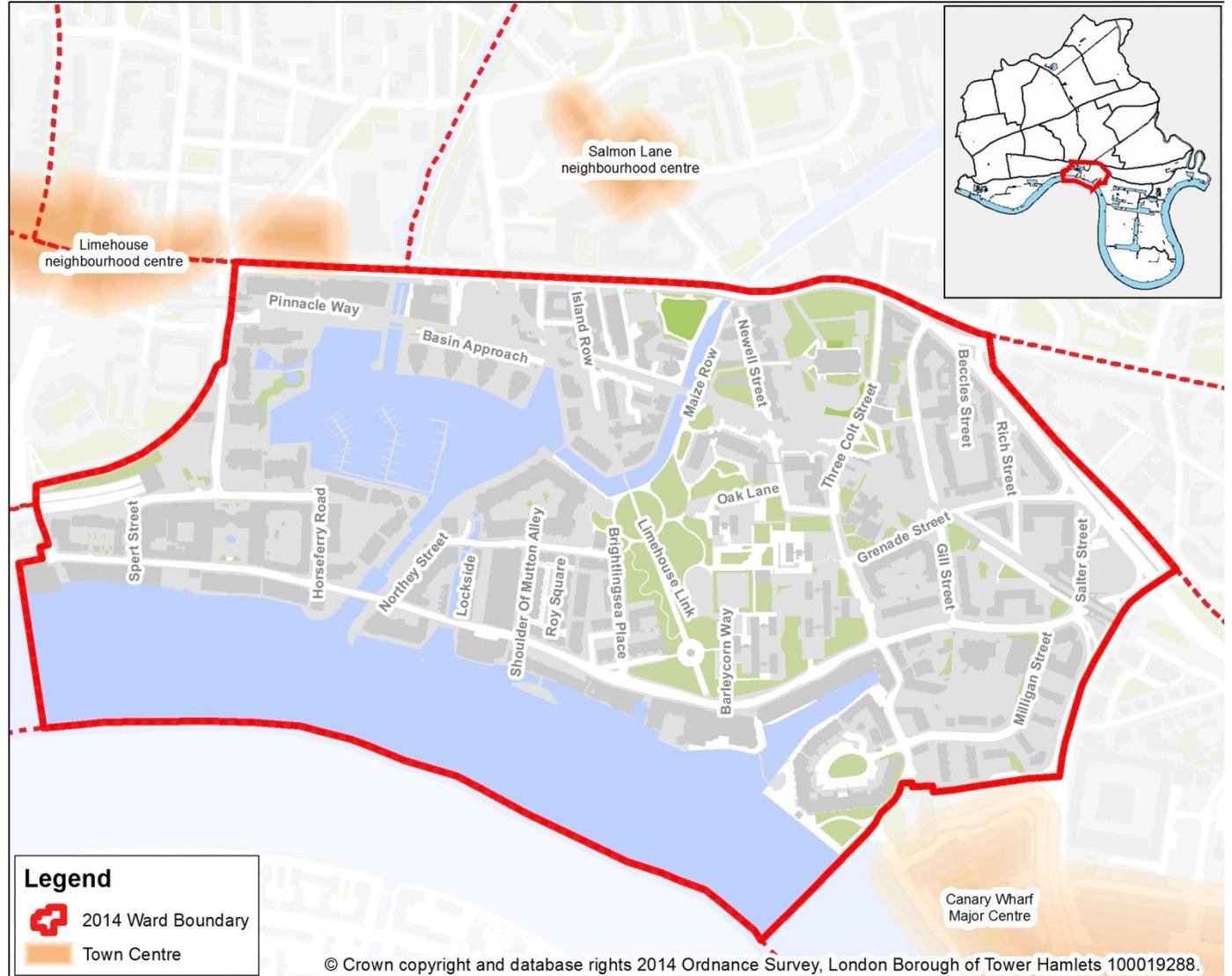


Limehouse Ward Profile



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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.

