

Rotherhithe Neighbourhood: Summary

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Around 28,600 Southwark residents live in the neighbourhood of Rotherhithe

SUMMARY

The Rotherhithe neighbourhood sits on the River Thames in the north-eastern corner of Southwark, and covers two of the borough's electoral wards: Rotherhithe, and Surrey Docks. Around 28,600 residents live in the neighbourhood. Less ethnic diversity is present in the Rotherhithe neighbourhood when compared with the borough average, with 39% of the population identifying with a non-White ethnic background, compared to almost 1 in 2 across Southwark.

Though overall the neighbourhood has less social and economic disadvantage than Southwark, notable inequality exists within the neighbourhood itself between Rotherhithe and Surrey Docks ward. Rotherhithe sees higher crime rates, greater disadvantage, and a higher proportion of residents with a disability, when compared to Surrey Docks.

The neighbourhood has more young adults aged in their mid-twenties to late-thirties, and less children than the Southwark average, reflected in the fertility rate which is among the lowest in the borough. The area faces poor child health outcomes when compared to Southwark, with lower breastfeeding coverage, and higher rates of emergency hospital admissions in young children aged under 5. However, the Rotherhithe neighbourhood sees lower rates of long-term conditions across the life-course, and lower mortality rates when compared with Southwark as a whole.

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

SUMMARY TABLE

Indicator	Period	Southwark	Rotherhithe neighbourhood	Rotherhithe ward	Surrey Docks ward
Total number of residents	2021	307,620	28,600	15,600	13,000
Non-white population (%)	2021	49%	39%	44%	33%
Percentage of residents with low English proficiency	2021	3.4%	2.4%	2.8%	1.9%
Percentage of residents with a disability	2021	14%	12%	13%	11%
Deprivation score (higher values indicate a higher level of deprivation)	2019	25.3	-	23.7	18.0
Proportion of households socially rented	2021	40%	31%	40%	21%
Crime rate per 1,000	2022	130.8	99.9	114.9	84.9
Percentage of population unemployed	2021-2022	6.9%	5.3%	5.6%	4.9%
Percentage of population workless due to sickness	2022	2.9%	2%	2.5%	1.6%
Coverage of some breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks	2018/19 – 2021/22	85%	83%	80%	86%
General fertility rate, births per 1,000	2021	42.5	41.6	32.2	51.0
Emergency admissions among 0-4 year olds, per 1,000	2019/20	93.0	104.9	91.9	117.8
Percentage of child excess weight at Reception	2019/20 – 2021/22	25%	22%	24%	19%
Percentage of child excess weight at Year 6	2019/20 – 2021/22	41%	39%	40%	37%
Male life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	79.4	81.6	79.9	83.2
Female life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	84.3	84.5	83.5	85.5
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Type 2 diabetes, rate per 1,000	2023	54	38	43	33
Asthma, rate per 1,000	2023	43	38	40	36
COPD, rate per 1,000	2023	12	12	14	10
Depression, rate per 1,000	2023	103	104	112	97
Coronary heart disease, rate per 1,000	2023	13	13	14	12
Cancer, rate per 1,000	2023	23	24	22	25
Hypertension, rate per 1,000	2023	105	91	97	85
All causes emergency admissions, Standardised Admission Ratio (SAR)	2016/17–2020/21	91	87	91	83
Hospital admissions for coronary heart disease, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	75	81	90	72
Hospital admissions for COPD, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	148	168	265	70
Hospital admissions for alcohol, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	108	100	116	84
Deaths from all causes, Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)	2016 - 2020	94	88	97	78
Deaths from cancer, SMR	2016 - 2020	101	96	87	104
Deaths from cardiovascular disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	92	58	63	52
Deaths from respiratory disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	90	87	105	69
Preventable mortality in under 75 year olds, SMR	2016 - 2020	102	92	92	92

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