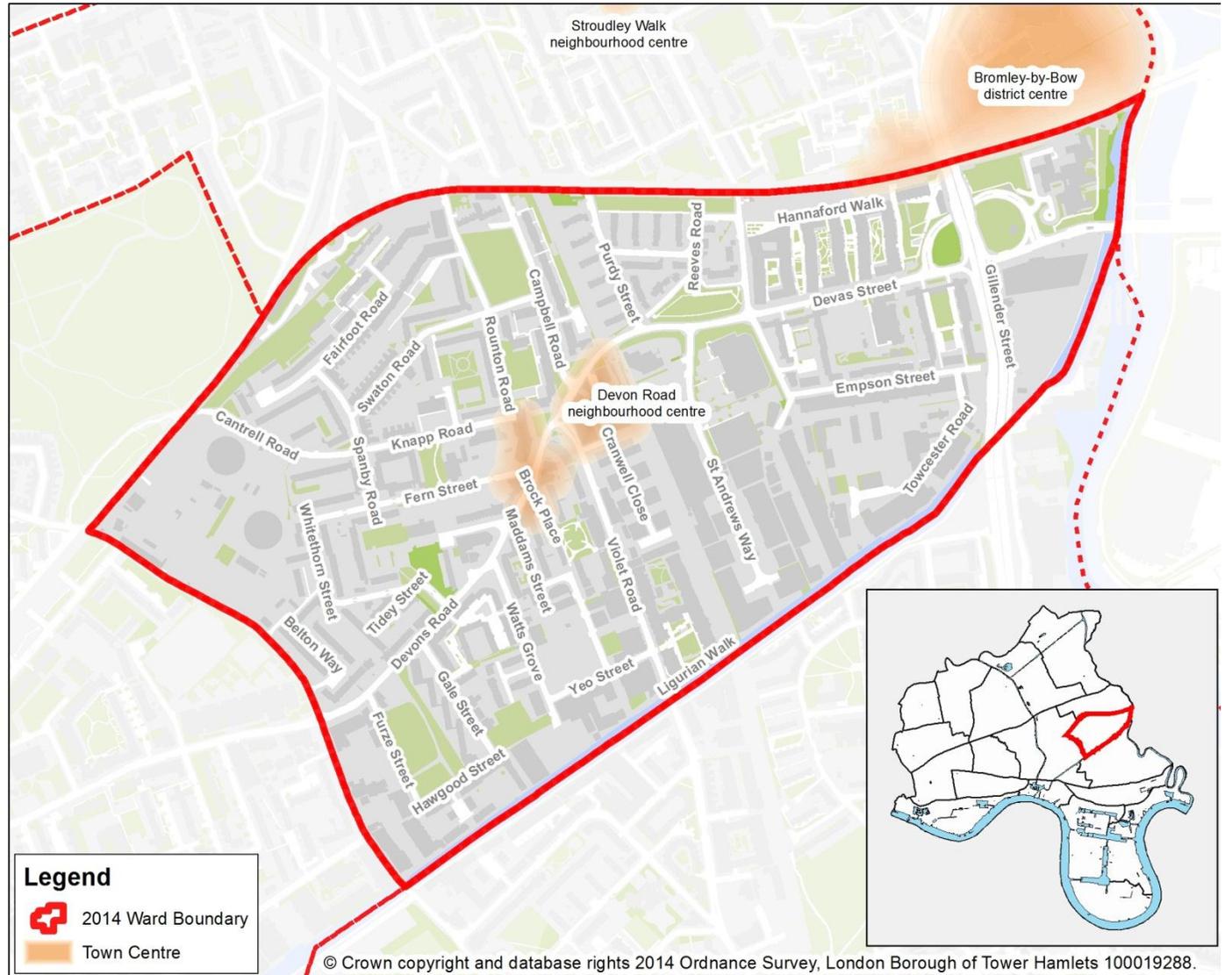


# Bromley South Ward Profile



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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.

