

Manor Park Community Neighbourhood

Wards: Manor Park, Little Ilford, Plashet
May 2026



Manor Park Station

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Introduction

Wards

Manor Park Community Neighbourhood is made up of the following wards:

**Manor Park
Little Ilford
Plashet**

About the area

Manor Park is a multi-cultural and multi-faith area that reflects its diversity through arts, heritage and local talent. Romford Road and High Street North are the main routes and key shopping areas. High Street North is particularly popular with the South Asian community for its restaurants and gold retailers. In recent years, Manor Park has attracted residents from other East London boroughs due to its affordable terraced housing, proximity to Wanstead Flats, and excellent Elizabeth Line connections.

Transport

Manor Park has excellent transport links—Manor Park on the Elizabeth line and Wanstead Park on the London Overground (located in Forest Gate). Several bus routes also serve the area, connecting residents to Stratford, East Ham, Oxford Circus, Clapton, Walthamstow, Ilford, Romford, Beckton and Wanstead Park.

Community facilities

Manor Park is home to a busy library on Romford Road. Jack Cornwell Community Centre, Manor Park Community Centre and Aldersbrook Community Centre are used for private and community bookings. The neighbourhood also has temples and mosques, providing residents with spaces for worship, community activities, and cultural engagement



Little Ilford Park Open Day



Healthy Eating Workshops at Jack Cornwell Community Centre

Resident testimonials



Shabana Hussain

“ Since moving to the area just under a year ago, I have settled in really well and feel very at home in my new community. Manor Park Library has been incredibly supportive, offering kindness, valuable help, and welcoming resources. This support has meant so much to me, especially as I care for a child with special needs.



Paul Bevan

“ I'm proud to live in Manor Park. It's a vibrant, friendly neighbourhood where community really matters and everyday life is easy. You can shop locally, eat out, get things fixed, find DIY supplies, and support independent traders — all just down the road. In the short time I've lived here, I've seen real improvements and have valued being part of the People Power Places working group, helping to support positive change and better lives in our neighbourhood.

Resident survey

The resident survey provides a borough-wide snapshot of residents' views. It was last carried out between November and December 2025, with 1,523 face-to-face interviews conducted across all eight of Newham's Community Neighbourhood Areas.

The findings below show how residents in Manor Park responded. For more information, visit the [Newham Resident Survey](#) website or scan the QR code.



