

# CENSUS 2021 – Household Composition & Legal Partnership Status Briefing

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## Introduction

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published its second phase outputs from the 2021 Census, which provides statistics on household composition and legal partnership status for all Local Authority areas in England & Wales.

The 2021 Census estimates the total number of households in Barnet to be 148,917 which is an increase of 9.6% on the 2011 Census. The summary key points are:

- The total number of households in Barnet has grown by 9.6% between 2011 Census and 2021 Census.
- 1- and 2-person households make up 56% of all households in Barnet.
- The largest growth in household size was in the number of 3-person households, increased by 16.3%. The only decrease in household size was in the number of 6-person households.
- The average number of people per household remains the same however as 2011 Census at 2.6 people per household, which is the same as London.
- Barnet’s population density in 2021 is 4,489 persons per square kilometre which has increased by 8.9% from 2011 and is in-line with other Outer London boroughs.
- 61% of all households in Barnet were single family households, 28% were one person households and 11% were multiple family households.
- The number of households with at least one dimension of deprivation decreased by 6.4% compared to the 2011 Census with 50% of all households in Barnet having at least one dimension of deprivation.
- The total percentage of those in an opposite-sex marriage has remained the same as the 2011 Census at 46.8%.

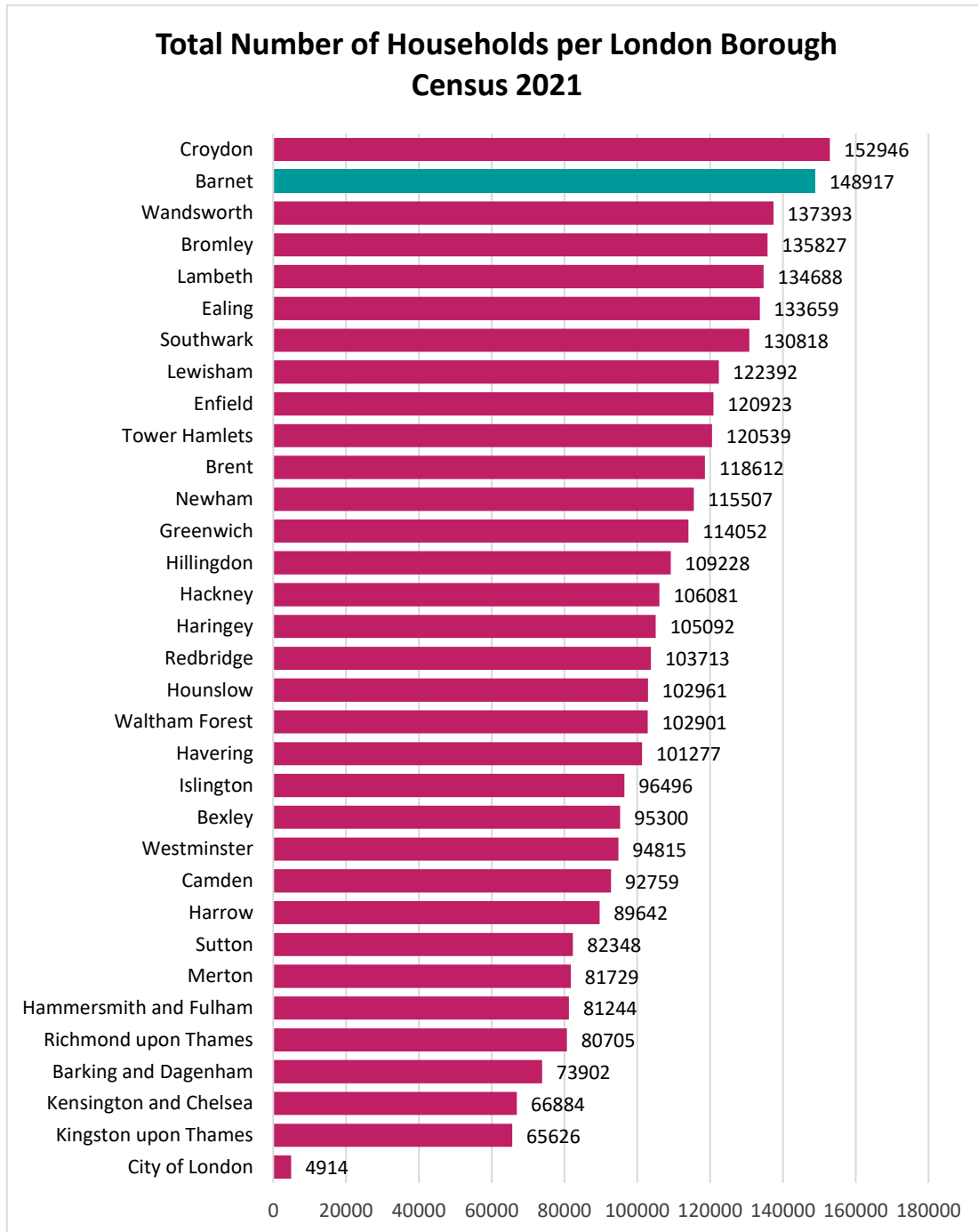
## Household Size

**Table 1: Comparison between 2011 Census and 2021 Census for Barnet**

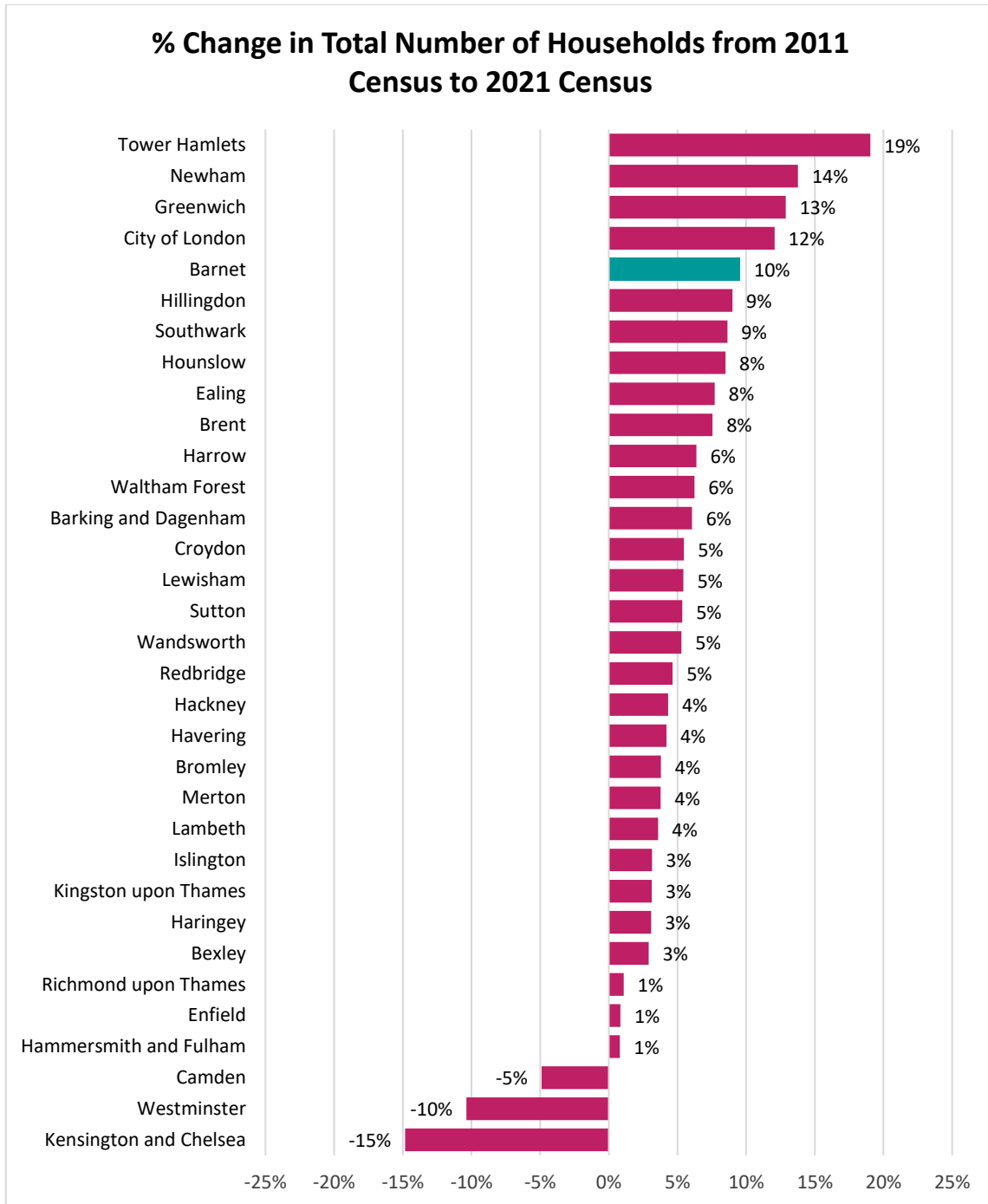
Household Size	2011		2021		Difference	Difference (%)
	Number	%	Number	%		
1 person	37,957	28%	41,658	28%	3,701	9.8%
2 people	38,861	29%	42,347	28%	3,486	9.0%
3 people	23,078	17%	26,841	18%	3,763	16.3%
4 people	21,249	16%	22,637	15%	1,388	6.5%
5 people	9,089	7%	9,113	6%	24	0.3%
6 people	3,926	3%	3,563	2%	-363	-9.2%
7 people	997	1%	1,542	1%	545	54.7%
8 or more people	759	1%	1,216	1%	457	60.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135,916</b>		<b>148,917</b>		<b>13,001</b>	<b>9.6%</b>

