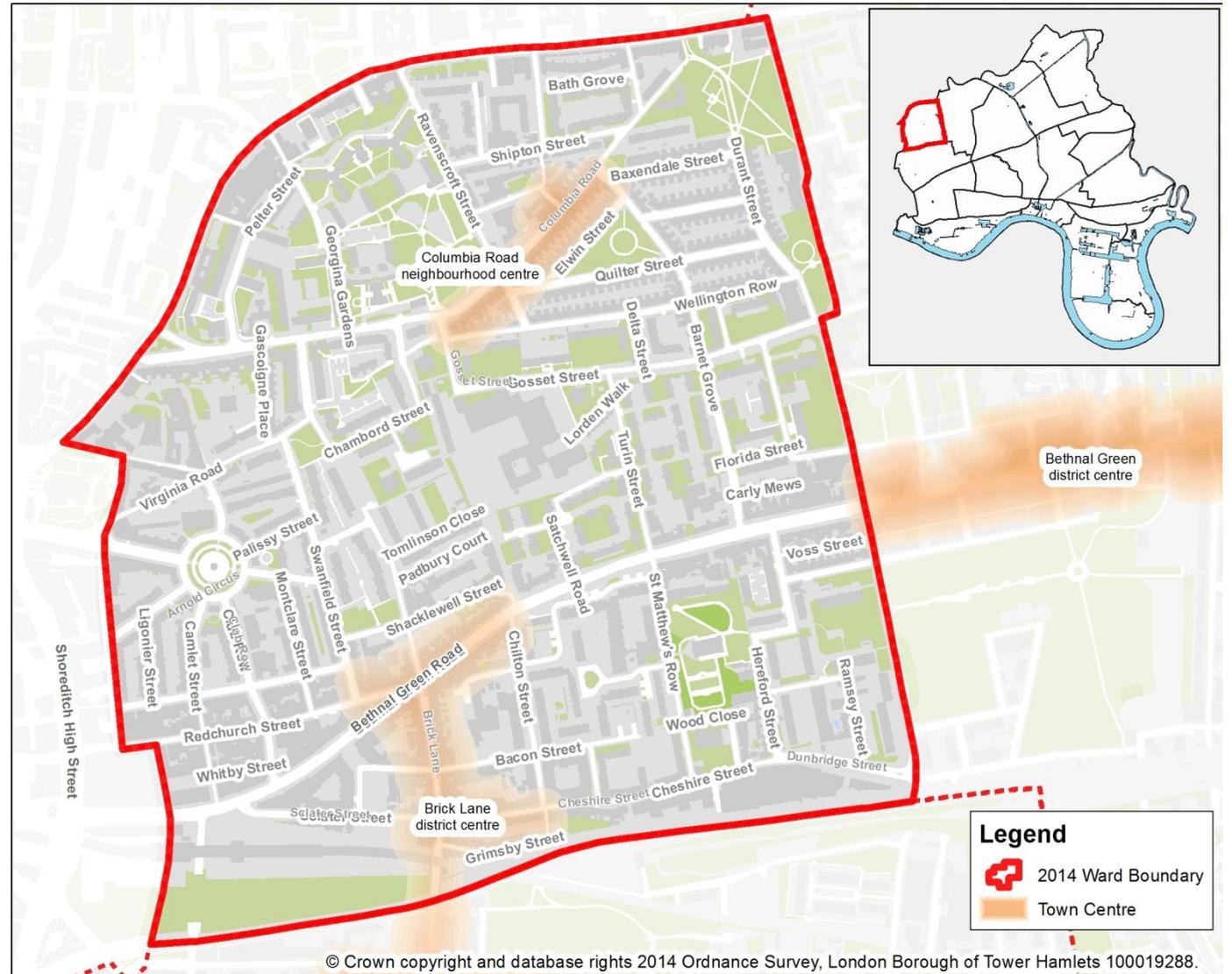


Weavers Ward Profile



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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.