Ten key findings for residents in Manor Park



81%
of residents are
satisfied with
their local area as
a place to live



67%
are satisfied with
how Newham
Council runs
things



65%
trust the Council



63%
feel informed
about how the
Council makes
decisions



92%
feel safe in the
local area during
the day



58%
feel safe in the
local area after
dark



91%
are satisfied with
the overall quality
of their home



72%
say their housing
costs are
affordable or
manageable

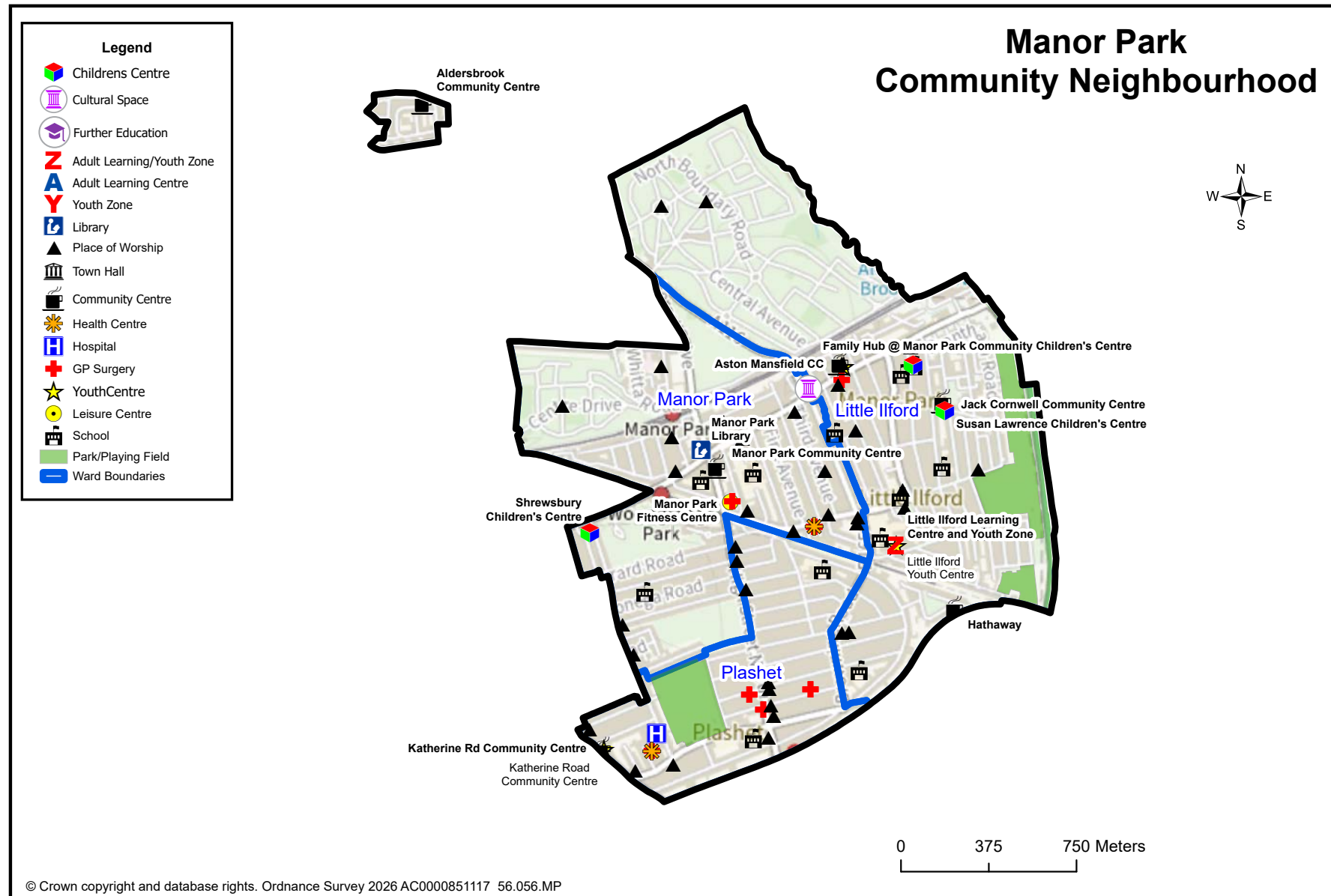


80%
feel strongly that
they belong to
their local area



86%
agree people
from different
backgrounds get
on well together

Neighbourhood map



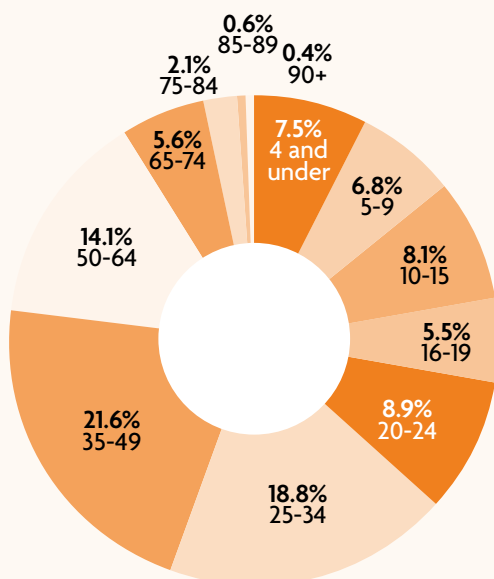
Manor Park

Population data

Population: **16,307** (4.4% of Newham's population)

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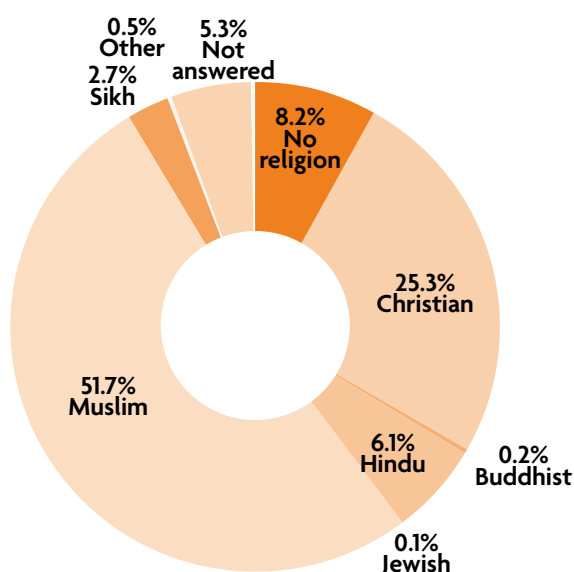
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Census data 2021

