

# **This is Lewisham**

**‘borough characteristics’**



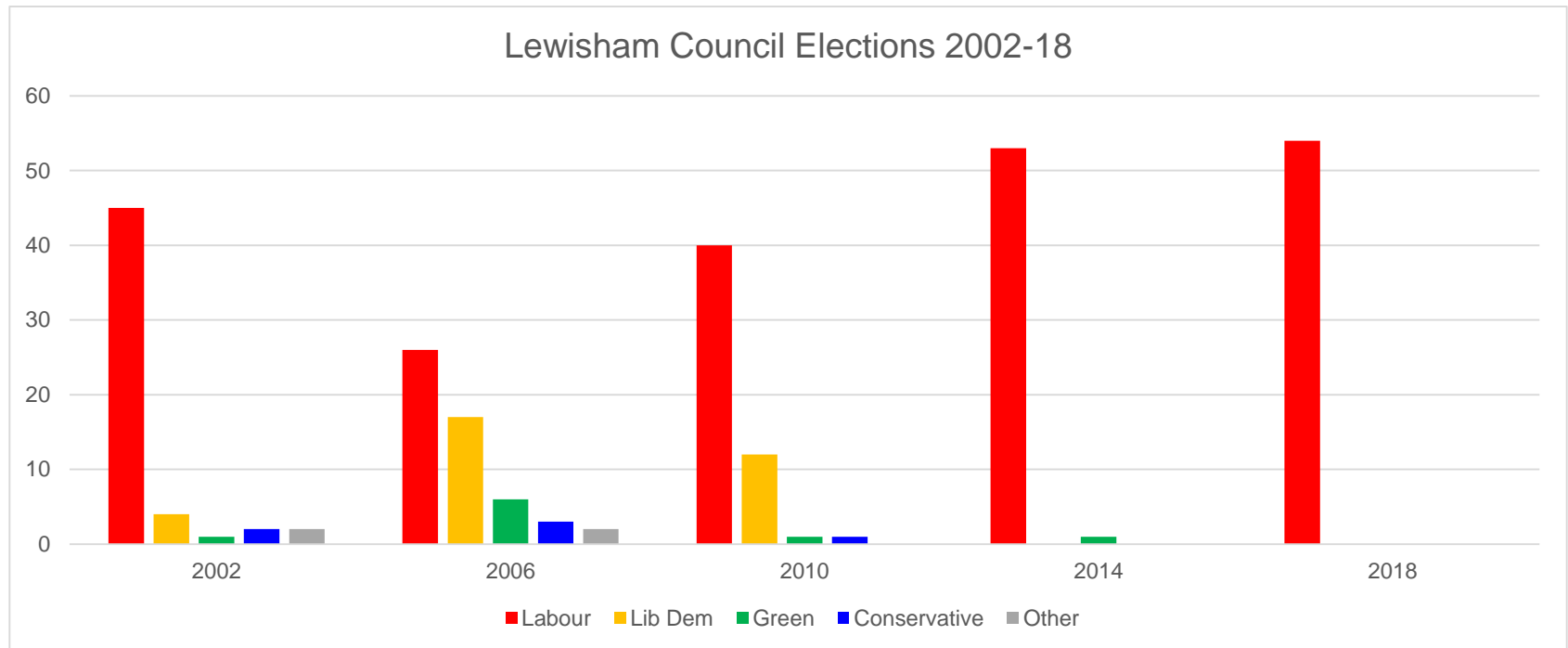
governance

# **“the will of the people is supreme”**



The London  
borough of  
Lewisham  
was created  
in 1965

All of Lewisham's 54 councillors are from the Labour Party. The only time that Labour has not been the largest party in the Council was in 1968, when the Conservative Party controlled the Council. In the Mayoral Election of 2018, Damien Egan received 54.3% of the vote (the highest vote share, in a mayoral election, since the model was introduced in Lewisham).



# political make-up

## Mayor and Cabinet

### The Mayor

- Is elected by the whole borough to lead and speak up for the whole borough;
- Chooses up to nine councillors to form the Cabinet with specific areas of responsibility;
- Sets out major decisions to be taken in a Forward Plan published monthly;
- Proposes budget and key policy proposals to Council
- Takes decisions to implement policy with agreed policy framework;
- Considers recommendations for actions with officer advice.

### The Cabinet

- Takes all executive decisions with the Mayor
- Are spokespersons for the Council with respect to their portfolio

## Council

- Consists of 54 elected councillors, three for each of the 18 wards
- Appoints the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other committees
- Approves the policy framework and budget

## Overview and Scrutiny

- Meets at least once a year and is ultimately responsible for overview and scrutiny
- Delegates work to other scrutiny committees, six select committees, two business panels all of which are formally sub-committees of overview and scrutiny
- The business panel co-ordinates the select committees work programmes

The six select committees draw up work programmes each year to:

1. Hold the mayor and senior officers to account for decisions and check performance
2. Examine issues in depth and make recommendations for policy development

## Statutory Committees

### Health & Wellbeing Board

- Promotes health & wellbeing of the population

### Standards Committee

- Promotes high standards of conduct

### Pensions Board

- Secures compliance with Local Government Pension Scheme

## Regulatory Committees

### Licensing Committees x2

- Responsible for all entertainment licensing and the late night economy.

### Planning Committees x4

- Consider planning matters across the whole borough. The Strategic Planning Committee considers strategic regeneration proposals.

## Other committees

- Audit Panel
- Appointments
- Health & Safety
- Pensions & Investment
- Constitution
- Elections

## Internal Control Board

Manages, assesses, reviews and allocates responsibilities to control strategic risk.

Safer, Stronger  
Communities  
Select  
Committee

Healthier  
Communities  
Select  
Committee

Sustainable  
Development  
Select Committee

Children & Young  
People's Select  
Committee

Housing Select  
Committee

Public Accounts  
Select  
Committee

demographics

Lewisham is home to some

**301,300**



residents

**167**

languages are  
spoken by pupils  
attending Lewisham  
schools.

**70**

Lewisham is home to  
residents from more

than **70** nationalities  
and five continents.

Just over

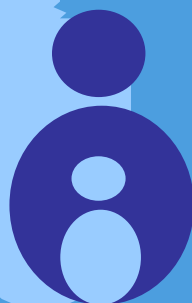
**One** in  
**ten**

Lewisham  
residents are  
older adults  
aged 65 plus



**One** in **four**

Lewisham residents  
is a child or young  
person aged 0-19.



Lewisham's  
population is driven by  
natural change [the  
difference between  
births and deaths] and  
international  
migration.

**83.1**

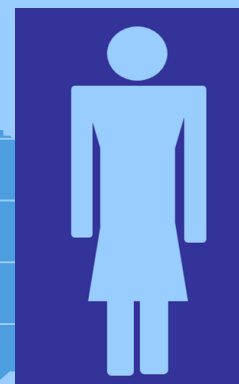
**79.1**

Male

Female

Average life expectancy in  
Lewisham is **79.1** years for males  
and **83.1** years for females.

84  
83  
82  
81  
80  
79  
78  
77



There are

**135,278**


households in the borough.



At **94.5%**

Lewisham has one of the  
highest concentrations of micro-  
businesses in the country.



