

Information on Lea Bridge Ward

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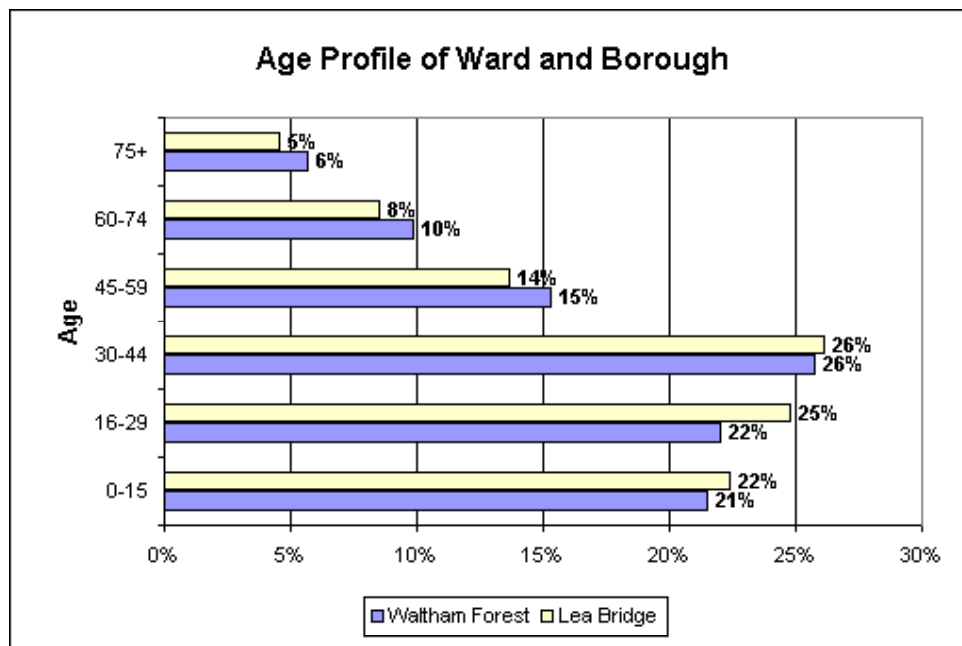
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The Population of Lea Bridge Ward

Lea Bridge ward has been enlarged, adding land around Argall Avenue in the west. The change in boundaries in 2002 has increased the area of the ward from 191 to 264 hectares.

The number of people living in Lea Bridge ward has risen from around 10,995 residents in the 1991 Census to 12,340 people in the Census of April 2001, a growth of 12%. (The 1991 count is an estimation of the previous population within the new 2002 ward boundaries). Lea Bridge has the 2nd highest population in Waltham Forest, after Leyton ward. The population density of 47 people per hectare in the ward is below the Borough average of 56 per hectare, and the 15th highest population density in Waltham Forest.

Lea Bridge ward has a large population, with 6,329 females and 6,011 males living in the ward.



Census 2001

Lea Bridge ward has more children and young adults and fewer people over 60 years than the Borough age profile, as shown in the above graph.

- The percentage of children under 16 years (22%) is slightly above the Borough average (21%).
- There are higher than average numbers in the age group 25 to 29 years, with 1,323 people in this age range.
- The percentage of adults aged 30 to 44 years (26%) is above average, with 3,220 people in this age range. This is the 2nd highest count of this age group in Waltham Forest, after Hoe Street ward.
- 13.0% of the ward residents are over 60 years, less than the Borough average of 15.5%. 51 residents were aged 90 and over in 2001.

