

Walworth Neighbourhood: Summary

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The Walworth neighbourhood is home to around 41,800 of Southwark's residents

SUMMARY

The Walworth neighbourhood covers three of Southwark's electoral wards: Newington, North Walworth, and Faraday. Around 41,800 people live in the area, including the communities of Elephant & Castle. The neighbourhood has substantially more ethnic diversity than Southwark as a whole, with 58% of residents identifying with a non-White ethnic background.

The area experiences some of the highest levels of social and economic disadvantage in Southwark. There are substantially higher levels of unemployment, low English proficiency, and lower median incomes, when compared to Southwark as a whole. Faraday in particular ranks as the most deprived community in the borough.

Walworth neighbourhood sees the second lowest fertility rates in Southwark, and has worse child health outcomes. Coverage of breastfeeding is lower, while rates of childhood emergency hospital admissions, and child excess weight are higher.

In general, rates of health conditions and mortality in Walworth are similar to or better than that for Southwark. Across the life-course, long-term conditions such as asthma, depression and hypertension are less prevalent in Walworth. However, the neighbourhood suffers from significantly higher rates of hospital admissions.

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

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Indicator	Period	Southwark	Walworth neighbourhood	Faraday ward	Newington ward	North Walworth ward			
Total number of residents	2021	307,620	41,800	12,500	13,400	15,800			
Non-white population (%)	2021	49%	58%	64%	57%	54%			
Percentage of residents with low English proficiency	2021	3.4%	5.1%	7.2%	3.6%	4.4%			
Percentage of residents with a disability	2021	14%	14%	12%	17%	13%			
Deprivation score (higher values indicate a higher level of deprivation)	2019	25.3	-	35.0	30.3	33.3			
Proportion of households socially rented	2021	40%	50%	52%	57%	41%			
Crime rate per 1,000	2022	130.8	129.8	119.9	81.3	188.2			
Percentage of population unemployed	2021-2022	6.9%	8.8%	9.6%	9.0%	7.7%			
Percentage of population workless due to sickness	2022	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	3.6%	3.0%			
Coverage of some breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks	2018/19 – 2021/22	85%	83%	83%	81%	84%			
General fertility rate, births per 1,000	2021	42.5	36.1	41.6	31.7	35.1			
Emergency admissions among 0-4 year olds, per 1,000	2019/20	93.0	109.5	93.2	111.3	123.9			
Percentage of child excess weight at Reception	2019/20 – 2021/22	25%	28%	31%	24%	29%			
Percentage of child excess weight at Year 6	2019/20 – 2021/22	41%	46%	48%	41%	50%			
Male life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	79.4	78.2	78.8	78.0	77.9			
Female life expectancy at birth in years	2016-2020	84.3	84.8	84.5	85.8	84.1			
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Type 2 diabetes, rate per 1,000	2023	54	59	60	63	55
Asthma, rate per 1,000	2023	43	40	37	45	38
COPD, rate per 1,000	2023	12	14	14	15	13
Depression, rate per 1,000	2023	103	100	91	105	104
Coronary heart disease, rate per 1,000	2023	13	14	14	15	13
Cancer, rate per 1,000	2023	23	21	19	22	21
Hypertension, rate per 1,000	2023	105	112	113	116	106
All causes emergency admissions, Standardised Admission Ratio (SAR)	2016/17–2020/21	91	108	104	109	112
Hospital admissions for coronary heart disease, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	75	77	74	64	93
Hospital admissions for COPD, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	148	188	183	203	178
Hospital admissions for alcohol, SAR	2016/17–2020/21	108	125	110	129	137
Deaths from all causes, Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)	2016 - 2020	94	95	91	91	102
Deaths from cancer, SMR	2016 - 2020	101	102	101	107	99
Deaths from cardiovascular disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	92	78	64	69	100
Deaths from respiratory disease, SMR	2016 - 2020	90	96	87	80	122
Preventable mortality in under 75 year olds, SMR	2016 - 2020	102	110	99	129	103

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