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2011 Census snapshot: Family Type

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Introduction

The 30th of August 2013 saw Census release 3.3 from the Office of National Statistics which included Detailed Characteristics data for demography and families. This snapshot sets out the key findings for London from table DC1110EW1a. This dataset provides 2011 Census estimates that classify families in England & Wales by family type and by age of Family Reference Person (FRP). The estimates are as at Census day, 27th March 2011.

Key Findings:

- **From 2001 to 2011 concealed families in London increased by 93.5 per cent (from 35,447 to 68,600)**
- **13.1 per cent of all families in England & Wales lived in London in 2011, and London accounted for 23.7 per cent of all concealed families in England & Wales**
- **The proportion of FRPs aged 35 to 49 in London (38.1 per cent) was higher than that of any other region in England & Wales**
- **In London, lone parent families accounted for 32.8 per cent of all concealed families, compared with 52.7 per cent nationally**

For the purposes of the census a family is defined as couple living together, with or without children, or a lone parent with children. In this definition the adult or adults in the family can be either the children's parents or grandparents. The couples can be married, in a same-sex civil partnership or cohabiting.

One individual within each family is designated the Family Reference Person (FRP). The FRP represents the family in census tables that require individual characteristics (such as ethnicity) to be assigned to household characteristics (such as tenure). This is similar to the process of designating a Household Reference Person (HRP) to represent all members of a household.

A concealed family exists where more than one family is present in a household. A family which does not contain an HRP is designated a concealed family. The characteristics of concealed families are not recorded

in census tables which proved data on HRP, instead the characteristics of the HRP are applied to the concealed family. An unconcealed family is one which contains an HRP¹.

2001 to 2011

From 2001 to 2011 concealed families in London increased by 93.5 per cent (from 35,447 to 68,600), and 70.4 per cent in England & Wales (169,765 to 289,295)². Concealed families in Barking & Dagenham increased by 273.1 per cent, higher than any other London borough. In the same period, unconcealed families increased by 12.1 per cent in London (1.78 million to 2.00 million), and 6.6 per cent nationally (14.51 million to 15.47 million). The largest increase of unconcealed families from 2001 to 2011 in London was in Tower Hamlets, with 26.8 per cent.

Other notable changes from 2001 to 2011 included:

- Concealed lone parent families with all non-dependent children increased by 211.1 per cent in Greenwich (45 to 140) and 203.3 per cent in Sutton (30 to 91)
- Concealed couple families with dependent children increased by 231.2 per cent in Merton (186 to 357) and 216.7 per cent in Hillingdon (257 to 511)
- Concealed couple families with all non-dependent children increased by 336.4 per cent in Sutton (11 to 48) and 216.7 per cent in Richmond-upon-Thames (12 to 38)
- In seven family status categories Barking & Dagenham saw an increase of over 200 per cent, two of which were over 400 per cent. These were: concealed couple families with dependent children, which increased by 479.2 per cent (48 to 278), and concealed lone parent families with non-dependent children, which increased by 432.1 per cent (28 to 149).

Regions

In 2011, 14.6 per cent of the usual resident population of England & Wales lived in London, while the capital accounted for 14.0 per cent of households. A slightly lower proportion, 13.1 per cent, of families in England & Wales lived in London, which suggests that Londoners were either less likely to live in family units than elsewhere in the country or that families in London family were, on average, slightly larger.

However, due to the size of the population of London, while the probability of a Londoner living in a family was lower, the capital accounted for the second highest share of families when compared to the other regions in England & Wales (the South East was first with 15.6 per cent).

London accounted for over half of concealed families in England & Wales. Census table DC1110EW breaks concealed families into six categories (see Table 1 for details). London also had the highest percentage share in England & Wales for each concealed family category, with over 20 per cent in each category.

Among unconcealed families in England & Wales, London as a region had the second largest share: after the South East, with 12.9 per cent. London was also second for unconcealed families with dependent children (14.8 per cent) and unconcealed families with all non-dependents (14.1 per cent).