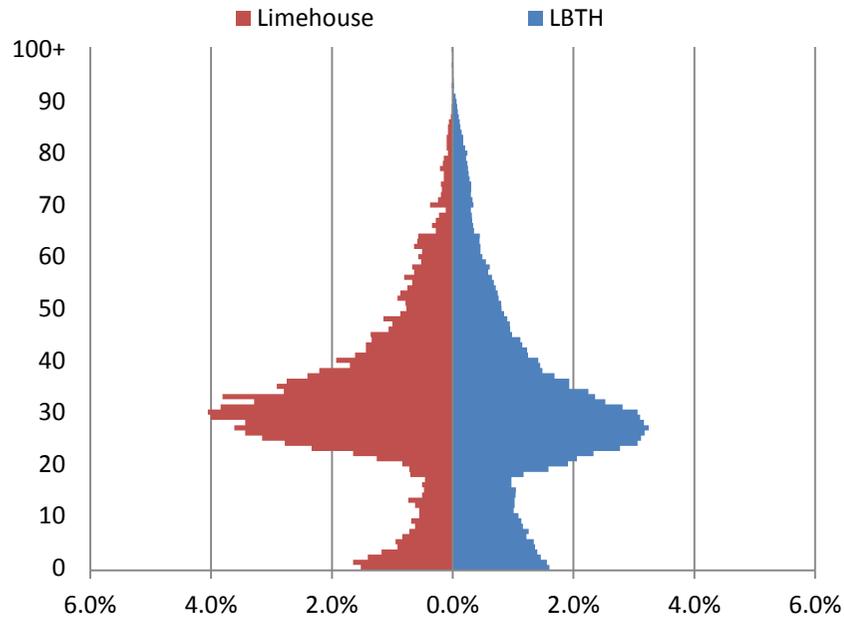
In May 2014, the number of wards increased from 17 to 20. The changes were made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, in order to ensure that every councillor in Tower Hamlets represented roughly the same number of residents. The changes mean that no ward will have a population variance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

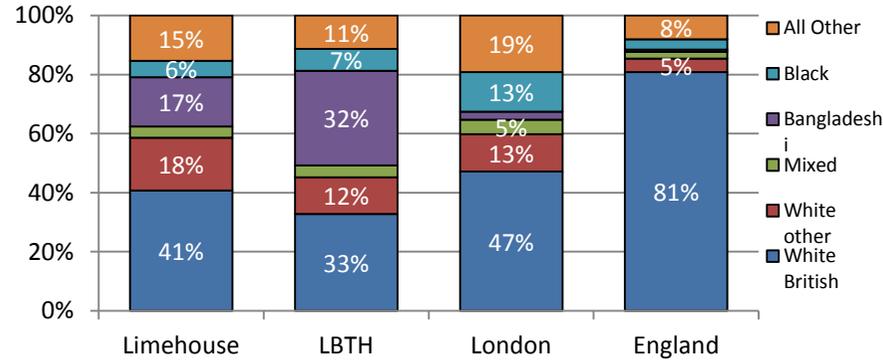
Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
Limehouse	852	5,022	243	6,117
Limehouse %	13.9%	82.1%	4.0%	100%
Tower Hamlets %	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%

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

- At the time of the 2011 Census, the population for Limehouse ward was 6,117 which accounted for just under 2.5 per cent of the total population of Tower Hamlets – the ward had the fewest residents out of the 20 wards in the borough.
- The ward had 3,362 males and 2,755 females providing a gender split in the ward of 55 per cent male and 45 per cent female. The ward had the second highest proportion of males in the borough and the second lowest proportion of females.
- The population density in this ward was 150 people per hectare, higher than the borough average of 129 people per hectare.
- 82.1 per cent of residents in the Limehouse ward were working age (16-64). This was the second highest proportion for this age group in the borough. Correspondingly, there was a lower than average proportion of residents aged 0-15 years old and of residents aged 65+.

Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity

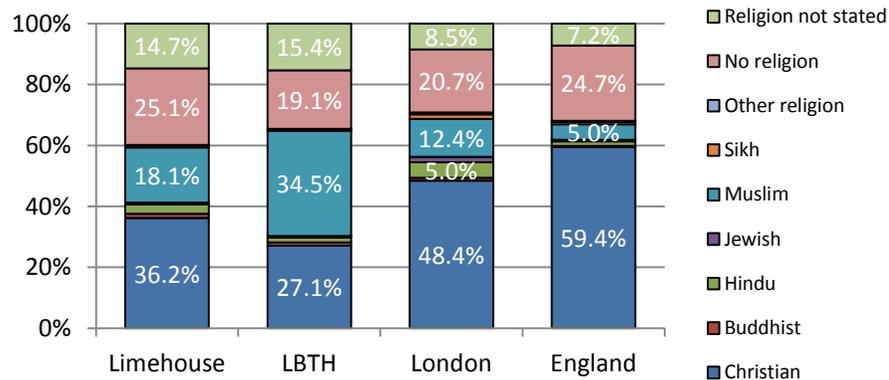


(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, 2,530 residents in the ward were BME (41 per cent). This proportion was thirteen percentage points lower than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- Residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for 17 per cent of the population (1,015 residents), a significantly lower proportion than the borough average.
- There were 2,493 White British residents in the Limehouse ward. There was a higher proportion of residents who are White British in the ward compared to the borough average of 33 per cent.
- 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.