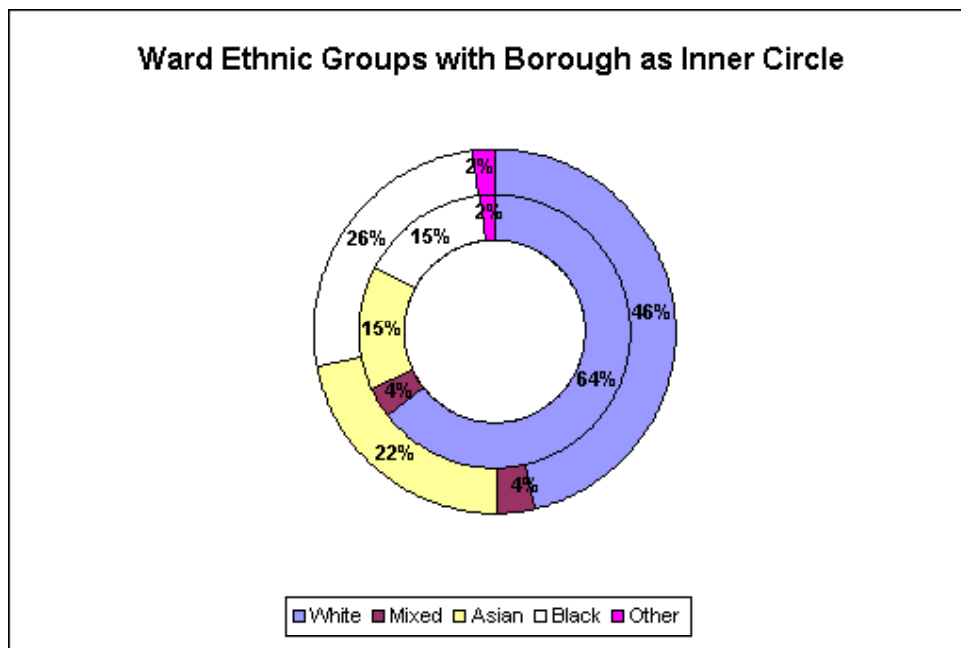
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The Ethnic Groups in Lea Bridge Ward

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.

There are 5,707 people in the White population groups in Census 2001. These consist of 4,427 British, 276 Irish and 1,004 other European groups. The White groups were 61% of the ward population in Census 1991, (using 2002 ward boundaries), and are now 46% in Census 2001. Lea Bridge ward is one of 3 wards in Waltham Forest where the White population is below 50% of the total population. The others are Leyton and Cathall.

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



Census 2001

54% of the ward population is from the Black and Minority Ethnic Groups, increasing from 39% in Census 1991 (for the 2002 ward boundary).

The main groups present in 2001 are –

- 1,831 in the Black Caribbean group, the largest number in the Borough,
- 1,670 in the Pakistani group,
- 1,102 in the Black African group,
- 628 in the Indian group,
- there are 437 in the Mixed group.

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Religions Present in Lea Bridge Ward

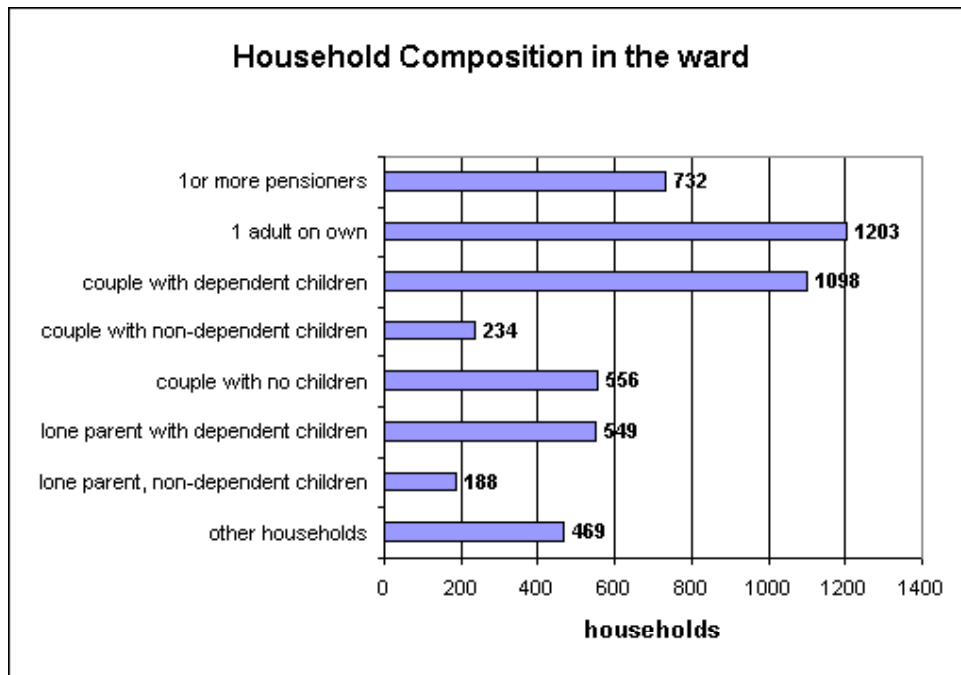
This is the first time that a question on religion has been asked in the Census, so no comparison with previous years is possible. The response rate by the residents of the ward to the voluntary question was 92%.