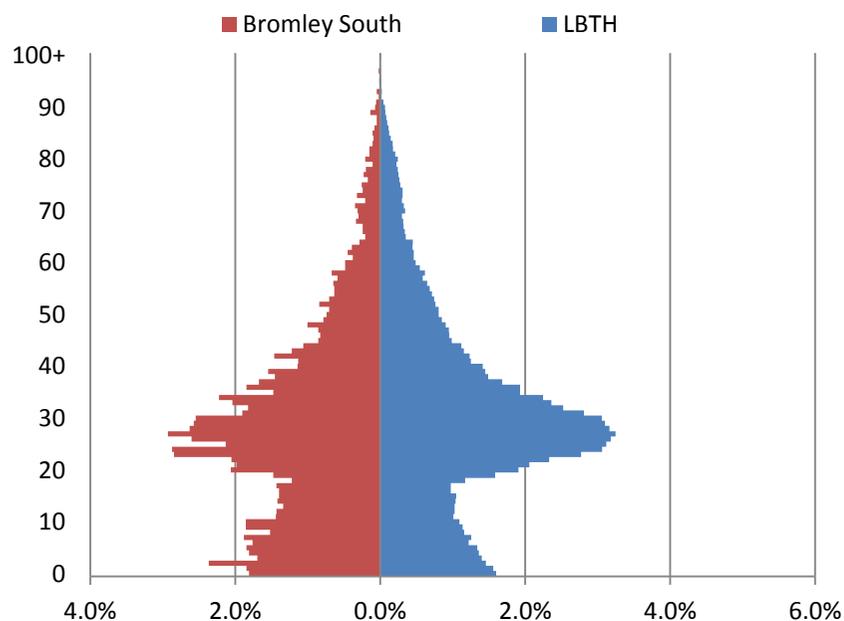
In May 2014, the number of wards increased from 17 to 20. The changes were made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, in order to ensure that every councillor in Tower Hamlets represented roughly the same number of residents. The changes mean that no ward will have a population variance 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

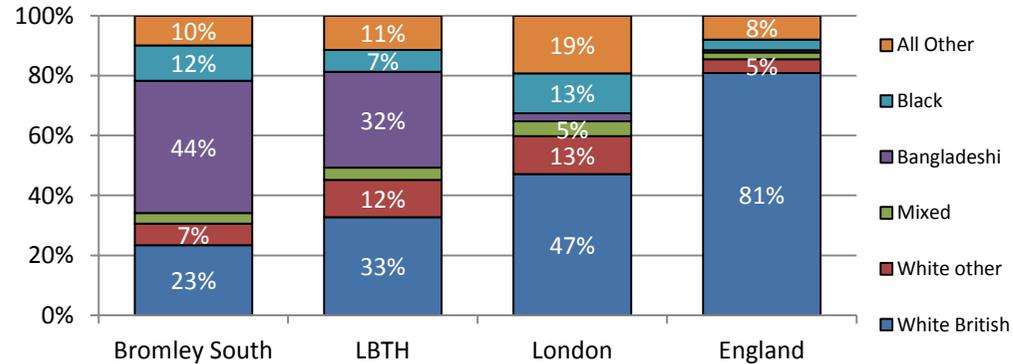
Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
<b>Bromley South</b>	2,365	5,873	439	8,677
<b>Bromley South %</b>	27.3%	67.7%	5.1%	100%
<b>Tower Hamlets %</b>	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%

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

- At the time of the 2011 Census, the population for Bromley South was 8,677 which accounted for 3.4 per cent of the total population of Tower Hamlets. This ward had the third smallest population in the borough.
- The population density in this ward was 111 people per hectare with the average being 129 people per hectare.
- The ward had 4,336 males and 4,341 females - an almost even gender split.
- The population of Bromley South is young as the proportion of residents in the ward aged between 0-15 was the second highest in the borough (2,365 residents).

## Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity

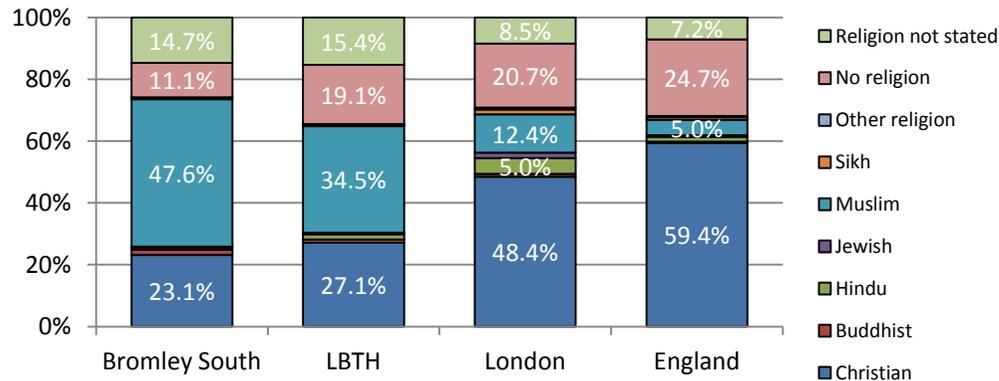


(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, 6,025 residents in the ward were BME (69 per cent). This proportion was higher than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- Residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for 44 per cent of the population (3,833 residents), twelve percentage points higher than the proportion of the borough average.
- There were 2,034 White British residents in the Bromley South ward. The proportion of residents who were White British was ten percentage points lower than the borough average.
- The three largest ethnic groups in the borough (White British, Bangladeshi and White Other) accounted for 75 per cent of all residents in this ward, slightly lower than the borough average of 77%.

## Religion

Figure 3: Religion

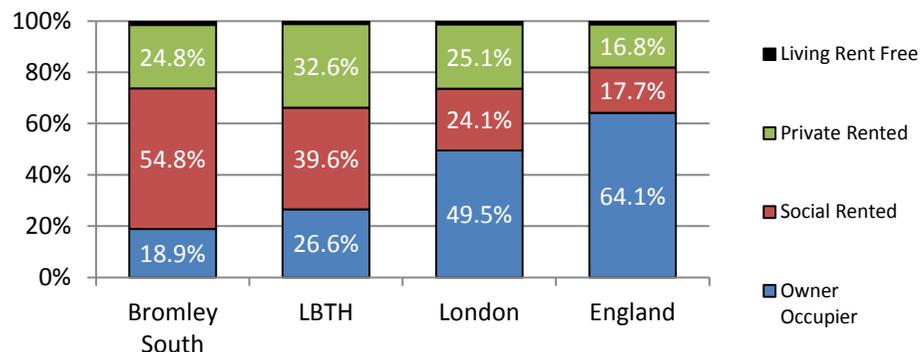


(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW – Religion)

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as Christian (23.1 per cent) was lower, and the proportion of those identifying as Muslim (47.6 per cent) was higher than the borough averages for those groups.
- 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 1,275 residents in this ward who did not state their religion – accounting for just over 14.7 per cent of the ward’s population.
- There were 967 residents in the ward who said they had religion on the census form – accounting for 11 per cent of the ward’s population, lower than the borough and London averages.

