

## CENSUS 2001: Summary of LB Hackney Figures (13th February 2003)



- On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2003, the second wave of findings from Census 2001 were released for England & Wales providing demographic profiles of national local authority areas, categorised and ranked by district and region.
- The Office for National Statistics has produced 25 tables to provide details of a range of characteristics from the 2001 Census and to enable a general demographic profile of local authority areas.
- Hackney's response rate to Census 2001 was 72%, the second lowest of all London boroughs. The average response rate of the Inner London boroughs (78%) was significantly lower than that of Local Authorities outside of the London region. However, additional measures were adopted to obtain an estimate of those who were missed on Census night. <sup>1</sup>
- This document provides brief summaries on demographic subjects, providing comparisons to London and England & Wales and relating to Census 1991 data.

*1 This is known as the One Number Census (ONC) procedure.*

### Key Facts

The data for Hackney reflected some expected trends such as high levels of unemployment, crime and rented households. However, a number of encouraging trends were also reflected, including above average levels of full-time students and extensive use of public transport, which supports current service planning and highlights borough-wide successes.

1. Hackney's population increased by 11.9% from 181,164 in 1991 to 202,824 in 2001.
2. Hackney has 5,614 more children and young people aged between 0 to 15 years of age than in 1991 (41,817). The largest group in this age range are those aged 0 to 4 years old (8.26%), which is the second largest proportion of 0-4 year olds in Greater London.
3. Hackney's Black African population reflects the greatest increase from 6.73% in 1991 to 11.98% in 2001. The number of people who categorised themselves as White has remained around 120,000 since 1991.
4. Christians represent the largest religious groups in Hackney (46.56%) with Muslims (13.76%) and Jewish faiths (5.29%\*) comprising the top 3 faiths within the borough.

*\* Please Note: the 'Religion' question on the Census 2001 form was voluntary. Therefore, the 5.29% figure for the Jewish in Hackney is an undercount, with the charedi Jewish community alone representing between 8 and 10% of the Borough's population. (Source: 'Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness' - Christine Holman and Naomi Holman, De Montfort University, November 2002).*

5. 50.48 % of Hackney's population are single and have never previously married.
6. One third of all households (32.9%) lived in owner-occupied accommodation, which is the third lowest rate in England & Wales. The comparable rate for Hackney in 1991 was 26.9%.
7. 68.38% of people in Hackney are generally in 'good' health, which is closely comparable to the average proportion (68.55%) for the UK, but lower than the average for London (70.7%). <sup>2</sup>
8. 56% of Hackney households do not have a car, lower than the Greater London average of 37% and the England & Wales average of 27%.
9. 5,148 people (3.5%) of Hackney's working aged population are economically active full-time students.

10. There were 18,596 full-time students in Hackney in 2001, which accounted for just over one tenth (12.66%) of the working aged population. Hackney has the 6th highest proportion of economically active full-time students (5,148 people) within Greater London and is ranked 39th of the 376 local authorities in England & Wales.

11. Hackney is ranked 10th in England & Wales for the proportion of people using public transport. 50.72% of Hackney residents preferred this option to travelling by car (20.26%).

*2 The question asked respondents for a self-assessment of their general health by asking them to state whether their health over the last 12 months was either good, fairly good or not good.*

## Population

- Hackney's population increased by 11.9% from 181,164 in 1991 to 202,824 in 2001, reflecting a density of 106.413<sup>3</sup> people per hectare, the third densest region within London and the UK. Without parks and open spaces, however, Hackney's density equals 129.6 people per hectare.
- In 2001, 28,828 people had migrated<sup>4</sup> to Hackney, an increase of 8,674 since 1991. The majority of migrants (12,979) had moved from another area within the UK, whilst 2,370 people had moved to Hackney from outside of the UK.
- Hackney's female population (52%) exceeded the male population (48%) This is consistent with both London (with the exception of Tower Hamlets) and the UK overall. The ONS has suggested that this may be attributed to emigration trends amongst young, single men.<sup>5</sup>
- Hackney has 5,614 more children and young people aged between 0 to 15 years, than in 1991 (41,817). The largest group in this age range are those aged 0 to 4 years old (8.26%), which is the second largest proportion of 0 to 4 year olds in Greater London.
- Those aged between 30 to 44 years represented the largest population group in Hackney and comprised 27.46% of the borough's total population. This reflects a large number of working aged<sup>6</sup> people within the borough.
- The mean age for Hackney's residents is 32 compared to the 38 for England & Wales. The large size of this age group is consistent with trends for London and the UK.