The majority of the population in the ward are Christian (51%). 3,072 people (25%) are Muslim, the highest number in the Borough. There are 247 Hindus. 12% of people in the ward said they had no religion.

Household Composition in Lea Bridge Ward

There are 5,029 households with residents in 2001 compared with 4,609 in 1991 (for the 2002 boundary), a growth of 9%. Lea Bridge ward has the highest number of households with residents in the Borough.

- 34.6% of all households in the ward are one-person households, close to the Borough average. There are 537 one-person pensioner households in 2001, and 1,203 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 732.
- there are dependent children in 33% of all households in the ward, compared to a Borough average of 31%. There are 1,647 households with dependent children out of a ward total of 5,029 households.
- There are 549 lone parent households with dependent children. This is the 5th highest number in the Borough. The majority of lone parents are female (514), and 35 are male.



Census 2001

Health and Disability in Lea Bridge Ward

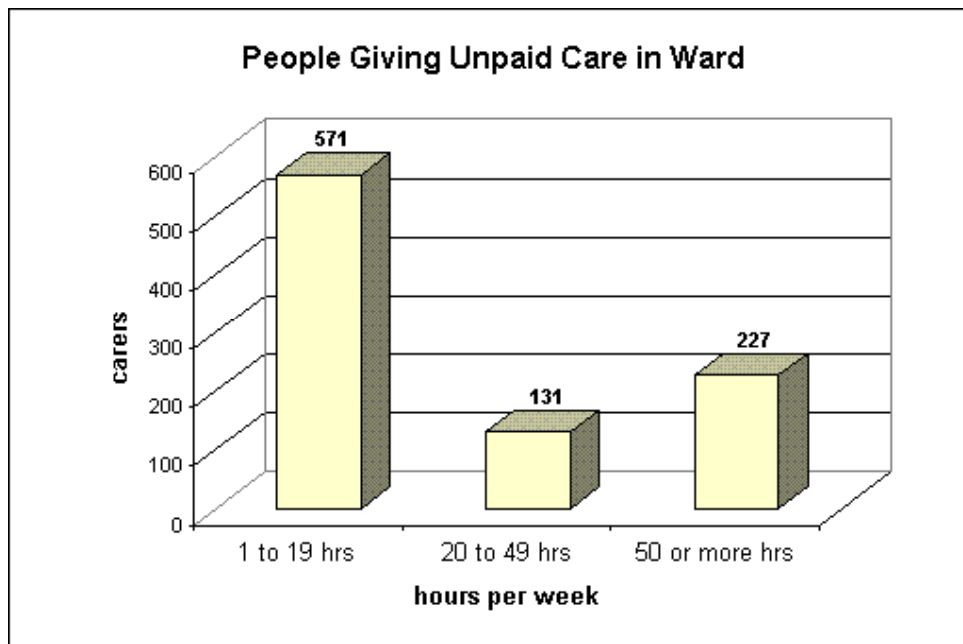
The Census 2001 asked about people's general health over the previous 12 months. Lea Bridge ward has a lower proportion of people reporting that their health is "not good" than the Borough average.

- 1,029 people reported that they are in "not good" health (8%), below the borough average of 9%.
- 2,778 people have "fairly good" health (23%), just above the Borough average of 22%.

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.