Religion

Figure 3: Religion

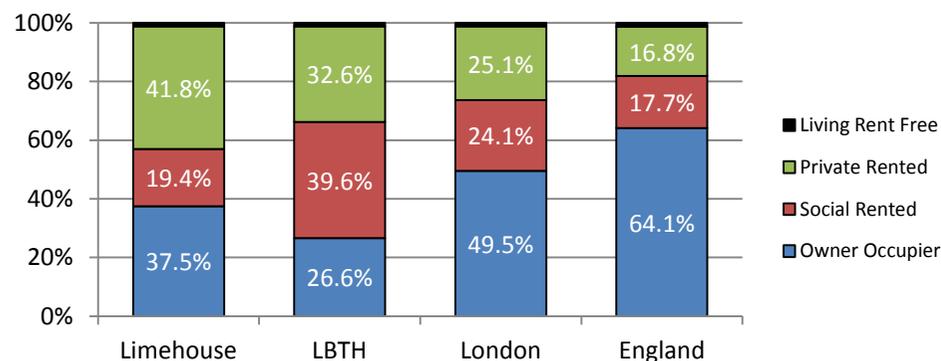


(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW - Religion)

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as Christian was 36.2 per cent – the fourth highest proportion out of all 20 wards in the borough. Conversely, at just over 18 per cent of the population, the proportion of Muslim residents was the third lowest in the borough.
- Tower Hamlets had a significantly higher proportion of residents who explicitly did not state their religion on the census form when compared to London and the rest of England. There were just over 902 residents in this ward who did not state their religion – accounting for 14.7 per cent of the ward's population.
- There were 1,538 residents in the ward who said they had no religion on the census form – accounting for 25.1 per cent of the ward's population, lower than the borough average.

Housing Tenure¹

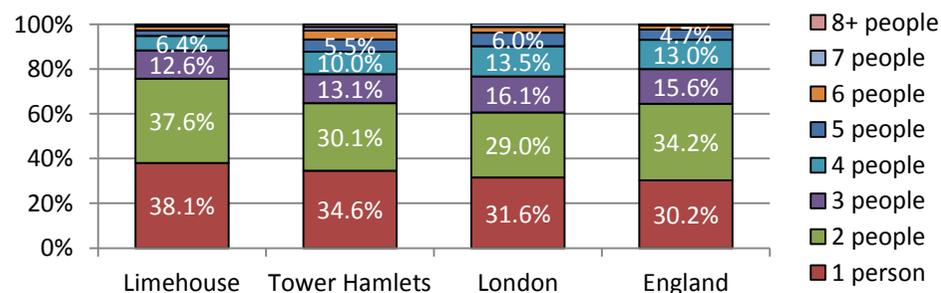
Figure 4: Tenure of households



(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

Household size

Figure 5: Tenure of households



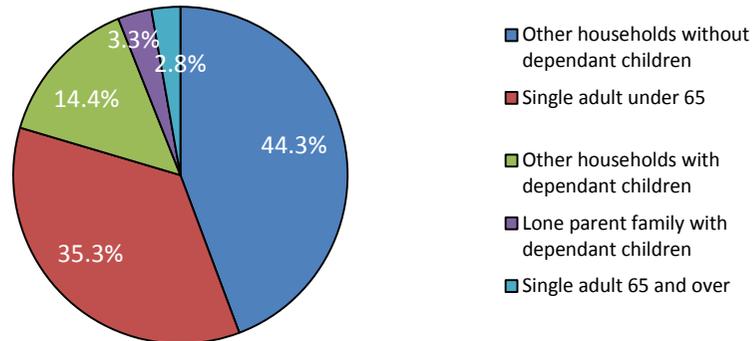
(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

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.

- 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 2,939 households in the Limehouse ward. Compared to the other wards, Limehouse had a lower than average proportion of households compared to the borough average, accounting for 2.9 per cent of the whole.
- Limehouse had the second highest proportion of owner-occupied in the borough (37.5 per cent), with the average being 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 (61.2 per cent) was higher than the borough average (72.2 per cent).
- The proportion of households in the Limehouse ward with three or more people accounted for 25.7 per cent of the total households in the ward. This proportion was lower than the borough average of 35 per cent.
- On Census day, 156 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them – the least of all 20 wards in the borough. This equated to 6.6 per cent of the households in the ward and was almost half the average for Tower Hamlets (12.3 per cent).
- The average household size in the ward was 2.08 compared to the borough average of 2.51.

