Bermondsey Neighbourhood: Summary

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The Bermondsey neighbourhood in Southwark is home to around 46,400 residents

SUMMARY

The Bermondsey neighbourhood sits in the north-east of Southwark on the Thames river, and covers three of the borough's electoral wards; North Bermondsey, South Bermondsey, and London Bridge & West Bermondsey. Around 46,400 residents live in the Bermondsey neighbourhood, roughly 43% of which identify with a non-White ethnic background, making the neighbourhood less ethnically diverse when compared to the borough average.

Notable inequality exists across the neighbourhood. While South Bermondsey sees among the borough's highest rates of disability, unemployment, and low English proficiency; North Bermondsey, and London Bridge & West Bermondsey wards experience much less social and economic disadvantage. However, crime rates in London Bridge & West Bermondsey are substantially above the neighbourhood and borough averages.

Some of the poorest child health outcomes in the borough are seen in the Bermondsey area, with notably lower breastfeeding coverage rates; higher emergency hospital admission rates in young children aged under 5; and higher prevalence of child excess weight at Year 6, when compared to Southwark.

The neighbourhood has higher rates of all-cause emergency hospital admissions, and hospital admissions related to alcohol, COPD, and coronary heart disease, when compared to Southwark. However, the prevalence of long-term conditions is generally similar to that across the borough as a whole.

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Indicator	Period	Southwark	Bermondsey neighbourhood	North Bermondsey ward	South Bermondsey ward	London Bridge & West Bermondsey ward
Total number of residents	2021	307,600	46,400	15,300	16,000	15,100
Non-white population (%)	2021	49%	43%	37%	47%	44%
Percentage of residents with low English proficiency	2021	3.4%	3%	2.3%	4.1%	2.2%
Percentage of residents with a disability	2021	14%	14%	14%	15%	12%
Deprivation score (higher values indicate a higher level of deprivation)	2019	25.3	-	22.9	27.2	23.6
Proportion of households socially rented	2021	40%	40%	35%	48%	36%
Crime rate per 1,000	2022	130.8	147.6	90.4	106.3	246
Percentage of population unemployed	2021-2022	6.9%	6.0%	4.9%	7.9%	5.1%
Percentage of population workless due to sickness	2022	2.9%	2.5%	2.2%	3.4%	2.0%
Coverage of some breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks	2018/19 – 2021/22	85%	82%	81%	80%	85%
General fertility rate, births per 1,000	2021	42.5	43.1	49.2	45.7	34.4
Emergency admissions among 0-4 year olds, per 1,000	2019/20	93.0	99.2	93.3	112.8	91.5
Percentage of child excess weight at Reception	2019/20 – 2021/22	25%	25%	26%	25%	24%
Percentage of child excess weight at Year 6	2019/20 – 2021/22	41%	44%	43%	49%	40%
Male life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	79.4	77.9	79.0	79.1	75.6
Female life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	84.3	84.0	83.2	85.3	83.5

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Type 2 diabetes, rate per 1,000	2023	54	51	49	58	45
Asthma, rate per 1,000	2023	43	43	46	42	42
COPD, rate per 1,000	2023	12	14	17	10	15
Depression, rate per 1,000	2023	103	102	101	95	109
Coronary heart disease, rate per 1,000	2023	13	13	16	11	12
Cancer, rate per 1,000	2023	23	23	24	22	23
Hypertension, rate per 1,000	2023	105	99	104	108	86
All causes emergency admissions, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	91	99	91	107	99
Hospital admissions for coronary heart disease, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	75	91	104	87	82
Hospital admissions for COPD, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	148	210	259	213	157
Hospital admissions for alcohol, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	108	135	128	136	140
Deaths from all causes, SMR	2016 - 2020	94	107	103	91	128
Deaths from cancer, SMR	2016 - 2020	101	105	102	95	118
Deaths from respiratory disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	92	80	79	77	84
Deaths from cardiovascular disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	90	109	85	100	143
Preventable mortality in under 75 year olds, SMR	2016 - 2020	102	118	101	120	132

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