

Information on Walthamstow West Community Council

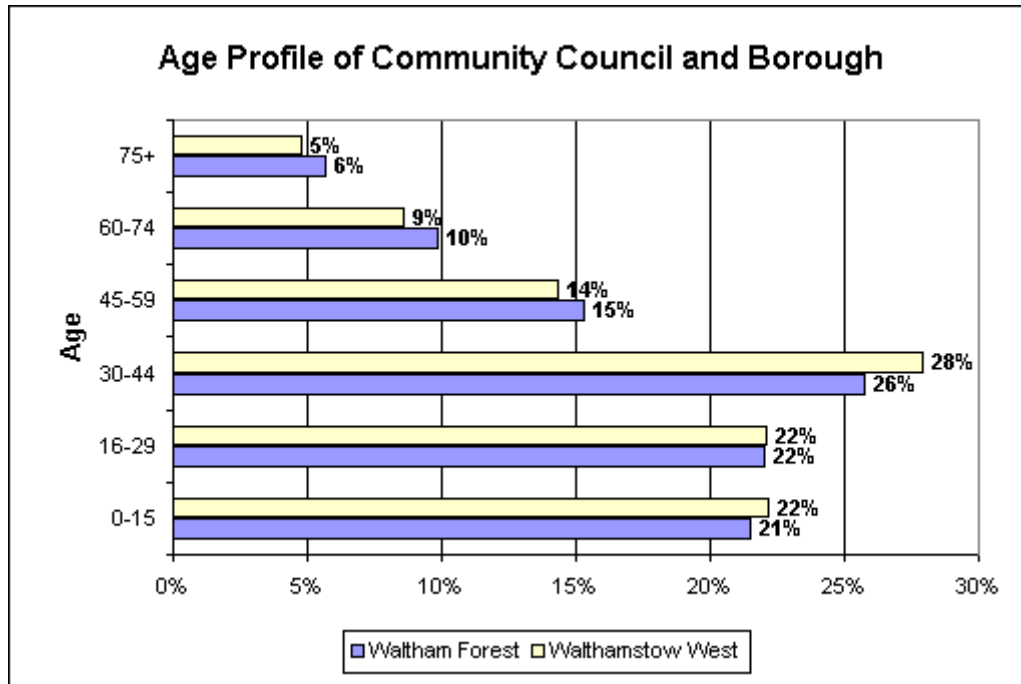
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The Population of Walthamstow West Community Council Area

Walthamstow West Community Council includes the 4 wards of Chapel End, High Street, Higham Hill and William Morris. The area of the Community Council is 912.3 hectares, and the population density is 48.65 people per hectare. The Borough average is 56.3 people per hectare.



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Walthamstow West Community Council area has a total population of 44,386 people. There are 21,575 males and 22,811 females resident in the area.

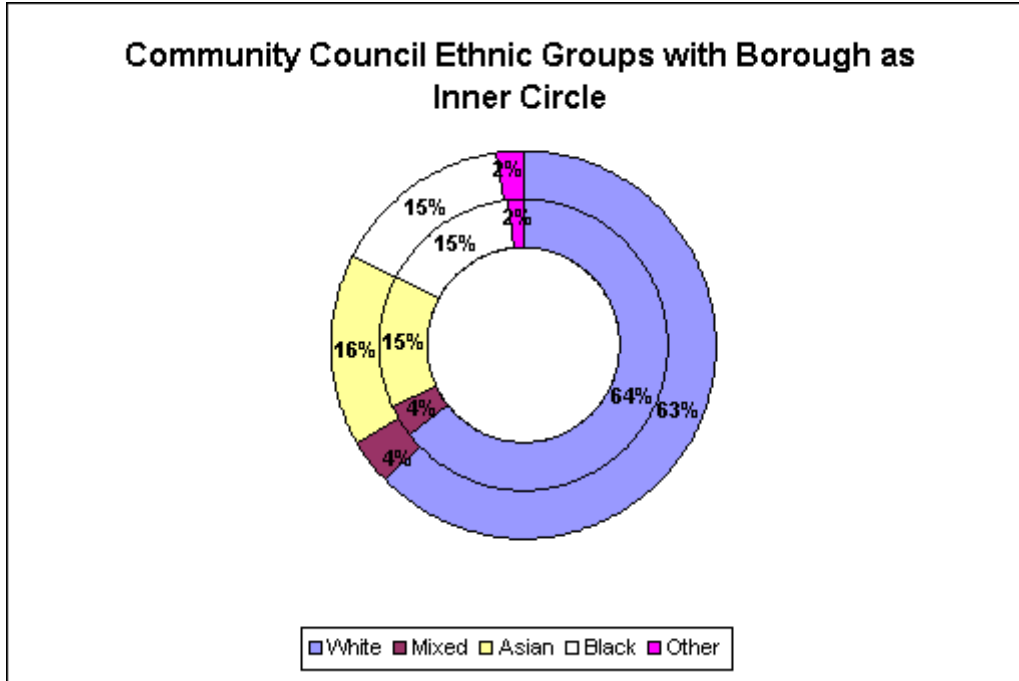
- The proportion of children under 16 years is slightly above the Borough average.
- 28% of the population is aged 30 to 44 years, compared to a Borough average of fewer than 26% in this age group.
- There are fewer people over 60 years than the Borough average of 15.5% in this age group.

