

Information on Cathall Ward

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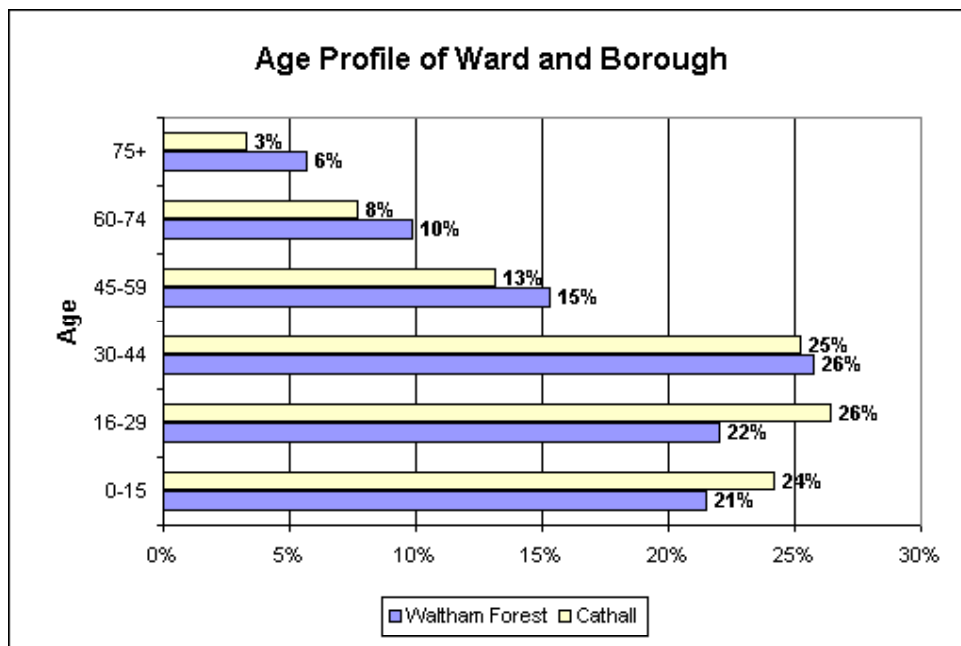
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The Population of Cathall Ward

Cathall ward has had only small changes to its boundaries. The changes in 2002 have increased the area of the ward from 104 to 105.7 hectares.

The number of people living in Cathall ward has fallen from around 11,117 residents in the 1991 Census to 10,608 people in the Census of April 2001, a decrease of 5%. (The 1991 count is an estimation of the previous population within the new 2002 ward boundaries). The population density of 100.73 people per hectare in the ward is nearly double the Borough average of 56.43 people per hectare, and 5th highest in the Borough.

Cathall ward is of average population size for Waltham Forest, with 5,373 females and 5,235 males living in the ward.



Census 2001

Cathall ward has a high proportion of children and young adults, and fewer people over 60 years than the Borough age profile, as shown in the above graph.

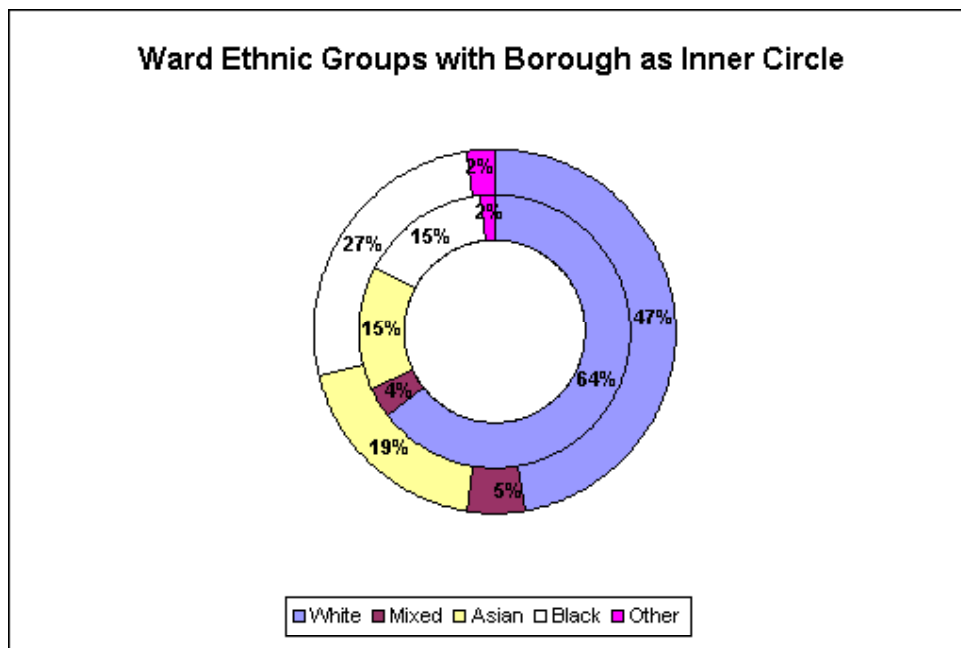
- 24% of the population are children under 16 years, the 3rd highest % in the Borough. There are 2,561 children.
- There are higher than average numbers in the age group 16 to 29 years, with 2,805 people in this age range.
- The percentage of adults aged 30 to 44 years is close to the average, with 2,674 people in this age range.
- 11% of the ward residents are over 60 years (Borough average 15.5%). 26 residents were aged 90 and over, and 64 aged between 85 to 89 yrs in 2001.

