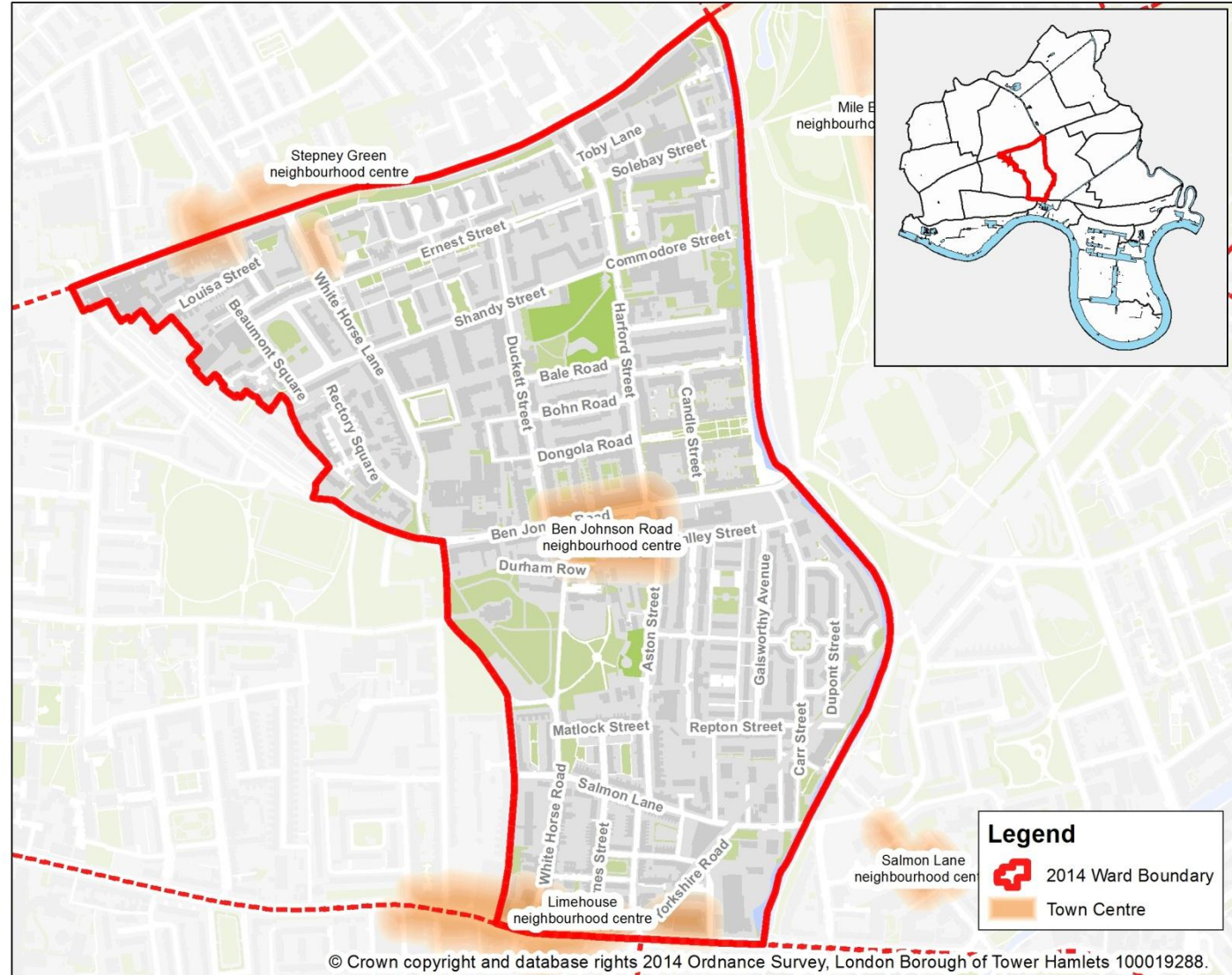


# St Dunstan's Ward Profile



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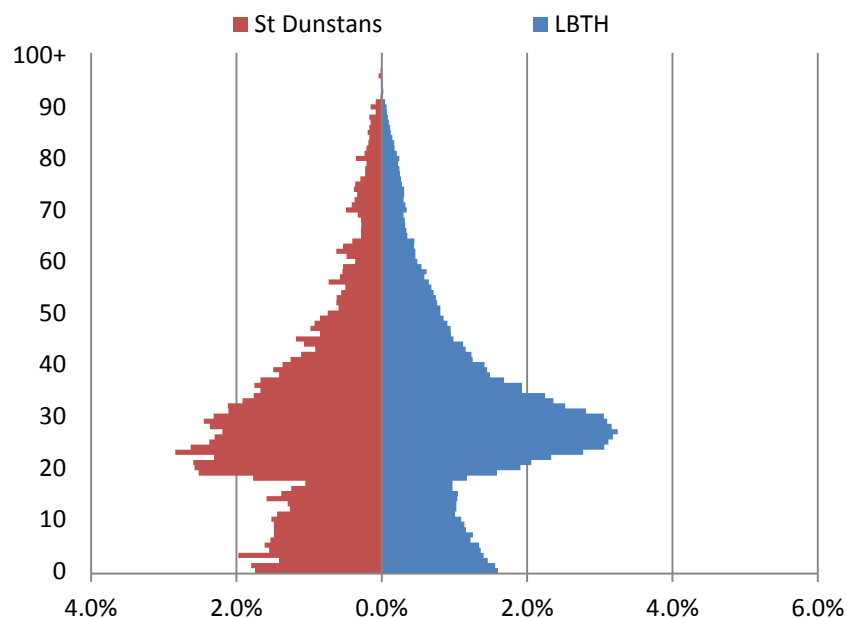
## Introduction

- 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

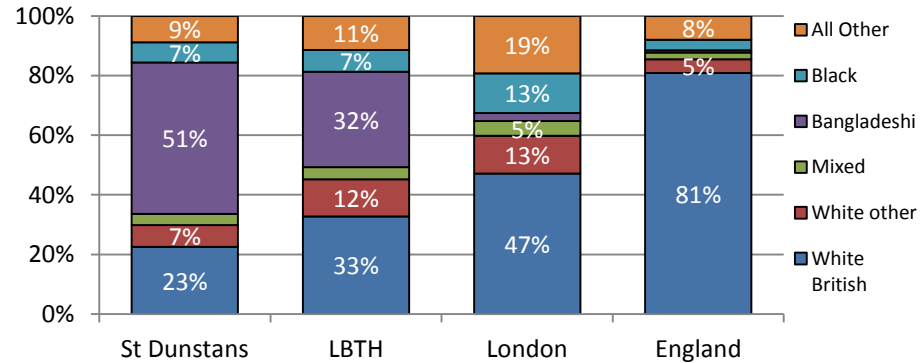
Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
<b>St Dunstan's</b>	2,898	8,066	835	11,799
<b>St Dunstan's %</b>	24.6%	68.4%	7.1%	100%
<b>Tower Hamlets %</b>	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%

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

- At the time of the 2011 Census, the population for St Dunstan's ward was 11,799 which accounted for 4.6 per cent of the total population of Tower Hamlets.
- The ward had 5,937 males and 5,862 females providing a gender split in the ward of 50.3 per cent male and 49.7 per cent female. There was a lower than borough average proportion of males in this ward.
- The population density in this ward was 161 people per hectare, higher than the borough average of 129 people per hectare.
- The ward had the fifth highest proportion of residents in the 0-15 year old age group, and the fifth highest for the 65+ year old age group.

## Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity

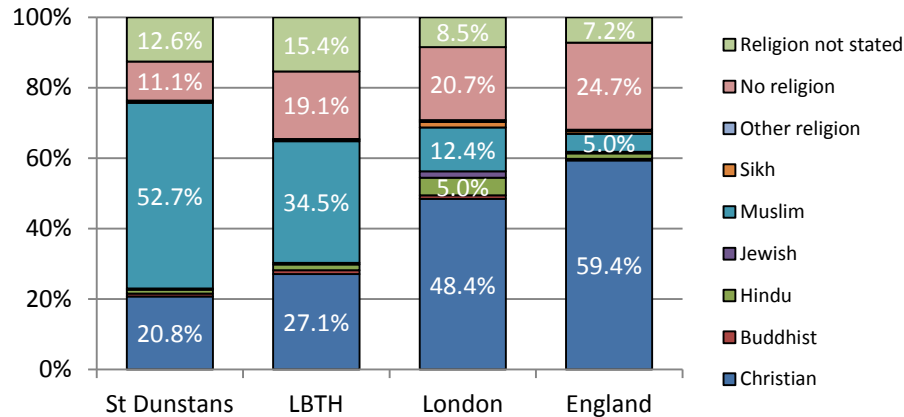


(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, 8,280 residents in the ward were BME (70 per cent). This ward had the highest proportion of BME residents in the borough, and significantly higher than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- At 51 per cent, residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for over half the population of the ward (6,000 residents).
- There were 2,655 White British residents in the St Dunstan's ward. The proportion of residents who are White British in the ward 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 81 per cent of all residents in this ward.

## Religion

Figure 3: Religion



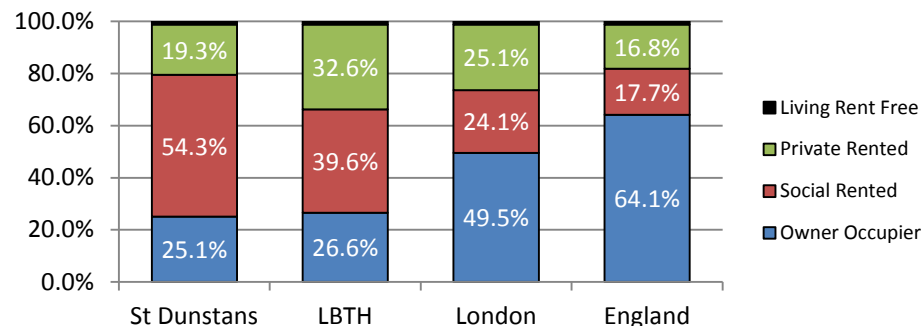
(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW - Religion)

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as Christian was 20.8 per cent – the fourth highest proportion out of the borough's 20 wards. At 52.7 per cent of the population, the proportion of Muslim residents was the second highest proportion in the borough.
- 1,310 residents in the St Dunstan's ward explicitly stated that they had no religion, this equated to 11.1 per cent of the ward population, the second lowest proportion in the borough.
- 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 1,486 residents in the ward who did not state their religion on the census form – accounting for 12.6 per cent of the ward's population, lower than the borough average.

## 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)

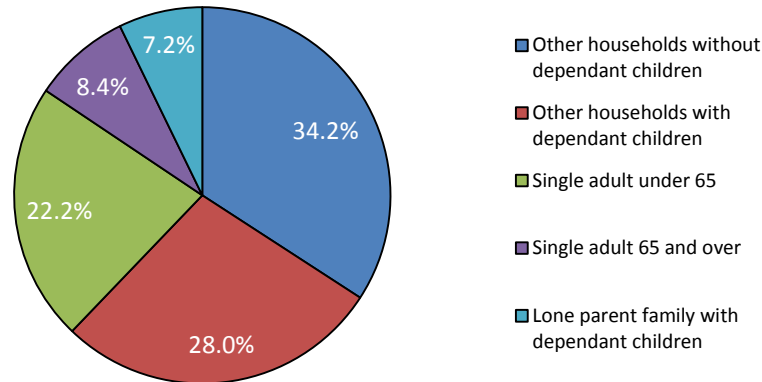
<sup>1</sup> Tenure provides information about whether a household rents or owns the accommodation that it occupies and, if rented, combines this with information about the type of landlord who owns or manages the accommodation.