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Religion

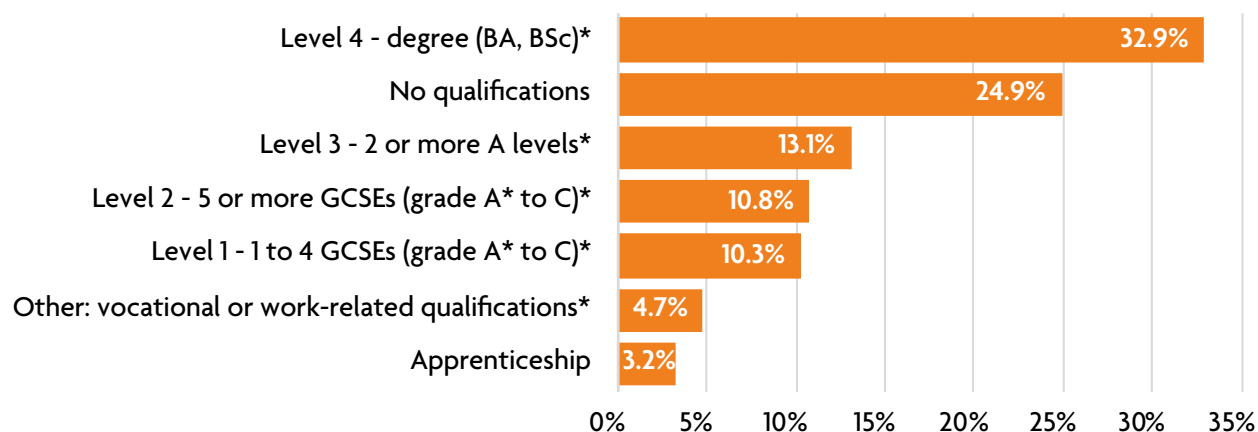


Ethnicity

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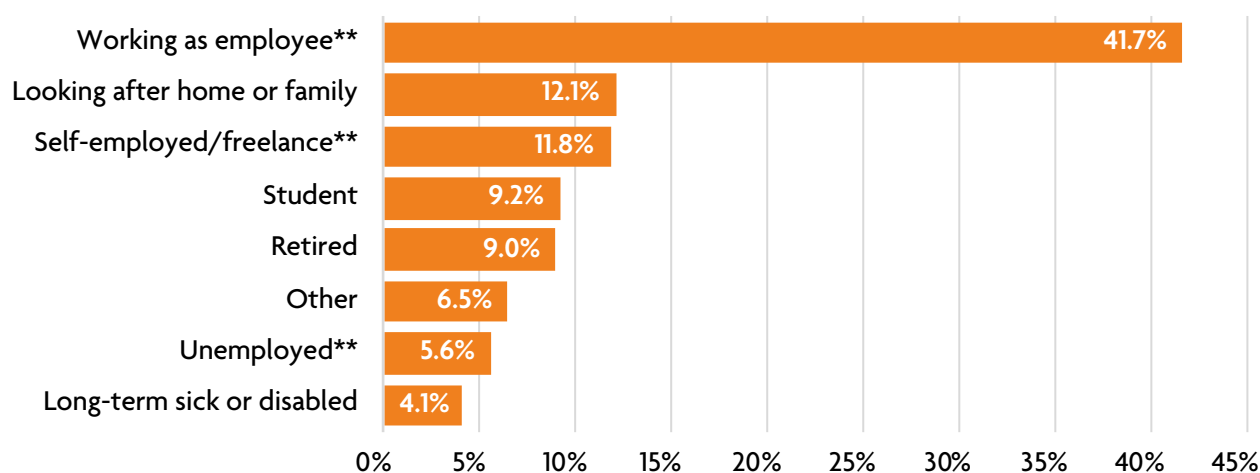
Ethnicity	Percent
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	58.3%
Bangladeshi	29.1%
Chinese	0.3%
Indian	13.1%
Pakistani	12.1%
Other	3.8%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	12.7%
African	7.4%
Caribbean	3.8%
Other	1.5%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	3.3%
White and Asian	0.8%
White and Black African	0.7%
White and Black Caribbean	0.6%
Other	1.2%
White	20.8%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	9.3%
Irish	0.6%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.1%
Roma	0.6%
Other	10.3%
Other	4.9%
Arab	0.9%
Other	4.1%

Qualifications



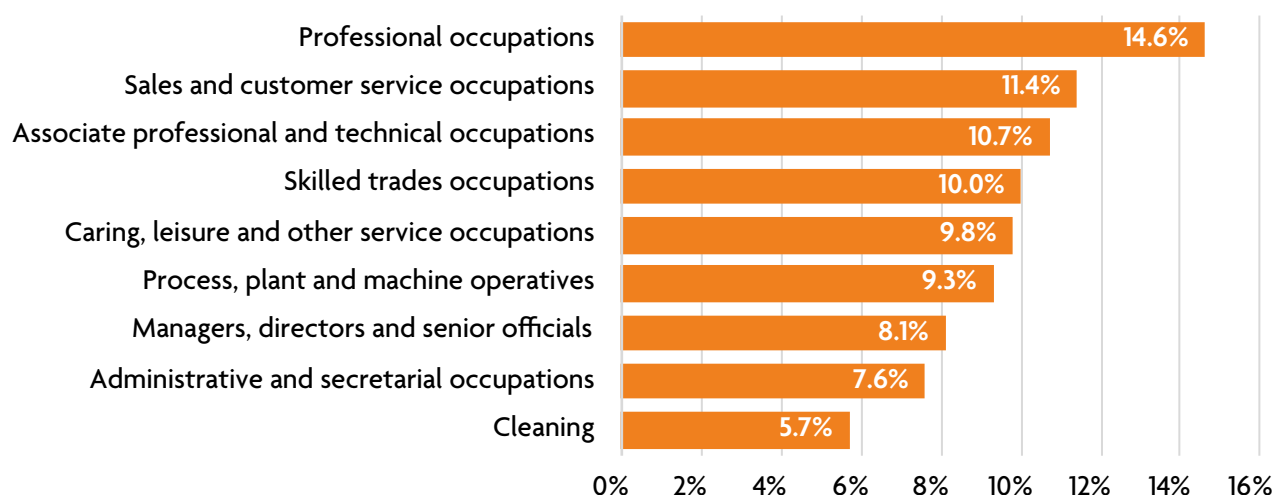
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Economic activity



**Including full time students

Occupation***



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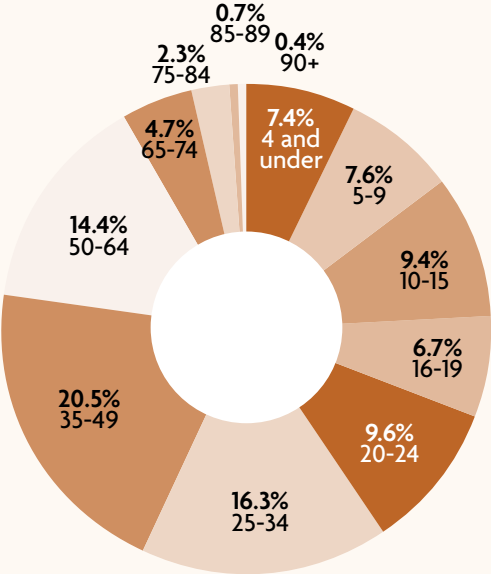
Little Ilford

Population data

Population: **17,837** (4.8% of Newham's population)