Walthamstow West Population Profile

Age Group	Number
75 and over	2,146
60 - 74	3,836
45 - 59	6,341
30 - 44	12,400
16 - 29	9,808
Under 16	9,855
Total Population	44,386

The Ethnic Groups in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

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



Census 2001

The ethnic profile of the Walthamstow West population is very similar to the Borough profile.

The numbers in each ethnic group are –

- 27,846 in the White group,
- 6,974 in the Asian group,
- 6,834 in the Black group,
- 1,773 in the Mixed group,
- 959 in the Chinese and other ethnic groups.

Religions in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

Religion	Number
Christian	24,200
Muslim	6,589
Hindu	1,127
Jewish	203
Sikh	159
Buddhist	244
Other Religion	199
No Religion	7,394
Religion not stated	4,271

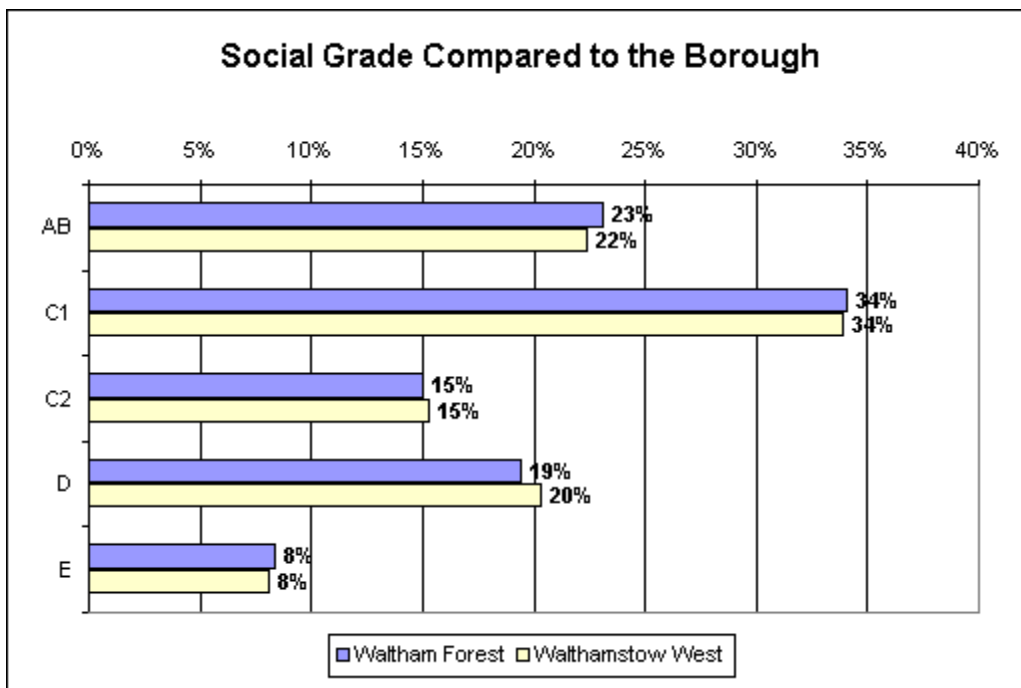
55% of the population are Christians, and 15% are Muslims.