Household composition

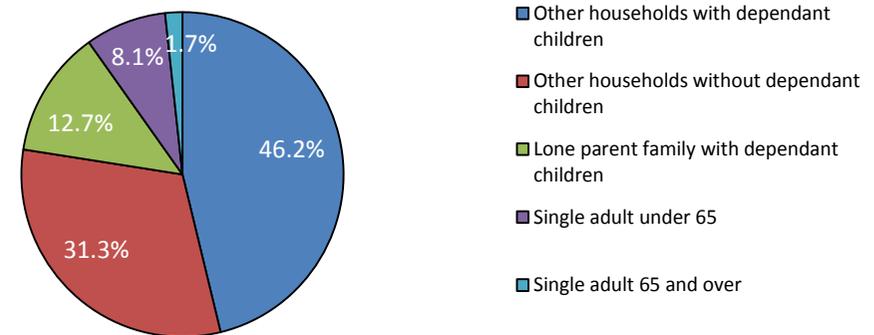
Figure 6: Household composition - percentage of households by type



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

- At the time of the Census, 58.9 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 17.7 percent of the households in the ward, lower than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 38.1 per cent of all households in the ward; however 10.7 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. 10 per cent of households (284 households) in the ward were overcrowded – lower 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	Limehouse	Tower Hamlets	London	England
Households with dependent children	3.93	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.69	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)	
Limehouse	284	10%	1,348	46%	1,307	45%
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
Limehouse	277	308	5,532
Limehouse (%)	4.5%	5.0%	90.4%
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 277 residents (4.5 per cent) in Limehouse had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while 5 per cent (308 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.
- In Limehouse, 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 below England, 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
Limehouse	5,756	205	77	79
Limehouse (%)	94.1%	3.4%	1.3%	1.3%
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 6 per cent of residents in Limehouse provided unpaid care. The Limehouse rate was lower compared to the Tower Hamlets (7.6 per cent), London (8.4 per cent) and England (10.2 per cent) averages.
- From 361 residents in Limehouse who provided unpaid care, around 77 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 79 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.
- The proportion of those providing unpaid care for 50 hours or more of 1.3 per cent in Limehouse was below the Tower Hamlets (1.9 per cent) and London (1.8 per cent) averages and substantially below the England average (2.4 per cent).

Labour market participation

Table 6: Labour market participation - Economic active (EA) and Economic Inactive (EI) (Total 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
Limehouse	3,768	237	141	173	285	262	155	150
Limehouse (%)	72.9	4.6	2.7	3.3	5.5	5.1	3.0	2.9
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 Limehouse and comparator areas.

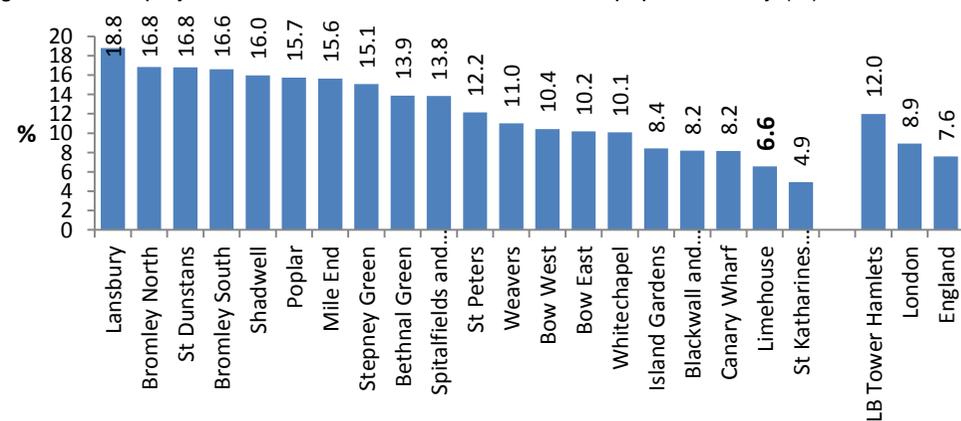
• The Limehouse ward had the highest rate of people in employment (72.9 per cent), outperforming all other wards, Tower Hamlets (57.6 per cent), London (62.4 per cent) and England (62.1 per cent).