## Housing Tenure<sup>1</sup>

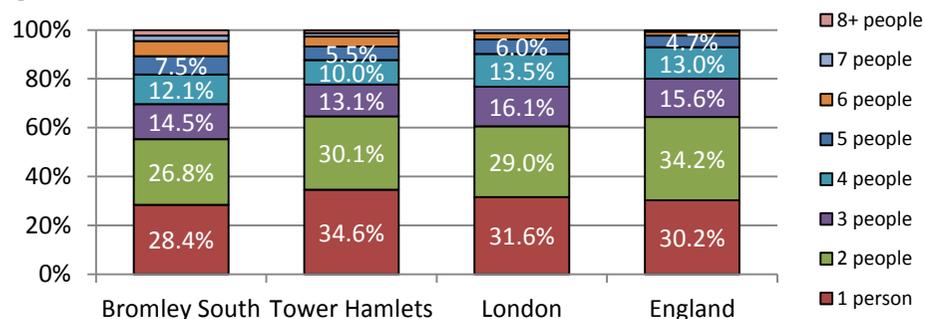
Figure 4: Tenure of households



(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

## Household size

Figure 5: Tenure of households



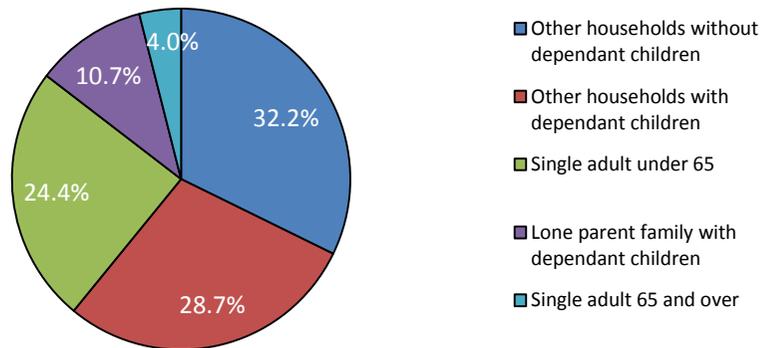
(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

- 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 3,042 households in the Bromley South ward. Compared to the other wards, Bromley South had a lower than average proportion of households – accounting for 3 per cent of all in the borough.
- The ward had the second lowest proportion of owner-occupied households in the borough – with Bromley North having the lowest proportion.
- There were a higher than average proportion of socially rented properties in this ward and a lower than average proportion of private rented properties. Together the proportion of renters (79.6 per cent) was higher than the borough average (72.2 per cent).
- The proportion of households in the Bromley South ward with three or more people accounted for almost 45 per cent of the total households in the ward. This proportion was higher than the borough average of 35 per cent.
- On Census day, 554 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them. This equates to 18.2 per cent of the households in the ward and was higher than the average for Tower Hamlets (12.3 per cent).
- The average household size in this ward was 2.85 compared to 2.51 borough average.

<sup>1</sup> 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

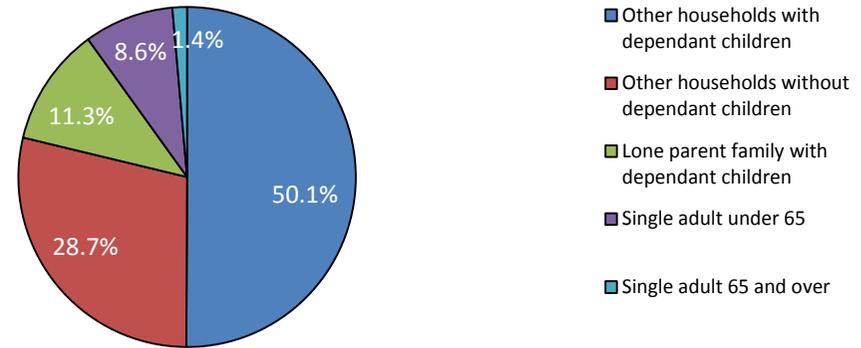
Figure 6: Household composition - percentage of households by type



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

- At the time of the Census, 61.4 per cent of all residents in the ward lived in family households with dependent children; this proportion was higher than the borough average of 46.2 per cent.
- However, families with dependent children occupied 39.4 percent of the households in the ward, higher than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 28.4 per cent of all households in the ward; however 10 per cent of the ward's residents lived 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. 23 per cent of households (689 households) in the ward were overcrowded – higher than the average for the borough (16 per cent).

