

Dulwich Neighbourhood: Summary

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The Dulwich neighbourhood in Southwark is home to around 20,900 residents

SUMMARY

The Dulwich neighbourhood sits in the southern-most part of Southwark, bordering the boroughs of Lambeth and Lewisham. The area covers the electoral wards of Dulwich Village, and Dulwich Wood, which are home to around 20,900 residents. The area is the least ethnically diverse overall, with 32% of the population from a non-White ethnic background. However, there are significant Black, African, Caribbean and Black British identifying populations in Dulwich Wood.

The lowest levels of social and economic disadvantage are seen in Dulwich, with significantly smaller levels of unemployment, and high English proficiency compared to Southwark. However, notable disparity exists across the neighbourhood itself, with Dulwich Wood facing notably greater disadvantage than seen in Dulwich Village.

Dulwich has the highest fertility rates in the borough, with Dulwich Village ward having a rate more than double that of the borough average. Children in the neighbourhood generally face better health outcomes than across Southwark, with significantly lower rates of childhood excess weight, emergency hospital admissions, and significantly higher breastfeeding coverage.

Overall life expectancy in the area is significantly above the borough average for both males and females. There are also better health outcomes, with lower rates of long-term conditions, hospital admissions and mortality observed across Dulwich, when compared with Southwark.

The summary tables provide a high level overview of the Dulwich neighbourhood

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Indicator	Period	Southwark	Dulwich neighbourhood	Dulwich Village ward	Dulwich Wood ward
Total number of residents	2021	307,620	20,900	10,300	10,600
Non-white population (%)	2021	49%	32%	21%	43%
Percentage of residents with low English proficiency	2021	3.4%	1.3%	0.9%	1.7%
Percentage of residents with a disability	2021	14%	13%	11%	14%
Deprivation score (higher values indicate a higher level of deprivation)	2019	25.3	-	10.0	20.5
Proportion of households socially rented	2021	40%	20%	13%	27%
Crime rate per 1,000	2022	130.8	74	74	74
Percentage of population unemployed	2021-2022	6.9%	4.4%	2.6%	6.1%
Percentage of population workless due to sickness	2022	2.9%	2.1%	1.2%	3.0%
Coverage of some breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks	2018/19 – 2021/22	85%	91%	91%	91%
General fertility rate, births per 1,000	2021	42.5	74.8	99.0	50.5
Emergency admissions among 0-4 year olds, per 1,000	2019/20	93.0	66	67	64
Percentage of child excess weight at Reception	2019/20 – 2021/22	25%	17%	13%	21%
Percentage of child excess weight at Year 6	2019/20 – 2021/22	41%	29%	19%	38%
Male life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	79.4	83.6	87.1	80.1
Female life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	84.3	88.0	89.5	86.4
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Type 2 diabetes, rate per 1,000	2023	54	41	33	49
Asthma, rate per 1,000	2023	43	51	49	52
COPD, rate per 1,000	2023	12	9	7	10
Depression, rate per 1,000	2023	103	83	88	79
Coronary heart disease, rate per 1,000	2023	13	18	17	19
Cancer, rate per 1,000	2023	23	36	39	34
Hypertension, rate per 1,000	2023	105	107	98	117
All causes emergency admissions, Standardised Admission Ratio (SAR)	2016/17–2020/21	91	64	55	72
Hospital admissions for coronary heart disease, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	75	49	42	56
Hospital admissions for COPD, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	148	54	46	62
Hospital admissions for alcohol, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	108	66	56	76
Deaths from all causes, Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)	2016 - 2020	94	68	54	82
Deaths from cancer, SMR	2016 - 2020	101	84	67	100
Deaths from cardiovascular disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	92	55	42	67
Deaths from respiratory disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	90	59	39	79
Preventable mortality in under 75 year olds, SMR	2016 - 2020	102	58	42	73
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