In 2011 Barnet had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of households of any borough in London, the largest being Croydon at 145,010. This ranking has remained the same in 2021. Croydon is the largest borough in London with an estimated number of households of 152,946, with the Barnet 2021 estimated number of households being 148,917. This is an increase of 10% from 2011 estimates with Barnet showing the fifth highest increase in number of households in London.

**Chart 1: Total Number of Households per London Borough in the 2021 Census**



**Chart 2: Percent Change in Total Number of Households from 2011 Census to 2021 Census**



## Average Household Size

**Table 2: Comparison between 2011 Census, 2021 Census for Barnet and London/England Average**

	<b>Barnet (2011)</b>	<b>Barnet (2021)</b>	<b>London (2021)</b>	<b>England (2021)</b>
Average Number of People per Household	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4

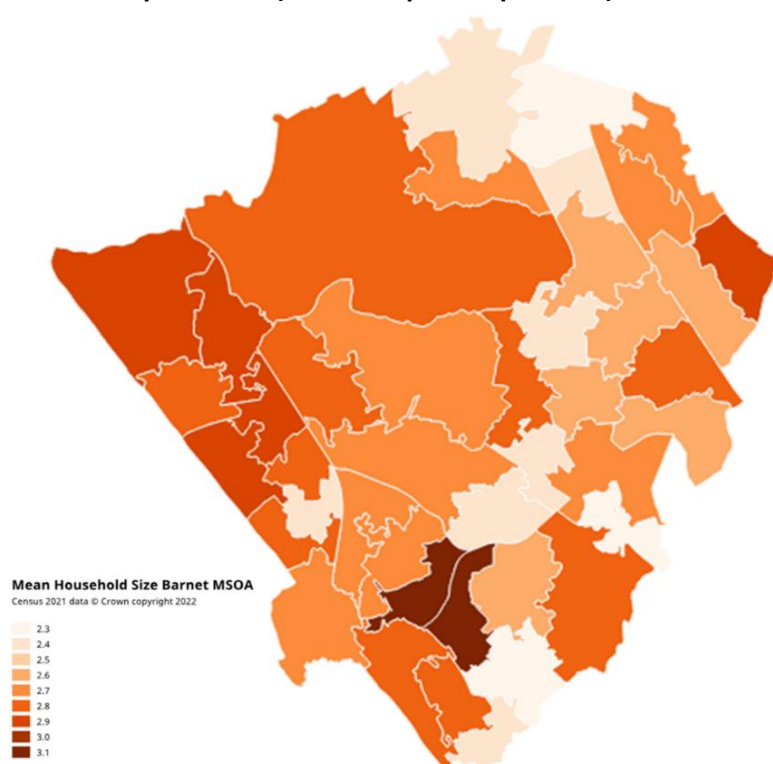
The average household size in Barnet has remained the same as 2011 Census at 2.6 people per household which is the same as the London average and above the England average of 2.4.