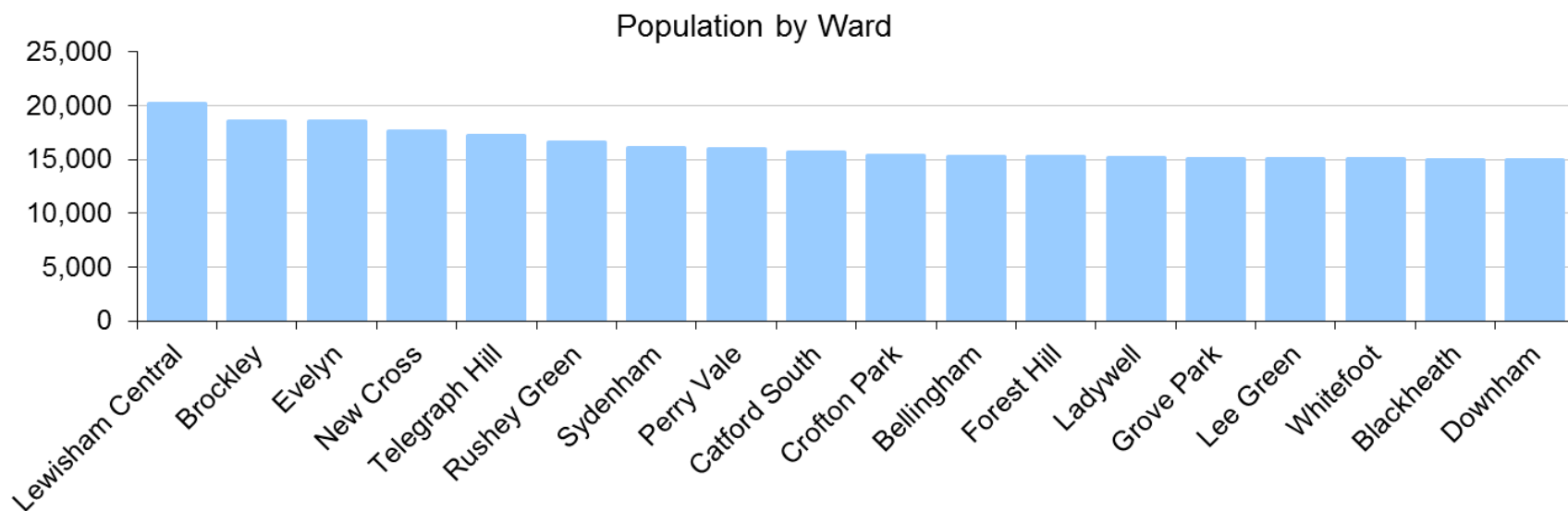


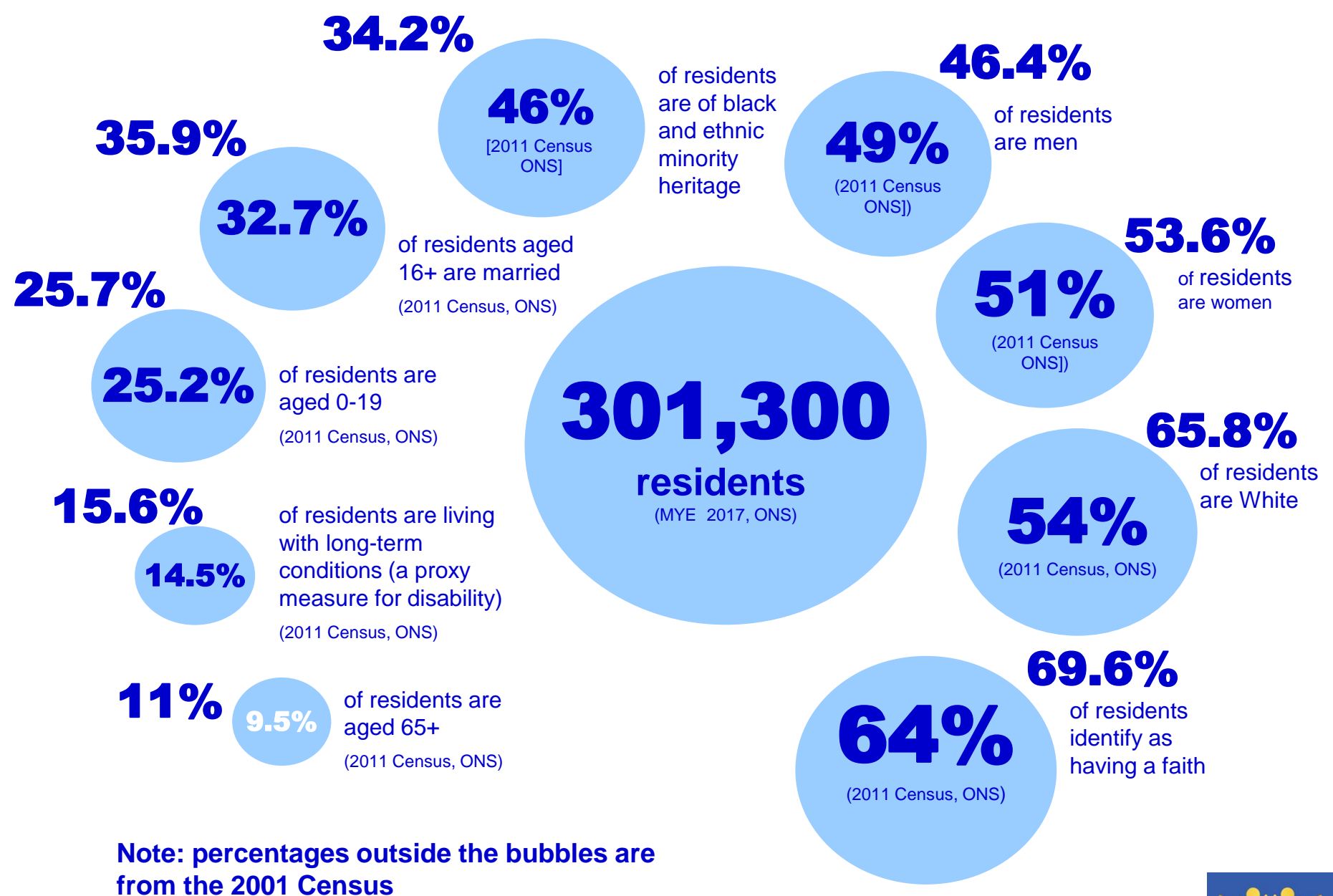
**Lewisham is the 13<sup>th</sup>  
largest borough in  
London by  
population size and  
the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in  
Inner London**



**Lewisham**

Lewisham Central is the most populous ward with over 20,000 residents. The chart also shows that four of the five most populous wards (Brockley, Evelyn, New Cross and Telegraph Hill) are in the north of the borough, whilst three of the five least populous wards (Downham, Whitefoot and Grove Park) are in the south of the borough.