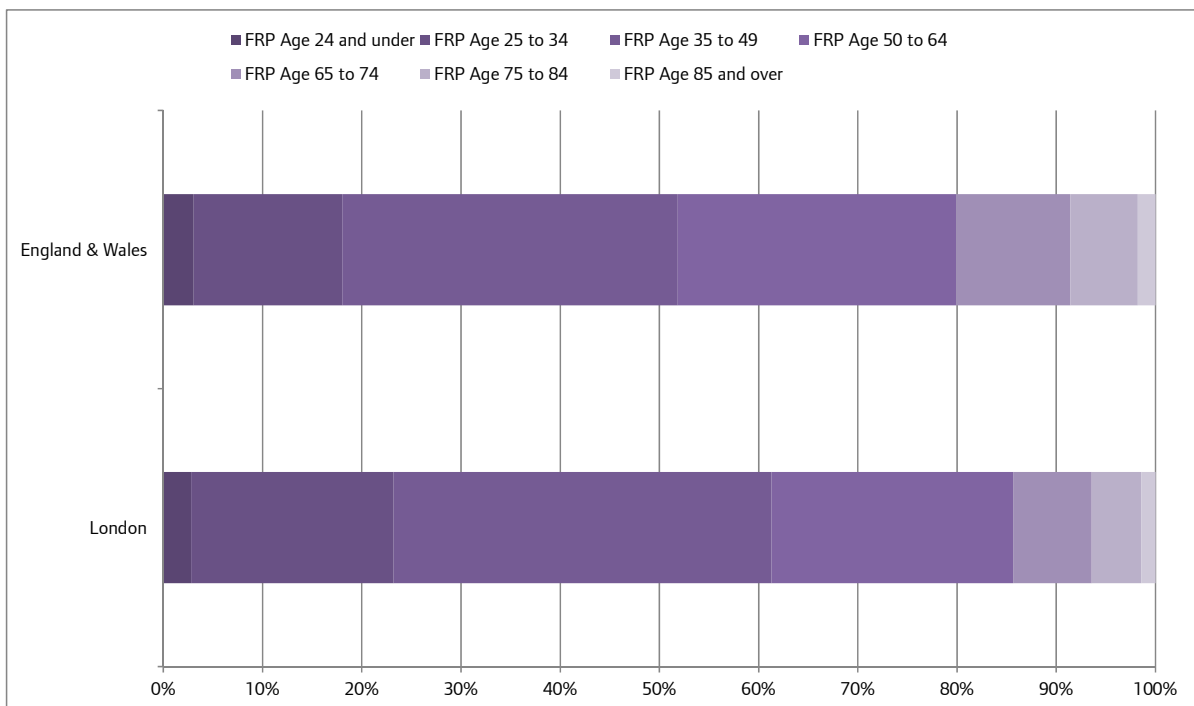
¹ For more information on census definitions see the Office for National Statistics 2011 Census Glossary: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-user-guide/glossary/index.html>

² 2001 data available from Standard Table ST011

The age group most likely to be an FRP in England & Wales, and all constituent regions, was 35 to 49 years old. The proportion of FRP's aged 35 to 49 in London at 38.1 per cent was higher than that of any other region in England & Wales (see Table 2).

London had a younger population than England & Wales; 61.3 per cent of families in London had an FRP under the age of 50, compared to 51.9 per cent in England & Wales. London had a higher proportion of all of FRP's at all ages up to 50, and lower proportions at all ages over 50 (see Figure 1). The largest difference between London and England & Wales was in the FRP age group 25 to 34 where there was a 5.5 percentage points difference.

Figure 1: Age of FRP in London and England & Wales



Source: 2011 Census, DC1110EW1a

Table 1: Family status by Region

Concealed family status	England & Wales	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales
All categories: All families	100.0%	4.7%	12.6%	9.5%	8.3%	10.1%	10.8%	13.1%	15.6%	9.7%	5.6%
Concealed family: Total	100.0%	3.3%	11.1%	8.8%	7.1%	11.9%	8.6%	23.7%	13.6%	7.3%	4.6%
Lone parent family: Total	100.0%	4.7%	13.9%	9.7%	6.9%	12.5%	8.0%	21.0%	11.6%	5.9%	5.8%
Dependent children	100.0%	5.2%	14.6%	10.2%	7.1%	12.4%	8.0%	18.9%	11.6%	5.9%	6.1%
All children non-dependent	100.0%	2.9%	11.1%	8.0%	6.4%	12.7%	8.0%	28.9%	11.4%	6.0%	4.6%
Couple family: Total	100.0%	2.5%	9.5%	8.2%	7.1%	11.6%	9.0%	25.3%	14.8%	8.0%	3.9%
No children	100.0%	2.5%	9.2%	7.6%	7.2%	10.8%	9.5%	24.7%	15.7%	8.7%	4.0%
Dependent children	100.0%	2.4%	9.8%	9.8%	7.1%	13.2%	8.2%	25.9%	13.3%	6.7%	3.6%
All children non-dependent	100.0%	2.5%	11.3%	9.5%	6.6%	14.5%	6.7%	28.8%	10.7%	5.5%	4.0%
Unconcealed family: Total	100.0%	4.8%	12.6%	9.6%	8.4%	10.0%	10.8%	12.9%	15.6%	9.7%	5.6%
No children	100.0%	4.8%	12.0%	9.9%	8.9%	9.7%	11.3%	10.5%	16.3%	11.1%	5.6%
Dependent children	100.0%	4.6%	12.8%	9.4%	8.0%	10.2%	10.5%	14.8%	15.4%	8.8%	5.4%
All children non-dependent	100.0%	5.2%	13.8%	9.1%	7.8%	10.7%	10.2%	14.1%	14.4%	8.6%	6.1%

