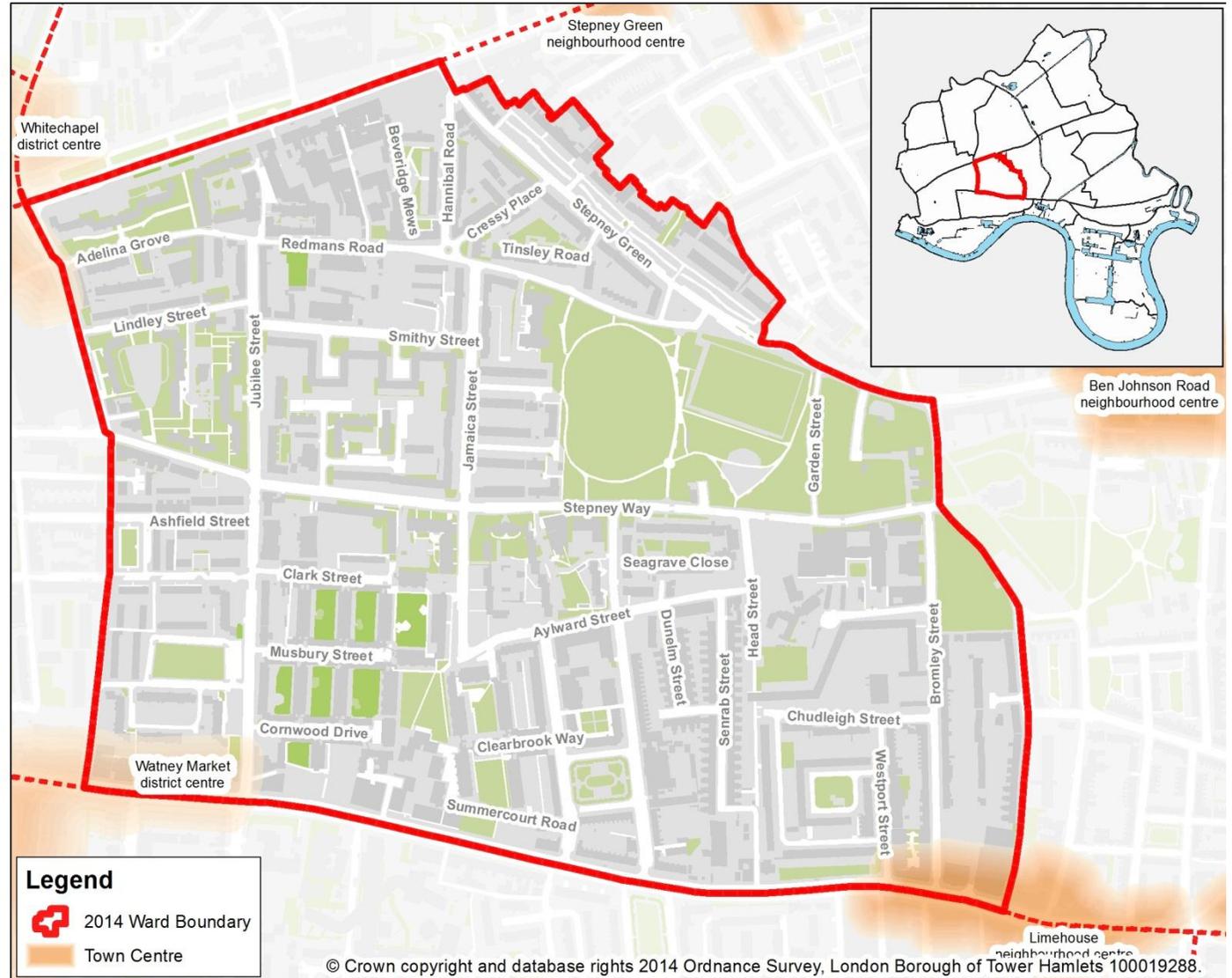


Stepney Green Ward Profile



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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 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.