# borough demographics

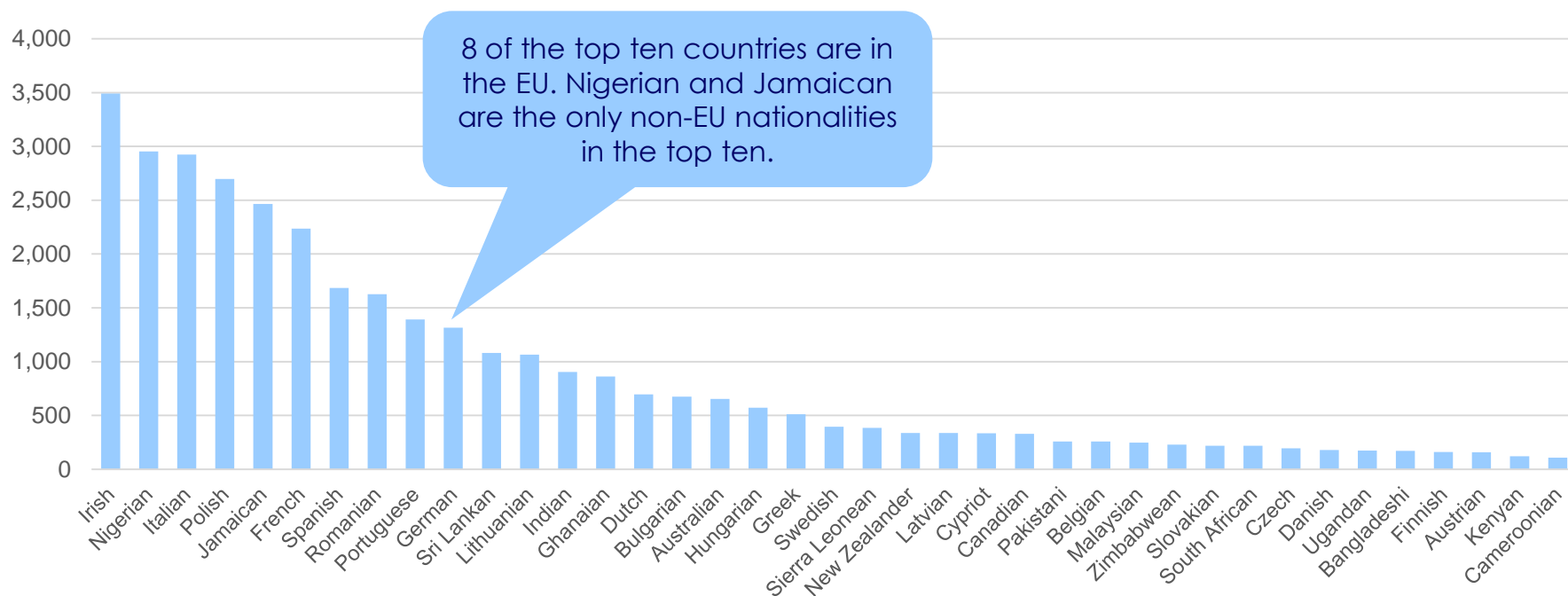


# A truly global borough.....



**The 207,343 people on Lewisham's electoral roll comprise more than 71 nationalities and five continents**

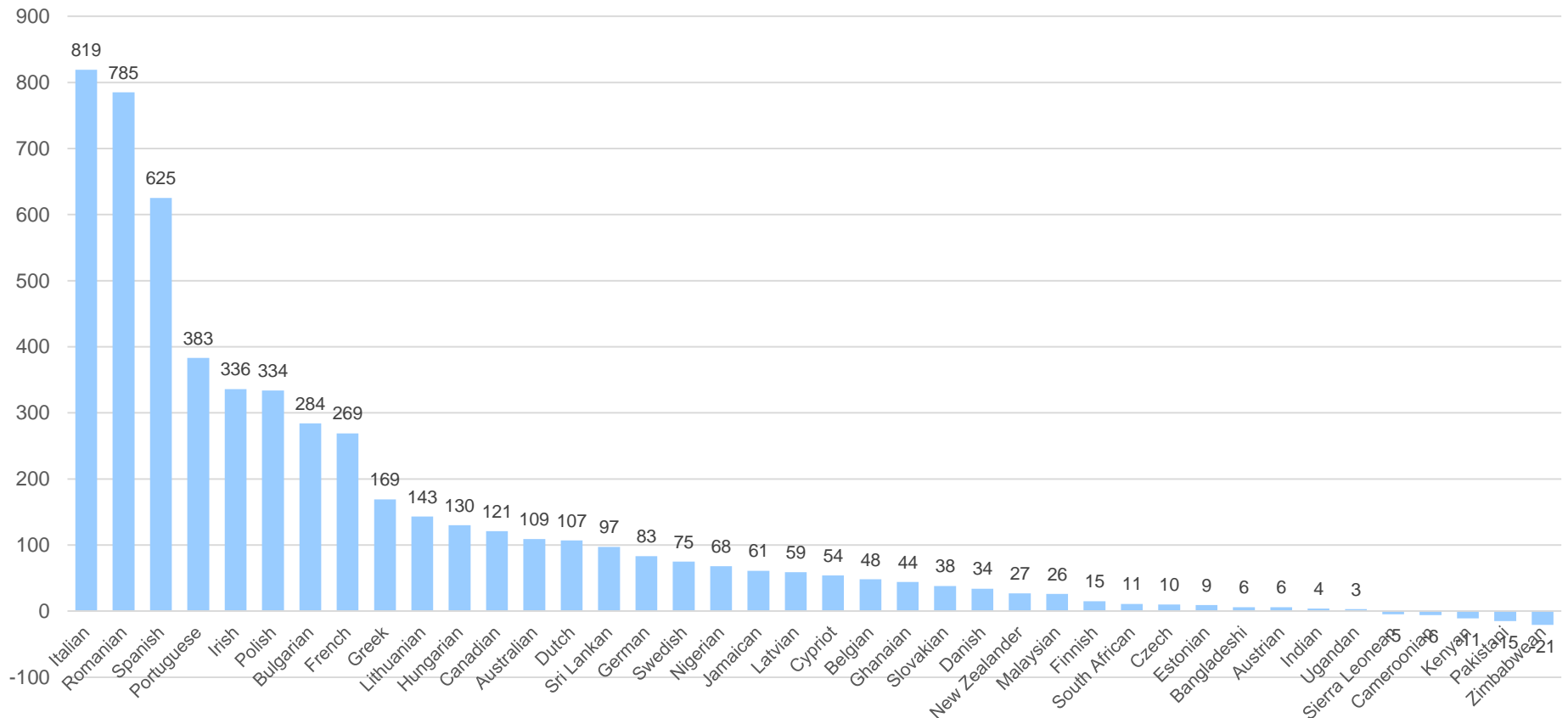
The chart below shows nationalities on Lewisham's Electoral Roll that are at or above triple digits. Aside from those who identify as British, which comprise almost 200,000 of those of Lewisham's Electoral Roll, the top ten most numerous non-British nationalities in the borough are Irish, Nigerian, Italian, Polish, Jamaican, French, Spanish, Romanian, Portuguese and German. Of the 35,646 non-British residents (from 71 nations) on Lewisham's Electoral Roll, two-thirds are from one of the above-mentioned nationalities.



**Source:** Lewisham Electoral Roll 2018

The chart below shows growth or contraction in population size between 2015 and 2018. The In particular, the chart shows that, at 819, Italian is the fastest growing nationality in Lewisham followed by Romanian 785, Spanish 625, and Portuguese 383.