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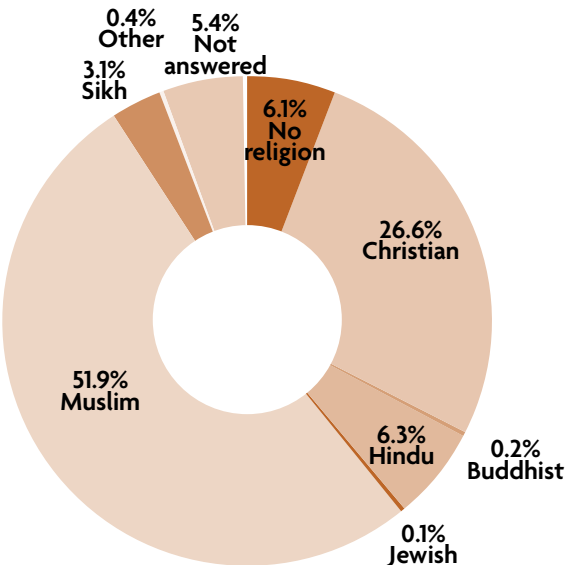
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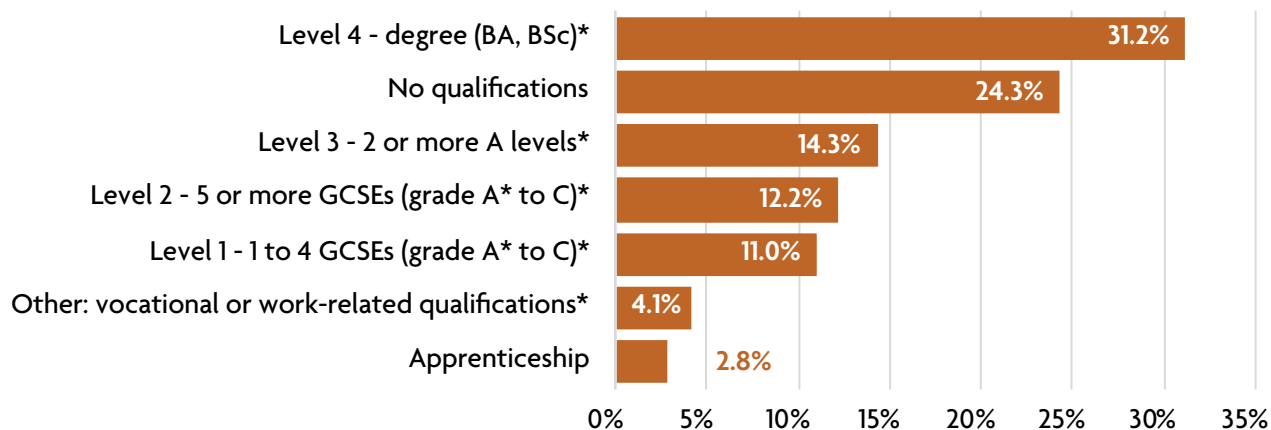


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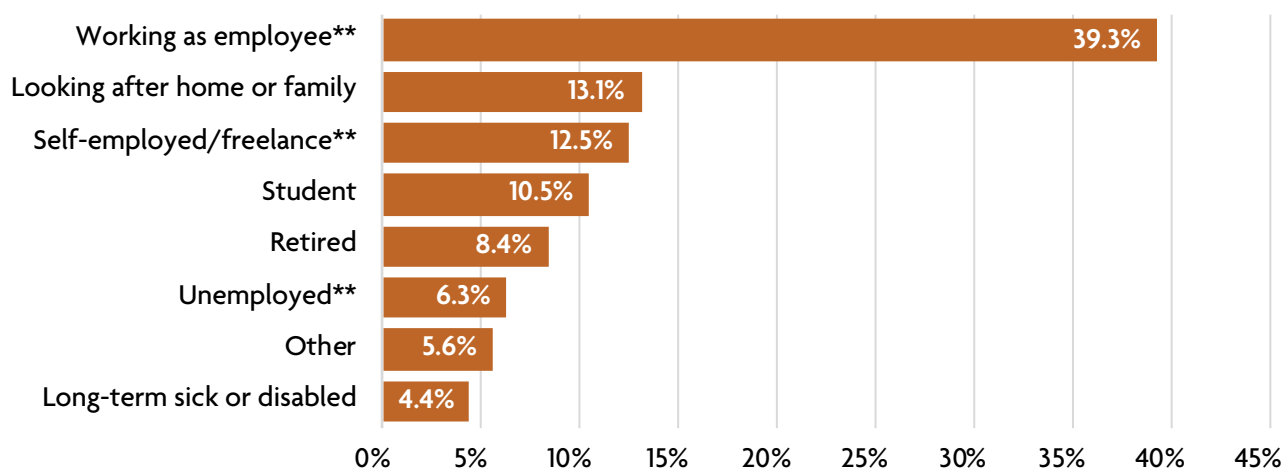
Ethnicity	Percent
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	56.8%
Bangladeshi	26.4%
Chinese	0.4%
Indian	13%
Pakistani	12.7%
Other	4.4%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	18.1%
African	12.1%
Caribbean	4%
Other	2.1%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	3.5%
White and Asian	0.7%
White and Black African	0.6%
White and Black Caribbean	0.9%
Other	1.3%
White	17.4%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	7.6%
Irish	0.4%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.1%
Roma	0.5%
Other	8.8%
Other	4.2%
Arab	0.8%
Other	3.4%

