

Old Kent Road Neighbourhood: Summary

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The Old Kent Road neighbourhood is home to around 19,000 of Southwark's residents

SUMMARY

The Old Kent Road neighbourhood covers just one of the borough's electoral wards: Old Kent Road. This is the most populous ward in Southwark, home to around 19,000 residents. The neighbourhood is the most ethnically diverse in Southwark, with around two-thirds of the population identifying with a non-White ethnic background.

Old Kent Road has high levels of social disadvantage, with one-tenth of the population unemployed, and ranking 6th most deprived community in the borough. The area has worse child health outcomes when compared to Southwark, with the lowest rate of breastfeeding coverage in the borough; and a significantly higher prevalence of child excess weight.

The area also faces higher prevalence of long-term conditions such as diabetes, and hypertension, when compared to Southwark. All-cause emergency hospital admissions, and hospital admissions related to alcohol, are also significantly higher in the Old Kent Road area, alongside higher mortality from causes such as cancer, and cardiovascular disease.

The summary tables provide a high level overview of the Old Kent Road neighbourhood

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Indicator	Period	Southwark	Old Kent Road	
Total number of residents	2021	307,620	19,000	
Non-white population (%)	2021	49%	65%	
Percentage of residents with low English proficiency	2021	3.4%	7.0%	
Percentage of residents with a disability	2021	14%	14%	
Deprivation score (higher values indicate a higher level of deprivation)	2019	25.3	31.9	
Proportion of households socially rented	2021	40%	58%	
Crime rate per 1,000	2022	130.8	132.3	
Percentage of population unemployed	2021-2022	6.9%	9.7%	
Percentage of population workless due to sickness	2022	2.9%	3.2%	
Coverage of some breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks	2018/19 – 2021/22	85%	79%	
General fertility rate, births per 1,000	2021	42.5	36.1	
Emergency admissions among 0-4 year olds, per 1,000	2019/20	93.0	99.0	
Percentage of child excess weight at Reception	2019/20 – 2021/22	25%	29%	
Percentage of child excess weight at Year 6	2019/20 – 2021/22	41%	50%	
Male life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	79.4	78.8	
Female life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	84.3	83.3	
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Type 2 diabetes, rate per 1,000	2023	54	82
Asthma, rate per 1,000	2023	43	45
COPD, rate per 1,000	2023	12	16
Depression, rate per 1,000	2023	103	100
Coronary heart disease, rate per 1,000	2023	13	14
Cancer, rate per 1,000	2023	23	22
Hypertension, rate per 1,000	2023	105	140
All causes emergency admissions, Standardised Admission Ratio (SAR)	2016/17–2020/21	91	105
Hospital admissions for coronary heart disease, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	75	79
Hospital admissions for COPD, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	148	166
Hospital admissions for alcohol, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	108	130
Deaths from all causes, Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)	2016 - 2020	94	100
Deaths from cancer, SMR	2016 - 2020	101	120
Deaths from cardiovascular disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	92	77
Deaths from respiratory disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	90	107
Preventable mortality in under 75 year olds, SMR	2016 - 2020	102	105

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