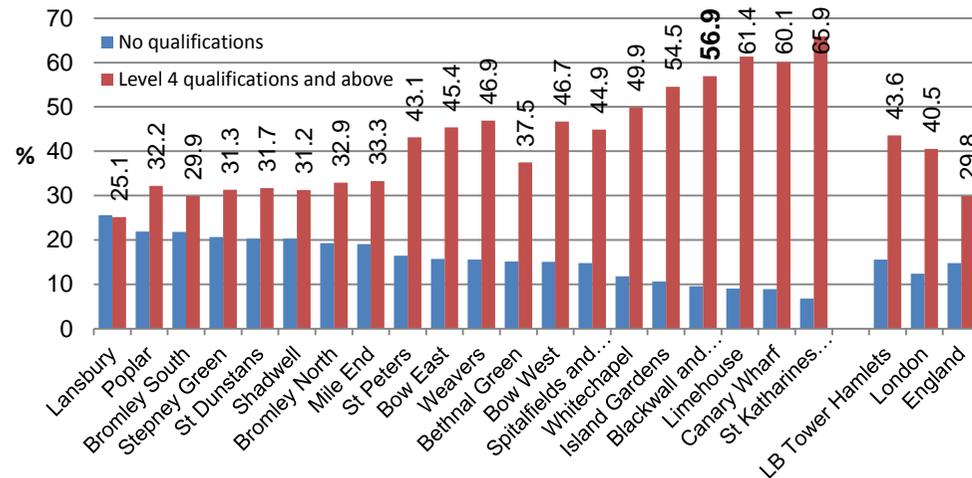
Qualification levels

Table 7: Highest qualification of residents aged 16 to 64

Area	No qualification	Level 1	Level 2	Apprentice-ship	Level 3	Level 4 and above	Other
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1,033	754	772	83	945	6,138	1,065
Blackwall & Cubitt Town (%)	9.6	7.0	7.2	0.8	8.8	56.9	9.9
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 Blackwall and Cubitt Town showed some interesting differences compared to the qualification structure of the borough.

- In Blackwall and Cubitt Town, around 1,033 residents (9.6 per cent) aged 16 to 64 did not hold a formal qualification. This rate was below the Tower Hamlets average of 15.6 per cent and the London (12.4 per cent) and England rate (14.8 per cent).

- The proportion of Blackwall and Cubitt Town residents with a level 3 qualification was 8.8 per cent, a rate below the Tower Hamlets, London and England averages.

- However, the proportion of those with a level 4 qualification was significantly higher in Blackwall and Cubitt Town (56.9 per cent) when compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent).