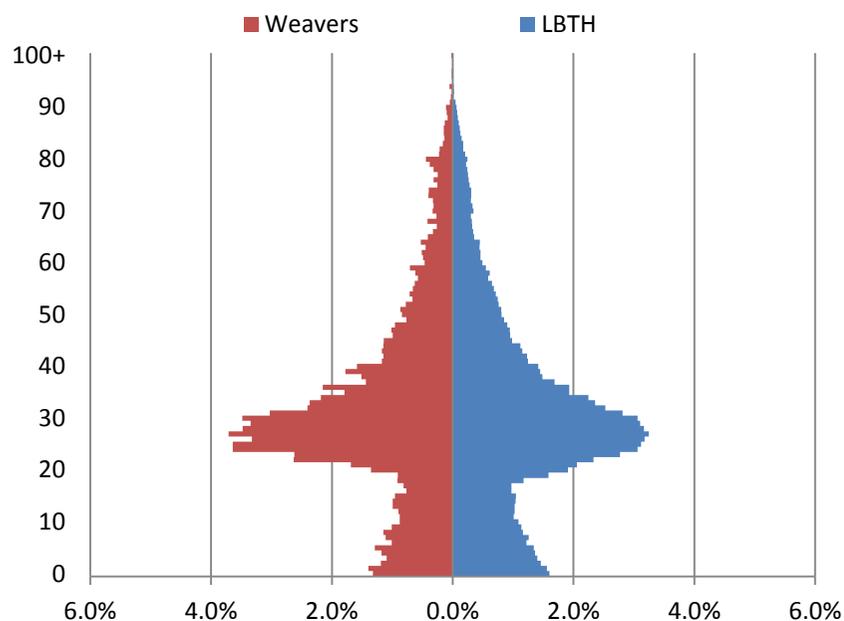
In May 2014, the number of wards increased from 17 to 20. The changes were made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, in order to ensure that every councillor in Tower Hamlets represented roughly the same number of residents. The changes mean that no ward will have a population variance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

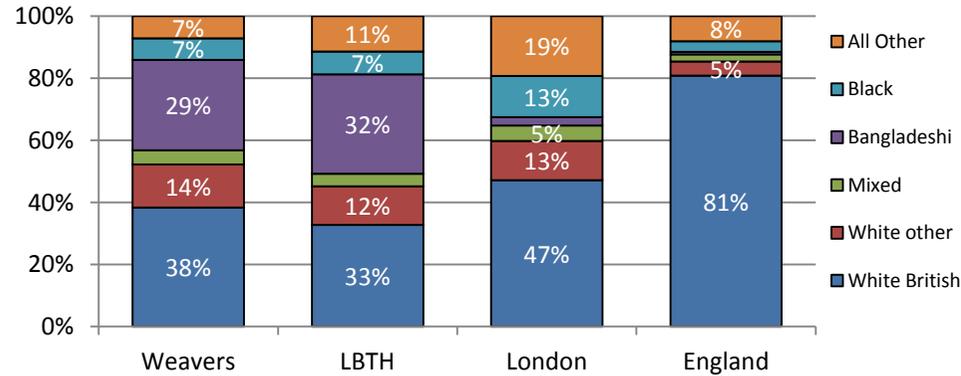
Residents by Age	0-15	16-64	65+	Total
Weavers	2,234	9,736	915	12,885
Weavers %	17.3%	75.6%	7.1%	100%
Tower Hamlets %	19.7%	74.1%	6.1%	100%

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

- At the time of the 2011 Census, the population for Weavers ward was 12,885 which accounted for just over 5 per cent of the total population of Tower Hamlets.
- The ward had 6,682 males and 6,203 females providing a gender split in the ward of 51.9 per cent male and 48.1 per cent female. The gender split is broadly comparable to the borough average.
- The population density in this ward was 178 people per hectare, higher than the borough average of 129 people per hectare.
- The proportion of residents in the Weavers ward aged 65+ was higher than the borough average.

Ethnicity

Figure 2: Ethnicity

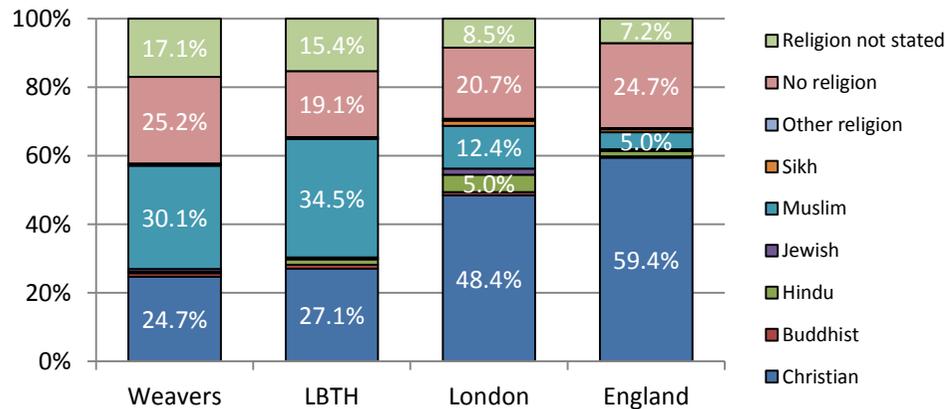


(Source: Census 2011 QS201EW - Ethnic group)