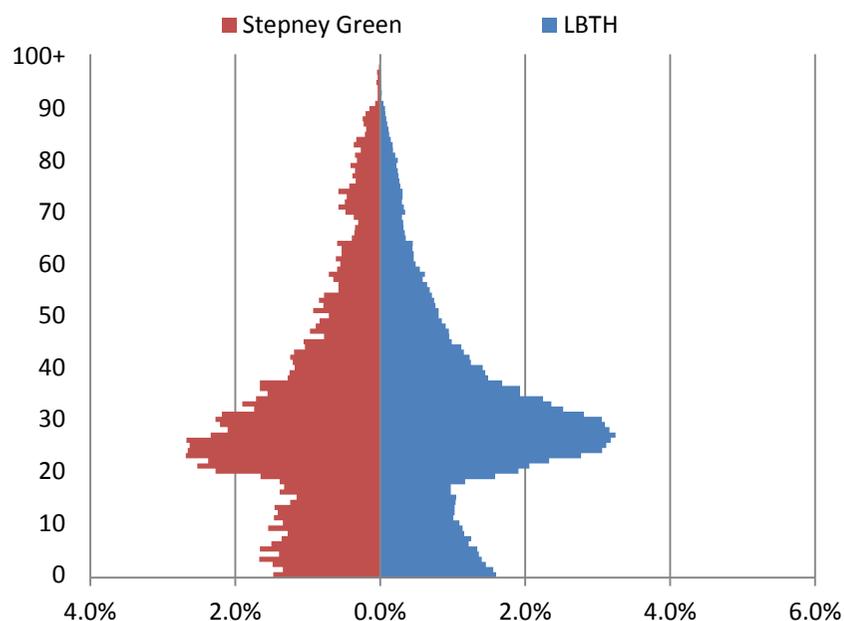
Data from the 2011 Census has been used throughout this ward profile as this still provides the single best source of statistics which are available at geography small enough to be aggregated up in to the new wards. While more recent estimates of the resident population are

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)

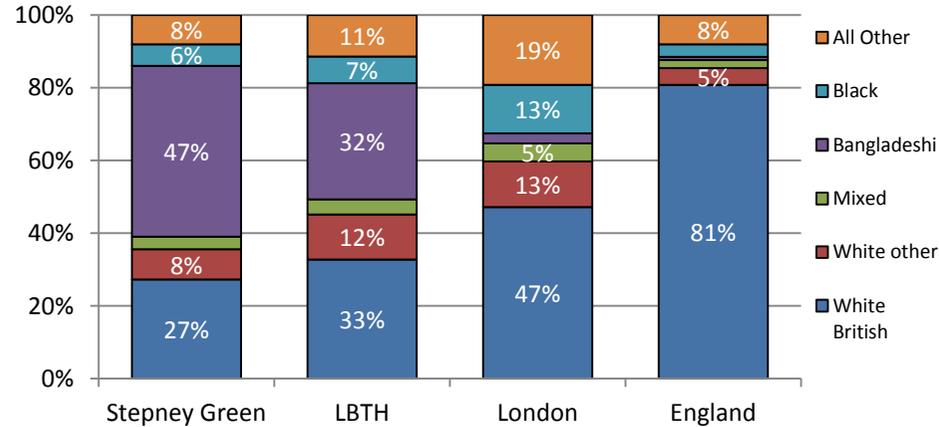
Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
Stepney Green	2,565	7,631	1,062	11,258
Stepney Green %	22.8%	67.8%	9.4%	100%
Tower Hamlets %	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%

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

- At the time of the 2011 Census, the population for Stepney Green ward was 11,258 which accounted for 4.4 per cent of the total population of Tower Hamlets.
- The ward had 5,723 males and 5,535 females providing a gender split in the ward of 50.8 per cent male and 49.2 per cent female.
- The population density in this ward was 184 people per hectare, higher than the borough average of 129 people per hectare.
- Stepney Green ward has the highest proportion of its population in the 65+ age group, 9.4 per cent of residents are in this age group compared to the borough average of 6 per cent. Correspondingly, the ward has the third lowest proportion of working age residents (16-64).

Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity

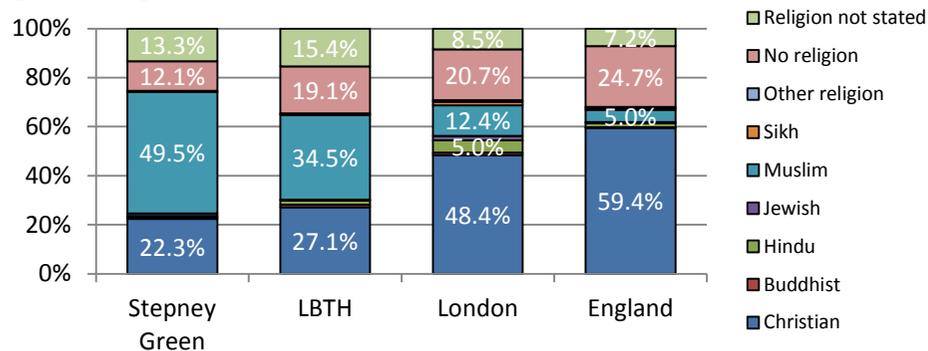


(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, 7,248 residents in the ward were BME (64 per cent). This proportion was higher than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- Residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for 47 per cent of the population (2,464 residents), a higher proportion than the borough average.
- There were 3,067 White British residents in the Stepney Green ward. There were a 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 83 per cent of all residents in this ward.

Religion

Figure 3: Religion

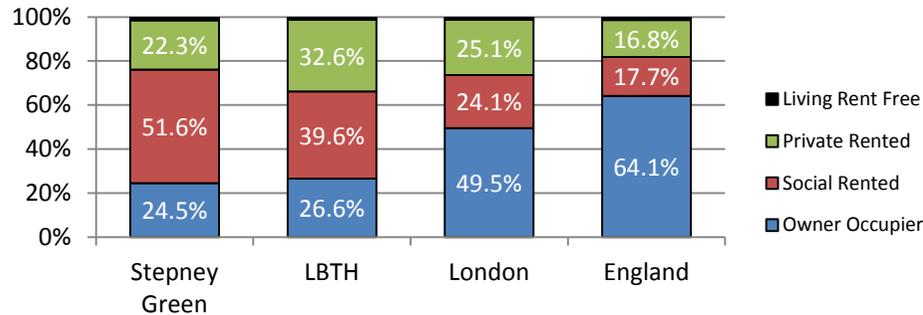


(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW - Religion)

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as Christian was 22.3 per cent – lower than the borough average of 27.1 per cent. At 49.5 per cent of the population, the proportion of Muslim residents was the third highest proportion of the 20 wards in the borough.
- 1,357 residents in the Stepney Green ward explicitly stated that they had no religion, this equated to 12.1 per cent of the ward population, compared to the borough average of 19.1 per cent.
- 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. In the Stepney Green ward, there were just over 1,498 residents who did not state their religion on the census form – accounting for 13.3 per cent of the ward's population, lower than the borough average.

Housing Tenure¹

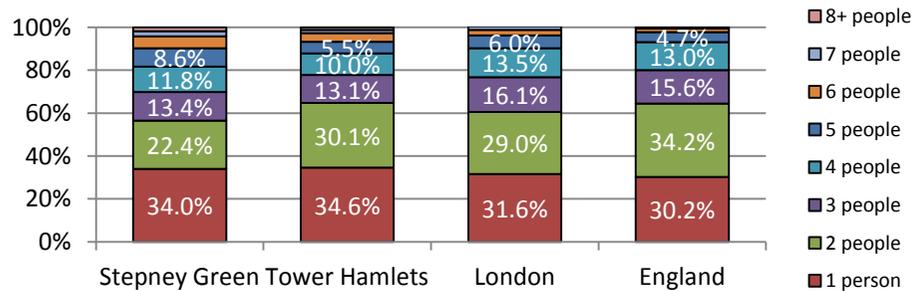
Figure 4: Tenure of households



(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

Household size

Figure 5: Tenure of households



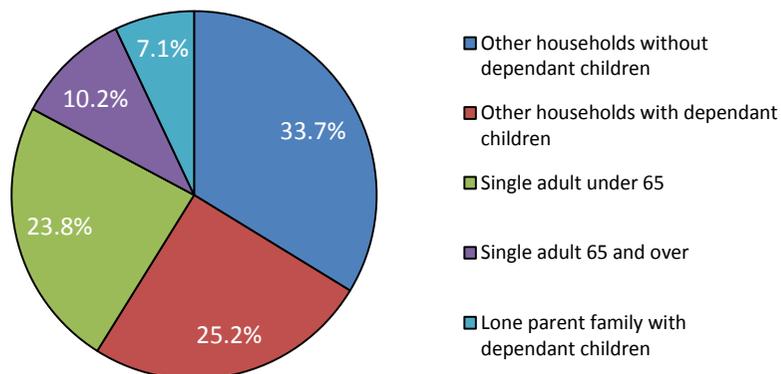
(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