The Ethnic Groups in Cathall Ward

The ward population has changed in ethnic composition since 1991. The Census ethnic categories are not the same in 2001 as those used in 1991, so comparisons over the decade are not exact. The new category of “mixed ethnic groups” was introduced in the Census 2001.

The White population group is less than half of the total ward population in Cathall, Lea Bridge and Leyton wards. There are 5,010 people in the Cathall White population groups in Census 2001. These consist of 3,980 British, 206 Irish and 824 other European groups. The White groups were 57% of the ward population in Census 1991, (using 2002 ward boundaries), and are now 47% in Census 2001.

The following diagram compares the percentage in the ethnic groups in Cathall ward, (the outer circle) with those of the Borough in 2001 (the inner circle).



Census 2001

53% of the ward population is from the Black and Minority Ethnic Groups, increasing from 43% in Census 1991 (for the 2002 ward boundary).

The main groups present in 2001 are –

- 1,280 in the Black Caribbean group,
- 1,268 in the Black African group,
- 941 in the Pakistani group,
- 548 in the Indian group,
- there are 551 in the Mixed group.

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Religions Present in Cathall Ward

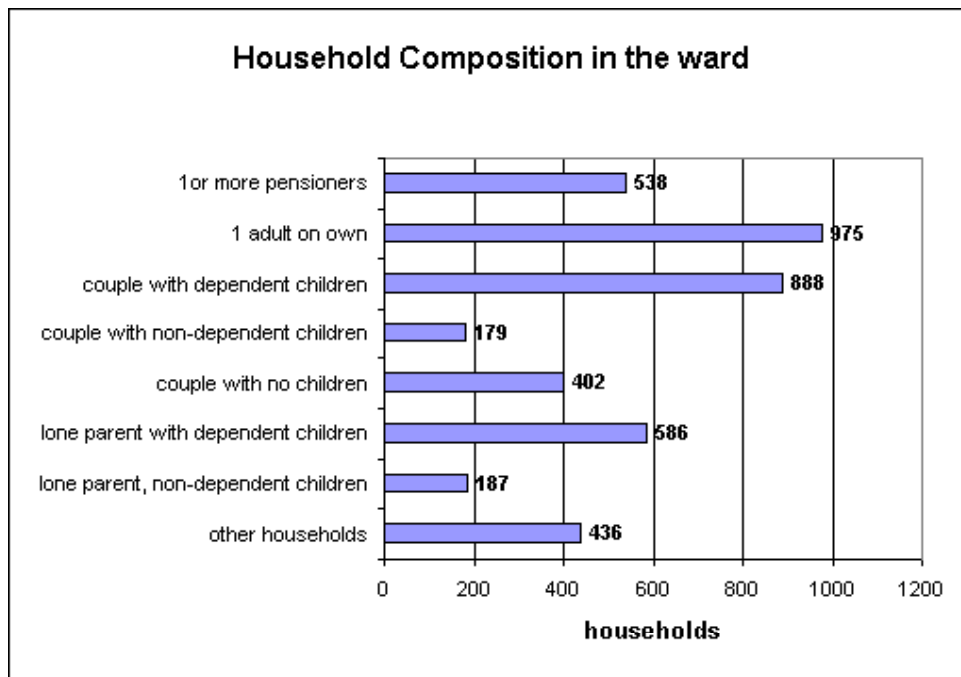
This is the first time that a question on religion has been asked in the Census, so no comparison with previous years is possible. The response rate by the residents of the ward to this voluntary question was 88%.