Middle Super Output Areas (MSOA) with higher-than-average household sizes include Golders Green North, Hendon Park and Burnt Oak.

**Table 3: Barnet MSOAs with higher-than-average household sizes**

<b>MSOA Name</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Number of Household</b>	<b>Average Household Size</b>
Golders Green North	11,565	3,695	3.1
Hendon Park	8,013	2,706	3.0
Burnt Oak & Watling Park	12,405	4,210	2.9
Edgware Park	10,823	3,717	2.9
Osidge	7,946	2,745	2.9
Mill Hill Broadway	8,837	3,070	2.9
Edgware East	11,250	3,944	2.9
Edgware Central	9,456	3,325	2.8
West Finchley	7,561	2,664	2.8
Grahame Park	10,534	3,802	2.8

**Fig 1: Average Household Size per MSOA (Middle Super Output Area)**



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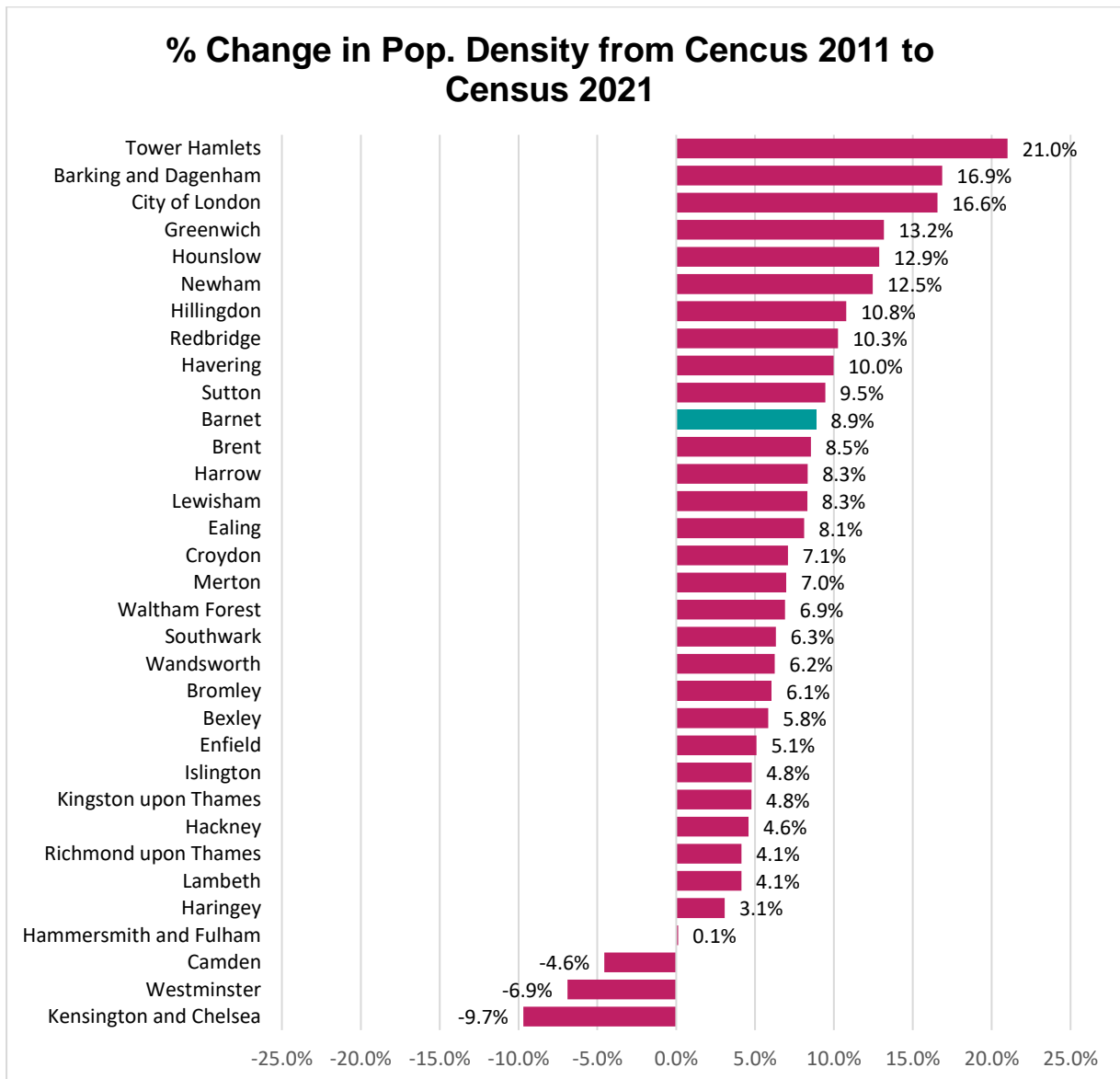
## Population Density

