

# CENSUS 2021 – Housing Briefing

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## Introduction

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published its second phase outputs from the 2021 Census, which provides statistics on housing for all local authority areas in England & Wales.

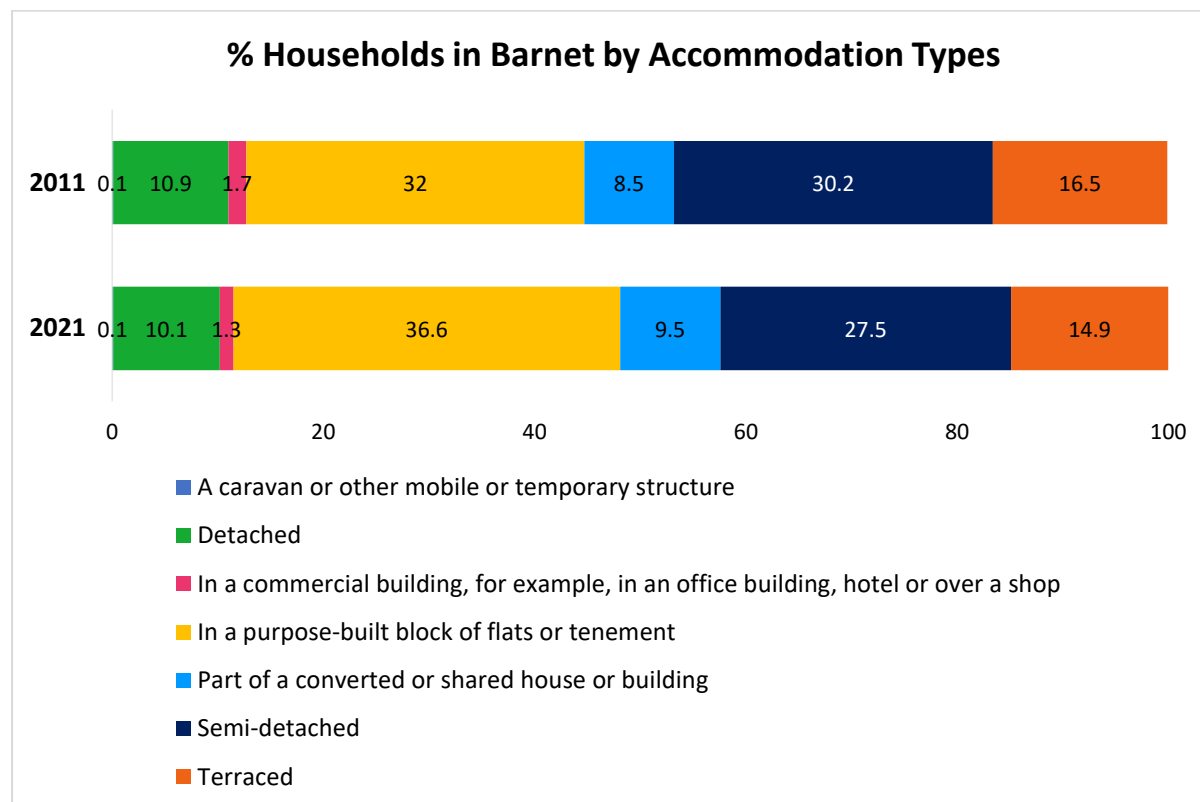
The summary key points are:

- Purpose-built block of flats or tenement continues to be the most common type of accommodation in 2021 (36.6% of total households). It also demonstrated greatest growth from the 2011 to 2021 census (26.1%).
- Compared to 2011, in 2021, the percentage of households in Barnet owning at least 1 car or van declined by 1.2%, although the number of those households rose by 7.7% from the 2011 to 2021 census.
- Gas remains the most popular type of central heating in 2021 Barnet (75.4%).
- In both 2011 and 2021 censuses, the three most prevalent communal establishments were Care Home without Nursing, Education and Care Home with Nursing.
- While 3-bedroom (30.9%) and 2-bedroom properties (30.1%) were most common in 2011 Barnet, 2-bedroom properties have become most prevalent (29.8%) in 2021.
- Occupancy rating for bedrooms, which refers to the difference between the number of bedrooms needed and the number available per household, indicated that about 90% of households in Barnet were not crowded in both censuses.