The majority of the population in the ward are Christian (51%). 19% of the population are Muslims, and 2% are Hindus. 13% of people in the ward said they had no religion.

Household Composition in Cathall Ward

There are 4,191 households with residents in 2001 compared with 4,517 in 1991 (for the 2002 boundary), a decrease of 7%.

- 33% of all households in the ward are one-person households, the same as the Borough average (33%).
- there are 405 one-person pensioner households in 2001.
- there are 975 other adults living alone.
- the total number of “all pensioner” households in the ward (whether a person living alone, or in a couple or family) is 538 households.
- there are dependent children in 35% of all households in the ward, above the Borough average of 31%. There are 1,474 households with dependent children out of a ward total of 4,191 households.
- there are 586 lone parent households with dependent children, 14% of all households. This is the highest proportion in Waltham Forest. The majority of lone parents are female (556), and 30 are male.



Census 2001

Health and Disability in Cathall Ward

The Census 2001 asked about people's general health over the previous 12 months. Cathall ward has an above average proportion of people reporting that their health is "not good" in the Borough.

- 1,034 people reported that they are in "not good" health (9.8%), the highest number and percentage (Borough average is 9%).
- 2,284 people reported "fairly good" health (22%), the same as the Borough average.

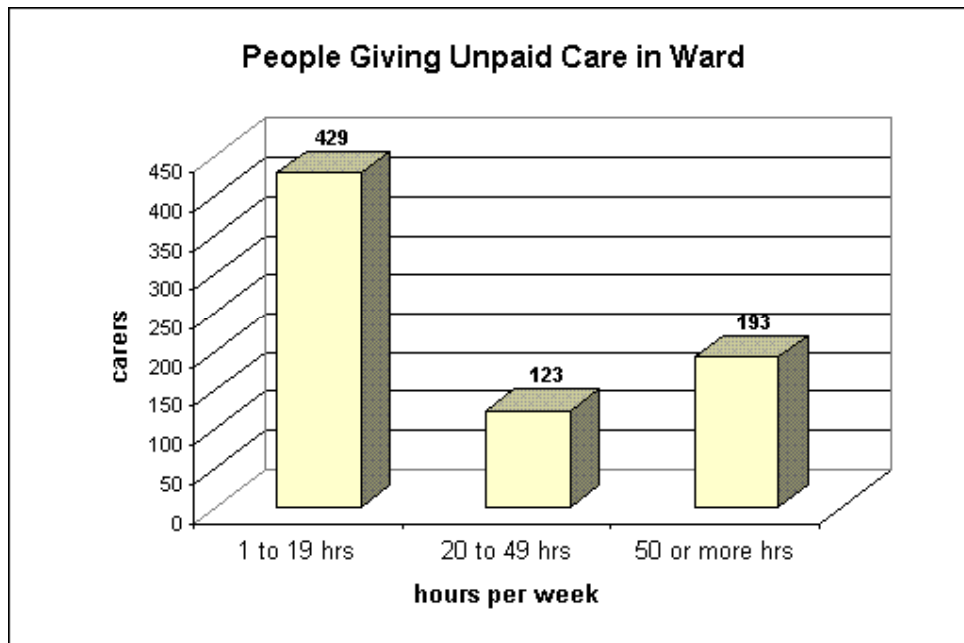
Limiting long-term illness (LLTI) covers any long-term illness, health problem or disability that limits daily activities or work. The proportion of the ward population reporting LLTI has grown over the decade since Census 1991.

- 34% of households in the ward contain at least one person with limiting long-term illness in 2001, the 4th highest percentage in the Borough and above the average (32%).
- 1,607 reported LLTI in 2001, compared with 1,402 in 1991.
- the proportion of people of all ages reporting limiting long-term illness in the ward was 16.6% in the Census 2001. This is close to the Borough average of 16.5% with limiting long-term illness. The proportion in 1991 was 12.5% for the ward.

A new question in Census 2001 asked about the number of hours given in unpaid care to members of the family, neighbours and friends.

745 people in the ward give unpaid care to others, 7% of the population.

The chart shows the number of carers in the ward and the average hours they give in unpaid care. 26% of unpaid carers give 50 hours or more care per week, above the Borough average of 22% of carers.