- 30% of households in the ward contain at least one person with limiting long-term illness in 2001.
- 1,876 reported LLTI in 2001, compared with 1,298 in 1991.
- the proportion of people of all ages reporting limiting long-term illness in the ward was 15% in the Census 2001. This is less than the Borough average of 16.5% with limiting long-term illness.

A new question in Census 2001 asked about the number of hours given in unpaid care to members of the family, neighbours and friends. 929 people in the ward give unpaid care to others, 7.5% of the population. The chart shows the number of carers in the ward and the average hours they give in unpaid care. 24% of unpaid carers give 50 hours or more care per week.



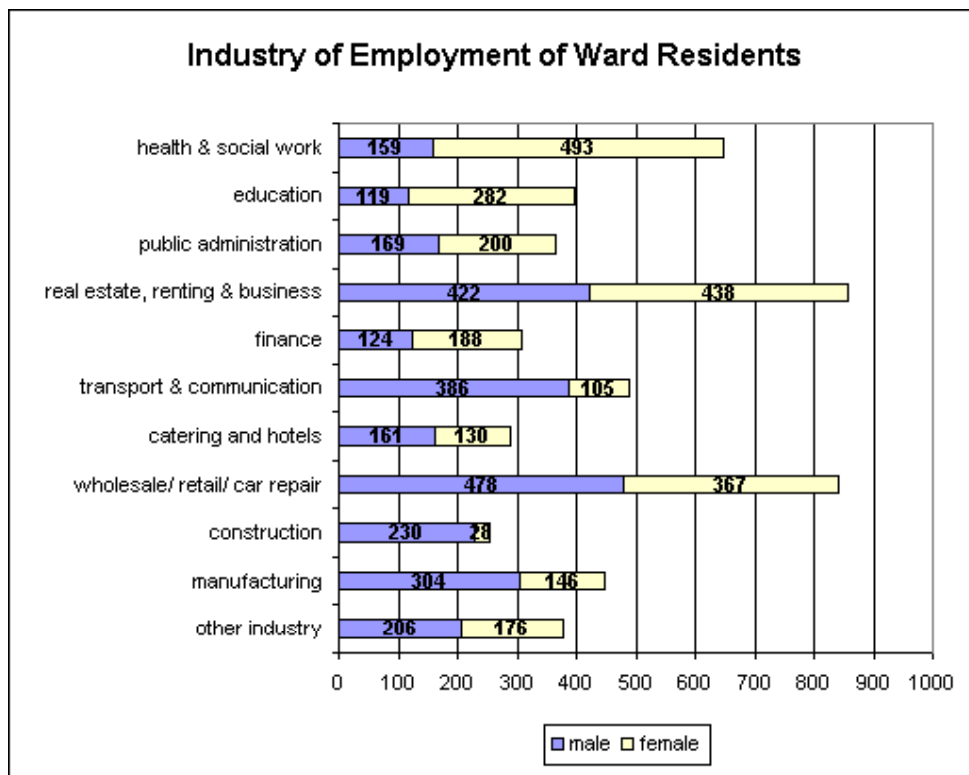
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Economic Activity and Industry of Employment

There are 9,009 people of age 16 to 74 years in Lea Bridge ward. 66% are economically active, and 34% are economically inactive. The latter includes the retired (8%), students not working (7.5%), those looking after home and family (8%), and the permanently sick (4.7%).

- 56% of the residents were employed, full-time, part-time and self-employed. The Borough average is 59%.
- 6.4% were unemployed in April 2001. The unemployment rate for April 2003 is 7.9%.

The average number of hours worked per week is 39.96 hrs by men, and 33.33 hrs by women. These are very close to the Borough average hours for men (40.48 hrs) and for women (33.45 hrs).