- The proportion of economically inactive residents, including those looking after home & family (5.1 per cent), long term sick (3 per cent) and students (5.5 per cent) was lower compared to most other wards in the borough and the Tower Hamlets average.
- A total of only 237 residents were unemployed in Limehouse. This rate of 4.6 per cent was below the Tower Hamlets average (6.7 per cent), but 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.
- Limehouse had the 2nd lowest unemployment rate in the borough with 6.6 per cent, which was nearly half 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.

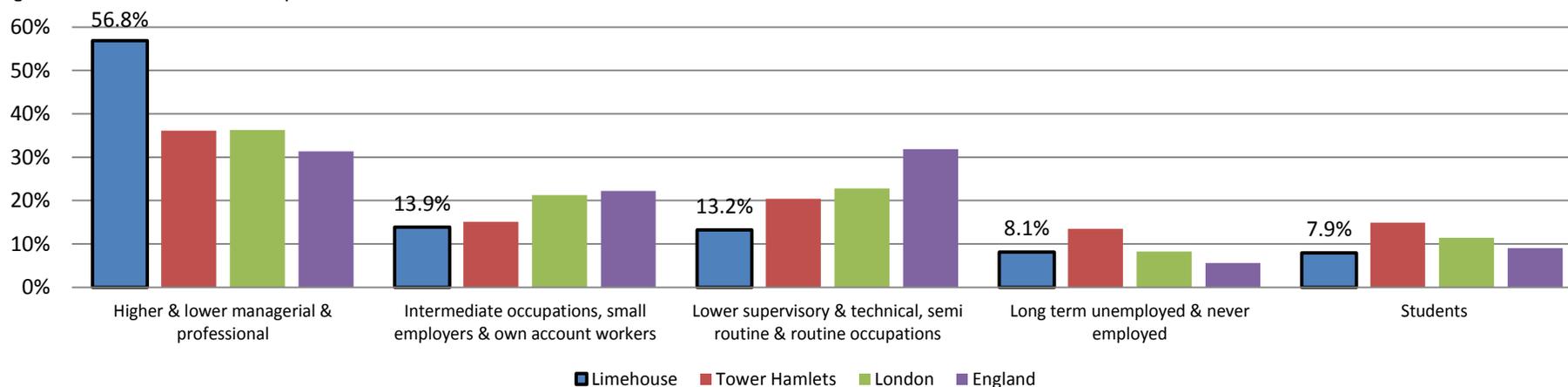
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only (%)



(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, over half of the ward's working aged population worked in the managerial and professional occupations sector, compared to the borough average of 36.1 per cent.
- Compared to the borough average of 14.9 per cent, the ward had a low proportion of students.
- At 8.1 per cent, the proportion of working aged residents classified as long term unemployed / never employed was lower than the borough average of 13.5 per cent (308 residents)