**Table 4: Comparison between Census 2011 and Census 2021 for population density in Barnet**

	Barnet (2011)	Barnet (2021)	Difference (%)
<b>Persons per square kilometre</b>	4,123	4,489	8.9%

Barnet has seen a population density increase of 8.9% which is similar in growth to Outer London boroughs at 8.6%. Overall, in 2021 Barnet is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> out of the 19 Outer London boroughs and 18<sup>th</sup> out of all the 33 London boroughs for population density. Grahame Park has the highest population density in Barnet of 13,360.4 persons per square kilometre and Totteridge & Barnet Gate has the lowest at 648.7 persons per square kilometre.

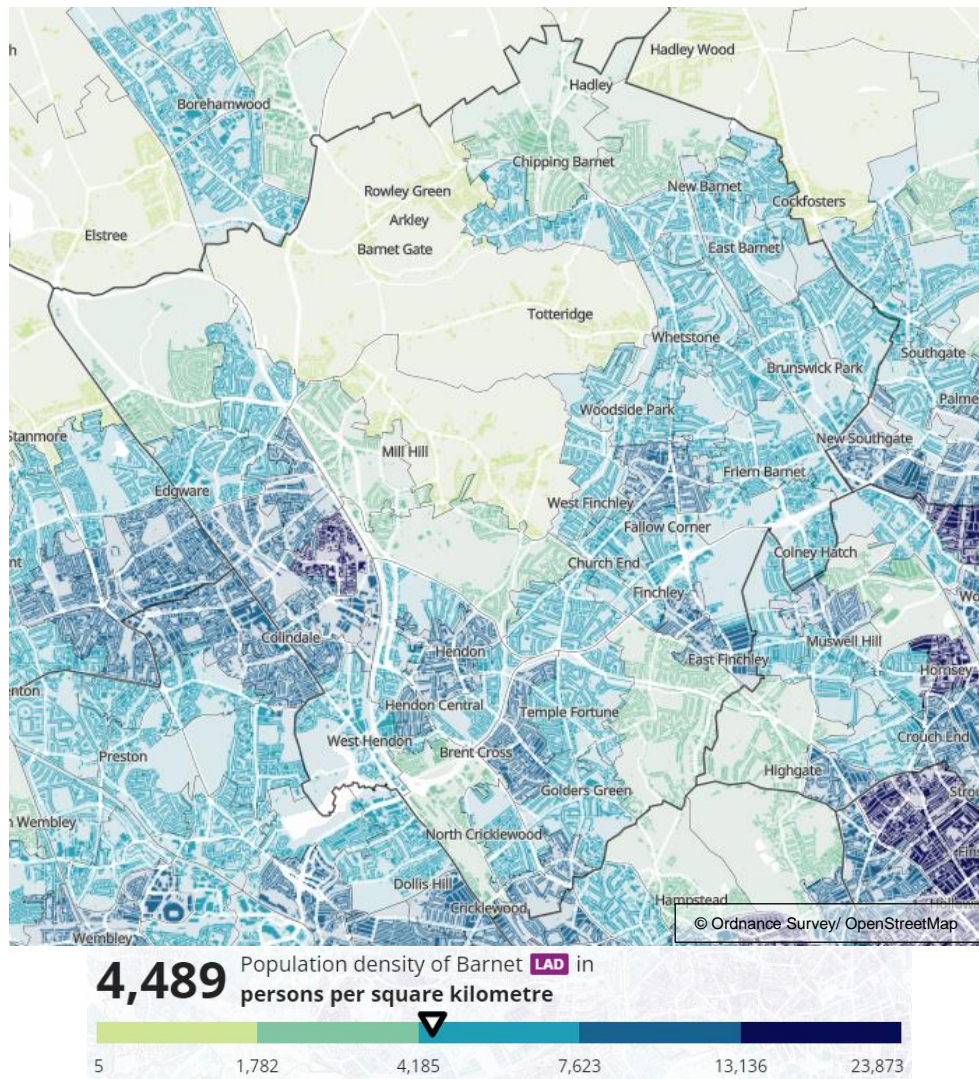
**Chart 3: Percent Change in Population Density from Census 2011 to Census 2021**