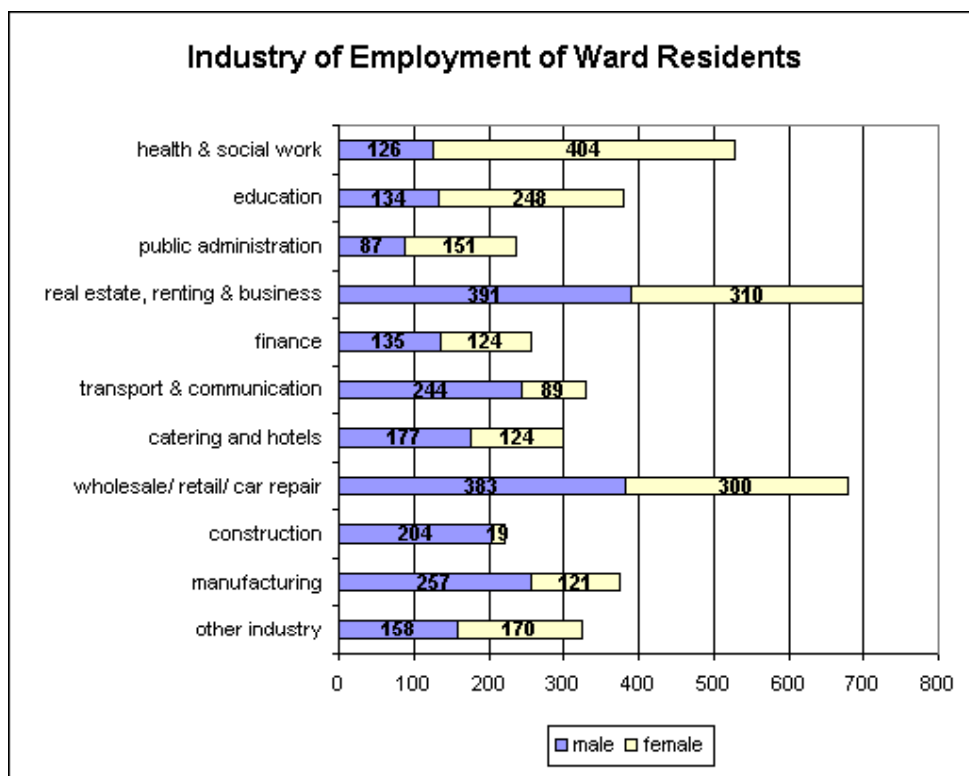


Economic Activity and Industry of Employment

There are 7,695 people of age 16 to 74 years in Cathall ward. 64% are economically active, and 36% are economically inactive. The latter includes the retired (7%), students not working (7.7%), those looking after home and family (8.4%), and the permanently sick (6%).

- 53.4% of the residents were employed, full-time, part-time and self-employed. The Borough average is 59%.
- 6.5% were unemployed in April 2001. The unemployment rate for April 2003 is 7.0%.

The average number of hours worked per week is 39.62 hrs by men, and 34.03 hrs by women. This is below the Borough average for men (40.48 hrs) and above the Borough average for women (33.45 hrs).