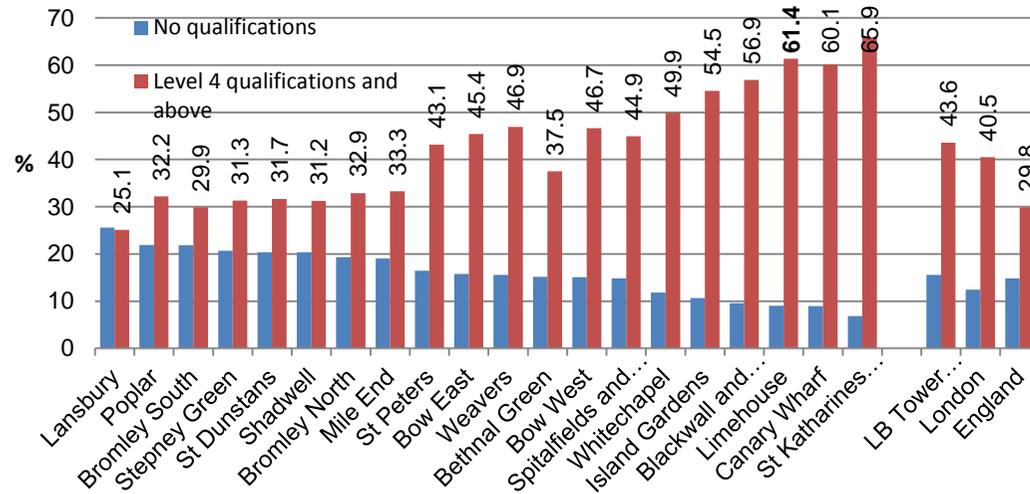
Qualification levels

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
Limehouse	454	321	332	32	378	3,082	423
Limehouse (%)	9.0	6.4	6.6	0.6	7.5	61.4	8.4
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 Limehouse showed a different qualification structure to Tower Hamlets as a whole with a larger proportion of highly qualified residents.
- The proportion of those with a level 4 qualification was high in Limehouse (61.4 per cent) when compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent).
- Around 454 residents or 9 per cent aged 16 to 64 did not hold a formal qualification. This rate was substantially below 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 Limehouse residents with no formal qualification was the 3rd 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 Limehouse residents with a level 3 qualification was 7.5 per cent, again a rate below the Tower Hamlets and London averages.

Limehouse Statistical Area

Statistical Areas

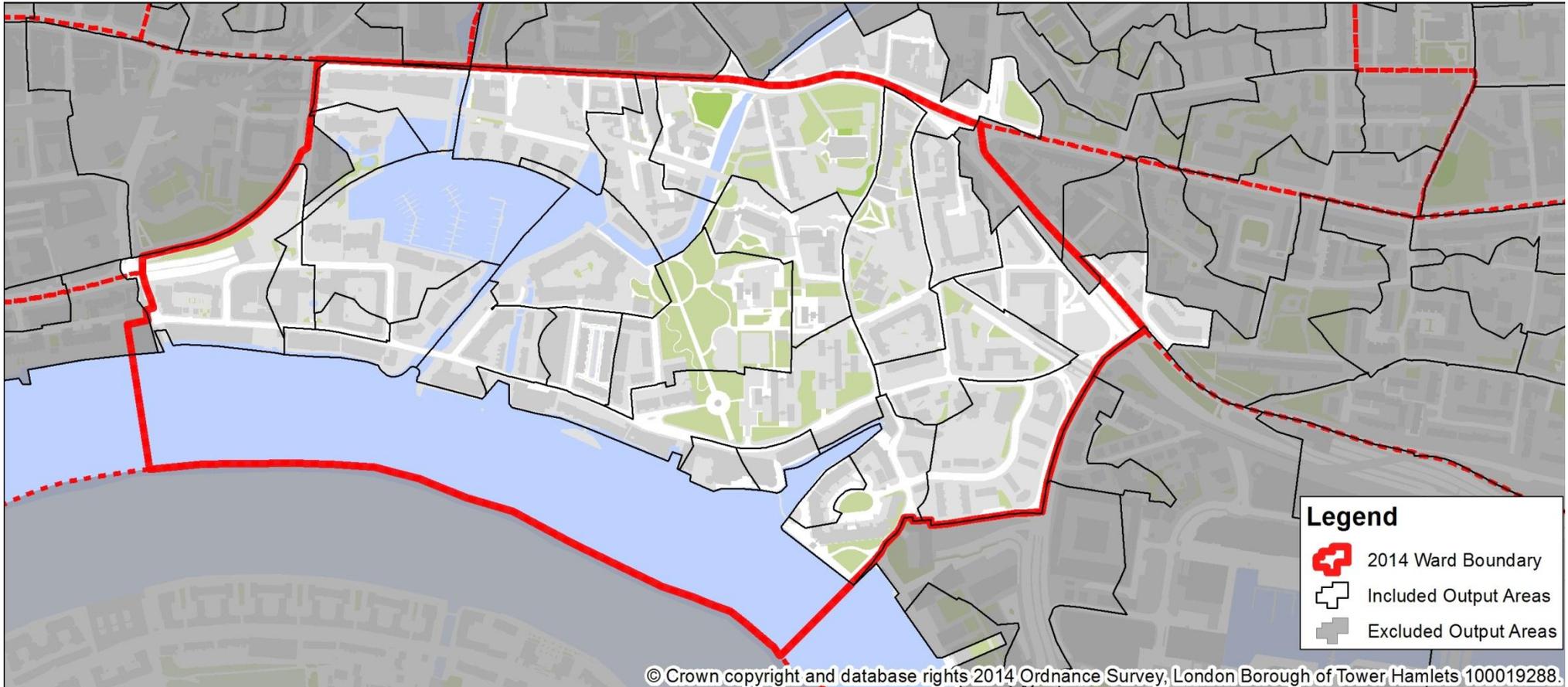
The map (right) shows which Census Output Areas have been included in the summary statistics for this ward, and which areas have been assigned to other wards.

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->

Limehouse 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.