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	Bromley South	Tower Hamlets	London	England
Households with dependent children	4.43	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.81	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)	
Bromley South	689	23%	1,551	51%	802	26%
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
<b>Bromley South</b>	609	600	7,468
<b>Bromley South (%)</b>	7.0%	6.9%	86.1%
<b>Tower Hamlets (%)</b>	6.8%	6.7%	86.5%
<b>London (%)</b>	6.7%	7.4%	85.8%
<b>England (%)</b>	8.3%	9.3%	82.4%

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

- On Census day, around 609 residents (7.0 per cent) in Bromley South had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while around 6.9 per cent (600 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.
- In Bromley South, the rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a lot* and the rate of people with a long term health problem or disability *limiting day to day activities a little* were close to London and Tower Hamlets 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
<b>Bromley South</b>	7,942	400	134	201
<b>Bromley South (%)</b>	91.5%	4.6%	1.5%	2.3%
<b>Tower Hamlets (%)</b>	92.4%	4.3%	1.4%	1.9%
<b>London (%)</b>	91.6%	5.3%	1.3%	1.8%
<b>England (%)</b>	89.8%	6.5%	1.4%	2.4%

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

- Around 7.4 per cent of residents in Bromley South provided unpaid care. The Bromley South rate was close to the Tower Hamlets average (7.6 per cent) but below London (8.4 per cent) and England (10.2 per cent) averages.
- From 735 residents in Bromley South who provided unpaid care, around 134 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 201 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.
- The proportion of those providing unpaid care for 50 hours or more of 2.3 per cent in Bromley South 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
<b>Bromley South</b>	3,008	517	386	280	663	614	364	280
<b>Bromley South (%)</b>	49.2	8.5	6.3	4.6	10.8	10.0	6.0	4.6
<b>Tower Hamlets (%)</b>	57.6	6.7	5.5	4.7	9.9	7.0	4.5	4.0
<b>London (%)</b>	62.4	5.2	4.1	8.4	7.8	5.2	3.7	3.2
<b>England (%)</b>	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 Bromley South and comparator areas.

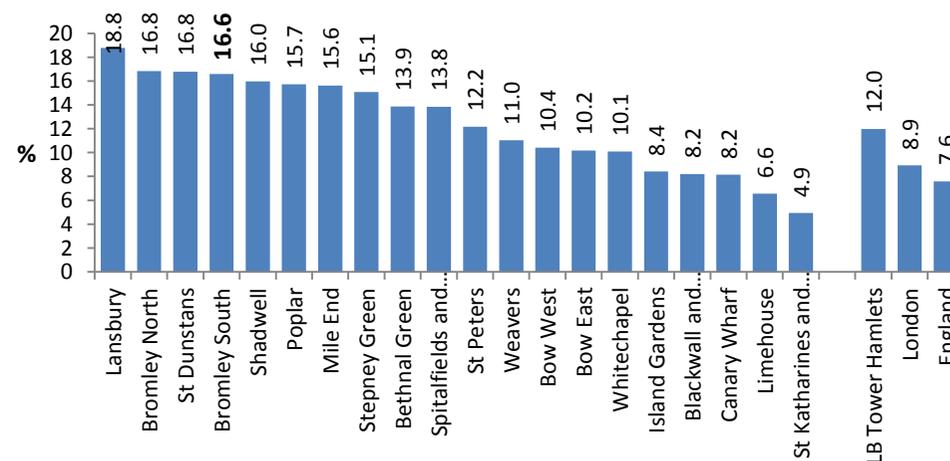
- The Bromley South ward had a relative low rate of people in employment (49.2 per cent) compared to Tower Hamlets (57.6 per cent) and London (62.4 per cent).

- The proportion of economically inactive residents, including those looking after home & family (10 per cent), long term sick (6 per cent) and students (10.8 per cent) was higher compared to most other wards in the borough and the Tower Hamlets average.
- A total of 517 residents were unemployed in Bromley South. This rate of 8.5 per cent was above the Tower Hamlets average (6.7 per cent), and 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 preferred 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.
- Bromley South had the 4<sup>th</sup> highest unemployment rate in the Borough with 16.6 per cent, which was significantly 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.