- In both 2011 and 2021, owned accommodations were the most common type of tenure, followed by private rented and social accommodations.
- In both 2011 and 2021, nearly 95% of usual residents in Barnet did not have second address.
- For those who have second address in 2021 Barnet, another parent or guardian's address was the leading purpose (26.2%).

## Accommodation Type

**Chart 1: Census 2011 vs Census 2021 Percentage of Households in Barnet by Accommodation Types**



In Barnet, purpose-built block of flats or tenement was the type of accommodation that was most common in 2011 (32%) and continued to be so in 2021 (36.6%). It also recorded the greatest percentage point increase (26.1%) from the 2011 census to 2021 census. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest increase of households resident in purpose-built block of flats or tenement in London, following those of Newham (36.9%), Greenwich (29.9%), Hillingdon (27.9%), and Brent (26.2%).

**Table 1: Top 10 of the 41 MSOAs with the highest percentage point increase of purpose-built block of flats or tenement in Barnet from 2011 to 2021**

Rank	MSOA	% Change in purpose-built block of flats or tenement from 2011 to 2021
1	Colindale	239.4%
2	Mill Hill East	69%
3	Oakleigh Park	42.5%
4	Golders Green South	41.8%
5	Grahame Park	37.1%
6	Golders Green North	35.6%
7	Totteridge & Barnet Gate	33.6%
8	Mill Hill Park	31.1%
9	Edgware Central	30.8%
10	North Cricklewood	30%

Among Middle Super Output Areas (MSOA) in Barnet, Colindale had the highest percentage point increase of purpose-built block of flats or tenement (239.4%), which was followed by Mill Hill East (69%) and Oakleigh Park (42.5%). This demonstrates the substantial development and regeneration that have undergone in Colindale.

## Car or Van Availability

**Table 2: Census 2011 vs Census 2021 Number of Cars or Vans per Household in Barnet**

Number of cars or vans per household	2011		2021		Difference	Total % Difference <sup>1</sup>	Growth % <sup>2</sup>
	Number	%	Number	%			
None	39,024	28.7%	44,580	29.9%	5,556	1.2%	14.2%
Has cars or vans	96,892	71.3%	104,337	70.1%	7,445	-1.2%	7.7%
Has 1	59,992	44.1%	66,990	45.0%	6,998	0.9%	11.7%
Has 2	28,698	21.1%	29,077	19.5%	379	-1.6%	1.3%
Has 3 or more	8,202	6.0%	8,270	5.6%	68	-0.4%	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135,916</b>		<b>148,917</b>		<b>20,446</b>		<b>15%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Total % Difference is the percentage difference between the 2011 and 2021 censuses for each category:

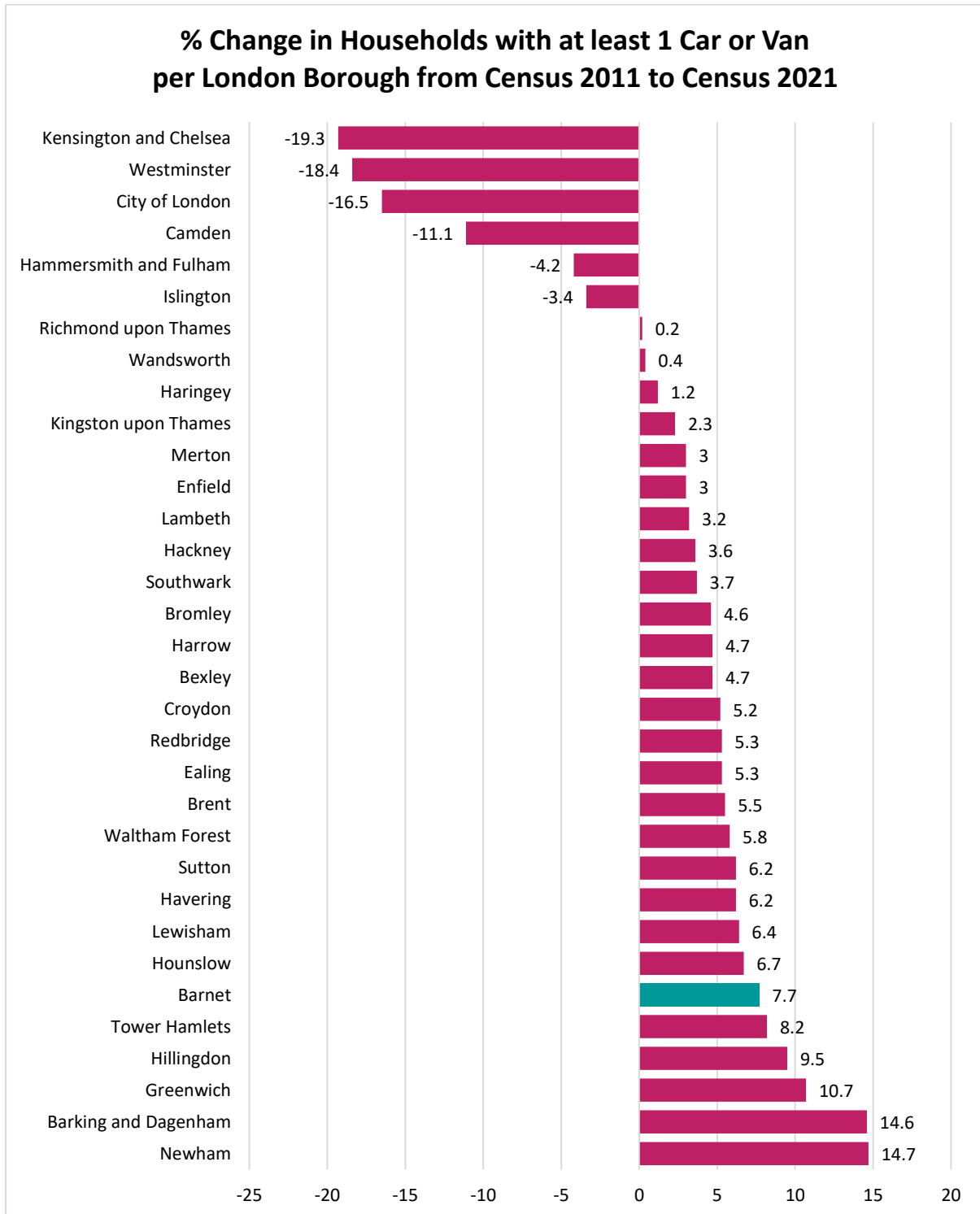
'Total % Difference' = '% 2021' – '% 2011'

<sup>2</sup> Growth % is the number difference the 2011 and 2021 censuses divided by the number from the 2011