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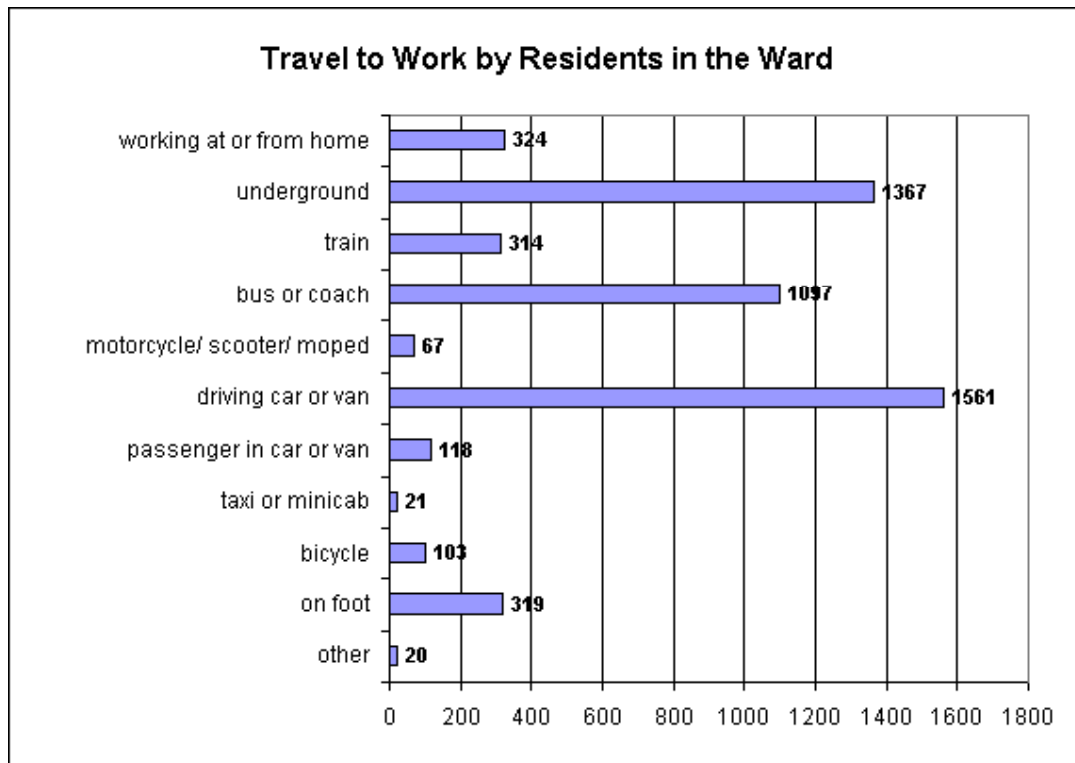
There are 2,758 men and 2,553 women in employment in Lea Bridge ward. The largest proportion of men and women work in business, real estate or renting industries, and in wholesale / retail and car repair activities. A large number of women also work in health and social work and education.

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Travel to Work and Car and Van Use in Lea Bridge Ward

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

- the majority of commuters travel by car (32%), 1,679 people. This is below the Borough average of 35%.
- 52% use public transport (underground, rail or bus) to get to work.
- 26% travel by underground, close to the Borough average of 28%.
- 21% travel by bus, the highest proportion in Waltham Forest and double the Borough average (10%). 1,097 people travel by bus.
- 6% work at or mainly from home, below the Borough average.



Census 2001

Cars and Vans available to households in Lea Bridge ward

- 57% of all households in the ward have a car or van for private use in 2001. 586 households have 2 or more cars.
- 43% of households have no car or van. This is higher than the Borough average of 39%.
- the estimated total number of cars and vans available in the ward was 3,547 in 2001.

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Qualifications of Lea Bridge Ward residents