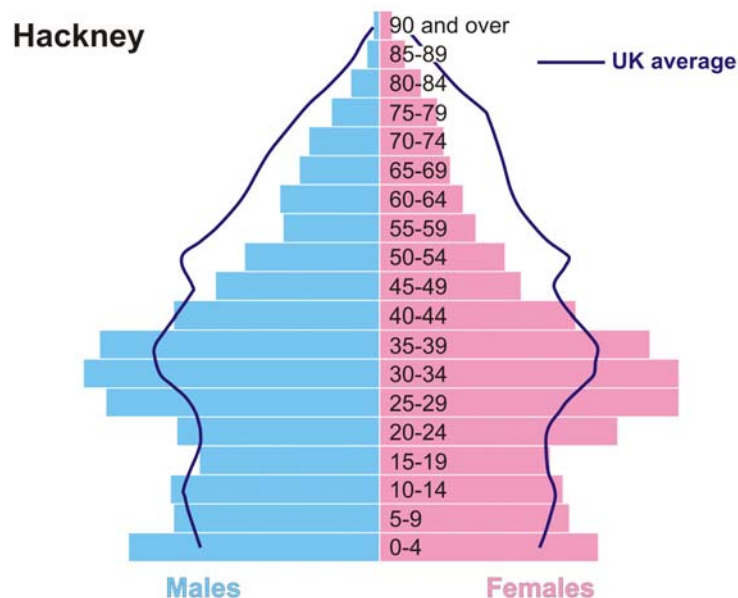
*3 Hackney GIS and Statistics.*

*4 A migrant is a person with a different address one year before the date of the Census to that at Census night.*

*5 On the ONS website at [www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/implications.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/implications.asp)*

*6 Economically active people aged from 16 to 74.*

**Figure 1:**  
Hackney's population in 2001 by gender and 5 year age ranges



## Ethnicity

- 16 ethnic categories were used for Census 2001, including 4 new categories for mixed ethnicities and a category for Other White for the first time at Census level.
- Hackney's largest ethnic minority groups are Black Africans (11.98%), Black Caribbeans (10.29) and Other Whites (12.26%).
- The Black African group indicates the largest increase from the Census 1991 population figures of 6.73%.
- The proportion of Black Caribbean people in Hackney decreased from 11.25% in 1991 to 10.29% in 2001 and the proportion of Black Other people decreased from 3.98% to 2.39% during the same period.
- Despite the 4 new Mixed Ethnicity categories, the numbers of all ethnic groups in Hackney have increased, except for the Black Other category which decreased by 2,388.<sup>7</sup>
- Nationally the proportion of the Black Other group fell and the ONS has suggested that this may have been affected by the new 'Mixed' categories.
- The number of people in Hackney who categorised themselves as White has remained virtually the same, 120,468 (2001) compared to 120,484 (1991). However the percentage change of this category has decreased from 66.47% in 1991 to 59.40% in 2001.
- 44% of all people in Hackney are White British. Hackney was one of 8 Greater London boroughs reflecting Other White populations of more than 12%, with Kensington and Chelsea (25.26%), Westminster (21.07%) and Haringey (16.05%) having the highest percentages for this ethnic group.
- London has the highest proportion of people from most of the classified ethnic groups<sup>8</sup> with Black Caribbeans forming more than 10% of the population within the London boroughs of Lewisham (12.27%), Lambeth (12.07%) and Brent (10.47%).
- 2% of the population within England & Wales are Indian, 1.1% are Black Caribbean's and 0.9% are Black African with a further 0.9% from other Black groups.