- At the time of the 2011 Census, 6,152 residents in the ward were BME (48 per cent). This proportion was lower than the borough average of 54 per cent.
- Residents of Bangladeshi origin accounted for 29 per cent of the population (3,749 residents), a higher proportion than the borough average.
- There were 4,940 White British residents in the Weavers ward. There was a higher proportion of residents who are 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 81 per cent of all residents in this ward.

Religion

Figure 3: Religion

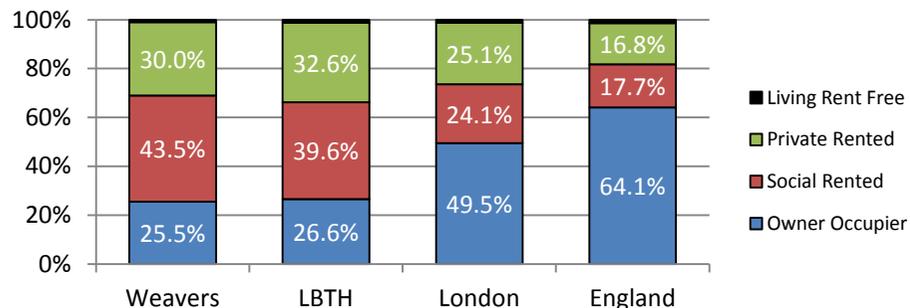


(Source: Census 2011 QS208EW – Religion)

- The proportion of residents who identified themselves as Christian was 24.7 per cent. At just over 30 per cent of the population, the proportion of Muslim residents was lower than the borough average.
- 3,251 residents in the Weavers ward explicitly stated that they had no religion, this equated to 25.2 per cent of the ward population, one of the highest proportions 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. In the Weavers ward there were 2,199 residents who did not state their religion – accounting for 17.1 per cent of the ward's population, higher than the borough average.

Housing Tenure¹

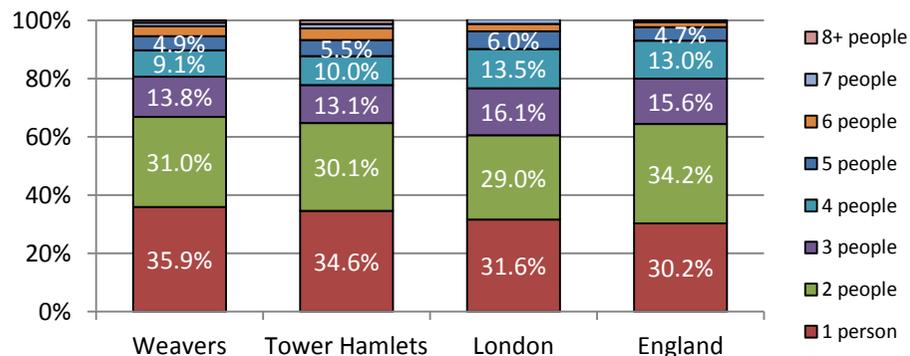
Figure 4: Tenure of households



(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

Household size

Figure 5: Tenure of household



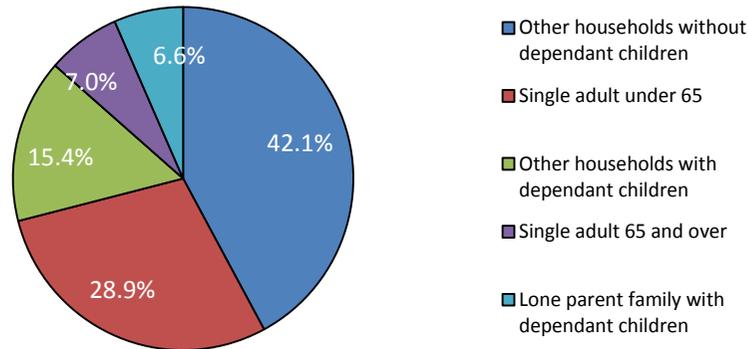
(Source: Census 2011 QS405EW - Tenure – Households)