Source: 2011 Census, DC110EW1a

Table 2: Age of Family Reference Person by Region

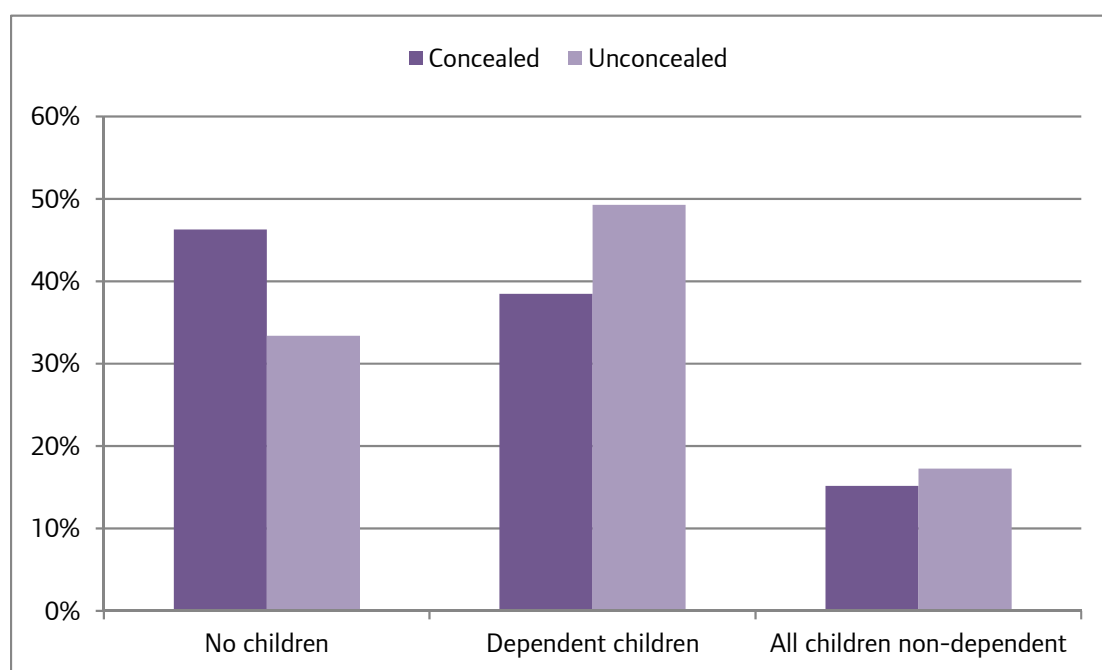
Age of FRP	England & Wales	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales
All categories: Age of FRP	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
FRP Age 24 and under	3.1%	3.8%	3.4%	3.7%	3.2%	3.3%	2.6%	2.8%	2.6%	2.9%	3.5%
FRP Age 25 to 34	15.0%	14.5%	14.8%	15.1%	13.9%	14.6%	13.9%	20.4%	13.7%	12.9%	13.8%
FRP Age 35 to 49	33.8%	32.4%	33.5%	33.2%	33.4%	33.4%	33.6%	38.1%	34.2%	31.6%	31.6%
FRP Age 50 to 64	28.1%	29.2%	28.4%	28.1%	28.8%	27.8%	28.6%	24.4%	28.8%	29.2%	29.0%
FRP Age 65 to 74	11.5%	11.8%	11.7%	11.6%	12.2%	12.1%	12.0%	7.9%	11.6%	13.1%	12.9%
FRP Age 75 to 84	6.8%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.9%	7.0%	7.3%	5.0%	7.1%	8.0%	7.3%
FRP Age 85 and over	1.8%	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.9%	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%	1.9%

Source: 2011 Census, DC110EW1a

Concealed and unconcealed families in London

Concealed families were less likely to have dependent children, more likely to have no children and (slightly) more likely to have no dependent children than unconcealed families. In London, 46.3 per cent of concealed families had no children, 12.9 percentage points more than unconcealed families. Unconcealed families therefore had a higher proportion of dependent children (49.3 per cent compared to 38.5 per cent of concealed families). There was a 2.1 percentage points difference between concealed and unconcealed families with all children non-dependent: 15.2 per cent of concealed families had all children non-dependent compared to 17.3 per cent of unconcealed families (see Figure 2).