- 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 3,967 households in the St Dunstan's ward. Compared to the other wards, the ward had a lower than average proportion of households – accounting for 3.9 per cent all households in the borough. 25.1 per cent of households in the wards were owner-occupied, a rate lower than the borough average of 23.5 per cent.
- The ward had the third highest proportion of households who socially rent and the lowest proportion of households who rent from the private sector (58 per cent and 19.4 per cent respectively). Together the proportion of renters (77.4 per cent) was slightly lower than the borough average (75.2 per cent).
- The proportion of households in the St Dunstan's ward with three or more people accounted for 45.5 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 highest proportion of six, seven and eight plus households in the borough.
- On Census day, 817 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them. This equated to 20.6 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 the ward was 2.97 compared to the borough average of 2.51.



## Household composition

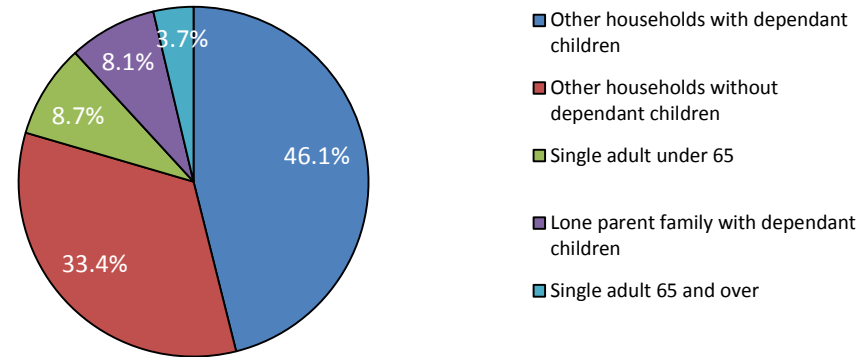
Figure 6: Household composition - percentage of households by type



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

- At the time of the Census, 54.2 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 35.2 percent of the households in the ward, higher than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 30.6 per cent of all households in the ward; however 12.4 per cent of the ward's residents lived in this type of household.
- Older people living alone (65+) accounted for 8.4 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. 22 per cent of households (871 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	St Dunstan's	Tower Hamlets	London	England
Households with dependent children	4.80	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.91	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)	
St Dunstan's	871	22%	1,915	48%	1,181	30%
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>St Dunstan's</b>	988	938	9,873
<b>St Dunstan's (%)</b>	8.4%	7.9%	83.7%
<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, 988 residents (8.4 per cent) in St Dunstan's had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while around 7.9 per cent (938 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.
- In St Dunstan's, 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 both above 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>St Dunstan's</b>	10,648	636	197	318
<b>St Dunstan's (%)</b>	90.2%	5.4%	1.7%	2.7%
<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 9.8 per cent of residents in St Dunstan's provided unpaid care. The St Dunstan's rate was higher compared to Tower Hamlets (7.6 per cent) and London (8.4 per cent) but just below the England rate (10.2 per cent).
- From 1,151 residents in St Dunstan's who provided unpaid care, around 197 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 318 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.
- The proportion of those providing care for 50 hours or more of 2.7 per cent in St Dunstan's was notably above the Tower Hamlets (1.9 per cent), London (1.8 per cent) and England (2.4 per cent) averages. The rate in St Dunstan's was the second highest in Tower Hamlets.



## 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
St Dunstan's	3,878	682	647	471	1,094	834	450	420
St Dunstan's (%)	45.8	8.0	7.6	5.6	12.9	9.8	5.3	5.0
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)