**Table 5: Top 10 of the 42 MSOAs with the highest population densities in Barnet**

Rank	MSOA	Persons per square kilometre (2021)
1	Grahame Park	13360.4
2	Colindale East	13134.2
3	Colindale West & South	11865.5
4	East Finchley	10163
5	North Finchley	9531.6
6	Golders Green North	9376.2
7	Burnt Oak & Watling Park	8715.6
8	Childs Hill	8402.4
9	Hendon Central	8140.7
10	Mill Hill Broadway	7986.3

**Fig 2: Population Density per Square Kilometre of Barnet from Census 2021**



## Household Composition

**Table 6: Comparison between Census 2011 and Census 2022 for Barnet**

The Difference is the percentage change from 2011 Census numbers to 2021 Census numbers.

Household Composition	2011		2021		Difference	Difference (%)
	Number	%	Number	%		
One person household: Aged 66 years and over	14,407	11%	15,208	10%	801	6%
One person household: Other	23,550	17%	26,450	18%	2,900	12%
Single family household: All aged 66 years and over	7,784	6%	9,264	6%	1,480	19%
Single family household: Married or civil partnership couple: No children	12,208	9%	11,929	8%	-279	-2%
Single family household: Married or civil partnership couple: Dependent children	26,305	19%	29,036	19%	2,731	10%
Single family household: Married or civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent	8,288	6%	9,760	7%	1,472	18%
Single family household: Cohabiting couple family: No children	5,552	4%	6,717	5%	1,165	21%
Single family household: Cohabiting couple family: With dependent children	3,027	2%	3,565	2%	538	18%
Single family household: Cohabiting couple family: All children non-dependent	464	0%	642	0%	178	38%
Single family household: Lone parent family: With dependent children	10,069	7%	10,476	7%	407	4%
Single family household: Lone parent family: All children non-dependent	5,685	4%	7,627	5%	1,942	34%
Single family household: Other family composition			2,218	1%		
Multiple-family household: With dependent children	6,100	4%	6,468	4%	368	6%
Multiple-family household: Other, including all full-time students and all aged 66 years and over	12,477	9%	9,559	6%	-700	-6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135916</b>		<b>148919</b>		<b>13003</b>	<b>10%</b>



In 2011, 58% of all households in Barnet were single-family households. This has increased to 61% in the 2021 Census for Barnet. This is against the London average for single-family households in 2021 of 58%.

Of the single-family households recorded in the 2011 census, 50% had dependent children. In the 2021 Census, 47% of all single-family households had dependent children which is a decrease of 3% over the 10-Year period.

Categorisations of household compositions have changed from the 2011 census with the inclusion of 'Single household: Other family composition'. Due to this addition, no historical comparative data exists from previous censuses.