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 4,010 households in the Stepney Green ward. Compared to the other wards, Stepney Green had a lower proportion of households compared to the borough average, accounting for 3.9 per cent of the whole.
- 24.5 per cent of households in the wards are owner-occupied, a rate lower than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- There were a higher than average proportion of socially rented properties in this ward but a lower than average proportion of private rented properties. Together, the proportion of renters (73.9 per cent) was just higher than the borough average (72.2 per cent).
- The proportion of households in this ward with three or more people accounted for 43.6 per cent of the total households in the ward. This proportion was higher than the borough average of 35 per cent.
- On Census day, 737 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them. This equates to 18.4 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 2.81 compared to the borough average of 2.51.

Household composition

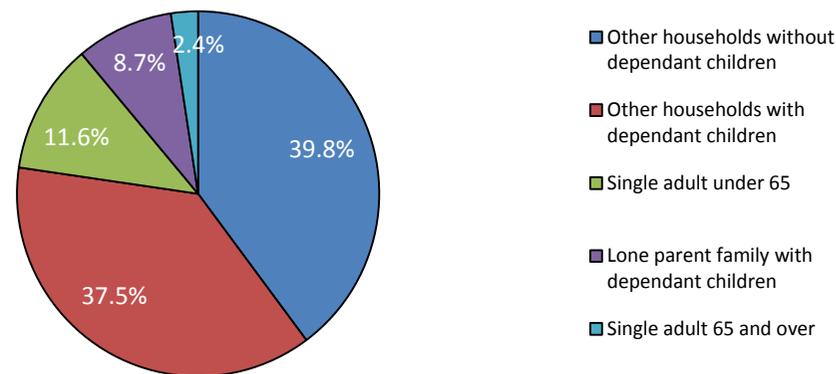
Figure 6: Household composition - percentage of households by type



(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 32.3 percent of the households in the ward, higher than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 34 per cent of all households in the ward; however 15.2 per cent of the ward's residents live in this type of household.
- Older people living alone (65+) accounted for 10.2 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. 32 per cent of households in the ward (909 households) 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	Stepney Green	Tower Hamlets	London	England
Households with dependent children	4.63	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.86	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)	
Stepney Green	909	23%	1,868	47%	1,233	31%
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
Stepney Green	1,092	908	9,258
Stepney Green (%)	9.7%	8.1%	82.2%
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, 1,092 residents (9.7 per cent) in Stepney Green had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while around 8.1 per cent (908 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.
- In Stepney Green, 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
Stepney Green	10,185	557	204	312
Stepney Green (%)	90.5%	4.9%	1.8%	2.8%
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 9.5 per cent of residents in Stepney Green provided unpaid care. The Stepney Green rate was higher compared to Tower Hamlets (7.6 per cent) and London (8.4 per cent) but slightly below the England rate (10.2 per cent).
- From 1,073 residents in Stepney Green who provided unpaid care, around 204 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 312 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.
- The proportion of those providing care for 50 hours or more of 2.8 per cent in Stepney Green was the highest in the borough, a rate also above 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
Stepney Green	3,870	578	569	527	967	716	473	420
Stepney Green (%)	47.7	7.1	7.0	6.5	11.9	8.8	5.8	5.2
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 Stepney Green and comparator areas.

