

1.2 Growth and changes in our local population

1.2.1 Census changes

Since 2001, Barking and Dagenham has seen rapid population growth, linked to both to new housing development and birth rate changes. The population structure has changed significantly with particularly large increases in the numbers of younger people living in the borough. The main component of population change across the London boroughs over the last decade has been and remains natural increase which is the result of having more births than deaths.

There has also been a rapid shift in the proportions of various ethnic groups, with a large decrease in the white British ethnic group and a large increase in the black African ethnic group.

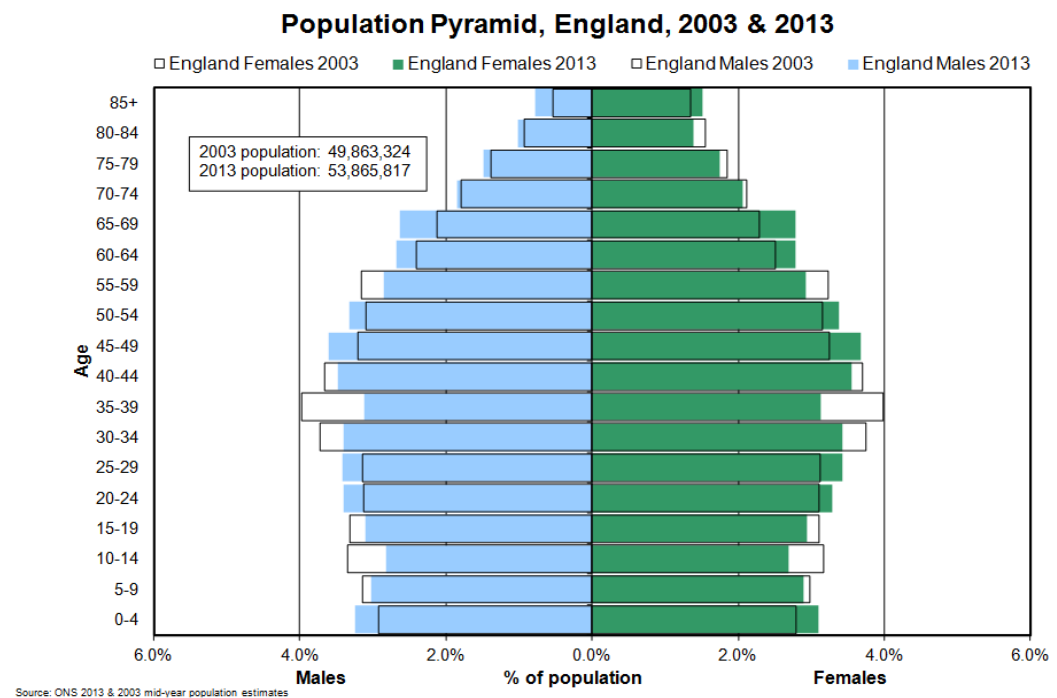
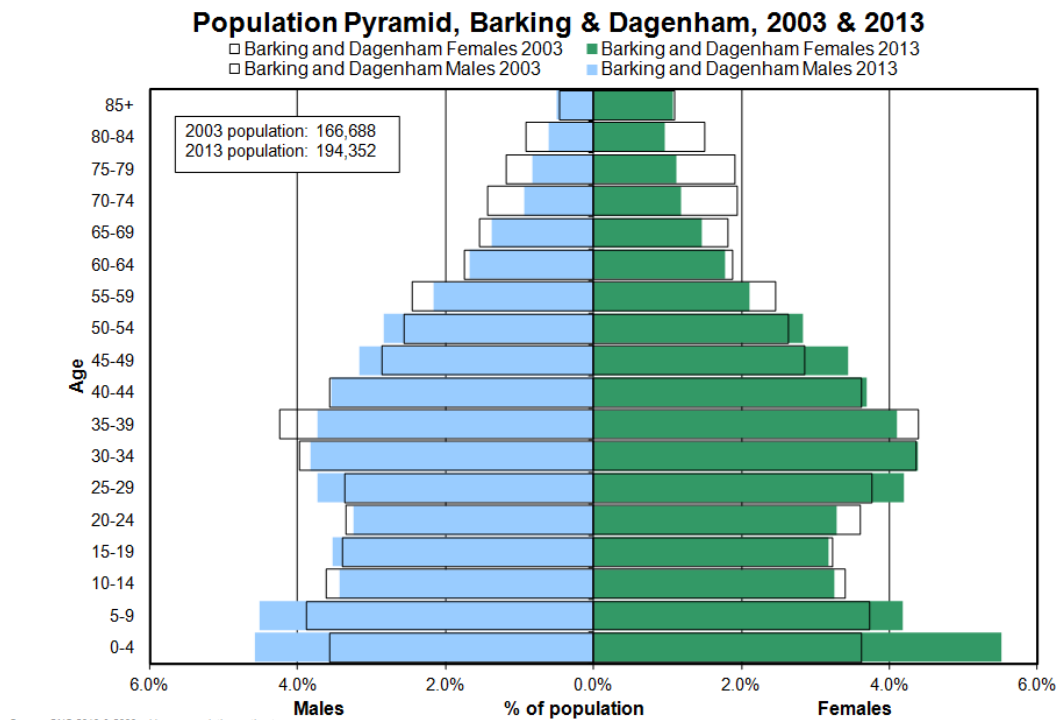
Results from the 2011 Census are shown in Table 1.2.1. It shows that the population of Barking and Dagenham has increased by 13.4% overall compared to a 7% increase for England. The biggest change in Barking and Dagenham resulting from a high birth rate is the number of children aged 0-4years. This rapid change will have implications for various services ranging from maternity and newborn screening, immunisation, health visiting, nursery and school places. The number of people over the age of 65 has also declined contributing to the population being a younger one.