Qualifications



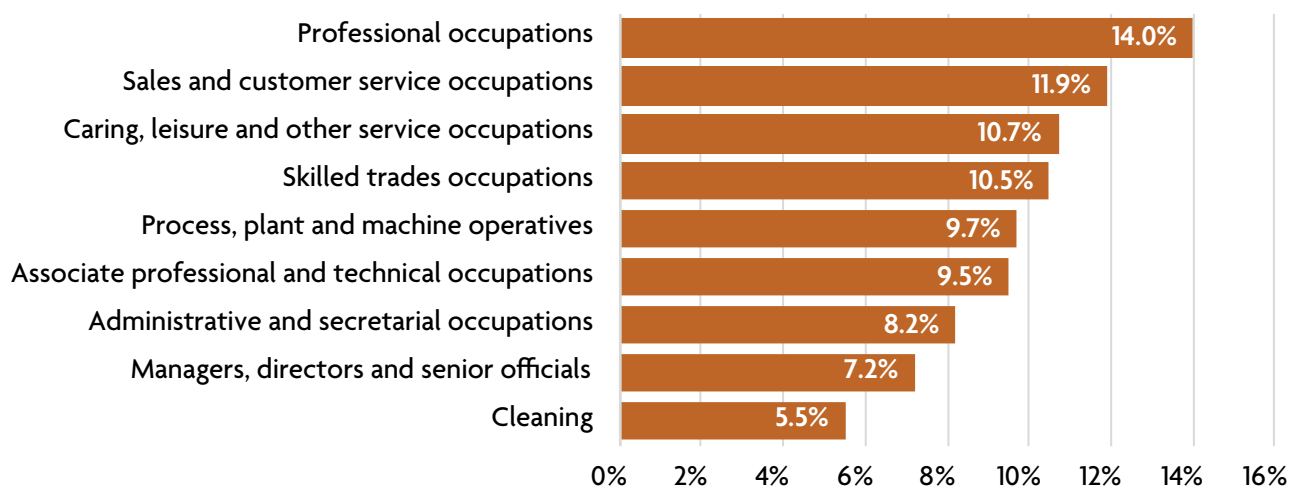
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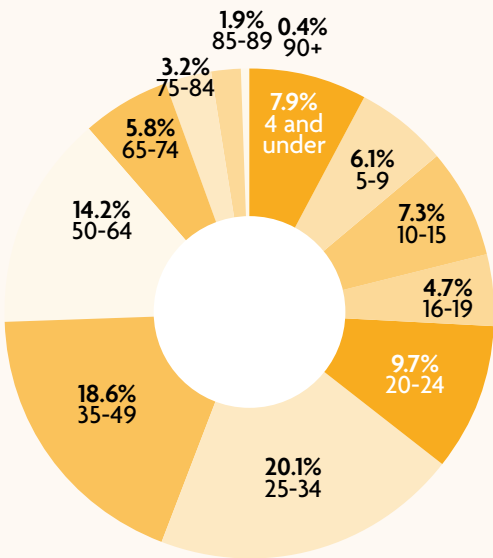
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Population data

Population: **11,929** (3.2% of Newham’s population)

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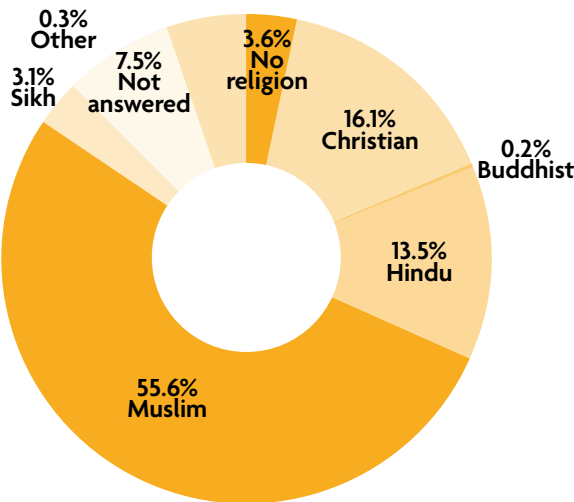
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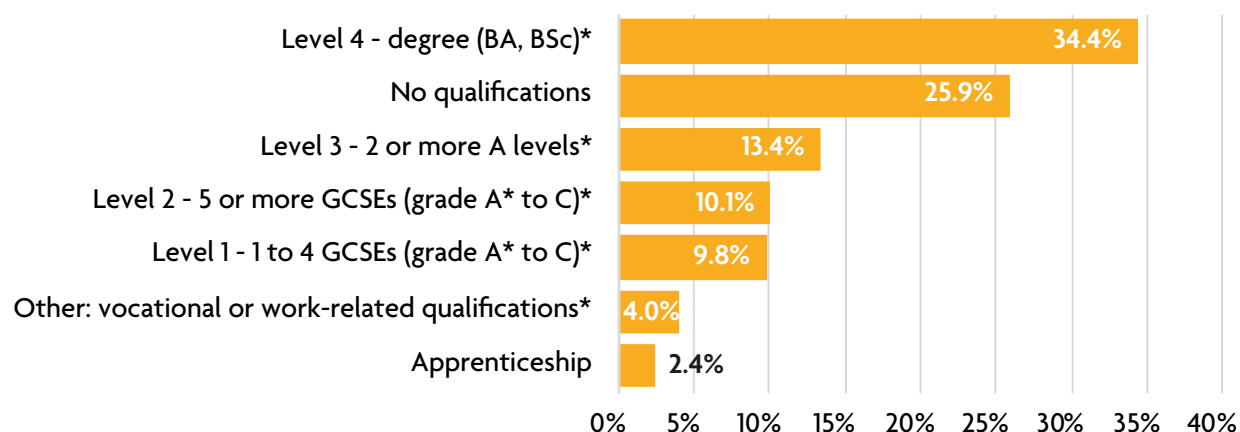