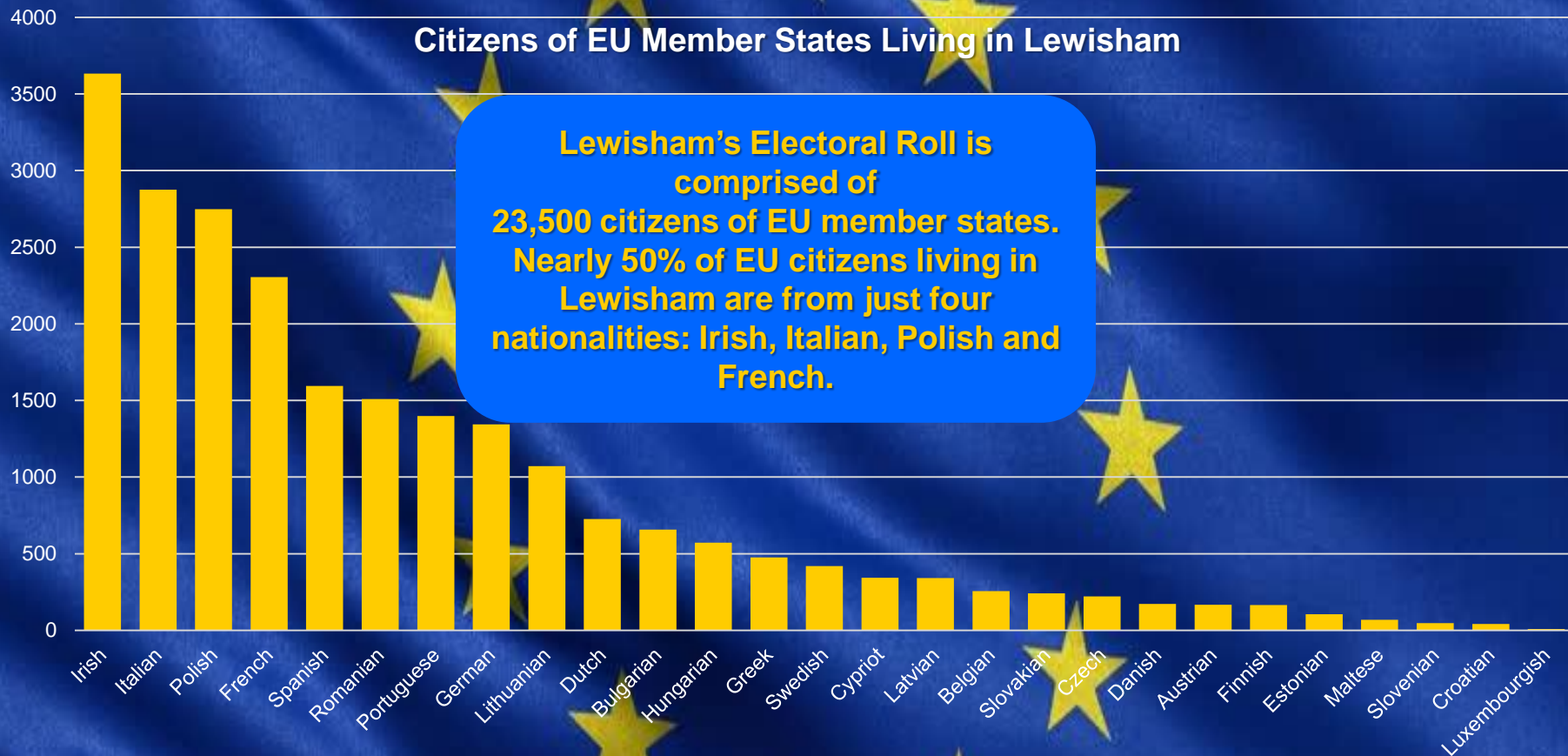
**Change in number of residents on Electoral Roll 2015 - 2018**



**Source:** Lewisham Electoral Roll 2015, 2017, 2018

## Citizens of EU Member States Living in Lewisham

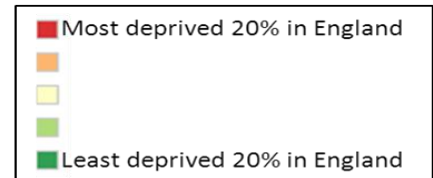
**Lewisham's Electoral Roll is comprised of 23,500 citizens of EU member states. Nearly 50% of EU citizens living in Lewisham are from just four nationalities: Irish, Italian, Polish and French.**



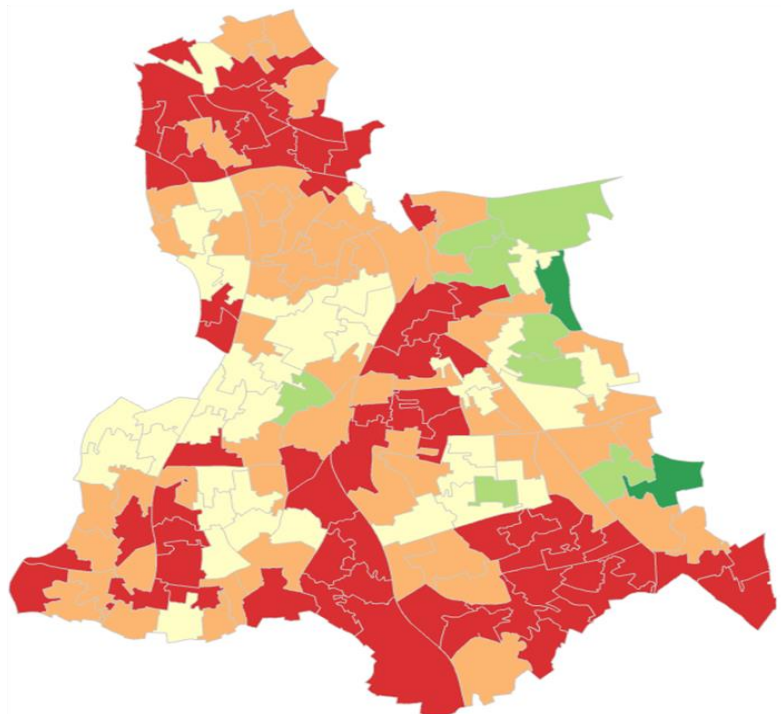
urban deprivation

The map breaks down urban deprivation into lower geographies. It shows that whilst Lewisham was less deprived in 2015 compared to 2010, concentrations of deprivation in the north and south of the borough remain comparatively high.