- The Stepney Green ward had a very low rate of people in employment (47.7 per cent) when compared to Tower Hamlets

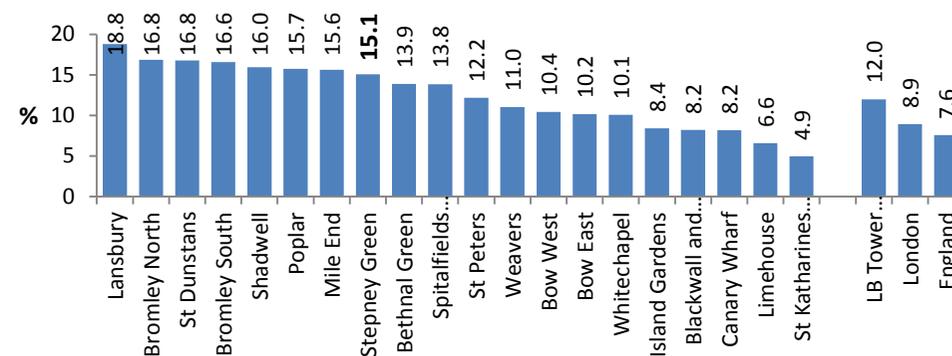
(57.6 per cent) and London (62.4 per cent).

- The proportion of economically inactive residents, including those looking after home & family (8.8 per cent) and the long term sick (5.8 per cent) was notably high, all above Tower Hamlets, London and England averages. The ward also had a large proportion of students, economically active or inactive.
- A total of 578 residents were unemployed in Stepney Green. This rate of 7.1 per cent was above 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. 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.
- Stepney Green had the 8th highest unemployment rate in the borough with 15.1 per cent, which was 3.1 percentage points higher compared to the Tower Hamlets rate.

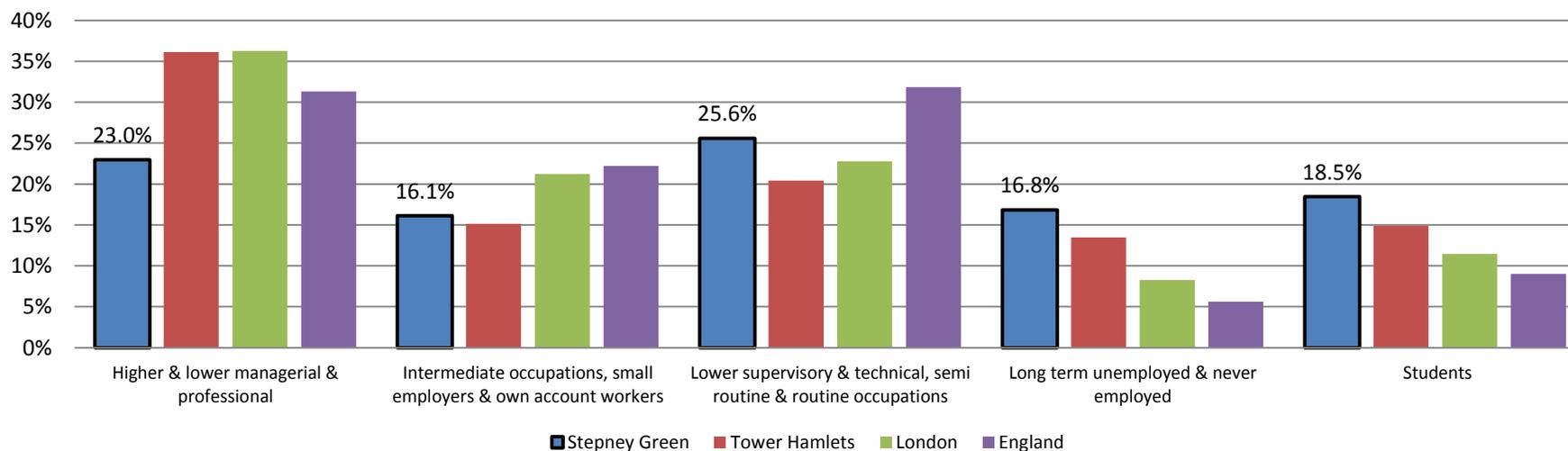
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only



(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 were a significantly lower proportion of residents in the ward who worked in the managerial and professional occupations, compared to the borough average (23 per cent compared to 36.1 per cent).
- The ward had a higher than average proportion of residents in routine and manual occupations compared to the borough average (13.5 per cent).
- 1,368 working aged residents in the ward were classified as long term unemployed / never employed – the proportion of this group compared to the total in the ward was higher than the borough average of 13.5 per cent.
- 18.5 per cent of residents in the ward were students, higher than the borough average of 14.9 per cent.