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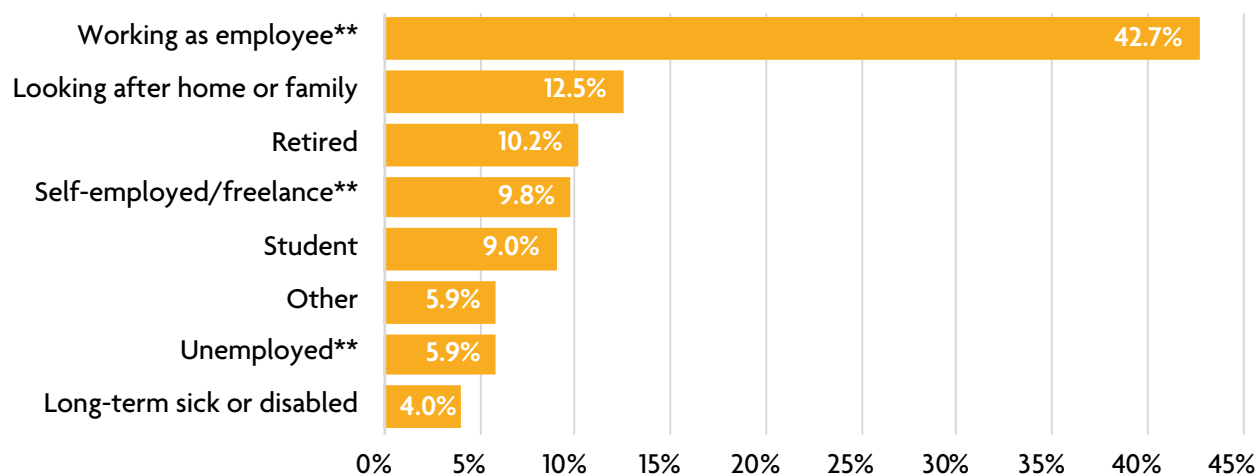
Ethnicity	Percent
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	74.3%
Bangladeshi	15.4%
Chinese	0.3%
Indian	34.6%
Pakistani	18.4%
Other	5.7%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	8.9%
African	6.3%
Caribbean	1.8%
Other	0.9%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	1.8%
White and Asian	0.7%
White and Black African	0.2%
White and Black Caribbean	0.4%
Other	0.6%
White	11.1%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	3.8%
Irish	0.2%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.1%
Roma	0.4%
Other	6.5%
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Qualifications



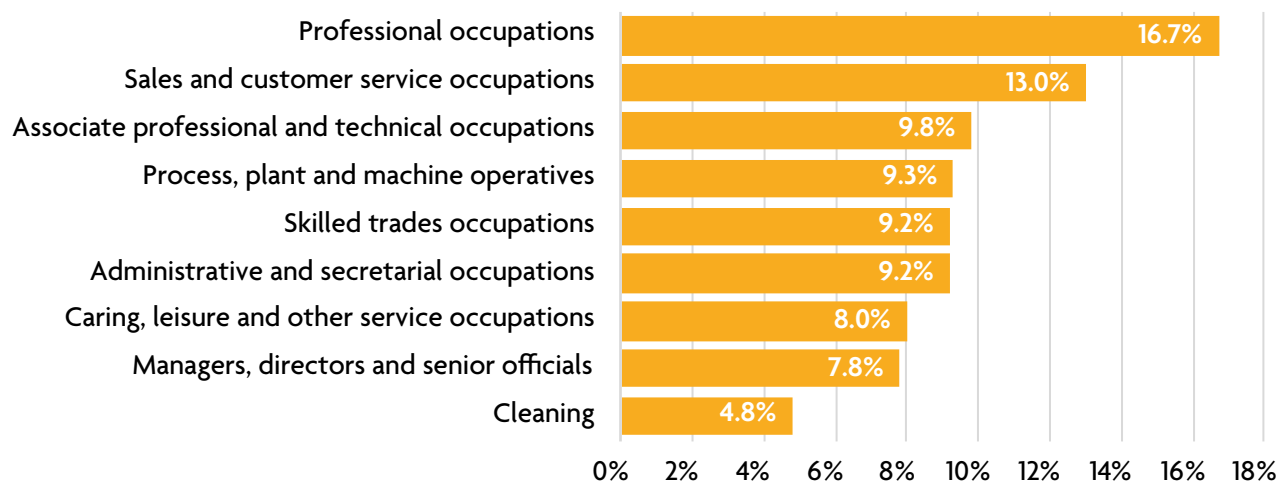
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People Powered Places



Love E15 – Anti-fly tipping project

Overview

People Powered Places (PPP) is Newham Council's flagship participatory budgeting programme and one of the largest of its kind in the UK. Since launching in 2018, PPP has funded over 400 community-led projects, embedding co-production into local decision making and giving residents a direct role in shaping neighbourhood investment.

The 2025-27 cycle is delivered through a borough-wide model of resident participation. 120 resident Working Group members were recruited across Newham's eight Community Neighbourhoods to support the assessment and decision-making process, alongside 15 Youth Advisory Board members appointed in May 2025 to ensure young people influence programme design and approach.

In June 2025, 2,916 residents took part in setting neighbourhood priorities online and through activity in libraries and community centres. Our Ideas events were held across all community neighbourhoods between June and July, attended by 844 residents, where communities developed project ideas and explored solutions together. In September, 474 funding applications were received and assessed through resident-led scoring and feasibility checks carried out by Council services.

The Big Vote, held in November 2025, saw 11,139 residents cast their votes online, in community venues and through outreach sessions. PPP continues to evolve through innovation, including AI supported translation at hybrid events to improve accessibility and inclusive participation. Over 130 community-led projects will be delivered across Newham over the next year.