Social Grades in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

The Office of National Statistics has calculated an approximated social grade for all people aged 16 to 64 years and over who are resident in the area.

The grades are as follows -

- AB.** Professional and middle managers
- C1.** Non-manual workers
- C2.** Skilled manual workers
- D.** Semi-skilled and unskilled manual workers
- E.** On state benefits or unemployed, and lowest grade workers



Census 2001

- Variations from the average Borough social grades are small.
- One third of the population is social grade C1, non-manual workers in supervisory or junior managerial positions, or junior administrative and professional positions.
- There is a slightly higher proportion of the population in social grades AB combined, professionals and middle managers.

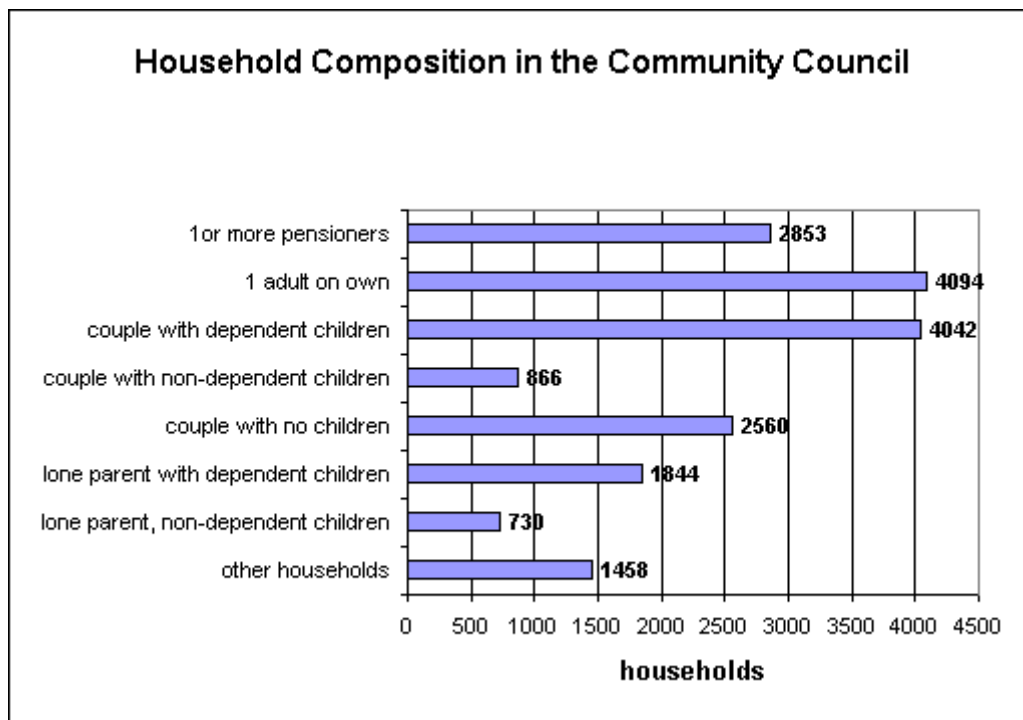
Household Composition in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

There are 18,447 households with residents in 2001.

Percentage of Households by Family Composition

Households -	Community Council	Waltham Forest
1 or more pensioners	16%	18%
1 adult on own	22%	21%
Couple with dependent children	22%	22%
Couple with non-dependent children	4%	5%
Couple, no children	14%	13%
Lone parent with dependent children	10%	10%
Lone parent, non-dependent children	4%	4%
Other households	8%	7%

- There are fewer all pensioner households than the Borough average.
- 2,021 households contain pensioners living alone.
- There are 1,844 households of lone parents with dependent children. The majority (1,725 households) have a female lone parent, and 119 have a male lone parent.
- 31% of all households with dependent children are headed by a lone parent, (Borough average 30%).



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Health and Disability in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

The Census 2001 asked a question about people’s general health over the previous 12 months. This area has a slightly lower proportion of people reporting that their health is “not good” than the Borough average. The proportion reporting “good health” is above the Borough average.