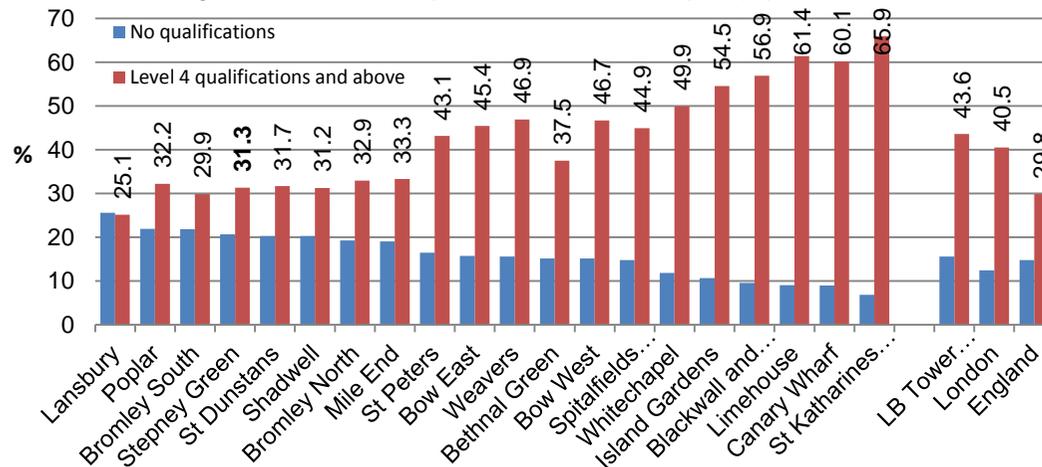
Qualification levels

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
Stepney Green	1,576	904	881	72	958	2,389	851
Stepney Green (%)	20.7	11.8	11.5	0.9	12.6	31.3	11.2
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 (%)



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

- The population aged 16 to 64 in Stepney Green showed a different qualification structure compared to all Tower Hamlets residents including a higher proportion of residents with no formal qualification and a higher proportion of residents with level 4 plus qualification.
- The proportion of those with a level 4 qualification was substantially lower in Stepney Green (31.3 per cent) compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent).
- Around 1,576 residents (20.7 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 Stepney Green residents with a level 1, 2 or 3 qualification were all above the Tower Hamlets averages.

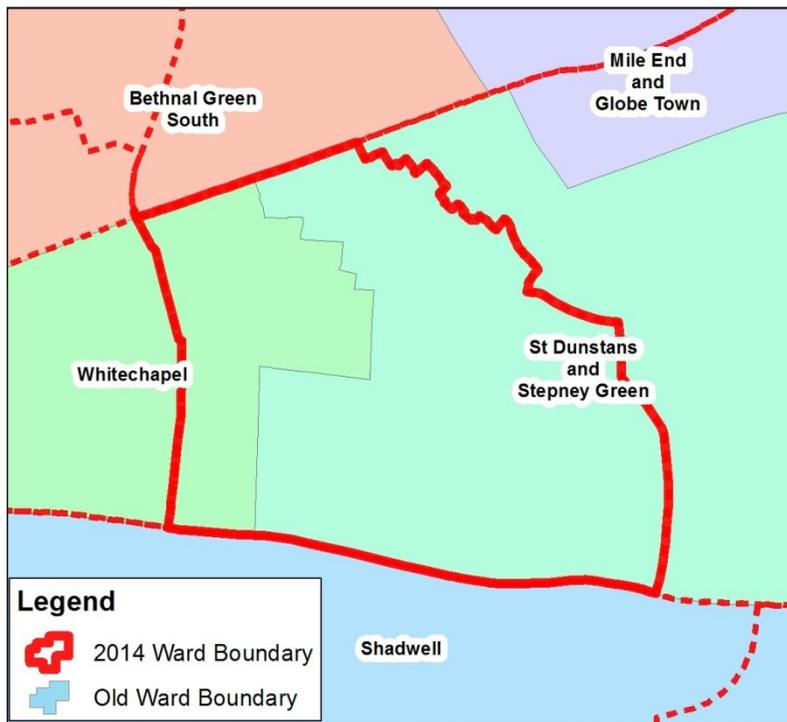
Stepney Green Statistical Area

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.