- The proportion of Blackwall and Cubitt Town residents with no formal qualification was 9.6 per cent representing around 1,033 residents. This proportion was the 5th 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.
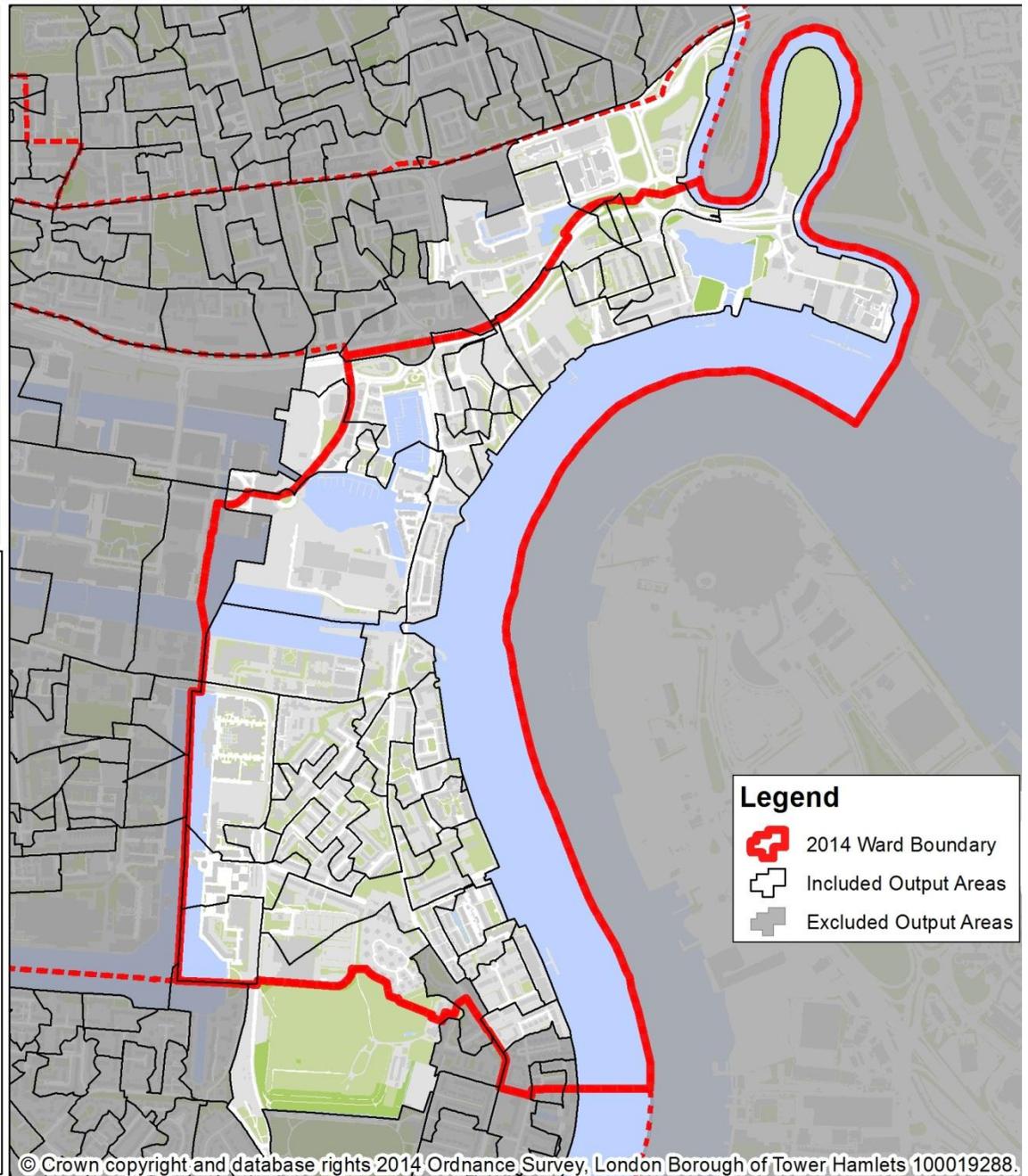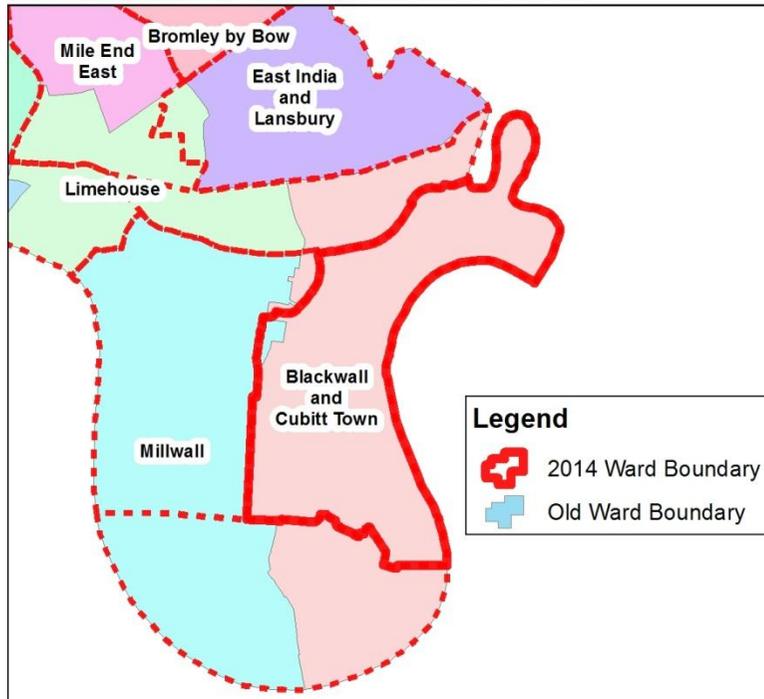
Blackwall and Cubitt Town Statistical Area

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-

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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.