*7 Those writing in Black British in 1991 were in the 'Black Other' category.*

*8 In 2001, 16 ethnic groups were categorized for key statistics reports and standard output tables. A full list of ethnic groups and cultural background categories will be available for commissioned output report.*

## Country of Birth

- Almost two thirds of Hackney's population were born in England (62.43%), slightly less than the Census 1991 figure of 68%, but closely comparable to the Inner London average of 62.75%.
- 29.48% of Hackney's population stated that they were born outside of the EU, a similar proportion to the London boroughs of Haringey (30.54%) and Hammersmith and Fulham (30.86%).
- Greater London has the lowest proportion of people born in the UK, with the borough of Brent having the largest proportion of people who were born in non EU countries (38.16%).
- The proportion of people born outside of the EU has risen from 5.3% in 1991 to 6.9% in 2001 within England & Wales, with some districts such as the London boroughs of Newham and Harrow indicating 8% increases.

## Religion

- Hackney's largest religious group are Christians (46.56%), with the Muslim (13.76%) and Jewish faiths (5.29%\*) comprising the 3 largest groups within the borough.
- Hackney's Jewish population\* was measured for the first time for Census 2001. It is one of the 6 largest religious groups in England, and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest within London, the largest being within the London of Barnet (14.84%).

*\* Please Note: the 'Religion' question on the Census 2001 form was voluntary. Therefore, the 5.29% figure for the Jewish in Hackney is an undercount, with the charedi Jewish community alone representing between 8 and 10% of the Borough's population. (Source: 'Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness' - Christine Holman and Naomi Holman, De Montfort University, November 2002).*

- However, 19.03% of Hackney's population stated that they did not have a religion and 11.99% did not state their religion. It should be noted that some ethnic and religious groups are reluctant to specify their beliefs based on ethical, moral and safety grounds.
- 58% of people in London gave their religion as Christian, 8% as Muslims and 4% as Hindu.
- Those giving their religion as Christian represented 72% of the population of England & Wales, with 14.81% stating that they did not have a religion. It should be noted that the question on religion was voluntary with 7.7% of people choosing not to respond to it.

## Marital Status

- Although three quarters of Hackney's population (76.62%) are over the age of 16, 50.48% of the people are single and have never previously married.
- 12.34% of Hackney's adult population live in cohabiting couple households, comparable to the Inner London average of 12% but higher than the England & Wales average of 9.8%.
- Hackney's proportion of single people is ranked as the 8<sup>th</sup> largest within Greater London and within England & Wales.
- 11 of the Greater London boroughs were within the top 12 UK ranking of single residents, with the boroughs of Lambeth (55.81%), Hammersmith and Fulham (54.72%) and Camden (54.45%) maintaining the top three rankings.
- The Greater London average for single, unmarried people is 41.23%, whilst the UK average is 30.11%.

## Housing / Households

- In 2001 Hackney had 86,042 households, an increase of 10,411 since 1991.
- One third of all households (32.9%) lived in owner-occupied accommodation, which is the third lowest rate in England & Wales. The comparable rate for Hackney in 1991 was 26.9%.
- Just over one third of households (35.6%) lived in council homes in 2001. This compares to 47.9% in 1991.
- One fifth of households (20.1%) rent from a Housing Association. This is the highest proportion amongst all London Boroughs, and is up from 11.3% of all households in 1991.
- The average household size in Hackney is 2.34 people per household, which is close to the national average of 2.36. However, the borough has the sixth highest level of overcrowding in England & Wales (behind five other London Boroughs).<sup>9</sup>
- Hackney has 8,616 lone parent households with dependent children. This is the seventh highest proportion in London and the tenth nationally.
- Most lone parent households with dependent children are headed by females (92%) of which 33.3% are in employment.