Figure 2: Concealed and unconcealed families in London



Source: 2011 Census, DC110EW1a

Unconcealed Families in London

The figures for unconcealed families were very similar to those for all families. In London, 96.7 per cent of all families were unconcealed (98.2 per cent in England & Wales), a total of 1,995,663 families. In the capital, 49.3 per cent of unconcealed families had dependent children, 33.4 per cent had no children, and 17.3 per cent had all children non-dependent.

There were significant differences between London and England & Wales in the categories unconcealed families with no children and unconcealed families with dependent children. London had 7.8 percentage points less unconcealed families with no children, and 6.3 percentage points more families with dependent children (see Table 3).

The age category 75 to 84 had the largest proportion of unconcealed families with no children in London, where 64.5 per cent of unconcealed FRPs from this age category had no children. 75.0 per cent of unconcealed FRPs aged 35 to 49 had dependent children, higher than any other age group. Of unconcealed FRPs aged 50 to 64, 39.2 per cent had all children non-dependent, which was higher than the other FRP age groups.

Table 3: Unconcealed family status by Age of Family Reference Person (FRP)

Unconcealed Families	All categories: Age of FRP							
	FRP Age 24 and under	FRP Age 25 to 34	FRP Age 35 to 49	FRP Age 50 to 64	FRP Age 65 to 74	FRP Age 75 to 84	FRP Age 85 and over	
London								
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
No children	33.4%	33.3%	46.8%	18.6%	30.4%	59.7%	64.5%	55.5%
Dependent children	49.3%	66.3%	53.0%	75.0%	30.5%	4.4%	2.3%	1.9%
All children non-dependent	17.3%	0.5%	0.2%	6.5%	39.2%	35.9%	33.2%	42.7%
England & Wales								
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
No children	41.2%	34.9%	36.7%	17.1%	47.7%	78.3%	78.1%	66.6%
Dependent children	43.0%	64.9%	63.1%	74.6%	21.4%	2.3%	1.1%	1.3%
All children non-dependent	15.8%	0.2%	0.2%	8.3%	30.9%	19.4%	20.7%	32.1%

Source: 2011 Census, DC110EW1a

In London, 44.5 per cent of unconcealed families in Westminster had no children, higher than any other borough. 59.0 per cent of unconcealed families in Barking & Dagenham had dependent children, which was the largest share in London. In Brent, 22.1 per cent of unconcealed families had all children non-dependent, the London borough with the highest share (see Table 4).

In London, the share of unconcealed families with dependent children decreased in each FRP age category following 35 to 49. In England & Wales, however, the share of unconcealed families with dependent children increased from 1.1 per cent in the FRP age category 75 to 84, to 1.3 per cent FRP aged 85 and over.