Health	Number	CC	Borough
Good	30,806	69.4%	68.6%
Fairly Good	9,821	22.1%	22.4%
Not Good	3,759	8.5%	9.0%

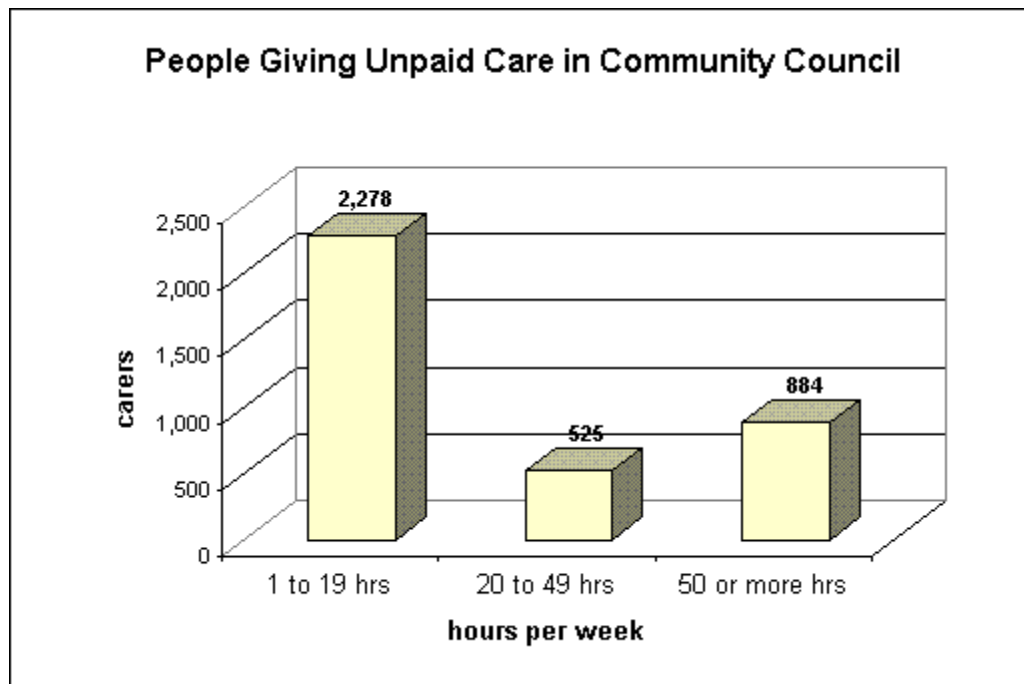
Limiting long-term illness

Limiting long-term illness (LLTI) covers any long-term illness, health problem or disability that limits daily activities or work.

- 6,880 people reported LLTI in 2001.
- 15.5% of people of all ages reported limiting long-term illness in the Census 2001. The Borough average is 16.5% of all people with LLTI.

Unpaid Care

A new question in Census 2001 asked about the number of hours given in unpaid care to members of the family, neighbours and friends. 3,687 people in the Community Council area give unpaid care to others. 24% of unpaid carers give 50 hours or more of care per week (884 people).



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Economic Activity and Industry of Employment