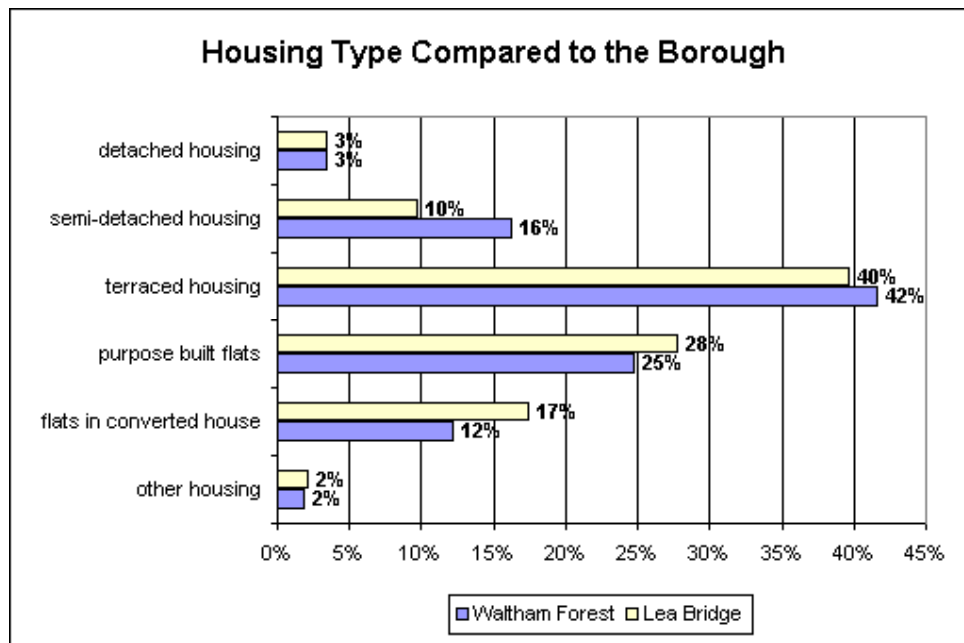
9,009 residents between the ages of 16 and 74 years were asked about their qualifications.

- 29% of residents have no qualifications, (Borough average 29%).
- 32% have GCSE's or "O" levels or NVQ's at level 1 or level 2.
- 10% have 2 or more "A" levels, 4 AS levels or NVQ level 3.
- 23% have a first degree, higher degree or Higher National Certificate or Diploma. The Borough average is 24%.
- 730 residents between the ages of 18 and 74 are full-time students.

Housing Type, Tenure and Amenities in Lea Bridge Ward

There are 5,029 households in the ward with an average household size of 2.43 persons. There were 156 vacant properties and 4 second homes in April 2001, a total of 5,189 household spaces in all.

Housing Type



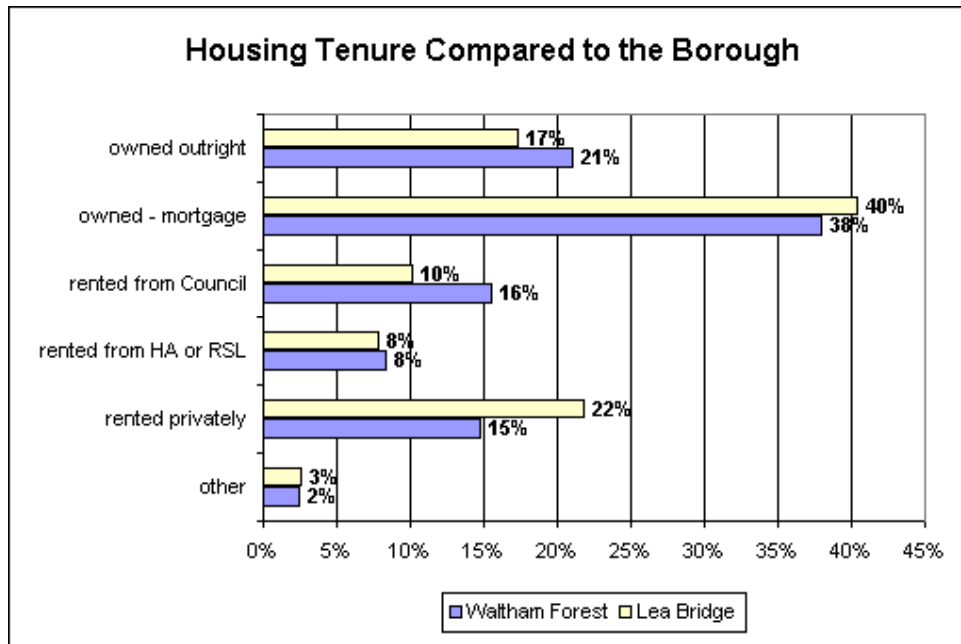
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The largest proportion of housing by type is terraced housing (40%), close to the Borough average. There are 2,058 terraced households.