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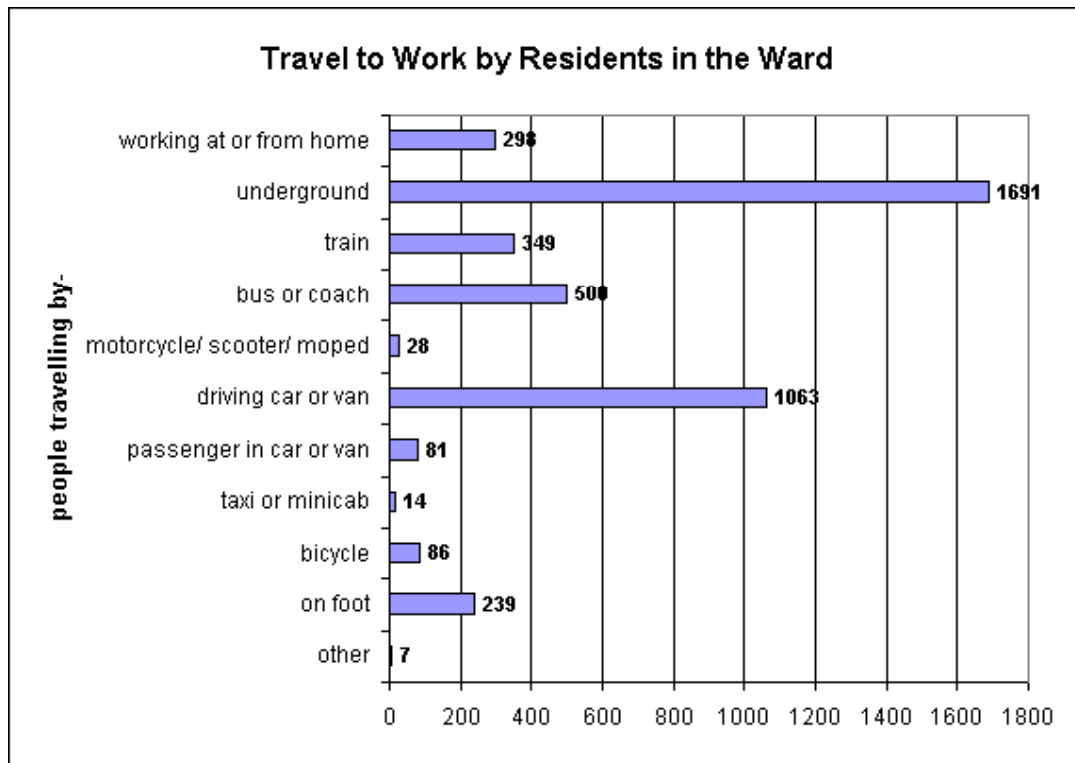
There are 2,296 men and 2,060 women in employment in Cathall ward. The largest proportion of men and women work in business, real estate or renting industries, and in wholesale / retail and car repair activities. A large number of women also work in health and social work and in Education.

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Travel to Work and Car and Van Use in Cathall Ward

Employed people in Cathall ward were asked to name the means of travel that describes the longest part of their journey to work.

- the largest number (1,691) use the underground (38.8%). This is the 3rd highest percentage, and far above the Borough average of 28%.
- the 2nd largest number (1,144) travel to work by car as a driver or passenger (26%).
- 58.3% use public transport (underground, rail or bus) to get to work, the highest % of public transport use in the Borough.
- 6.8% work at or mainly from home, close to the Borough average.



Census 2001

Cars and Vans available to households in Cathall ward

- 50% of all households in the ward have a car or van for private use in 2001. 429 households have 2 or more cars, the lowest number of households in the Borough with more than 1 car.
- 50% of households have no car or van. This is the highest level of households without a car in the Borough (average of 39%).
- the estimated total number of cars and vans available in the ward was 2,627 in 2001. Cathall ward has the lowest number of cars in Waltham Forest.

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Qualifications of Cathall Ward residents

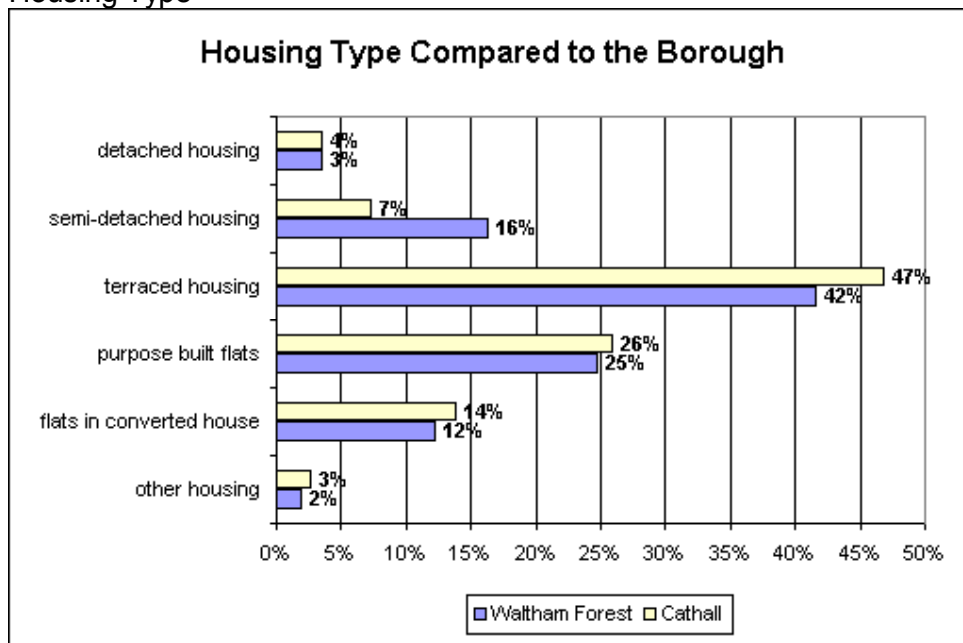
7,695 residents between the ages of 16 and 74 years were asked about their qualifications.