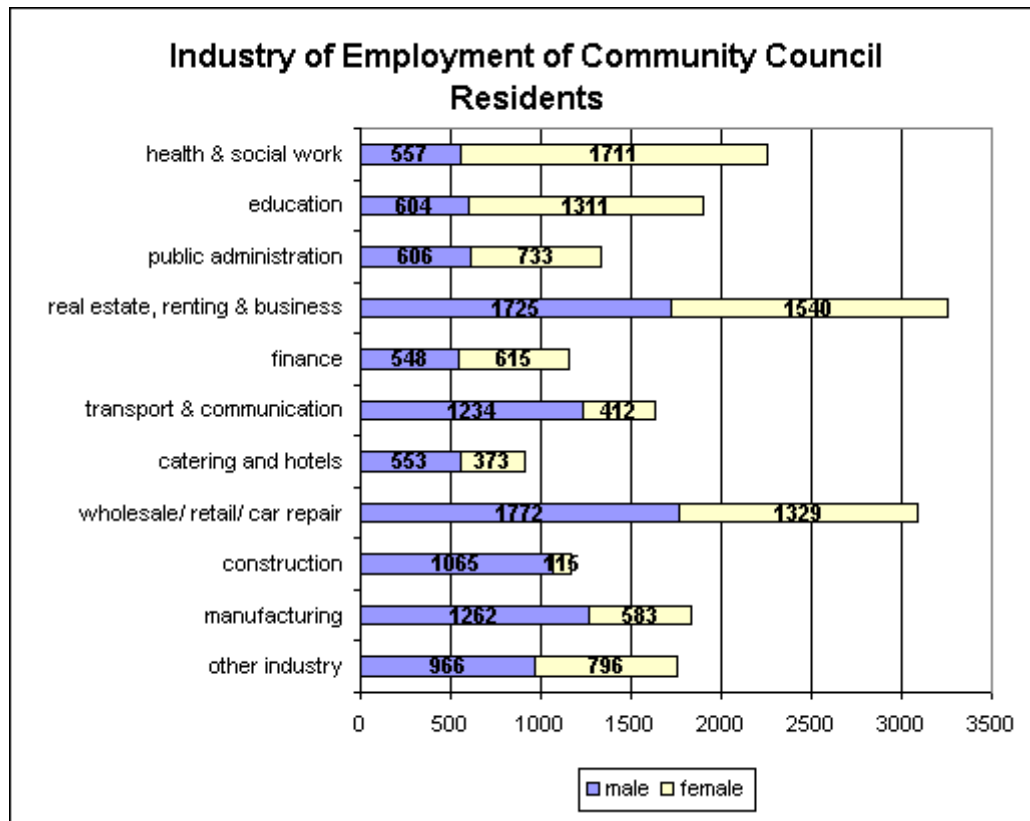
There are 32,385 people aged 16 to 74 years in the Walthamstow West Community Council area. 68% are economically active, and 32% are economically inactive.

Economically inactive residents

- 8% are retired. The Borough average is 9.4%.
- 6% are students not working. The Borough average is 6%.
- 8% are looking after home and family. The Borough average is 8%.
- 5% are permanently sick. The Borough average is 5%.

Economically active residents

- 61% of the residents were employed, full-time, part-time and self-employed. The Borough average is 59% employed.
- 4.8% were unemployed in April 2001. The Borough average is 5.6% in April 2003.



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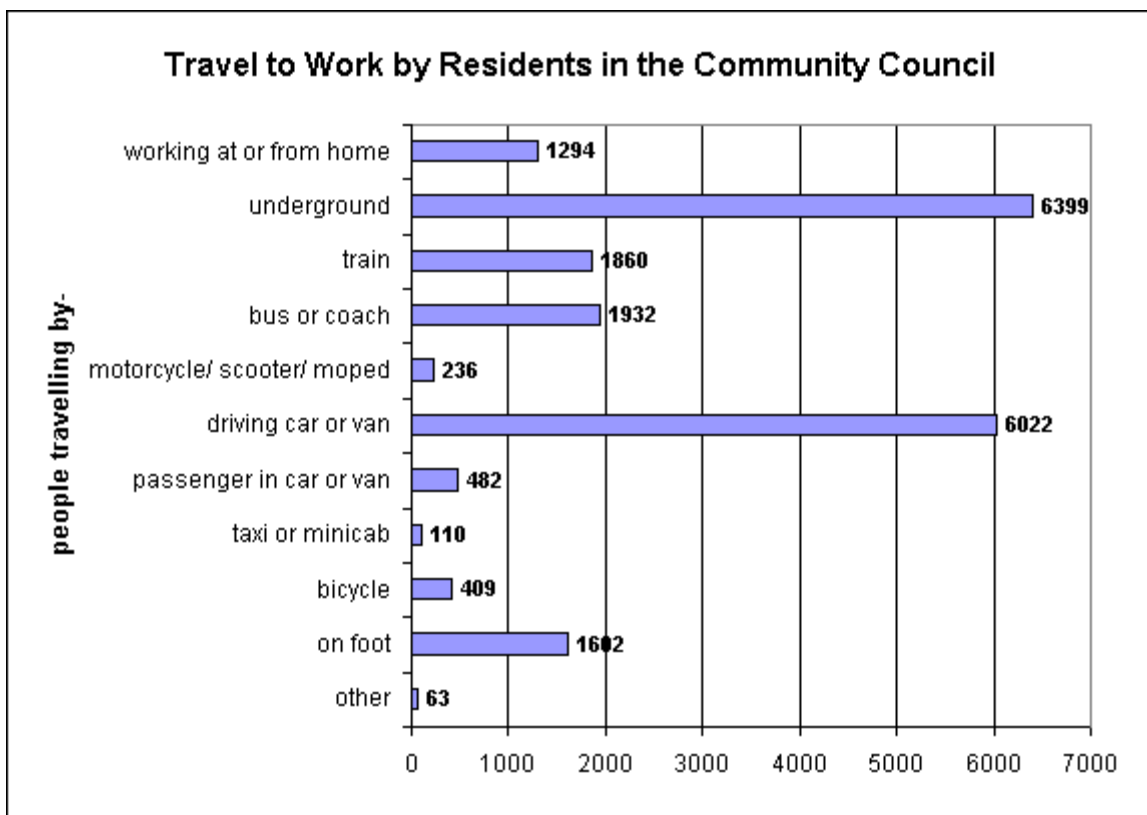
There are 10,892 men and 9,518 women in employment in Walthamstow West Community Council area. The largest number of men and women work in business, real estate or renting industries. Many also work in wholesale / retail and car repair activities. A large number of women are employed in health and social work and in education.