- The 1,440 purpose built flats (28%) are above Borough average.
- the 903 flats in converted houses are 17% of all housing, above the Borough average of 12%.
- The proportion of semi-detached housing is low.

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Housing Tenure



Census 2001

- 58% of residents own their home, either owned outright or with a mortgage.
- Lea Bridge ward has 10% Council rented housing, below the Borough average of 15.5%.
- 8% are renting accommodation from a Housing Association (HA), or from a Registered Social Landlord (RSL), the same as the Borough average.
- 22% are renting from a private landlord or letting agency, above the Borough average of 15%.

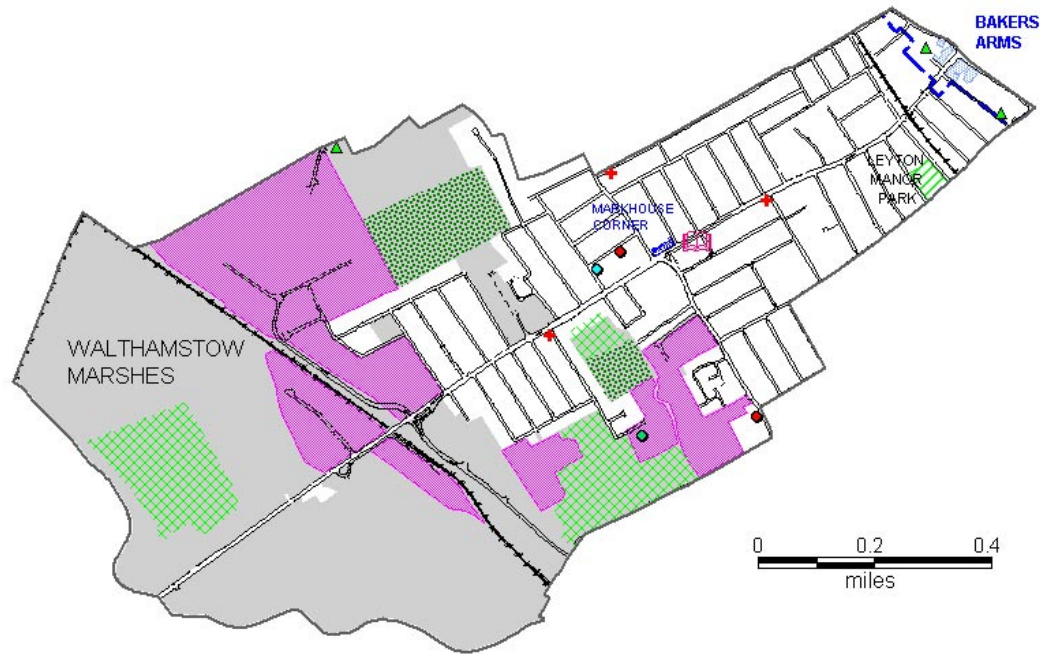
Housing Amenities

- 1,027 households are overcrowded (20%), above the Borough average of 16%. Lea Bridge ward is the 5th highest ranked ward for overcrowded housing.
- 735 households have no central heating (14.6%), compared with the Borough average of 12.3%. %. Lea Bridge ward is the 5th highest ranked ward for lack of central heating. Waltham Forest has the highest % of housing lacking central heating out of all London Boroughs.
- 76% of housing has the lowest floor at ground or basement level.
- Less than 1% of households have the lowest level at 5th floor or above.

Census 2001 gives us detailed information on a community in the process of change. The information in this document is from the Key Statistics series on Census 2001 from the Office for National Statistics. Further detailed tables are available in the Standard Tables series.



LEA BRIDGE WARD PROFILE



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- General Libraries
- Infant Schools
- Primary and Junior Schools
- Secondary Schools
- GP Surgeries
- Mini Recycling Centres
- Roads
- Railway
- Allotment Sites
- Parks
- Playing Fields
- Principal Shopping Centre
- Main Shopping Frontage
- Neighbourhood Shopping Centre
- Main Industrial Zone
- Other Non Residential Area

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