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 5,441 households in the Weavers ward. Compared to the other wards, Weavers had a slightly higher than average proportion of households compared to the borough average, accounting for 5.3 per cent of the whole.
- 25.5 per cent of households in the wards are owner-occupied, a rate slightly lower than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- There were a higher than average proportion of socially rented properties in this ward and a slightly lower than average proportion of private rented properties. Together, the proportion of renters (73.6 per cent) was higher than the borough average (72.2 per cent).
- The proportion of households in the Weavers ward with three or more people accounted for 33.2 per cent of the total households in the ward. This proportion was lower than the borough average of 35 per cent.
- On Census day, 561 households were recorded as having five or more people living in them. This equates to 10.3 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 the ward was 2.37 compared to the borough average of 2.51.

Household composition

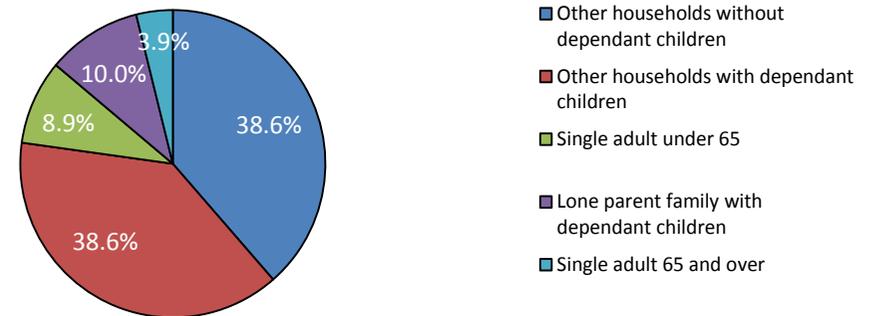
Figure 6: Household composition - percentage of households by type



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

- At the time of the Census, 39.3 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 22 percent of the households in the ward, lower than the borough average of 26.6 per cent.
- Single adult households accounted for 35.9 per cent of all households in the ward; however 14.5 per cent of the ward's residents lived in this type of household.
- Older people living alone (65+) accounted for 7 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. 17 per cent of households in the ward (911 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)

Average residents per household	Weavers	Tower Hamlets	London	England
Households with dependent children	4.21	4.30	3.89	3.78
Households with non-dependent children	1.84	1.81	1.84	1.78

(Source: Census 2011 QS406EW - Household size)

Area	Overcrowded (-1 or less)		Required Bedrooms (0)		Under Occupied (+1 or more)	
Weavers	911	17%	2,882	53%	1,648	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
Weavers	1,013	950	10,922
Weavers (%)	7.9%	7.4%	84.8%
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, 1,013 residents (7.9 per cent) in Weavers had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a lot*, while around 7.4 per cent (950 residents) had a long term health problem or disability *limiting the persons day to day activities a little*.
- In Weavers, 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 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
Weavers	11,925	550	157	253
Weavers (%)	92.5%	4.3%	1.2%	2.0%
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 7.5 per cent of residents in Weavers provided unpaid care. The Weavers rate was similar to Tower Hamlets (7.6 per cent) but lower compared to London (8.4 per cent) and England (10.2 per cent).
- From 960 residents in Weavers who provided unpaid care, around 157 residents provided care for 20 to 49 hours a week, while 253 residents provided care for 50 or more hours a week.
- The proportion of those providing care for 50 hours or more of 2.0 per cent in Weavers was just above borough and London rates, but below the England average (2.4 per cent).

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
Weavers	6,203	683	503	506	757	622	522	387
Weavers (%)	60.9	6.7	4.9	5.0	7.4	6.1	5.1	3.8
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)

- The proportion of economically inactive residents in Weavers was close to the overall borough average. Only the proportion of long term sick and disabled showed a slightly higher rate.
- A total of 503 residents were unemployed in Weavers. This rate of 6.7 per cent was the exact rate as in Tower Hamlets, both were above London (5.2 per cent) and England (4.4 per cent) rates.

- Table 6 shows a summary of labour market participation of residents in the week before the Census 2011.