Table 4: Unconcealed family status by Local Authority

2011 census merged local authority district	Largest share of unconcealed family type			All children non-dependent
	Unconcealed family: Total	No children	Dependent children	
Barking and Dagenham	100.0%	23.7%	59.0%	17.3%
Barnet	100.0%	32.4%	49.5%	18.2%
Bexley	100.0%	34.3%	46.4%	19.3%
Brent	100.0%	27.0%	50.9%	22.1%
Bromley	100.0%	38.1%	45.1%	16.9%
Camden	100.0%	40.5%	44.6%	14.9%
Croydon	100.0%	29.9%	51.8%	18.3%
Ealing	100.0%	30.1%	50.6%	19.3%
Enfield	100.0%	27.5%	52.7%	19.8%
Greenwich	100.0%	31.2%	52.3%	16.5%
Hackney	100.0%	31.4%	52.9%	15.7%
Hammersmith and Fulham	100.0%	39.8%	45.2%	15.0%
Haringey	100.0%	32.1%	51.4%	16.4%
Harrow	100.0%	30.6%	48.1%	21.3%
Havering	100.0%	36.8%	42.8%	20.5%
Hillingdon	100.0%	31.7%	49.4%	18.9%
Hounslow	100.0%	30.9%	49.9%	19.2%
Islington	100.0%	40.6%	44.0%	15.5%
Kensington and Chelsea	100.0%	43.3%	41.7%	15.0%
Kingston upon Thames	100.0%	37.5%	46.7%	15.8%
Lambeth	100.0%	35.2%	49.5%	15.3%
Lewisham	100.0%	30.2%	53.0%	16.8%
Merton	100.0%	36.5%	47.2%	16.3%
Newham	100.0%	24.0%	58.3%	17.7%
Redbridge	100.0%	28.2%	52.9%	18.9%
Richmond upon Thames	100.0%	40.2%	46.5%	13.3%
Southwark	100.0%	35.0%	49.8%	15.2%
Sutton	100.0%	35.2%	47.5%	17.3%
Tower Hamlets	100.0%	37.0%	50.2%	12.8%
Waltham Forest	100.0%	29.4%	52.6%	18.0%
Wandsworth	100.0%	43.2%	43.6%	13.2%
Westminster & City of London	100.0%	44.5%	41.1%	14.5%

Source: 2011 Census, DC110EW1a

Concealed Families in London

Concealed families were more common in London (3.3 per cent of all families) than England & Wales (1.8 per cent). There were significant differences between London and England & Wales' percentage shares of concealed families. In London, concealed lone parent families accounted for 32.8 per cent of all concealed families, compared to 52.7 per cent nationally. London had 19.9 percentage points more concealed couple families than England & Wales (see Table 3).

The largest difference between London and England & Wales was in the concealed family category 'lone parent families with dependent children'. 23.1 per cent of concealed families in London were in this category compared to 52.1 per cent in England & Wales (29.0 percentage points difference).

Table 5: Concealed family status in London and England & Wales

Concealed Families	London	England & Wales
Concealed family: Total	100.0%	100.0%
Lone parent family: Total	32.8%	52.7%
Dependent children	23.1%	52.1%
All children non-dependent	9.7%	0.6%
Couple family: Total	67.2%	47.3%
No children	46.3%	41.9%
Dependent children	15.4%	5.3%
All children non-dependent	5.6%	0.1%

Source: 2011 Census, DC1110EW1a

In London, concealed families were concentrated in the FRP age group 25-34. Overall, 38 per cent of FRPs in concealed families were in this age category, and this group had the highest proportion of each of the five family types.

FRPs under the age of 35 had significantly lower proportions of concealed families with non-dependent children than other FRP age categories. An individual has to be at least 16 years of age to be classed as a non-dependent child and for this reason, the earlier FRP age groups would be expected to have fewer families with non-dependent children.

21.4 per cent of concealed lone parent families had an FRP under the age of 25. This was double that of the next age category, 25 to 34, at 9.3 per cent. 43.5 per cent of concealed couple families had an FRP aged 25 to 34. In comparison, 9.3 per cent of couple families had an FRP under the age of 25 (see Table 4).

The four age categories over the age of 50 had higher proportions of all non-dependent children families. Overall, 42.5 per cent of concealed families with all non-dependent children have an FRP aged 50 to 64. The same age group also accounted for 44.6 per cent of concealed families with non-dependent children (see Table 4).

Table 6: Concealed family status in London, by Age of Family Reference Person

	All categories: Age of FRP	FRP Age 24 and under	FRP Age 25 to 34	FRP Age 35 to 49	FRP Age 50 to 64	FRP Age 65 to 74	FRP Age 75 to 84	FRP Age 85 and over
London								
Concealed family: Total	100.0%	13.3%	38.1%	15.8%	13.5%	11.3%	6.8%	1.3%
Lone parent family: Total	100.0%	21.4%	27.1%	20.0%	16.8%	8.1%	5.1%	1.5%
Dependent children	100.0%	30.0%	37.9%	22.8%	6.1%	2.1%	1.0%	0.2%
All children non-dependent	100.0%	0.8%	1.0%	13.3%	42.5%	22.6%	15.1%	4.6%
Couple family: Total	100.0%	9.3%	43.5%	13.7%	11.8%	12.9%	7.6%	1.1%
No children	100.0%	12.0%	47.3%	9.7%	8.4%	12.8%	8.3%	1.4%
Dependent children	100.0%	4.6%	47.5%	28.9%	10.2%	6.0%	2.6%	0.2%
All children non-dependent	100.0%	0.3%	0.9%	5.1%	44.6%	32.3%	15.1%	1.6%
England & Wales								
Concealed family: Total	100.0%	21.2%	32.3%	14.3%	13.2%	11.1%	6.5%	1.5%
Lone parent family: Total	100.0%	31.5%	28.0%	18.5%	11.7%	5.3%	3.7%	1.3%
Dependent children	100.0%	39.9%	35.4%	18.7%	4.0%	1.2%	0.7%	0.1%
All children non-dependent	100.0%	0.8%	1.1%	17.7%	40.1%	20.3%	14.6%	5.4%
Couple family: Total	100.0%	15.1%	34.9%	11.8%	14.0%	14.5%	8.1%	1.6%
No children	100.0%	18.4%	35.4%	7.5%	11.6%	15.8%	9.4%	2.0%
Dependent children	100.0%	9.5%	44.5%	26.8%	10.8%	5.7%	2.4%	0.2%
All children non-dependent	100.0%	0.2%	0.6%	7.1%	47.8%	29.9%	13.0%	1.4%