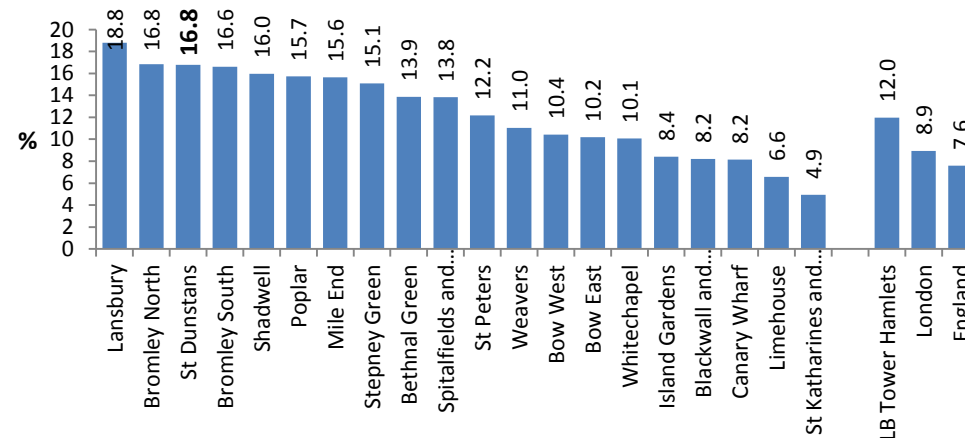
- Table 6 shows a summary of labour market participation of residents in the week before the Census 2011.
- The table summarises economic activity and inactivity of the 16 to 74 population in St Dunstan's and comparator areas.
- The St Dunstan's ward had a very low rate of people in employment (45.8 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 (9.8 per cent) and the long term sick (5.3 per cent) was notably high, all above Tower Hamlets, London and England averages. The ward had a additional large proportion of students.
- A total of 682 residents were unemployed in St Dunstan's. This rate of 8 per cent was worse compared to the Tower Hamlets (6.7 per cent), London (5.2 per cent) and England (4.4 per cent).

### 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. The measure is the preferred unemployment measure which 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.
- St Dunstan's had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest unemployment rate in the borough with 16.8 per cent, which was significantly higher compared to the Tower Hamlets rate (12 per cent).
- The unemployment rate recorded in St Dunstan's (18.8 per cent) represents a significant gap compared to the lowest rate in St Katharine's and Wapping (4.9 per cent).

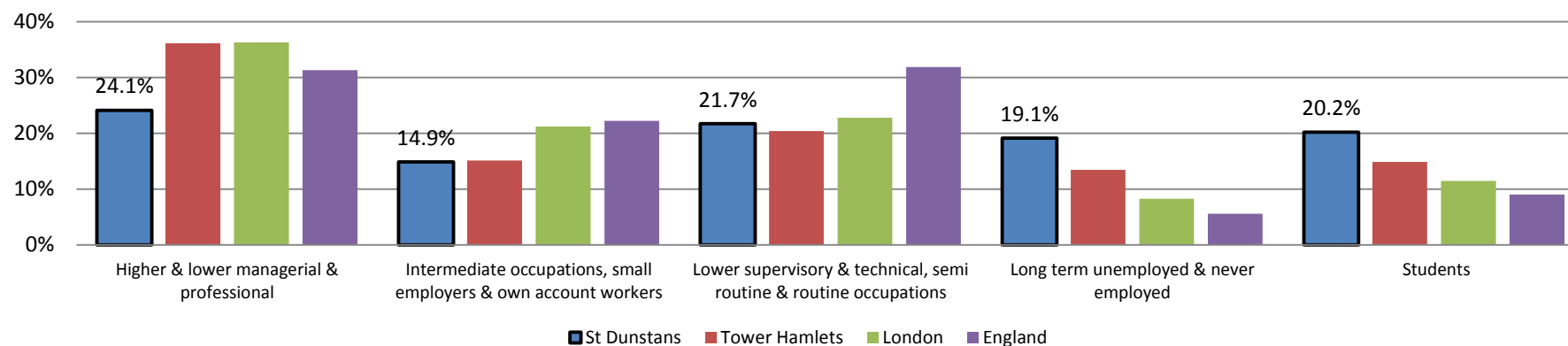
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only



(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 a lower than borough average proportion of working aged residents working in the managerial and professional occupations sector (24.1 per cent compared to 36.1 per cent borough average).
- The St Dunstan's ward had the highest proportion of students out of all 20 wards in the borough (20.2 per cent compared to 14.9 per cent borough average (1,428 residents)).
- At 19.1 per cent, the proportion of residents who were long term unemployed / never employed was higher than the borough average of 13.5 per cent. There were 1,743 ward residents in this category.