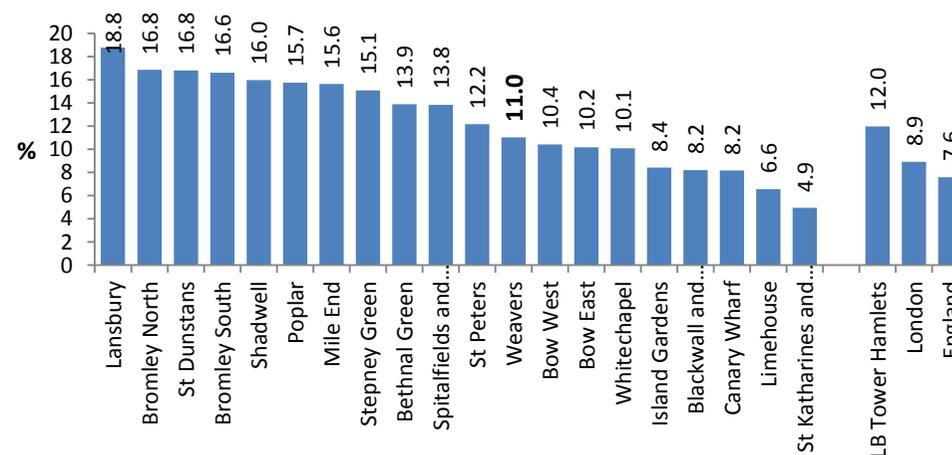
- The table summarises economic activity and inactivity of the 16 to 74 population in Weavers and comparator areas.

- The Weavers ward had a above the borough average rate of people in employment (60.9 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.
- Weavers had the 9th lowest unemployment rate in the Borough with 11 per cent, one percentage points below the Tower Hamlets rate.

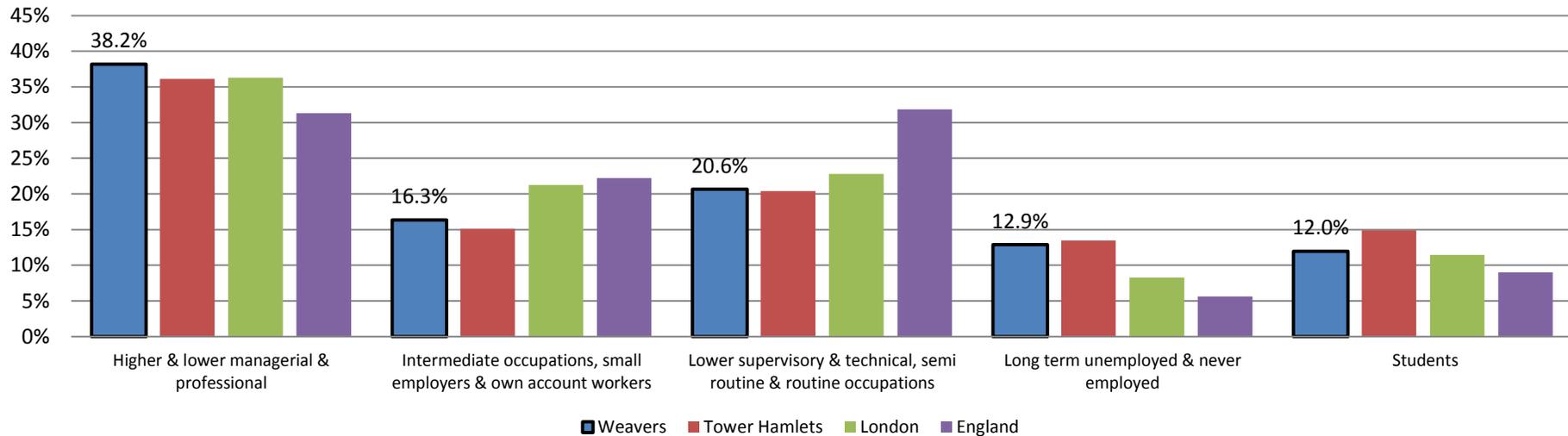
Figure 8: Unemployment rate of 16 to 64 – economic active population only



(Source: Census 2011: QS601EW - Economic activity)

Socio economic groups

Figure 10: Socio Economic Groups



(Source: Census 2011 QS607EW - NS-SeC)

- At the time of the Census, there was 38.2 per cent of working aged residents in the ward who were employed in the managerial and professional occupations. This was higher than the borough average of 36.1 per cent.
- The proportion of residents in the ward classified as students was lower than the borough average of 14.9 per cent.
- There was 12.9 per cent of residents who were classified as long term unemployed / never employed in the Weavers ward (1,312 residents).
- The number of residents working in the lower managerial & professional sector was almost double that of those working in the higher managerial & professional sector (2,986 residents and 1,362 residents respectively).