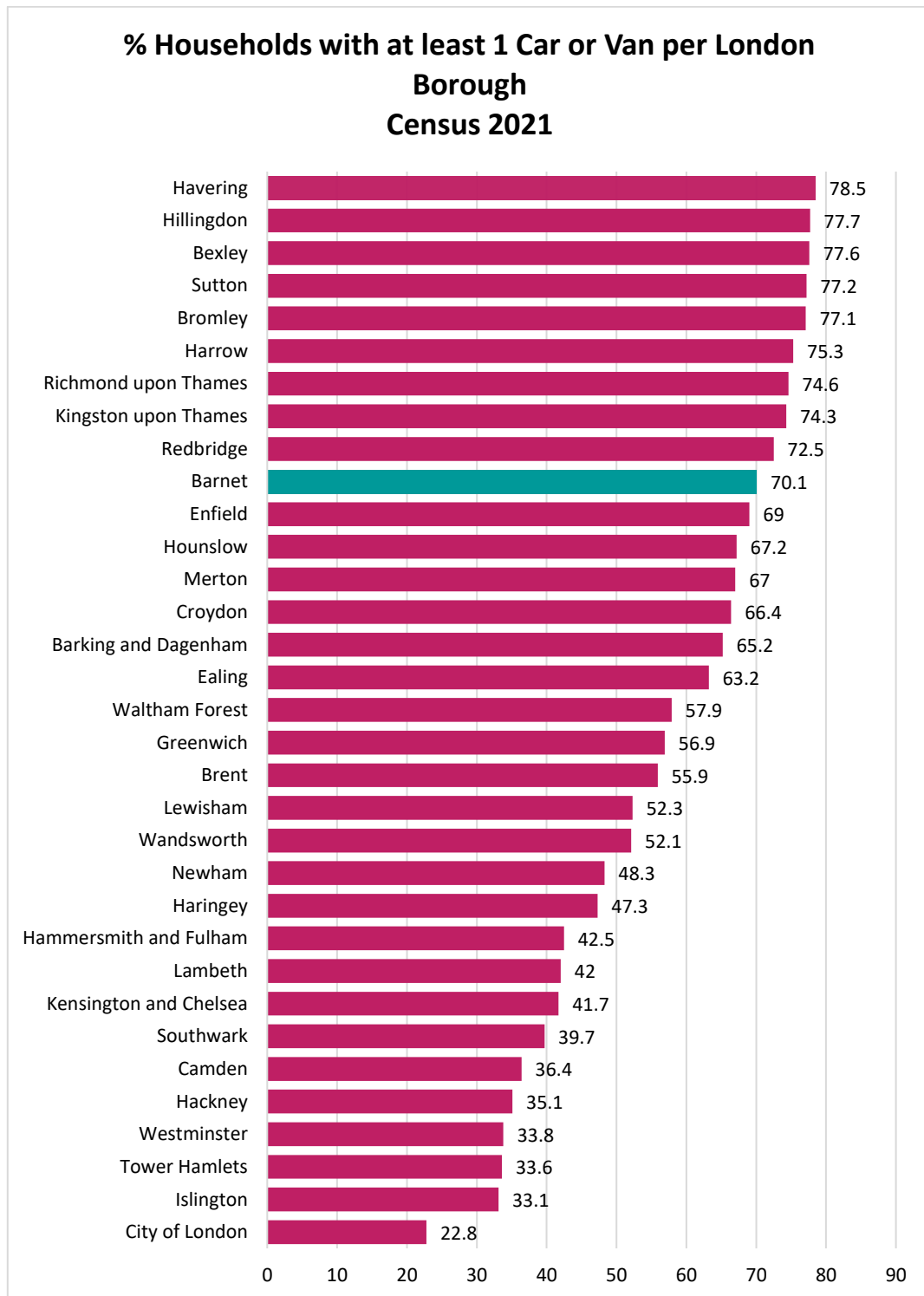
census for each category: 'Growth %' = ('Number 2021' – 'Number 2011')/'Number 2011'\*100

In Barnet, the percentage of households with cars or vans in 2021 declined by 1.2%, compared to that of 2011. This reflects that the coronavirus pandemic had minimal impact on the car or van ownership, despite the decreased mobility in the borough. However, despite the overall percentage of households with a car or van in 2021 being lower than the percentage in 2011, we can see that there has been an increase in the total number of households with a car or van in 2021 when compared to the number in 2011 which represents a percentage growth of 7.7% in car or van ownership and is likely representative of Barnet's growing population. Such a trend of slight or moderate increase in the car or van ownership over the decade was observed across all London boroughs except for six boroughs that showed reduction: Kensington & Chelsea (-19.3%), Westminster (-18.4%), City of London (-16.5%), Camden (-11.1%), Hammersmith and Fulham (-4.2%), and Islington (-3.4%).

**Chart 2: Percentage Change in Households with at least 1 Car or Van per London Borough from Census 2011 to Census 2021**



**Chart 3: Percentage of Households with at least 1 Car or Van per London Borough in Census 2021**



For the percentage of households that own at least one car or van in 2021, Barnet ranked 10<sup>th</sup> among 33 London boroughs.

**Table 3: Top 5 of the 42 MSOAs with the highest percentage of households owning at least 1 car or van in Barnet, 2021**

Rank	MSOA	% Households owning at least 1 car or van
1	Totteridge & Barnet Gate	87%
2	Osidge	86.3%
3	Oak Hill	85.1%
4	Edgware Park	83.1%
5	Mill Hill Park	81.7%

In 2021, Totteridge & Barnet Gate had the highest proportion of households (87%) owning at least 1 car or van among all MSOAs. This is higher than the Barnet average of 70.1% of households owning at least 1 car or van and higher than the London average of 57.9%. Other Barnet MSOAs that demonstrated high car or van ownership in 2021 were Osidge (86.3%), Oak Hill (85.1%), Edgware Park (83.1%), and Mill Hill Park (81.7%).