Table 1.2.1: Population changes since the last census

Age Category	Count			2011 – 2013 % Change	% of Total Population		
	2001	2011	2013		2001	2011	2013
0-4	12,542	18,676	19,612	5.0%	7.65%	10.05%	10.09%
5-7	7,479	8,989	11,036	22.8%	4.56%	4.84%	5.68%
8-9	4,984	5,342	5,868	9.8%	3.04%	2.87%	3.02%
10-14	11,107	12,757	12,999	1.9%	6.77%	6.86%	6.69%
15	2,242	2,534	2,827	11.6%	1.37%	1.36%	1.45%
16-17	4,441	5,246	5,263	0.3%	2.71%	2.82%	2.71%
18-19	4,176	4,805	4,960	3.2%	2.55%	2.58%	2.55%
20-24	10,573	13,053	12,713	-2.6%	6.45%	7.02%	6.54%
25-29	11,959	14,971	15,385	2.8%	7.29%	8.05%	7.92%
30-44	38,575	43,463	45,271	4.2%	23.53%	23.38%	23.29%
45-59	25,590	29,955	32,159	7.4%	15.61%	16.11%	16.55%
60-64	6,160	6,799	6,720	-1.2%	3.76%	3.66%	3.46%
65-74	12,105	9,276	9,676	4.3%	7.38%	4.99%	4.98%
75-84	9,155	6,982	6,801	-2.6%	5.58%	3.76%	3.50%
85-89	1,923	2,102	2,008	-4.5%	1.17%	1.13%	1.03%
90 and over	933	961	1,054	9.7%	0.57%	0.52%	0.54%
Male	78,068	90,237	94,940	5.2%	47.62%	48.50%	48.85%
Female	85,876	95,674	99,412	3.9%	52.38%	51.50%	51.15%
Total	163,944	185,911	194,352	4.5%			

Figure 1.2.1 shows the difference in the population structure of Barking and Dagenham compared to England and it further highlights the differences between the borough and the nation. The wide population base and narrow top of the borough's population pyramid is more typical of a developing country with a high birth rate and poor life expectancy. Other changes could also be explained by migration from inner London boroughs and older more affluent families migrating towards outer London boroughs and Essex. This is discussed in more detail in the section on migration.

Figure 1.2.1: 2013 mid-year population estimates (outlines show 2003)



1.2.2 Population census - ethnicity changes

The borough has become increasingly more diverse and this is illustrated by Table 1.2.2 showing the proportion of the population from different ethnic groups at the last two census reports (2001 and 2011). The white British ethnic group has declined (from 80.9% in 2001 to 49.5% in 2011) in number whilst the number of people from the black African ethnic group has increased (from 4.4% to 15.4%) substantially. The change in the proportion of ethnic groups in the borough is consistent with changes in London with the exception of the black African ethnic group who constituted 15% of the population at the last census compared to 7% for London. The proportion of people of Bangladeshi origin has also risen sharply from 673 to 7,701.

The diversity of the borough will require more work to be done in reducing health inequalities that may arise as a result of differences in disease risk, language and cultural barriers as well as inequity of access to health and social care services.

Table 1.2.2: Ethnicity changes 2001-2011 Census

Ethnicity	Count				% of total population			
	2001	2011	change	% change	2001	2011	London	England
All Residents	163,944	185,911	21,967	13.40%	100%	100%	100%	100%
White British	132,566	91,949	-40,617	-30.64%	80.86%	49.46%	44.89%	79.75%
White Irish	2,753	1,730	-1,023	-37.16%	1.68%	0.93%	2.15%	0.98%
White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	N/A	182	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
White Other	4,348	14,525	10,177	234.06%	2.65%	7.81%	12.65%	4.58%
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean	1,420	2,669	1,249	87.96%	0.87%	1.44%	1.46%	0.78%
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups: White and Black African	572	2,128	1,556	272.03%	0.35%	1.14%	0.80%	0.30%
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups: White and Asian	534	1,246	712	133.33%	0.33%	0.67%	1.24%	0.63%
Mixed / multiple ethnic groups: Other mixed	550	1,835	1,285	233.64%	0.34%	0.99%	1.45%	0.53%
Asian / Asian British: Indian	3,681	7,436	3,755	102.01%	2.25%	4.00%	6.64%	2.63%
Asian / Asian British: Pakistani	3,055	8,007	4,952	162.09%	1.86%	4.31%	2.74%	2.10%
Asian / Asian British: Bangladeshi	673	7,701	7,028	1,044.28%	0.41%	4.14%	2.72%	0.82%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	775	1,315	540	69.68%	0.53%	0.71%	1.52%	0.72%
Asian / Asian British: Other Asian	877	5,135	4,258	485.52%	2.09%	2.76%	4.88%	1.55%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African	7,284	28,685	21,401	293.81%	0.44%	15.43%	7.02%	1.84%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean	3,434	5,227	1,793	52.21%	4.44%	2.81%	4.22%	1.11%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Other Black	722	3,228	2,506	347.09%	0.47%	1.74%	2.08%	0.52%
Other Ethnic group: Arab	N/A	973	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.52%	1.30%	0.42%
Other Ethnic Group: Any other ethnic group	700	1,940	1,240	177.14%	0.43%	1.04%	2.14%	0.62%