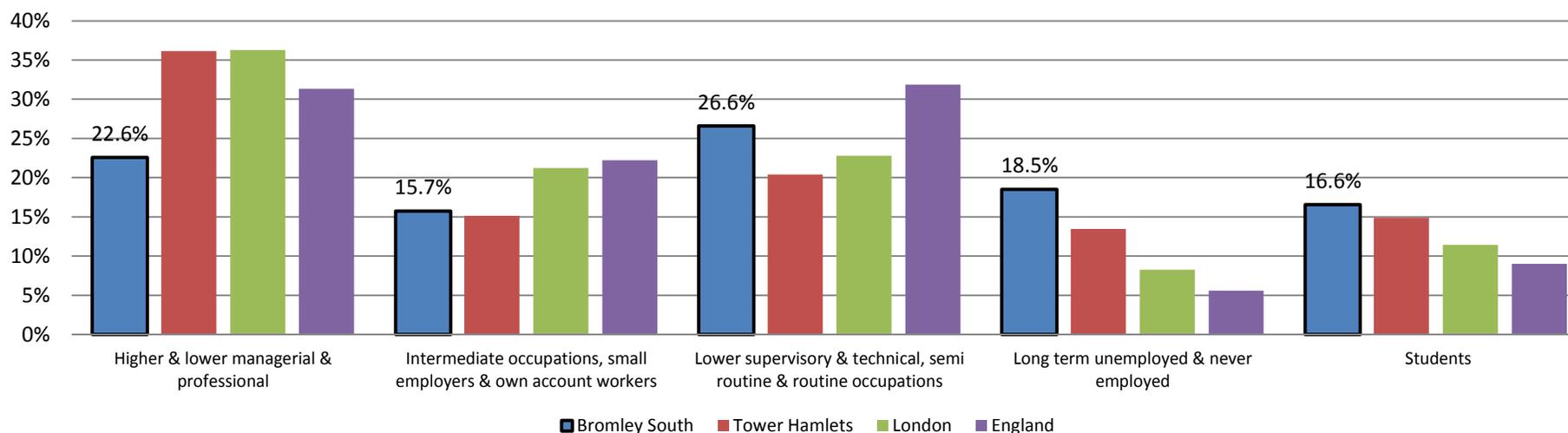
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only



(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 Bromley South ward had a higher than average proportion of working aged residents in routine and manual occupations (26.6 per cent compared to the borough average of 20.4 per cent).
- There was a significantly lower proportion of working aged residents in managerial and professional occupations compared to the borough average of 36.1 per cent.
- At 18.5 per cent, the Bromley South ward had a higher proportion of working aged residents who were classified as long term unemployed / never worked compared to the borough average of 13.5 per cent. There were 1,131 residents in this group.