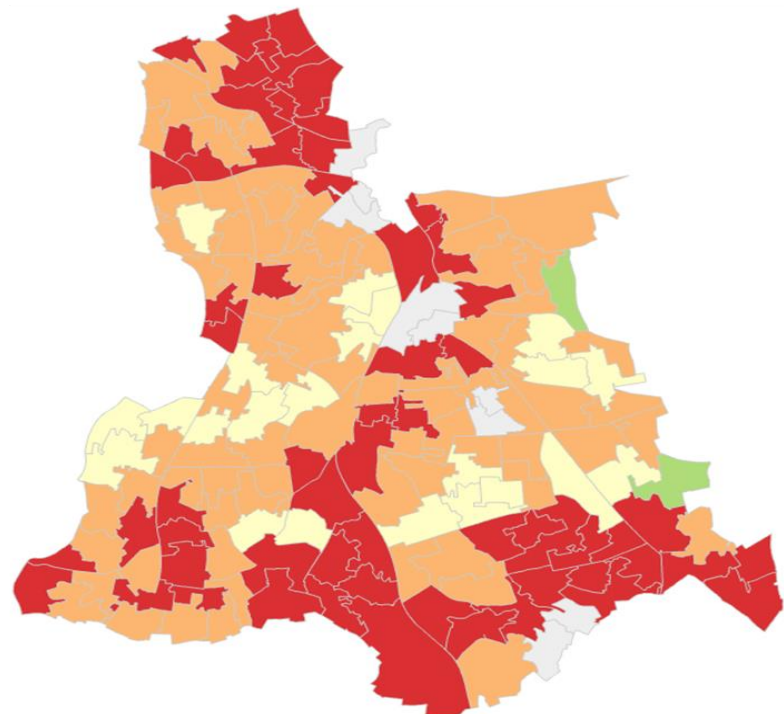
## Map A: Overall Deprivation



2015



2010



Deprivation domains	Lewisham rank out of 326* nationally	20% most deprived nationally	10% most deprived nationally	Most Affected Wards
Income	36	Yes	No	Bellingham, Downham and Evelyn
Employment	80	No	No	Bellingham, Lewisham Central and Rushey Green
Health and disability	103	No	No	Lewisham Central and Rushey Green
Education, skills and training	229	No	No	Downham
Barriers to housing and services	25	Yes	Yes	Evelyn and New Cross
Crime and disorder	14	Yes	Yes	Blackheath, Brockley and Downham
Living environment	27	Yes	Yes	Brockley, Lewisham Central and Perry Vale
Income deprivation affecting children	19	Yes	Yes	Bellingham, Downham and Evelyn
Income deprivation affecting adults	19	Yes	Yes	Bellingham, Evelyn and New Cross

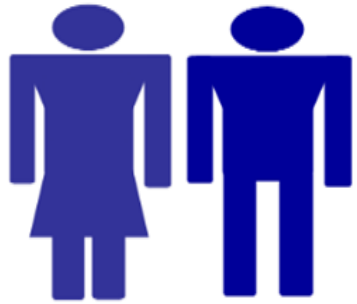
\*1= most deprived; 326 = least deprived

**Source:** Indices for Multiple Deprivation, 2015

employment and income

# employment dashboard

## Unemployment rate



4.9%

**Below the London average**

## Economically active in employment



78%

**Above the London average**

## Top 3 industries with the highest concentration of employees



**Human Health and Social Work**

19.4%

**Wholesale & Retail; Repair of Motor Vehicles & Motor Cycles**

13.4%

**Education**

14.9%

## Main area of employment by occupation in each major group

**Professional occupations  
[major group 1-3]**

29.9%

**Administrative secretarial  
[major group 4-5]**

6.8%

**Caring Leisure & Other  
Service Occupations  
[major group 6-7]**

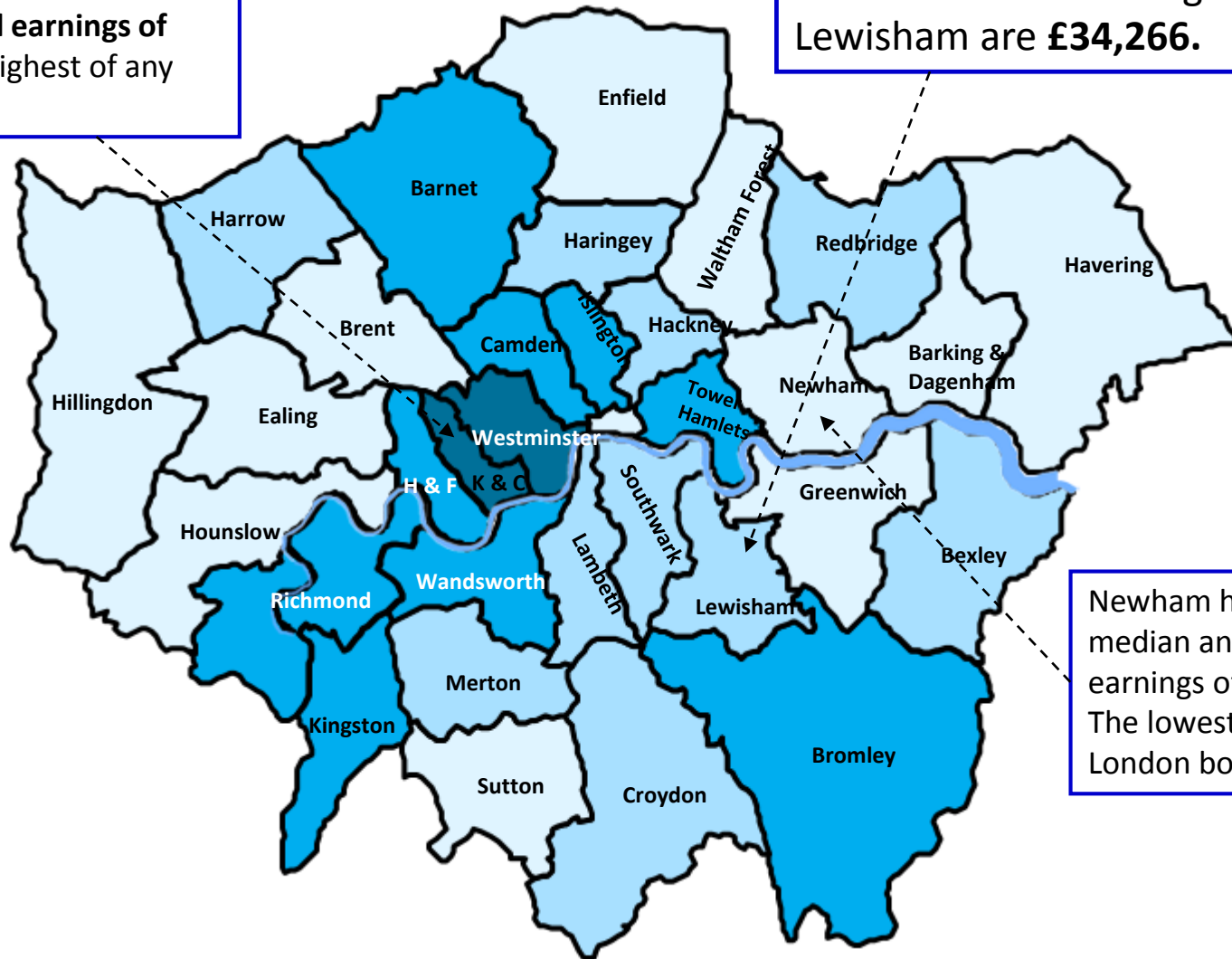
7.6%

**Elementary Occupations  
[major group 8-9]**

10.7%

Kensington & Chelsea had a **median annual earnings of £44,998**. The highest of any borough.