*9 The occupancy rating provides a measure of under occupancy and overcrowding. It relates the actual number of rooms 'required' by the members of the household, dependent on their relationship and age. A one person household is assumed to require three rooms (2 common rooms and a bedroom). Where there are two or more residents it is assumed that they require a minimum of 2 common rooms and a bedroom.*

## Health

- 68.38% of people in Hackney are generally in 'good' health, which is closely comparable to the average proportion (68.55%) for the UK, but lower than the average for London (70.7%).<sup>10</sup>
- Hackney is one of 5 London boroughs with more than 15% of people who have limiting long-term illnesses. The borough is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> of all London boroughs, with Barking and Dagenham being ranked 1 with a very close comparison of 15.97%.
- Hackney has the highest number of permanently sick or disabled people in Greater London at 7% (10,340 people) and is ranked 70<sup>th</sup> nationally.

- The provision of unpaid care by residents was measured for the first time at Census level in 2001. 62.1% of all unpaid carers (4.7% of the borough's total population) provided care for up to 19 hours per week. 7.6% of Hackney residents are unpaid carers.<sup>11</sup>
- Hackney has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest proportion of carers who provide 50 or more hours of unpaid care per week (23.05%) within Inner London, with the neighbouring borough of Tower Hamlets having the highest proportion at 27.80%.
- Only 8.5% of people within London act as carers, the lowest proportion of all regions.
- The proportion of the UK population with long-term illnesses has increased from 13.3% in 1991 to 18.23%.

*10 The question asked respondents for a self-assessment of their general health by asking them to state whether their health over the last 12 months had been good, fairly good or not good.*

*11 Carers are people looking after or giving help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others, because of long-term physical or mental ill health or disability, or problems related to old age.*

## **Economic Activity**

- In 2001 10,413 people in Hackney were unemployed. Hackney's 6.9% unemployment rate is the largest proportion of all districts and regions within England & Wales.
- People aged 16 to 24 years represented the largest group of unemployed people within the borough (19.39%).
- Of the 51.4% of the population aged 16 to 74 years old who are employed, 34.99% have full-time positions within the most popular industries of real estate, renting and business activities.
- Both men and women work mostly in associate professional and technical occupations for 38 to 48 hours per week. Hackney's average annual income per household is £28,600, higher than the national average of £26,200.<sup>12</sup>
- Hackney (12.10%), Newham (17.11%) and Tower Hamlets (19.56%) have the largest proportions of women of working age who have never worked. The UK average for this social group is 3.71%.
- There were 18,596 full-time students in Hackney in 2001, which accounted for just over one tenth (12.66%) of the working aged population. Hackney has the sixth highest proportion of economically active full-time students (5,148 people) within Greater London and is ranked 39th of the 376 local authorities in England & Wales.
- 32.93% of Hackney's working aged population stated that they have a level 4/5 qualification<sup>13</sup>, significantly higher than the England & Wales average of 19.76%.
- 37.05% of Hackney households own or have access to one car or van<sup>14</sup>, less than the London average for this category (43.05%), whilst the England & Wales average is 43.8%.
- 56% of Hackney households do not have a car, lower than the Greater London average of 37% and the England & Wales average of 27%.
- 50.72% of Hackney residents used public transport to travel to work. Hackney is ranked within the top 10 local authorities in England & Wales for the largest proportions of people using this mode of travel to work.
- 21.74% of Hackney residents travelled to work in a car, compared to 36% of people in Greater London and 61.5% of people in England & Wales.

*12 Hackney GIS and Statistics.*

*13 First degree; Higher degree; NVQ levels 4 and 5; HNC; HND; Qualified Teacher Status; Qualified Medical Doctor; Qualified Dentist; Qualified Nurse; Midwife; Health Visitor.*

*14 The question asked how many cars or vans are owned, or available for use, by one or more members of your household? It includes company cars and vans available for private use.*