## Qualification levels

Table 7: Highest qualification of residents aged 16 to 64

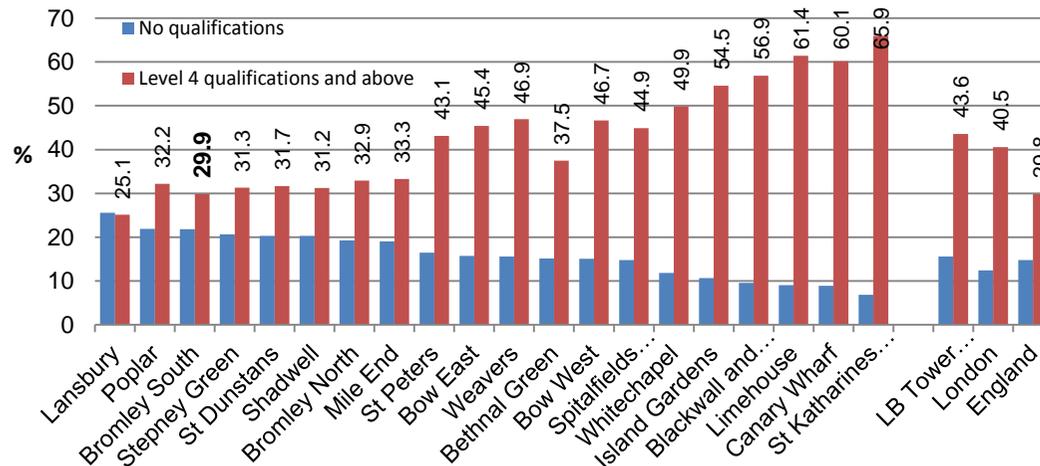
Area	No qualification	Level 1	Level 2	Apprenticeship	Level 3	Level 4 and above	Other
<b>Bromley South</b>	1,281	754	682	51	727	1,754	624
<b>Bromley South (%)</b>	21.8	12.8	11.6	0.9	12.4	29.9	10.6
<b>Tower Hamlets (%)</b>	15.6	9.8	9.2	0.8	10.8	43.6	10.2
<b>London (%)</b>	12.4	11.5	12.6	1.4	11.5	40.5	10.0
<b>England (%)</b>	14.8	15.2	17.1	3.1	14.5	29.8	5.6

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

- The population aged 16 to 64 in Bromley South showed a different qualification structure to Tower Hamlets as a whole.
- In Bromley South, around 1,281 residents or 21.8 per cent aged 16 to 64 did not hold a formal qualification. This rate was substantially above the Tower Hamlets average of 15.6 per cent and the London (12.4 per cent) and England rates (14.8 per cent).

- The proportion of Bromley South residents with no formal qualification was 21.8 per cent, the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest out of all 20 wards in Tower Hamlets.

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 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 Bromley South residents with a level 3 qualification was 12.4 per cent, a rate slightly above Tower Hamlets and London averages.
- The proportion of those with a level 4 qualification was lower in Bromley South (29.9 per cent) when compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent).