Source: 2011 Census

The borough has become increasingly more diverse and this continuing trend is illustrated by Table 1.2.3 showing the proportion of the population from different ethnic groups projected in the GLA Ethnic Group Projections for 2015 and 2020. The white British ethnic group is projected to continue to decline in number up until 2020, whilst the number of people from the Black African ethnic groups is predicted to increase substantially. Whilst smaller in number, the percentage increase of all other ethnic groups is projected to grow. On the whole, the change in the proportion of ethnic groups in the borough is consistent with changes in London with the exception of the White British ethnic group who are projected to be almost 10% lower in Barking and Dagenham when compared with London. In addition, the Black African ethnic group is projected to be substantially higher than that for London in 2020. The proportion of people of Bangladeshi origin has also risen sharply even though the number is small.

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Table 1.2.3 Ethnic group projections

	Count			% Change	Percentage of Total Population		
	2015	2020	Change		2015	2020	London
All Ethnicities	204,335	223,361	19,026	9.31%	100%	100%	100%
White	103,997	100,121	-3,876	-3.73%	50.90%	44.82%	54.12%
Black Caribbean	6,157	7,142	985	16.00%	3.01%	3.20%	3.86%
Black African	37,978	47,177	9,199	24.22%	18.59%	21.12%	7.89%
Black Other	10,584	13,370	2,786	26.32%	5.18%	5.99%	5.57%
Indian	9,173	10,920	1,747	19.05%	4.49%	4.89%	6.91%
Pakistani	10,053	12,141	2,088	20.77%	4.92%	5.44%	3.08%
Bangladeshi	10,179	12,692	2,513	24.69%	4.98%	5.68%	2.99%
Chinese	1,529	1,779	250	16.35%	0.75%	0.80%	1.74%
Other Asian	8,433	10,307	1,874	22.22%	4.13%	4.61%	7.83%
Other	6,254	7,710	1,456	23.28%	3.06%	3.45%	6.02%

Source: 2013 GLA Ethnic Group Projections (Trend Based)

1.2.3 Population census – Other areas

Religion changes

There has been an increase in all religious groups in the borough, with the exception of Christian and Jewish groups. The number of Muslims has seen the most significant growth with the proportion rising from 4.36% to 13.37%.

Education and employment

There are now significantly less people with no qualifications representing a 14.4% drop in numbers between 2001 and 2011. In 2011 49% of the working age population (16 to 65) were either employed (38%), self employed (9%) or full time students (2%).

Housing

Lone parent households with dependent children have seen a large increase with Barking and Dagenham now having the highest percentage of lone parent households in England and Wales at 14.3%. This is much higher than in other parts of London and England as a whole. There has been a big rise in Private Renting from 5.19% in 2001 to 16.59 in 2011.

Health

6.6% of Barking and Dagenham residents aged 16-64 believe that their day to day activities are limited a lot because of a health problem or disability including problems related to old age, which is slightly higher than the London average of 5.6%. The residents of Barking and Dagenham are not as healthy as they should be, compared to other parts of the country with lower life expectancy. Life expectancy for both men and women living in Barking and Dagenham is amongst the lowest in London. At age 65, men can expect to live another 17.5 years and women another 20.3 years. Only one London borough, Tower Hamlets, has lower life expectancy for both men (17.0 years) and women (20.2 years) at age 65 years than Barking and Dagenham. The London average is 18.9 years for men and 21.7 years for women.

Sexuality

Between 5-7% of the population are Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual. The 2011 Census recorded 138 Same Sex Civil Partnerships; this represents 0.2% of the borough's population. Unfortunately we do not have accurate statistics for gender reassignment; however we do know that some local people are accessing gender reassignment services.

Deprivation

Barking and Dagenham still experiences higher than average levels of deprivation ranking 7th most deprived borough in London and 22nd most deprived area nationally.

Comparison with London

Changes observed in Barking and Dagenham are following the East London trend. The ethnicity profile for the borough is similar now to that of Newham and Tower Hamlets as it was in 1991. Barking and Dagenham is part of the Eastward migration from inner London and out in to Essex.