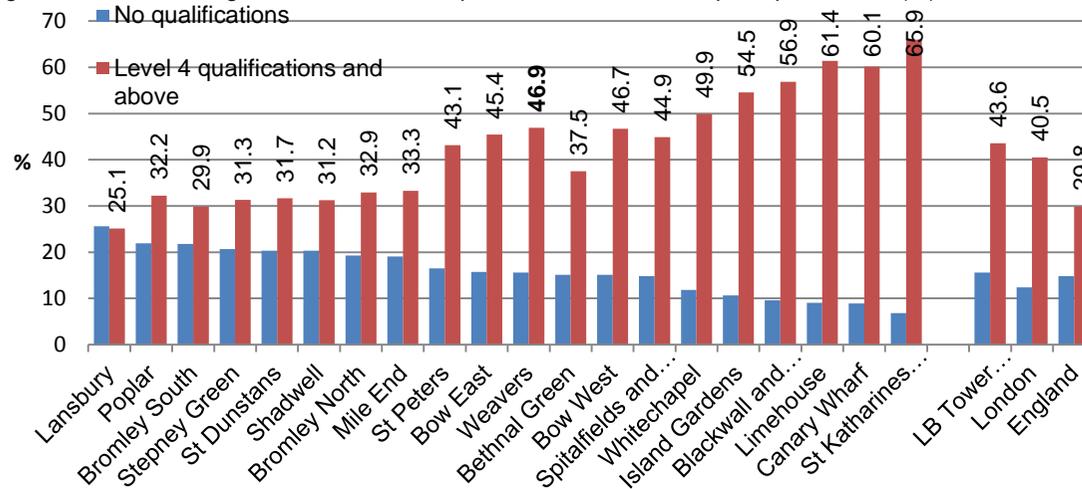
Qualification levels

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
Weavers	1,516	839	856	74	916	4,570	965
Weavers (%)	15.6	8.6	8.8	0.8	9.4	46.9	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 Weavers showed a similar qualification structure compared to all Tower Hamlets residents but with a slightly larger proportion of level 4 plus qualifications.
- The proportion of those with a level 4 qualification was the higher lower in Weavers (46.9 per cent) compared to Tower Hamlets (43.6 per cent) and London (40.5 per cent).
- Around 1,516 residents (15.6 per cent) aged 16 to 64 did not hold a formal qualification. This rate was the same as the Tower Hamlets average. Both were above the London (12.4 per cent) and England rates (14.8 per cent).
- The proportion of Weavers residents with a level 1, 2 or 3 qualification were all slightly below the Tower Hamlets averages.