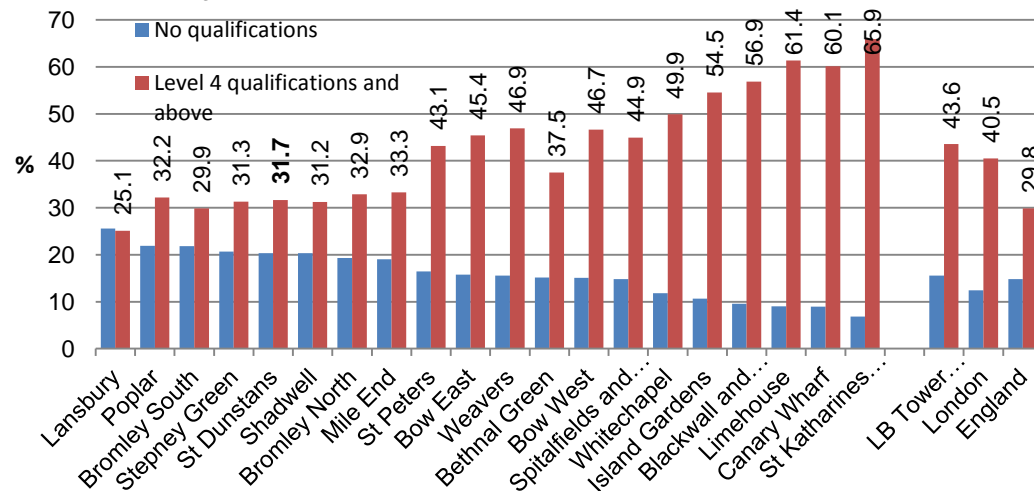
## Qualification levels

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>St Dunstan's</b>	1,639	990	843	71	1,125	2,554	844
<b>St Dunstan's (%)</b>	20.3	12.3	10.5	0.9	13.9	31.7	10.5
<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)

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 St Dunstan's showed a different qualification structure compared to all Tower Hamlets residents including a high proportion of residents with no formal qualification and a low proportion of residents with level 4 plus qualification.
- The proportion of those with a level 4 plus qualification was substantially lower in St Dunstan's (31.7 per cent) compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent).
- Around 1,639 residents (20.3 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 St Dunstan's residents with a level 1, 2 or 3 qualification was for all groups above the Tower Hamlets average.