In Manor Park, 17 community-led projects will be delivered over the next year, contributing to over 130 projects being delivered across Newham.

To find out more about the programme and the successful projects visit:

newham.gov.uk/peoplepoweredplaces



Neighbourhood priorities

Manor Park neighbourhood priorities for the 2025-27 cycle are:

Priority	Description
1. Community Safety	Building a safer Manor Park by addressing crime, anti-social behaviour, and community concerns.
2. Health & Wellbeing	Helping Manor Park community stay healthy, connected, and supported throughout their lives.
3. Youth Empowerment	Helping children and young people stay safe and healthy to reach their potential.

Community grants

Overview

The Community Grants programme brings together a range of small internal and externally funded grant schemes to support hyper local, grassroots and resident led activity. Through grants of £1,000 - £5,000, the programme helps community groups get projects off the ground that respond directly to neighbourhood priorities and local needs.

Neighbourhood Small Grants

The Neighbourhood Small Grants programme supports VCFSE organisations delivering local projects that address identified community needs. It focuses on small and emerging groups who may not have accessed larger funding streams, helping to build capacity and promote equitable access to funding.

In 2025-26, 45 projects received grants of up to £1,000, totalling £44,000 borough-wide.



Lyle's Local Fund

The Lyle's Local Fund, established by Tate & Lyle Sugars and administered in partnership with Newham Council, supports projects that help create safe, prosperous and healthy local communities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to not for profit organisations whose work benefits Newham residents.

In 2025-26, £50,000 was available, supporting 10 projects across the borough.

Genting Good Causes

The Genting Good Causes Fund, delivered in partnership with Newham Council, provides funding for projects that strengthen local communities and improve wellbeing. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to voluntary, community and faith organisations, schools and charities based in Newham.

In 2025-26, £81,000 was awarded to 20 projects across Newham.



Community Garden Project

Organisation: Manor Park Community Garden
Grant Amount: £978

The Community Garden Project used £978 to transform underused land in Manor Park into an active growing space for local residents. Participants developed sustainable gardening skills while building relationships across ages and backgrounds. The garden provided opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities and for older residents to remain active and socially connected. By bringing people together around shared environmental goals, the project promoted wellbeing, community ownership and pride in place, demonstrating how small investments can support greener, more resilient neighbourhoods.

Partner organisations

Overview

We work closely with Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations to connect with residents and respond to local needs. Partners deliver vital support including food provision, advice services, befriending activities and community events, helping to address poverty, isolation, health inequalities and financial hardship.

VCSE partnerships

VCSE organisations play a key role in mobilising volunteers, attracting external funding into the borough, amplifying resident voice and supporting prevention and early help. Many partners have also been successful in applying for People Powered Places and Community Grants funding and are pivotal in delivering these projects. The sector is fundamental to fostering active citizenship, community resilience and strong neighbourhoods across Newham.

Some examples of VCSE partnerships

- **Change, Grow, Live**
Specialises in substance misuse support and criminal justice prevention projects.
- **Aston Manfield Community Centre**
Formerly known as Froud Centre, the space offers a wide range of activities and programmes for the local community.
- **Malayalam Association UK (MAUK)**
Provides supplementary and cultural classes, an elders' day centre, and a lunch club.
- **The Renewal Programme**
Delivers a skills enterprise at Manor Park Library and supports the funded Oasis Garden through the People Powered Places programme.
- **Trinity Community Centre**
Delivers the Get Active Get Healthy exercise classes

and provides a community space for a wide range of resident activities.

- **Tamil Sangam London**
A community space for events and activities, including provision for a Tamil language school.

Faith partnerships

Newham is one of the UK's most religiously diverse boroughs, with faith institutions playing a vital role in community life. Faith groups provide trusted spaces for worship, support and connection, and are often among the first to respond to local needs. They deliver food provision, advice, wellbeing activities, youth work and volunteering opportunities, while promoting social cohesion and mutual understanding.

The Council works in partnership with faith organisations across neighbourhoods, recognising their contribution to community resilience, civic participation and early help. These relationships support inclusive engagement, strengthen local networks and help ensure services reflect the needs of Newham's diverse communities.

Some examples of faith partnerships

- **Highway Vineyard Church**
Provide a community kitchen, food and clothing donation services, and site where residents can collect vitamin D, a Public Health initiative.
- **Shah Jalal Mosque**
Supports and coordinates the delivery of health workshops and community support through the Small Grants programme.
- **Sri Mahalaxmi Temple**
A community space that supports local residents through education and active involvement in local events.
- **Masjid E-Tauheed**
Partners to deliver diabetes awareness workshops during Ramadan.



Aston Manfield Community Centre



Tamil Sangam London



Shah Jalal Mosque

Volunteering

Overview

Newham's Volunteers Programme is an established Council led service that supports residents and organisations to benefit from high-quality volunteering. Open to residents aged 16+, the programme welcomes people from all backgrounds, including working professionals, young people, older residents, people with disabilities, and refugees and asylum seekers.

Each year, over 500 active volunteers contribute over 19,000 hours across more than 300 opportunities, supporting activity within Community Neighbourhoods, libraries, community centres and wider council led programmes. Opportunities are also delivered through VCFSE organisations across Newham.

The programme works closely with VCFSE partners to help them develop meaningful volunteering roles and supports recruitment through a brokerage offer that matches residents to opportunities that suit their interests, skills and availability. Flexible short and long term options enable people to get involved in ways that work for them. The service is recognised for best practice and accredited with the Investing in Volunteers quality standard.

