

Population Comparison 2001-2011

Key Figures

- The Royal Borough population grew by 40,310 people between 2001 and 2011 – accounting for an 18% growth rate increasing from 214,247 in 2001 to 254,557 in 2011
- The largest growth was seen in the Thamesmead Moorings ward (67.6%) with a population increase of 7,960
- The Woolwich Riverside ward experienced a population increase of 50% (second largest in the Royal Borough) with 6,371 people
- Thamesmead Moorings replaces Woolwich Common as the ward with the highest population (19,730 people)
- There was a population decline in the Eltham West ward, with a loss of 3,067 people – accounting for a 22.8% drop compared to the 2001 population
- Excluding the population decline in Eltham West, the smallest population growth occurred in the Eltham North ward with an increase of 214 people (1.7%)
- Overall, the Royal Borough population aged 0-3 increased by 36.5% (4,558 people), those aged 4-10 increased by 2,988 (14.8%) and those aged 11-15 increased by 8.3% (1,161 people) – accounting for early years, primary and secondary school-age pupil cohorts respectively
- In terms of age groups, the largest growth occurred in the population aged 45-49 with an additional 4,838 people, accounting for an increase of 39.9%
- There was a decline seen in the Royal Borough's elderly population age groups of 65-74 (-0.9%) and 75-89 (-13.3%)

Table 1: Total Population Growth by Ward and Rank

Ward Change 2001-11	Population Change 2001-2011	Rate of Change	Rank
Thamesmead Moorings	7,960	67.6%	1
Woolwich Riverside	6,371	50.0%	2
Greenwich West	5,311	47.4%	3
Peninsula	3,883	38.2%	4
Glyndon	4,297	31.0%	5
Kidbrooke with Hornfair	2,303	19.2%	6
Plumstead	2,693	19.2%	7
Abbey Wood	2,321	17.3%	8
Woolwich Common	2,508	16.7%	9
Charlton	1,769	14.0%	10
Eltham South	981	8.5%	11
Blackheath Westcombe	890	7.4%	12
Middle Park and Sutcliffe	653	5.1%	13
Shooters Hill	627	4.9%	14
Coldharbour & New Eltham	596	4.8%	15
Eltham North	214	1.7%	16
Eltham West	-3,067	-22.8%	17
Royal Greenwich	40,310	18.8%	
London	1,001,850	14.0%	

Source: ONS Census (2001) Table (UV04) Age & ONS Census (2011) Table QS103EW Age by Single Year