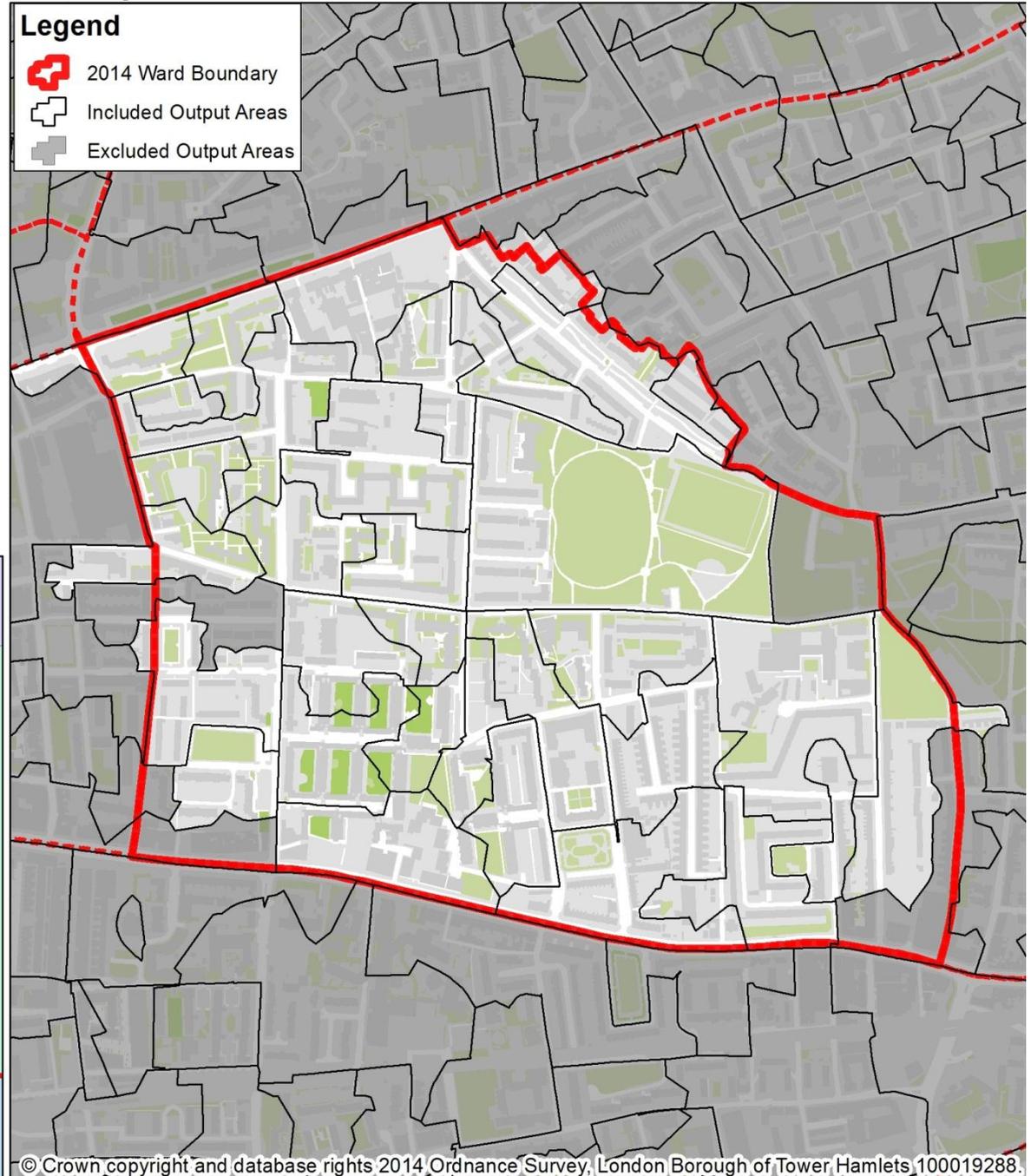
Census Output Area (OA) data has been aggregated on a best fit basis to match the new Tower Hamlets ward boundaries as closely as possible. This has been done in accordance with methodology employed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in producing census statistics for non-standard geographies. 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>.

Stepney Green and the old wards



Legend

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



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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