## St Dunstan's Statistical Area




### Statistical Areas

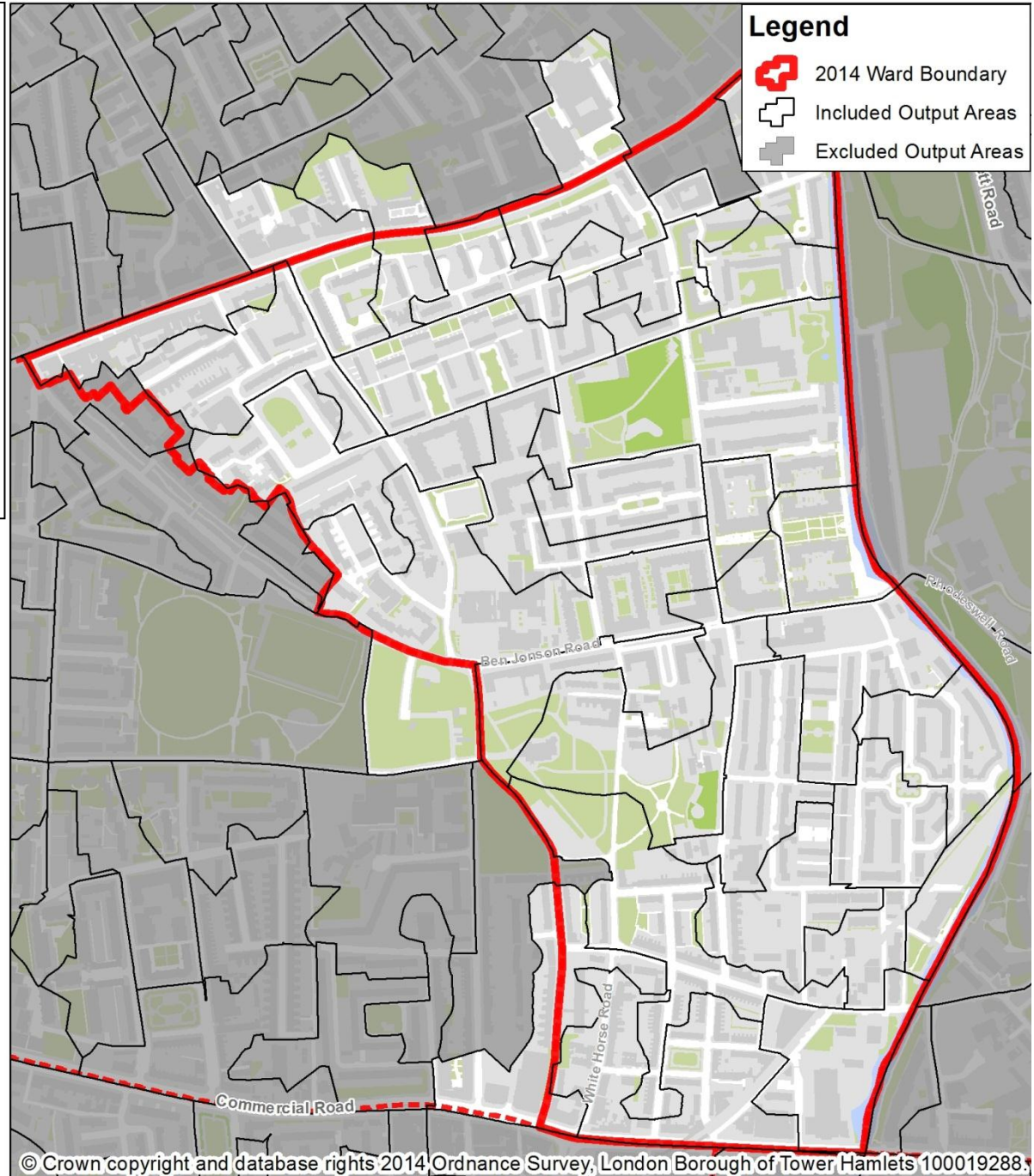
The map (right) shows which Census Output Areas have been included in the summary statistics for this ward, and which areas have been assigned to other wards.

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:

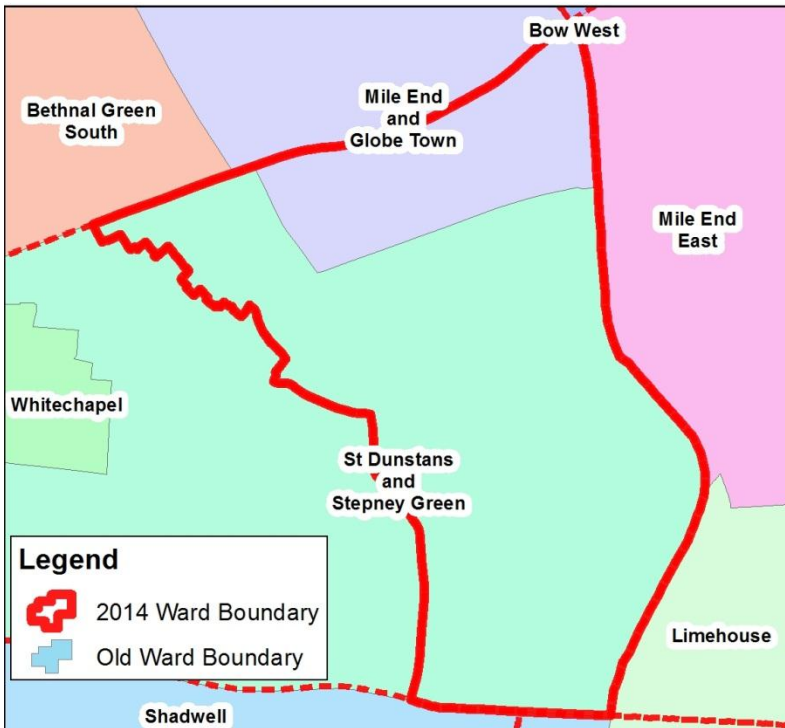
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### Legend

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



### St Dunstan's 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.