Travel to Work in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

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

Means of travel -	Community Council	Waltham Forest
By public transport	49.8%	46.5%
By car	32.0%	35.5%
Other transport	11.9%	11.1%
Work at or from home	6.3%	6.9%

- the majority of commuters use the underground (6,399 people).
- The 2nd most popular means of travel is by car (6,022 drivers).



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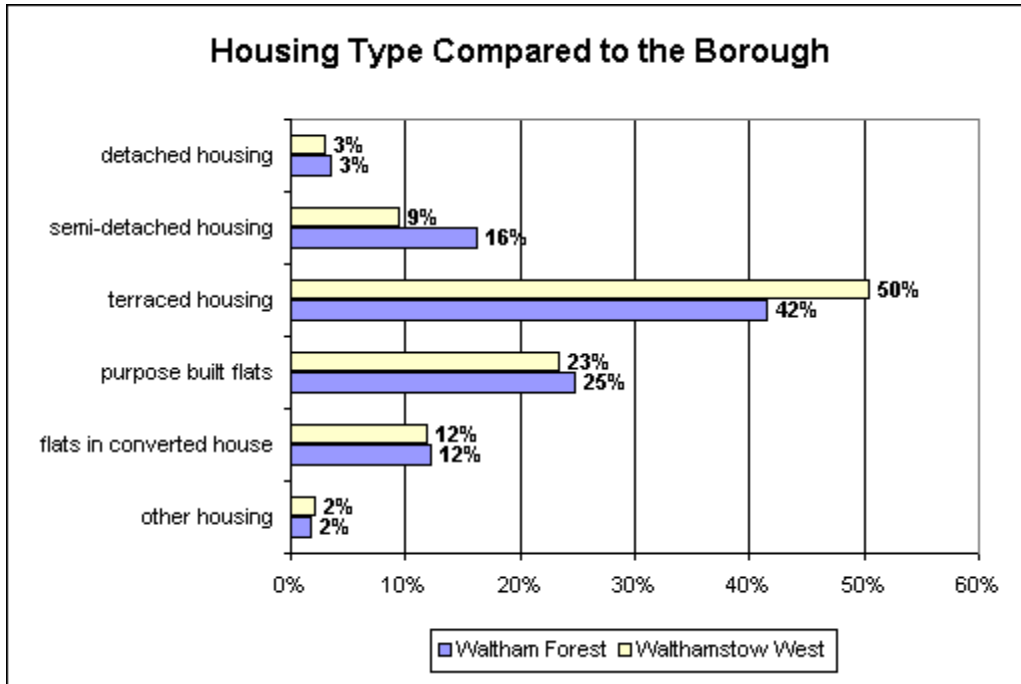
Cars and Vans available to households in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

- 58% of all households in the Community Council area have a car or van for private use in 2001, compared to the Borough average of 61%.
- 2,473 households have 2 or more cars.
- 42% of households have no car or van. This is above the Borough average of 39% without a car.
- the estimated total number of cars and vans available to residents in the area was 13,591 in 2001.