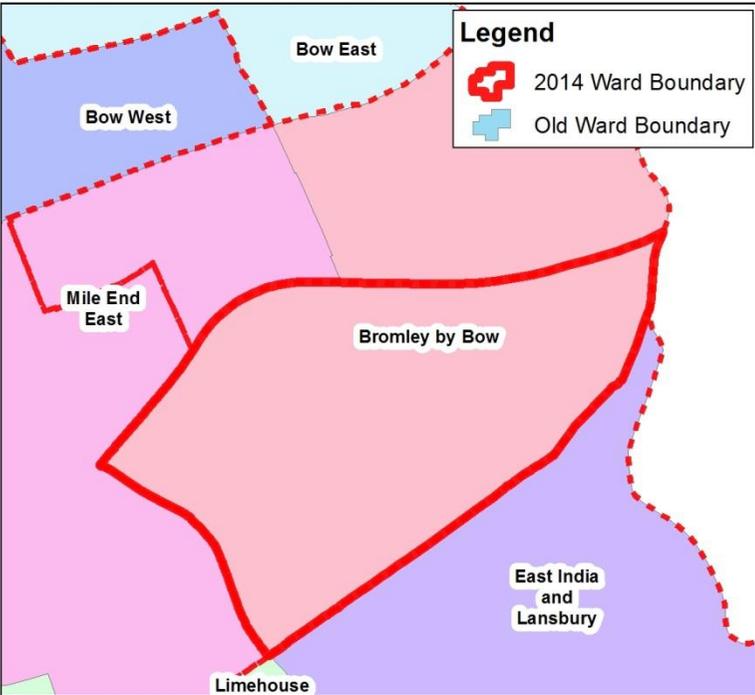
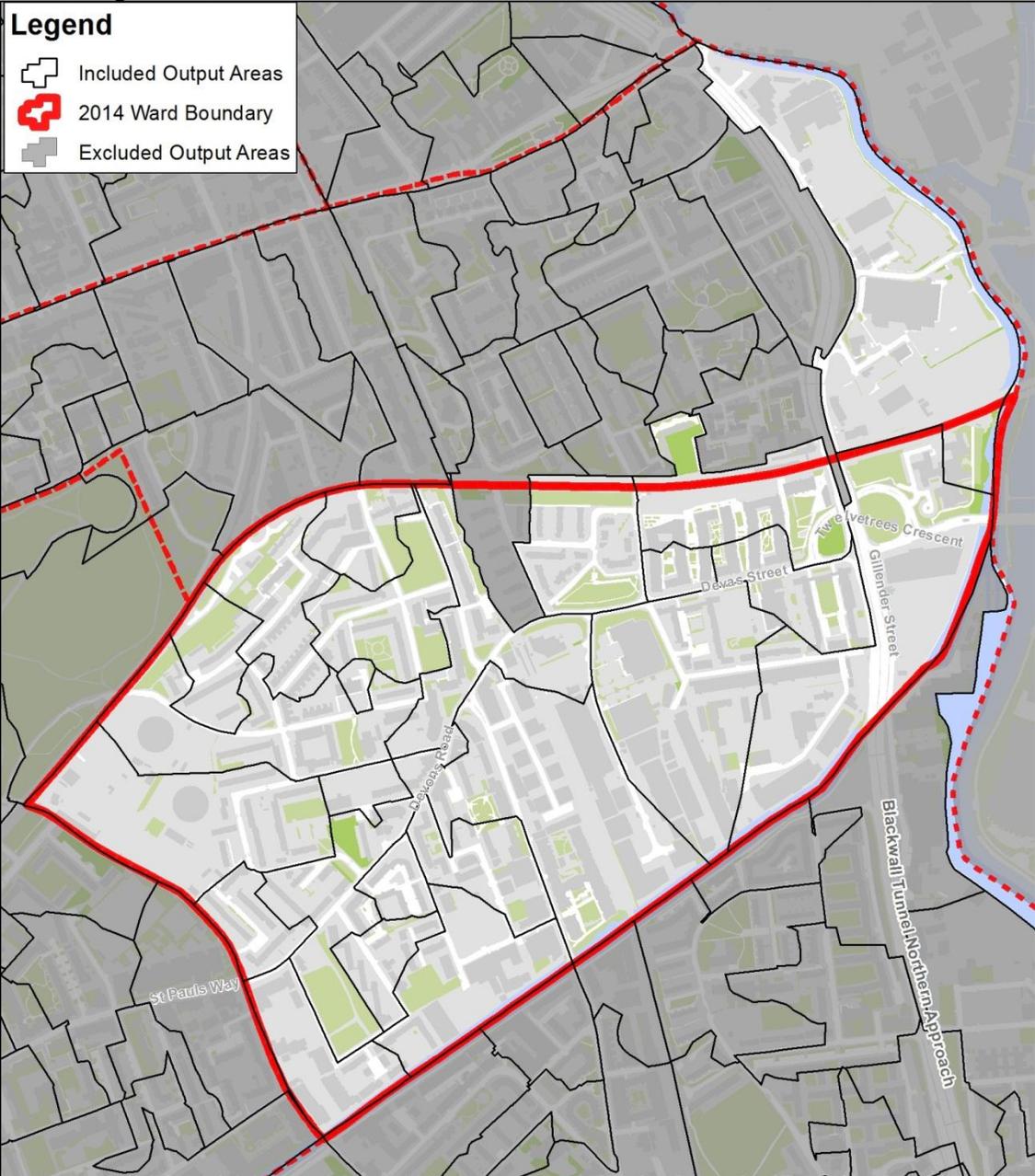
# Bromley South Statistical Area

## 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>.

## Legend

-  Included Output Areas
-  2014 Ward Boundary
-  Excluded Output Areas



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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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