

East Dulwich Neighbourhood: Summary

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Around 32,400 Southwark residents live in the neighbourhood area of East Dulwich

SUMMARY

The East Dulwich neighbourhood borders Lambeth to the west, Lewisham to the east, and sits between the neighbourhoods of Dulwich, Peckham, and Camberwell. It is home to around 32,400 residents, and includes the electoral wards of Champion Hill, Goose Green, and Dulwich Hill.

The neighbourhood is less ethnically diverse than Southwark overall, with 36% of the population identifying with a non-White ethnic background. However, Champion Hill has significant Black, African, Caribbean and Black British identifying population, and a non-White population proportion similar to the borough average.

East Dulwich has high fertility rates, and better child health outcomes across most areas when compared to Southwark. Coverage of breastfeeding is significantly higher, and there are lower rates of emergency hospital admissions in children under 5. Child excess weight is also less prevalent than across the borough as a whole.

Lower levels of social and economic disadvantage are seen in East Dulwich, with significantly smaller levels of unemployment, and lower overall deprivation. Overall life expectancy in the area is notably above the borough average for both males and females. There are also better health outcomes, with lower rates of hospital admissions and preventable mortality observed across East Dulwich, when compared with Southwark.

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

SUMMARY TABLE

Indicator	Period	Southwark	East Dulwich neighbourhood	Champion Hill ward	Dulwich Hill ward	Goose Green ward	
Total number of residents	2021	307,620	32,400	9,200	9,600	13,600	
Non-white population (%)	2021	49%	36%	50%	29%	29%	
Percentage of residents with low English proficiency	2021	3.4%	2.0%	2.6%	2.1%	1.4%	
Percentage of residents with a disability	2021	14%	13%	13%	13%	12%	
Deprivation score (higher values indicate a higher level of deprivation)	2019	25.3	-	18.4	17.5	16.4	
Proportion of households socially rented	2021	40%	26%	39%	19%	19%	
Crime rate per 1,000	2022	130.8	79	70	74	93	
Percentage of population unemployed	2021-2022	6.9%	5.3%	5.7%	5.4%	4.9%	
Percentage of population workless due to sickness	2022	2.9%	2.4%	2.0%	2.8%	2.5%	
Coverage of some breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks	2018/19 – 2021/22	85%	89%	90%	89%	89%	
General fertility rate, births per 1,000	2021	42.5	47.4	45.3	58.5	38.4	
Emergency admissions among 0-4 year olds, per 1,000	2019/20	93.0	89	101	82	83	
Percentage of child excess weight at Reception	2019/20 – 2021/22	25%	21%	22%	23%	18%	
Percentage of child excess weight at Year 6	2019/20 – 2021/22	41%	29%	35%	28%	23%	
Male life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	79.4	81	82.0	80.0	80.8	
Female life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	84.3	87	89.8	83.6	87.5	
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Type 2 diabetes, rate per 1,000	2023	54	47	50	49	41
Asthma, rate per 1,000	2023	43	48	48	49	49
COPD, rate per 1,000	2023	12	11	9	11	13
Depression, rate per 1,000	2023	103	116	106	121	122
Coronary heart disease, rate per 1,000	2023	13	12	11	13	13
Cancer, rate per 1,000	2023	23	26	23	27	28
Hypertension, rate per 1,000	2023	105	101	103	101	99
All causes emergency admissions, Standardised Admission Ratio (SAR)	2016/17–2020/21	91	72	70	78	67
Hospital admissions for coronary heart disease, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	75	61	49	76	59
Hospital admissions for COPD, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	148	94	66	134	82
Hospital admissions for alcohol, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	108	79	75	85	76
Deaths from all causes, Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)	2016 - 2020	94	81	68	97	78
Deaths from cancer, SMR	2016 - 2020	101	94	91	101	90
Deaths from cardiovascular disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	92	55	43	64	58
Deaths from respiratory disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	90	73	49	106	65
Preventable mortality in under 75 year olds, SMR	2016 - 2020	102	78	84	73	78

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