Volunteering across Newham

Pathways into employment

Volunteering supports residents to build confidence, develop skills and gain UK work experience. Through tailored support, including registration and DBS checks, volunteering can act as a pathway into training and paid employment.

Recognising and valuing volunteers

Volunteers are recognised for their time and commitment through the Tempo Time Credits rewards scheme. Credits can be exchanged for activities such as transport, fitness, cultural experiences and local attractions, helping to motivate and sustain long term involvement.



For more information about the programme please visit:
newham.gov.uk/volunteering

Digital Inclusion Sessions

Digital Inclusion Sessions highlight the vital role volunteers play in supporting digital learning and community engagement across Newham's libraries. Volunteers have helped deliver children's STEM activities during the Easter break across all ten libraries and continue to support regular Tea and Tech and Code Club sessions throughout the year.

Through these activities, volunteers build positive relationships with residents and young people, support digital confidence, and develop valuable skills. For some, volunteering also provides pathways into paid roles within library services.

Local volunteer Shazia said: **"It was a very interesting activity for the kids. They were really happy to learn coding games. It was fun and enjoyable working with children."**

The sessions demonstrate how volunteering supports digital inclusion, learning and community connection at a local level.

Other initiatives



Colours of Manor Park

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A public art project funded through the Levelling Up programme and installed on the façade of Manor Park Library in 2025.

Pride in Places Programme

Newham has recently secured £20 million from central government for Little Ilford ward through a 10 year Pride in Places programme, supporting resident led improvements and stronger communities.

NHS Neighbourhoods programme

The NHS Neighbourhoods programme will bring together GPs, community health, mental health, social care, public health, and the VCFSE sector to work jointly for local people.

Newham will be split into four localities, each with two neighbourhoods, to bring services closer to residents' daily lives. This model supports the ambition of the 10 Year Health Plan for England.

Well Newham

Well Newham is a borough-wide health and wellbeing programme that brings together information, services and support to help residents live healthier lives. It focuses on both medical and non medical factors that affect health, from mental wellbeing to housing and money. Delivered in partnership between the Council, NHS and the voluntary sector, it forms part of Newham's wider approach to reducing health inequalities.

Through a single, resident friendly website, Well Newham helps residents find local services and health advice that match their needs. The website has over 200 pages one can access depending on their requirement. It also features a dedicated events page whereby residents can find events and activities that they can participate in. The website is accessible through this link: wellnewham.org.uk



Well Newham Directory of Services (powered by Joy)

The Well Newham Directory of Services, powered by Joy, is an online directory of all local health and wellbeing services available across Newham in one place. There are over 600 local services listed on the platform, from stop smoking to physical activities and support for children, young people and families. The directory allows residents to search for support near them and self refer to most of the services. Some referrals can be made only by professionals such as GPs and social prescribers. Over a thousand referrals are made every month through this platform. It plays an important role in making local services easier to find and access, while also helping partners understand demand and service gaps across neighbourhoods. Access the directory here:

wellnewham.org.uk/advice/well-newham-directory-services-powered-joy



Newham Food Alliance (NFA)

Newham Food Alliance is an open collaboration of over 40 VCFSE partners ranging from large and long established to smaller grassroots organisations. These span Newham's geography, food cultures and social need. NFA partners run food banks, food clubs and the community hot meals programme. If someone is experiencing financial challenges that are preventing them from getting the food they need, please visit this website to make a referral to the Newham Food Alliance: newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/NFA_Referral



Pride in Place programme



Diabetes support at Manor Park Library



Best Start Family Hubs

Best Start Family Hubs

Best Start Family Hubs are part of Best Start in Life, a UK government backed approach supporting children from conception through early childhood. The programme is funded until 2029 and focuses on helping children to be healthy, supported and ready for school, with a target nationally to increase the number of 5-year-olds achieving a 'good level of development' (GLD) by 2028.

In Newham, four Family Hubs operate from Shipman Youth Zone, East Ham Library, Manor Park Children's Centre, and United West Family Hub (working across Rebecca Cheetham and Kay Rowe Children's Centres). Alongside ten additional community access points, they form a borough-wide Family Hub Network delivering services in-person and online.

Expanding since 2023, Newham's Family Hubs provide universal, early support for families with children up to age 18 (25 for those with additional needs). Support is delivered through strong partnerships with children's services, health, and the voluntary and faith sectors, offering joined up early intervention and improved access to community services.

Infant Feeding Support

Manor Park Children's Centre is a Best Start Family Hub Location as well as the venue for our Baby Feeding Café on Thursdays, 10-11.30am. Parents can come along to our friendly drop-in, meet other parents, have a cup of tea and get support with breastfeeding, bottle feeding, expressing, starting solids and more. They can also call, text or WhatsApp the helpline on 07534 249 611.

Mayor and Councillors

Mayor of Newham



**Mayor
Forhad
Hussain**
Labour Group

Little Ilford



**Councillor
Tahir Mirza**
Newham
Independents Group
Newham
Independents Group
Chief Whip



**Councillor
Oli Rahman**
Newham
Independents Group
Chair of Local
Development
Committee



**Councillor
Nasreen
Shamima**
Newham
Independents Group

Manor Park



**Councillor
Imam Haque**
Labour Group
Deputy Cabinet
Member for
Community Safety,
Children, Education
and Communities



**Councillor
Salema Khatun**
Labour Group



**Councillor
Salim Patel**
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Deputy Cabinet
Member for
Adults, Health and
Environment

Plashet



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