## Household Deprivation

**Table 7: Comparison between Census 2011 and Census 2021 for Household Deprivation in Barnet**

Household Deprivation	2011	%	2021	%	Difference	Difference (%)
Household is not deprived in any dimension	58,764	43%	73,825	50%	15,061	25.6%
Household is deprived in at least one dimension	77,152	57%	75,096	50%	-2,056	-2.7%
Household is deprived in one dimension	45,413	33%	49,136	33%	3,723	8.2%
Household is deprived in two dimensions	24,122	18%	19,877	13%	-4,245	-17.6%
Household is deprived in three dimensions	6,669	5%	5,415	4%	-1,254	-18.8%
Household is deprived in four dimensions	948	1%	668	0%	-280	-29.5%

Households in England and Wales were also classified in terms of dimensions of deprivation, based on selected household characteristics. Specifically, households were considered to be deprived if they met one or more of the following four dimensions of deprivation:

- employment: where any member of a household, who is not a full-time student, is either unemployed or long-term sick
- education: no person in the household has at least five or more GCSE passes (grade A\* to C or grade 4 and above) or equivalent qualifications, and no person aged 16 to 18 years is a full-time student
- health and disability: any person in the household has general health that is "bad" or "very bad" or is identified as disabled
- housing: the household's accommodation is either overcrowded, with an occupancy rating of negative 1 or less (implying that it has one fewer room or bedroom required for the number of occupants), or is in a shared dwelling, or has no central heating

The total rate of households in Barnet having at least one dimension of deprivation fell by 6.4% in 2021 Census compared to the 2011 Census.

The total number of households in Barnet with 2 or more dimensions of deprivation in the 2011 Census was 31,739 (18% of household). In the 2021 Census there were 25,960 households (13% of households) with 2 or more dimensions of deprivation, which is a reduction of 18.2% from 2011 to 2021.

No MSOAs in Barnet have seen an increase in one or more dimensions of deprivation compared to the 2011 census. Below are the top 10 MSOAs identified in Census 2021 with at least 1 dimension of deprivation:

**Table 8: Census 2021 Barnet MSOAs with households with the highest rate of deprivation.**

MSOA Name	Number		Percent	
	Household is not deprived in any dimension	Household Deprived in at Least 1 Dimension	Household is not deprived in any dimension	Household Deprived in at Least 1 Dimension
Burnt Oak & Watling Park	1,418	2,792	34%	66%
Brent Cross & Staples Corner	939	1,677	36%	64%
Grahame Park	1,445	2,357	38%	62%
Mill Hill Broadway	1,222	1,848	40%	60%
West Hendon	1,855	2,582	42%	58%
Hendon Central	1,893	2,615	42%	58%
North Cricklewood	1,237	1,596	44%	56%
Edgware Central	1,510	1,816	45%	55%
North Finchley	2,146	2,571	45%	55%
Golders Green North	1,694	2,001	46%	54%

## Legal Partnership Status

Same-sex marriage was legalised in 2014 and opposite-sex civil partnerships were legalised in 2019. The questions on marriage and civil partnerships were updated for 2021 to reflect this, this means that categorisations for same-sex legal partnerships are not directly comparable to the 2011 Census.

**Table 9: Census 2021 Legal Partnership Status for Barnet and London**

Marital and civil partnership status	Barnet (2021)		London (2021) %
	Number	%	
Never married and never registered a civil partnership	118,816	38.4%	46.2%
Married: Opposite sex	144,666	46.8%	39.3%
Married: Same sex	649	0.2%	0.4%
In a registered civil partnership: Opposite sex	275	0.1%	0.1%
In a registered civil partnership: Same sex	407	0.1%	0.2%
Separated, but still married	6,770	2.2%	2.3%
Separated, but still in a registered civil partnership	38	0.0%	0.0%
Divorced	22,794	7.4%	7.2%
Formerly in a civil partnership now legally dissolved	54	0.0%	0.0%
Widowed	14,859	4.8%	4.2%
Surviving partner from civil partnership	25	0.0%	0.0%

Residents in an opposite sex marriage has remained the same as Census 2011 at 46.8%. Those who have never been married and never registered a civil partnership is 38.4% which is an increase of 1.2% from the 2011 Census.

## Sources and Links

Sources: [Demography and migration data, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

Census maps: [Interactive tool that lets you explore Census 2021 data across England and Wales – Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

House of Commons MSOA Names: [MSOA Names \(houseofcommonslibrary.github.io\)](https://github.com/houseofcommonslibrary/msoa-names)