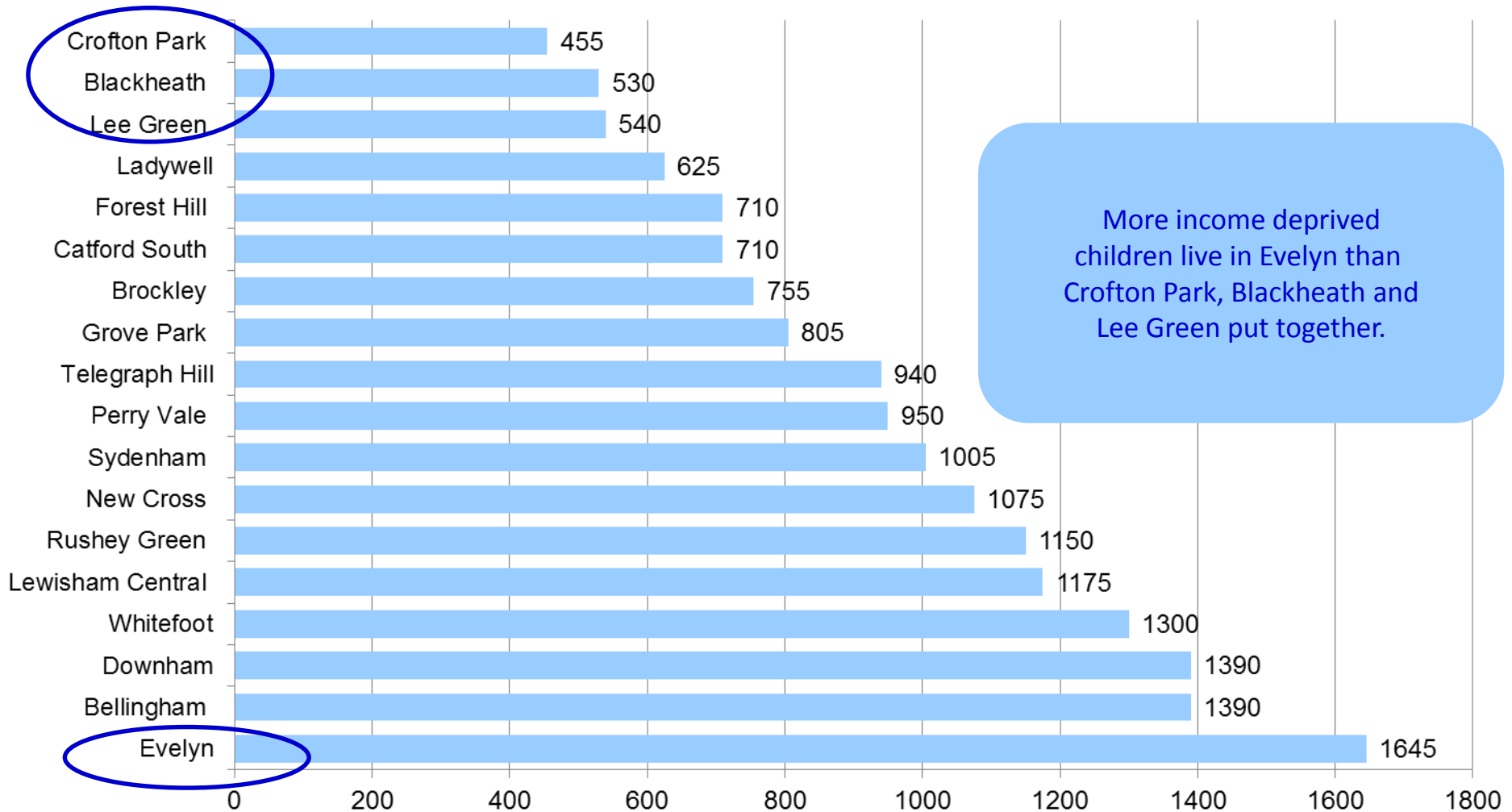
Median annual earnings in Lewisham are **£34,266**.



Newham had a median annual earnings of **£29,002**. The lowest of all London boroughs.