Weavers Statistical Area

Statistical Areas

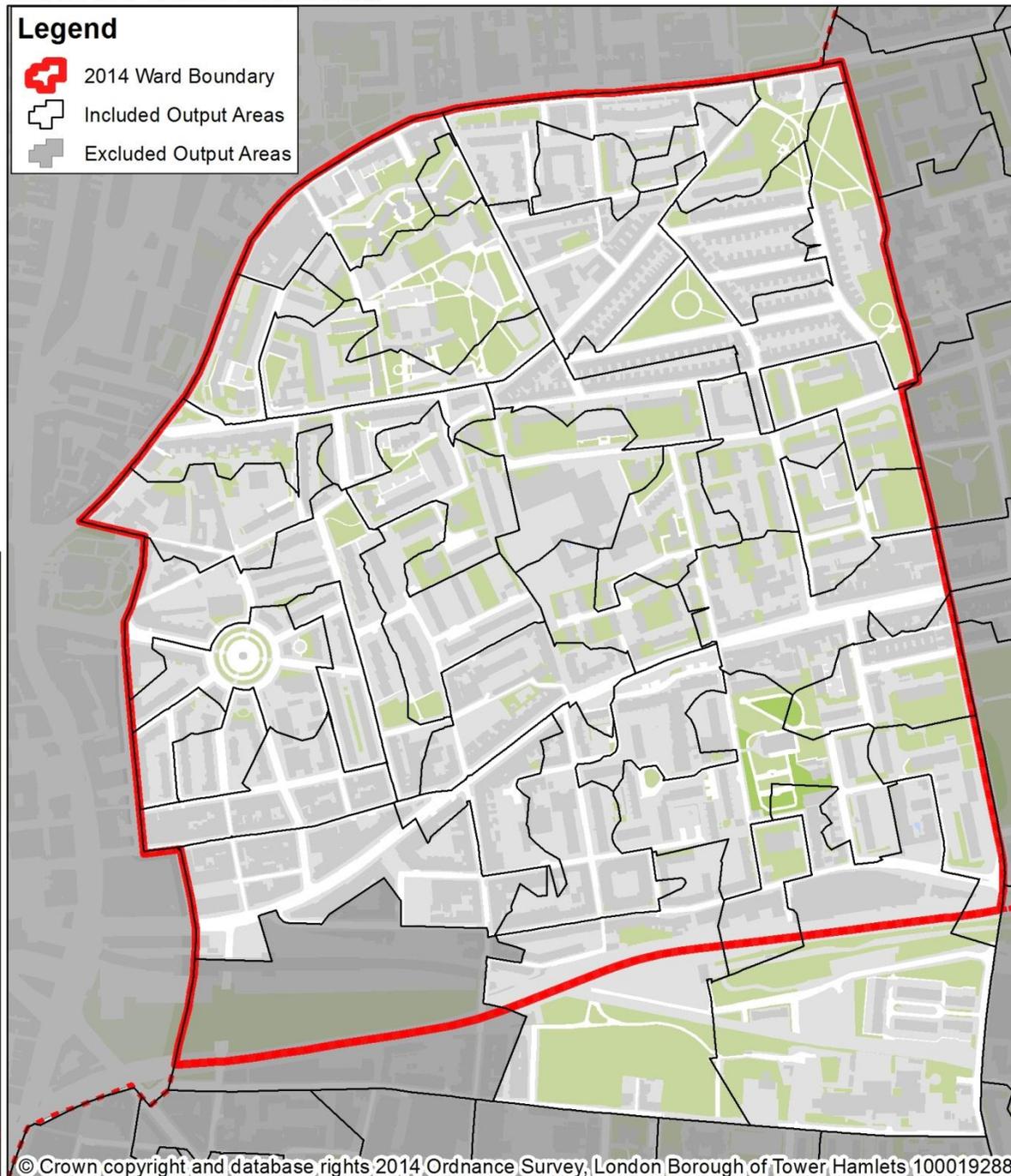
The map (right) shows which Census Output Areas have been included in the summary statistics for this ward, and which areas have been assigned to other wards.

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:

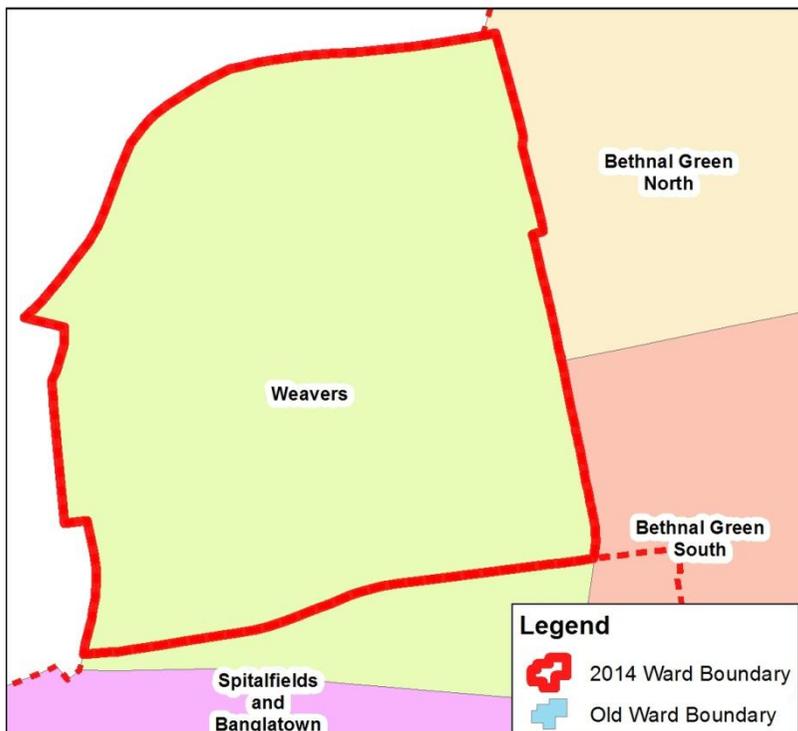
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/geography/geographic-policy/best-fit-policy/index.html>.

Legend

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



Weavers 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.