- 29% of residents have no qualifications, (Borough average 29%).
- 30.7% have GCSE's or "O" levels or NVQ's at level 1 or level 2.
- 9.2% have 2 or more "A" levels, 4 AS levels or NVQ level 3.
- 26.1% have a first degree, higher degree or Higher National Certificate or Diploma. The Borough average is 24%.
- 627 residents between the ages of 18 and 74 are full-time students.

Housing Type, Tenure and Amenities in Cathall Ward

There are 4,191 households with residents in the ward with an average household size of 2.52 persons. There were 244 vacant properties, the highest number in the Borough. There are 5 second homes. In April 2001 there were a total of 4,440 household spaces in all.

Housing Type



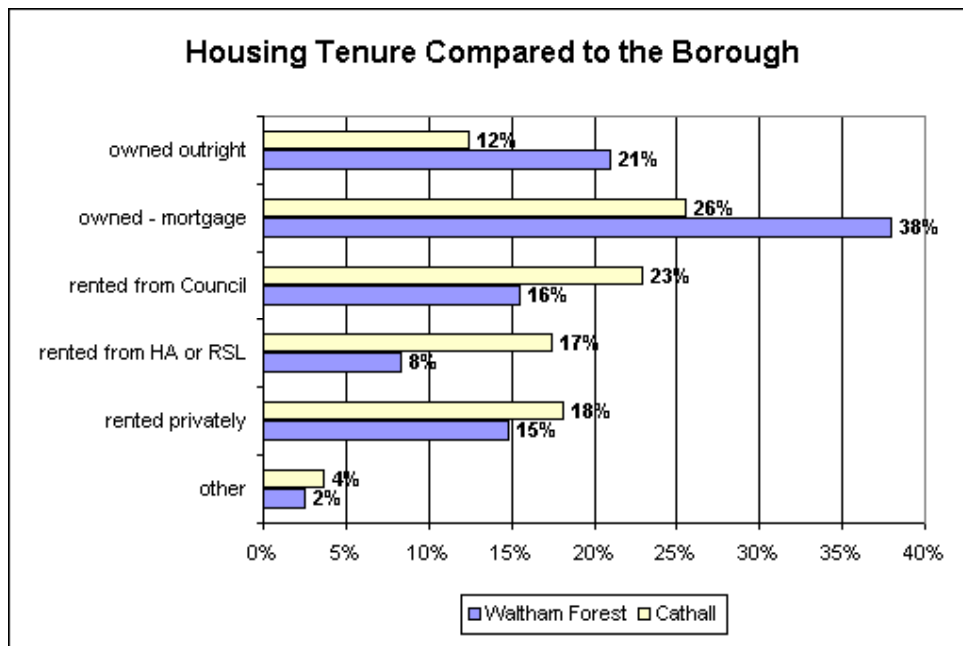
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The largest proportion of households (47%) is terraced housing. There are 2,080 terraced households. The Borough average is 42%.

- The proportion of flats in converted houses (14%) is above the Borough average (12%).
- The proportion of semi-detached housing (7%) is far below the Borough average of 16%.

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Housing Tenure



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- 38% of residents own their home, either owned outright or with a mortgage. This is below the Borough average of 59%.
- Cathall ward has 23% Council rented housing, above the Borough average of 15.5%. There are 960 Council rented households.
- 17% are renting accommodation from a Housing Association (HA), or from a Registered Social Landlord (RSL), 731 households. This is the highest number and % in the Borough (average 8%).
- 18% are renting from a private landlord or letting agency, 759 households. This is above the Borough average of 15%.

Housing Amenities

- 1,078 households are overcrowded (25.7%), the highest percentage in the Borough (average 16%).
- 425 households have no central heating (10%), compared with the Borough average of 12.3%. Waltham Forest has the highest % of housing lacking central heating out of all London Boroughs.
- 75.6% of housing has the lowest floor at ground or basement level.
- 21.6% of housing has the lowest floor level at 1st to 4th level (904 households). This is close to the Borough average (21%).
- 2.8% of households have the lowest level at 5th floor or above (118 households). The Borough average is 1%.

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