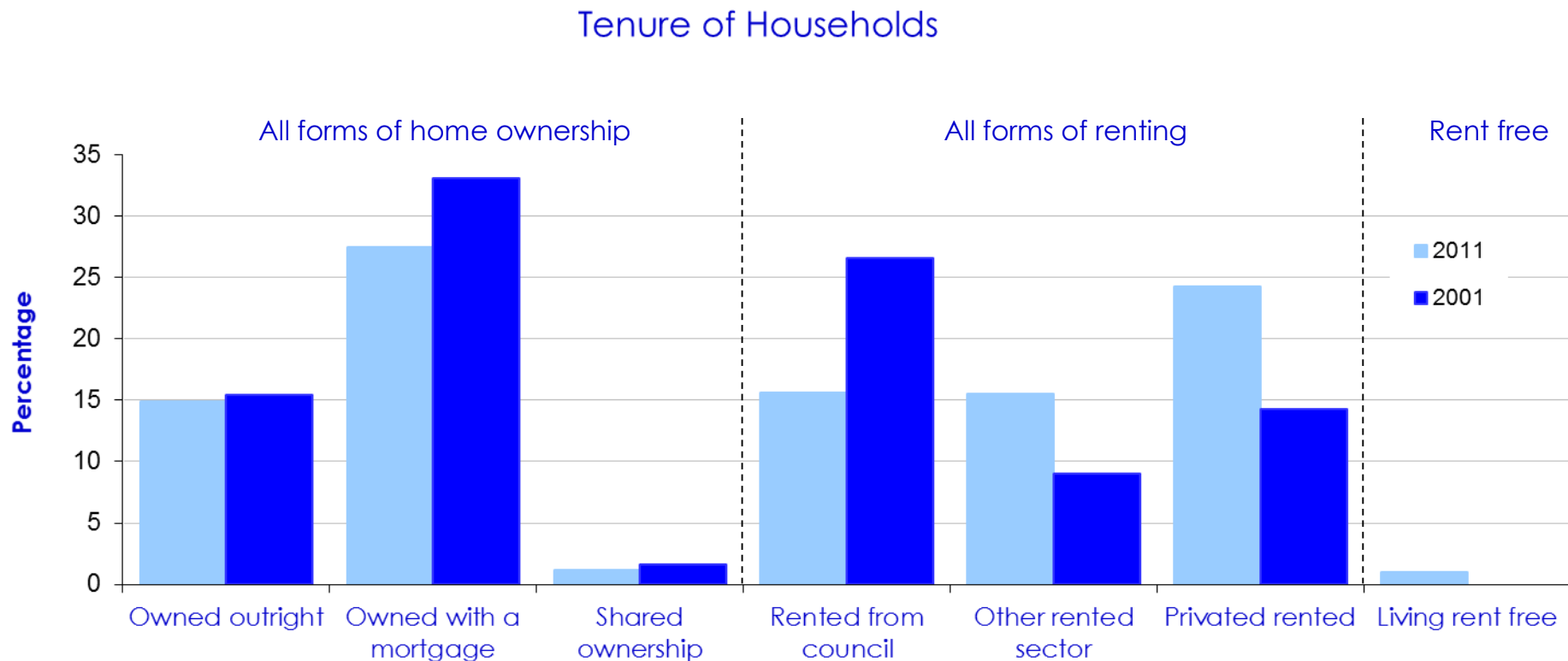
## Median Annual Earnings

## Number of income deprived children by Lewisham ward



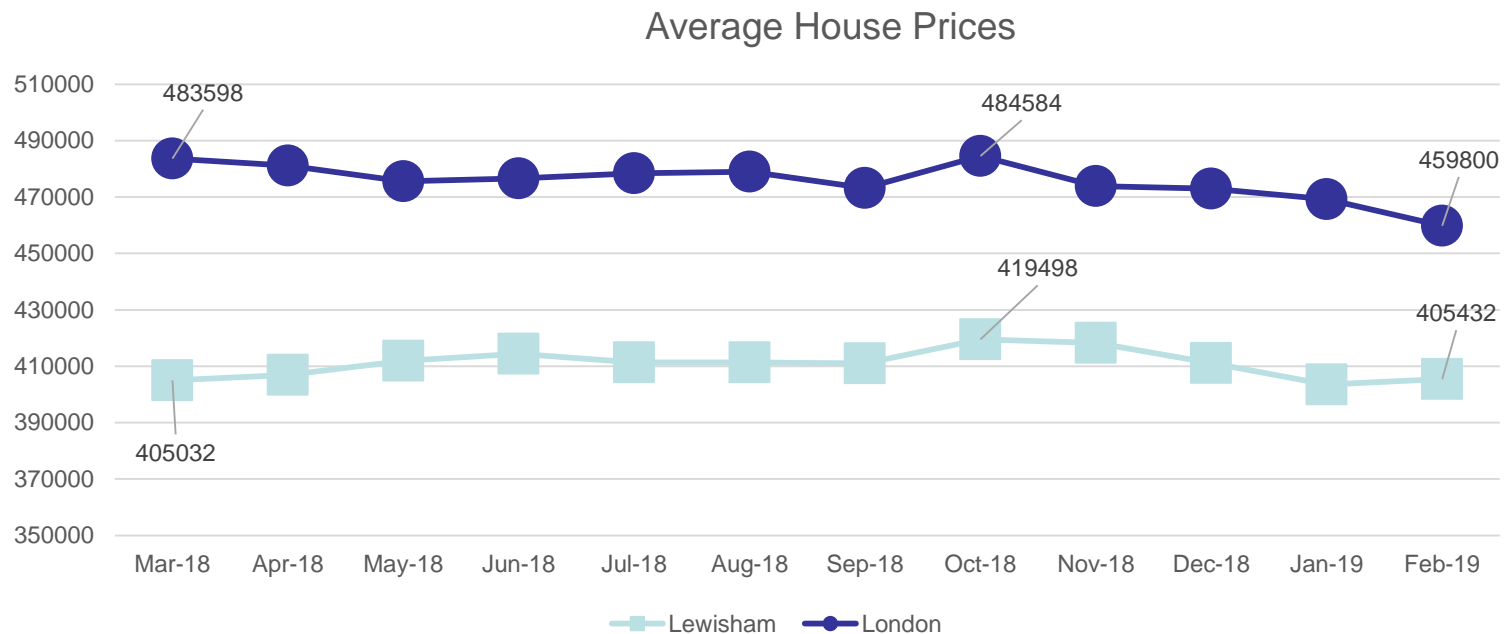
housing economy

The chart below shows changes in the tenure of households in the borough between the two censuses in 2001 and 2011. It reveals that all forms of home ownership accounted for 50.1% of tenures in 2001 compared to 43.6% in 2011, whilst all forms of renting accounted for 49.9% of tenures in 2001 compared to 55.4% in 2011.



**Source:** 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics

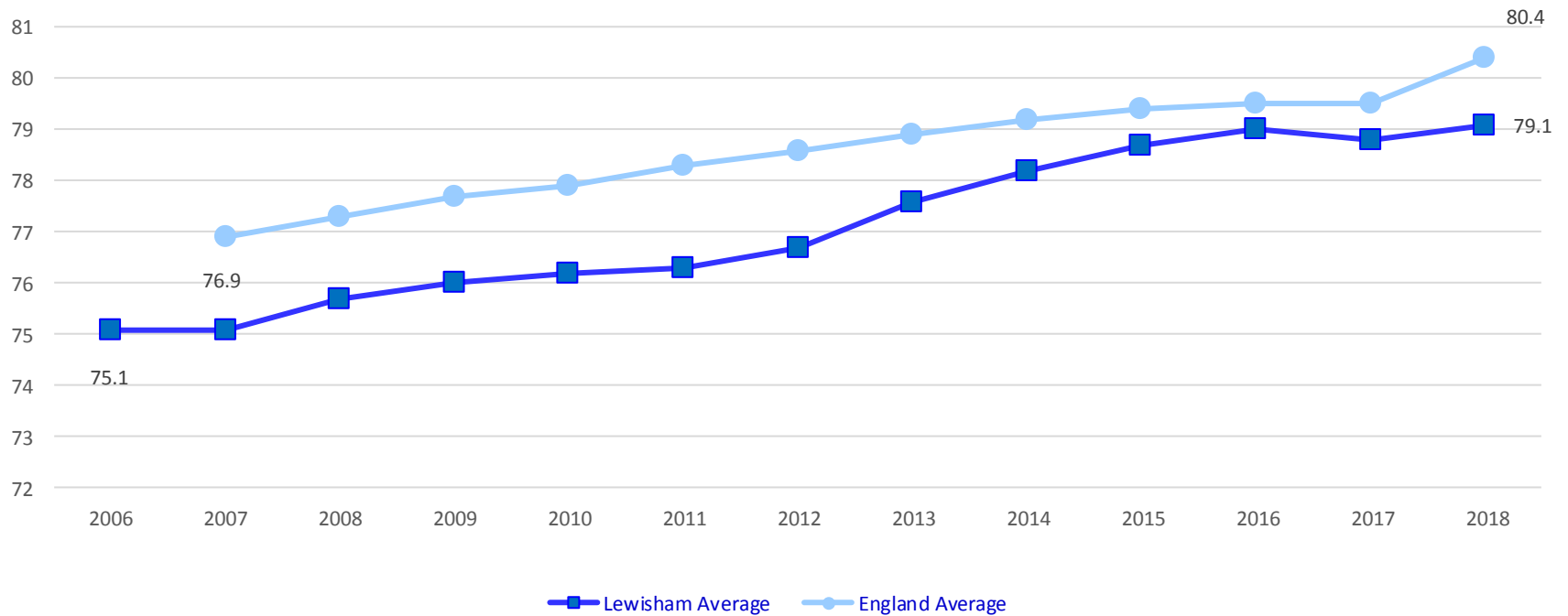
The chart shows changes in the average house price in Lewisham compared to London over the period March 2018 to February 2019. It shows between the above mentioned period, the average house price in Lewisham have remained unchanged. This compares to an average house price decrease for London of around 5% over the same period.