Housing in Walthamstow West Community Council Area

There are 18,447 households in the area with an average household size of 2.4 persons. In April 2001 there were 609 vacant properties and 22 second homes, a total of 19,078 household spaces in all.

Housing Type



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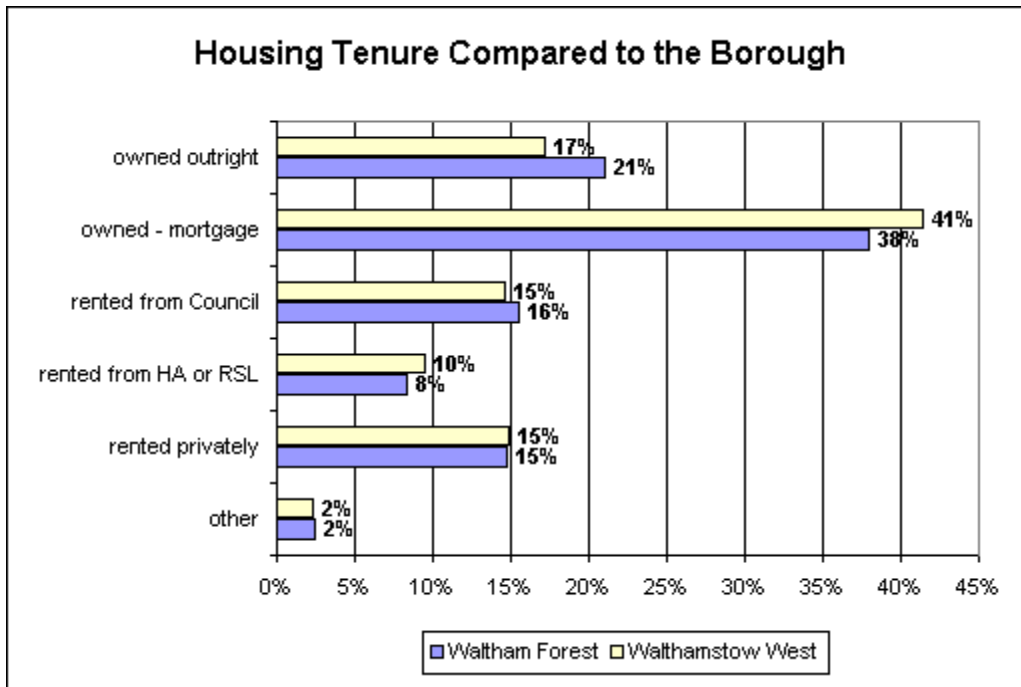
- 50% of households are in terraced housing, above the Borough average.

Housing Amenities in Walthamstow West Community Council area

Amenities	CC number	CC %	Borough %
Overcrowded homes	2,818	15.3%	16.0%
No central heating	3,071	16.6%	12.3%
No sole use of bath/shower/toilet	164	0.9%	1.1%
Lowest floor of household is -			
Basement or ground floor	14,646	79.4%	78.3%
1 st to 4 th floor	3,749	20.3%	20.6%
5 th floor or above	52	0.3%	1.0%

- in general the housing amenities in the Community Council area are a little better than the Borough average.
- More homes lack central heating than the Borough average. Waltham Forest ranks number 1 out of all London Boroughs for its' lack of central heating. (the London Boroughs average is 7.8%).

Housing Tenure



Census 2001

- 58% of residents own their home, either owned outright or with a mortgage. The Borough average is 59%. More people own through a mortgage than the Borough average.
- 15% of the housing is rented from the Council, the same as the Borough average. There are 2,685 Council rented households in the area.
- 10% of households are rented from a Housing Association (HA), or from a Registered Social Landlord (RSL). The Borough average is 8%.
- 15% of households are renting from a private landlord or letting agency.

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.