Source: 2011 Census, DC1110EW1a

In London, half of concealed families in Southwark (50.2 per cent) were lone parents, higher than any other London borough. On the other hand, nearly four fifths (78.2 per cent) of concealed families in Harrow were couple families (see Table 7).

The highest share of concealed lone parents with dependent children in a London borough was Southwark, (39.6 per cent). While a fifth (19.8 per cent) of concealed families in Newham were couples with dependent children.

Table 7: Concealed family status by Local Authority

Largest share of concealed family type

2011 census merged local authority district	Concealed family: Total	Lone parent family: Total	Lone parent family: Dependent children	Lone parent family: All children non-dependent	Couple family: Total	Couple family: No children	Concealed family: Couple family: Dependent children	Concealed family: Couple family: All children non-dependent
Barking and Dagenham	100.0%	43.1%	33.9%	9.2%	56.9%	35.5%	17.2%	4.1%
Barnet	100.0%	25.5%	16.4%	9.0%	74.5%	55.0%	14.5%	5.1%
Bexley	100.0%	39.1%	31.7%	7.4%	60.9%	45.2%	11.4%	4.3%
Brent	100.0%	23.7%	15.3%	8.4%	76.3%	53.1%	17.5%	5.7%
Bromley	100.0%	36.6%	28.7%	7.9%	63.4%	49.6%	9.4%	4.4%
Camden	100.0%	43.1%	27.6%	15.5%	56.9%	39.3%	10.4%	7.2%
Croydon	100.0%	38.3%	28.5%	9.8%	61.7%	42.1%	14.5%	5.1%
Ealing	100.0%	24.6%	15.8%	8.8%	75.4%	51.3%	18.7%	5.4%
Enfield	100.0%	36.8%	25.6%	11.2%	63.2%	44.3%	13.1%	5.8%
Greenwich	100.0%	34.2%	27.4%	6.7%	65.8%	46.9%	14.6%	4.4%
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Hammersmith and Fulham	100.0%	35.2%	24.0%	11.2%	64.8%	54.0%	6.8%	3.9%
Haringey	100.0%	37.5%	27.3%	10.2%	62.5%	43.4%	13.8%	5.3%
Harrow	100.0%	21.8%	12.8%	9.0%	78.2%	54.8%	16.8%	6.6%
Havering	100.0%	38.5%	30.6%	7.9%	61.5%	44.5%	13.1%	3.9%
Hillingdon	100.0%	28.2%	19.9%	8.3%	71.8%	48.2%	18.5%	5.1%
Hounslow	100.0%	25.9%	17.6%	8.4%	74.1%	50.2%	18.7%	5.2%
Islington	100.0%	45.9%	33.2%	12.6%	54.1%	39.5%	8.9%	5.7%
Kensington and Chelsea	100.0%	43.4%	30.1%	13.3%	56.6%	42.0%	8.5%	6.0%
Kingston upon Thames	100.0%	28.0%	19.9%	8.0%	72.0%	52.4%	15.0%	4.5%
Lambeth	100.0%	42.7%	31.5%	11.3%	57.3%	44.0%	9.4%	3.8%
Lewisham	100.0%	44.9%	33.2%	11.7%	55.1%	40.1%	11.0%	4.0%
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Wandsworth	100.0%	30.6%	20.9%	9.7%	69.4%	53.7%	11.0%	4.7%
Westminster & City of London	100.0%	40.4%	26.7%	13.7%	59.6%	41.7%	11.7%	6.2%

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