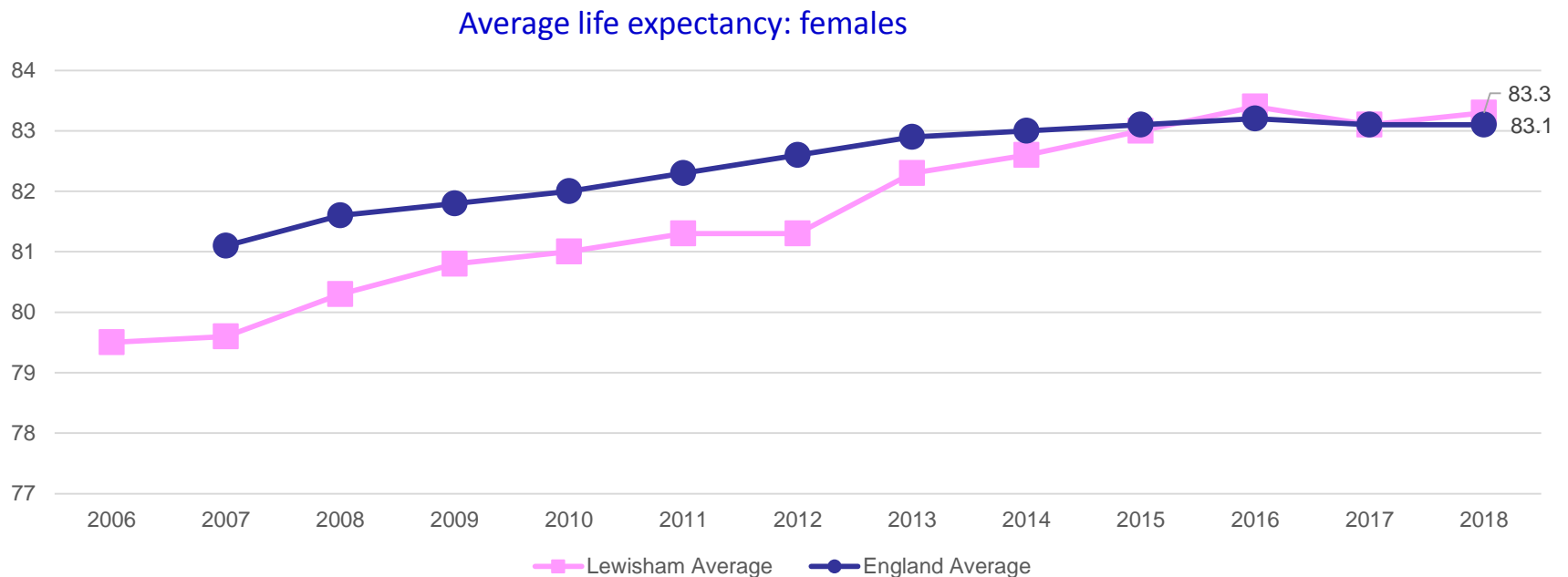
health inequalities

This chart shows average life expectancy for men in Lewisham compared to England.  
It shows that the difference in average life expectancy between  
Lewisham and England increased by 1.3 years between 2017 and 2018.

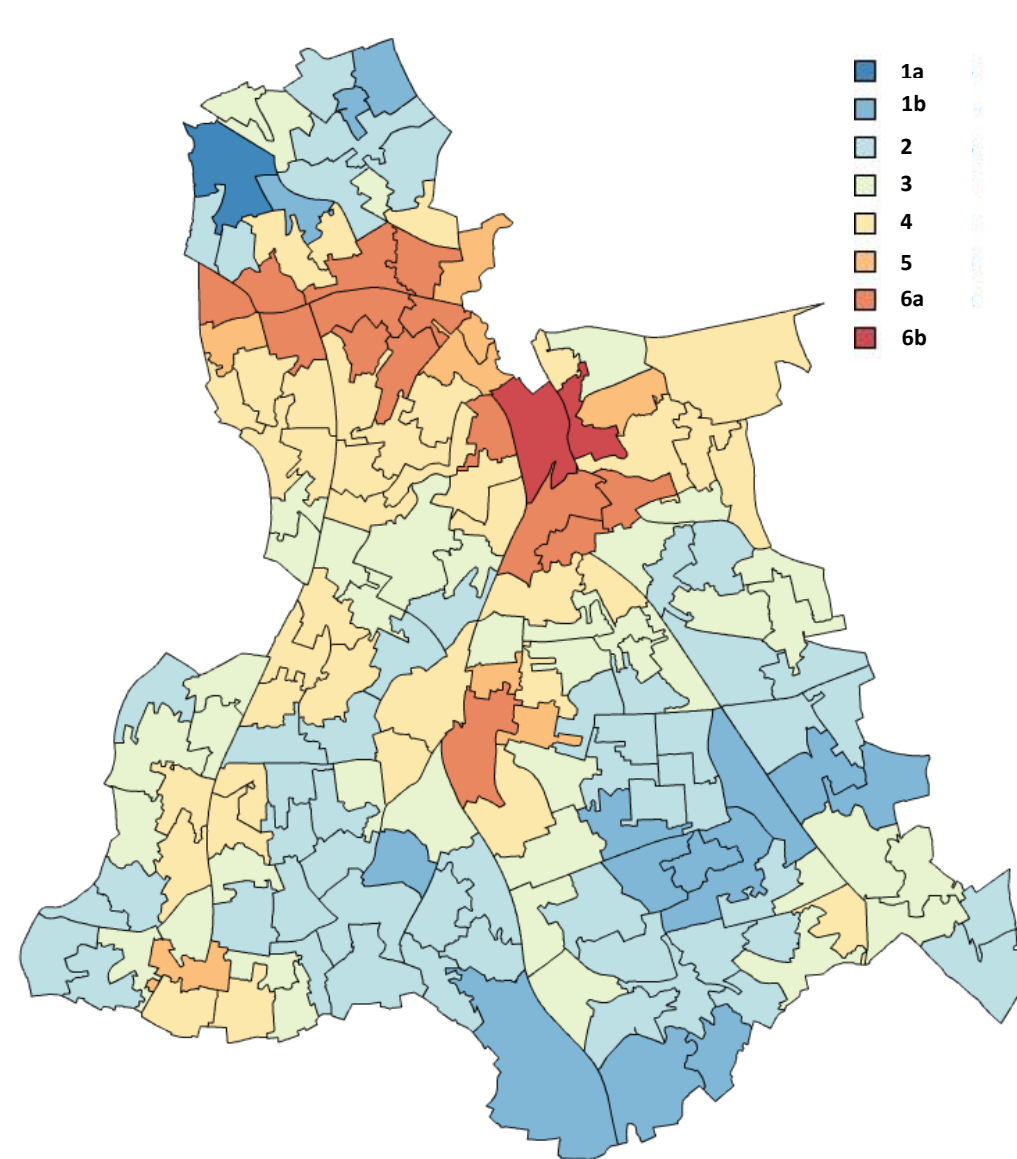
### Average life expectancy: Lewisham males



This chart shows average life expectancy for women in Lewisham compared to England. The chart shows that average life expectancy for females in Lewisham in 2018 is marginally above the above the England average.



transport



PTAL is a measure of connectivity by public transport, which has been used in various planning processes in London for many years. For any selected place, PTAL suggests how well the place is connected to public transport services. It does not cover trips by car. PTAL values are simple. They range from zero to six, where the highest value represents the best connectivity.

**A location will have a higher PTAL if:**

- It is at a short walking distance to the nearest stations or stops
- Waiting times at the nearest stations or stops are short
- More services pass at the nearest stations or stops
- There are major rail stations nearby
- Any combination of all the above.

# Public Transport Access Levels(PTAL)