**Table 4: Top 5 of the 42 MSOAs with the lowest percentage of households owning at least 1 car or van in Barnet, 2021**

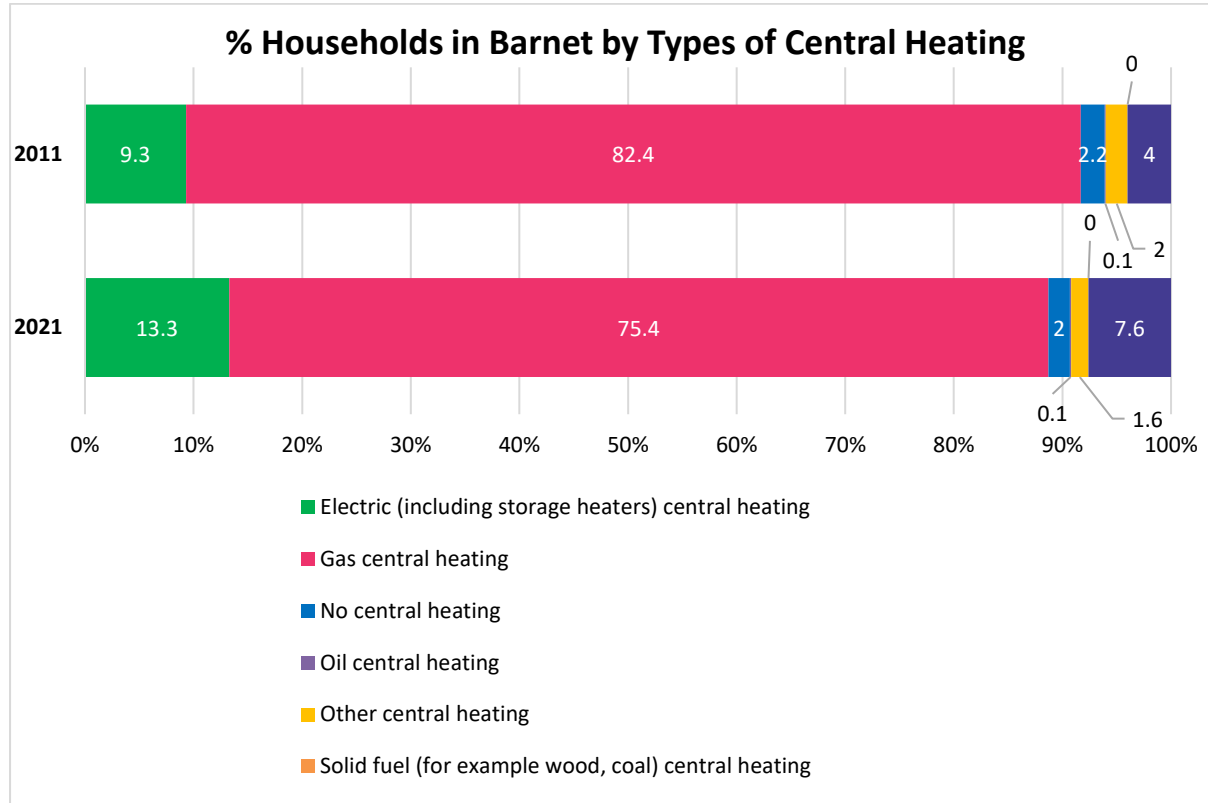
Rank	MSOA	% Households owning at least 1 car or van
1	Brent Cross & Staples Corner	53.3%
2	Childs Hill	53.9%
3	Colindale	55.5%
4	Golders Green South	58.4%
5	Hendon Central	59.1%

Among all Barnet MSOAs in the 2021 census, Brent Cross & Staples Corner had the lowest percentage of households (53.3%) with at least 1 car or van. This is lower than the Barnet average of 70.1% of households owning at least 1 car or van and is lower than the London average of 57.9%. Childs Hill and Colindale also showed lower car or van ownership proportions than the London average. Golders Green South and Hendon Central each ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> out of Barnet MSOAs for the lowest proportion of households with 1 or more car or vans in 2021 (58.4% and 59.1%, respectively), which are similar to the London average (57.9% of total households).



## Central Heating

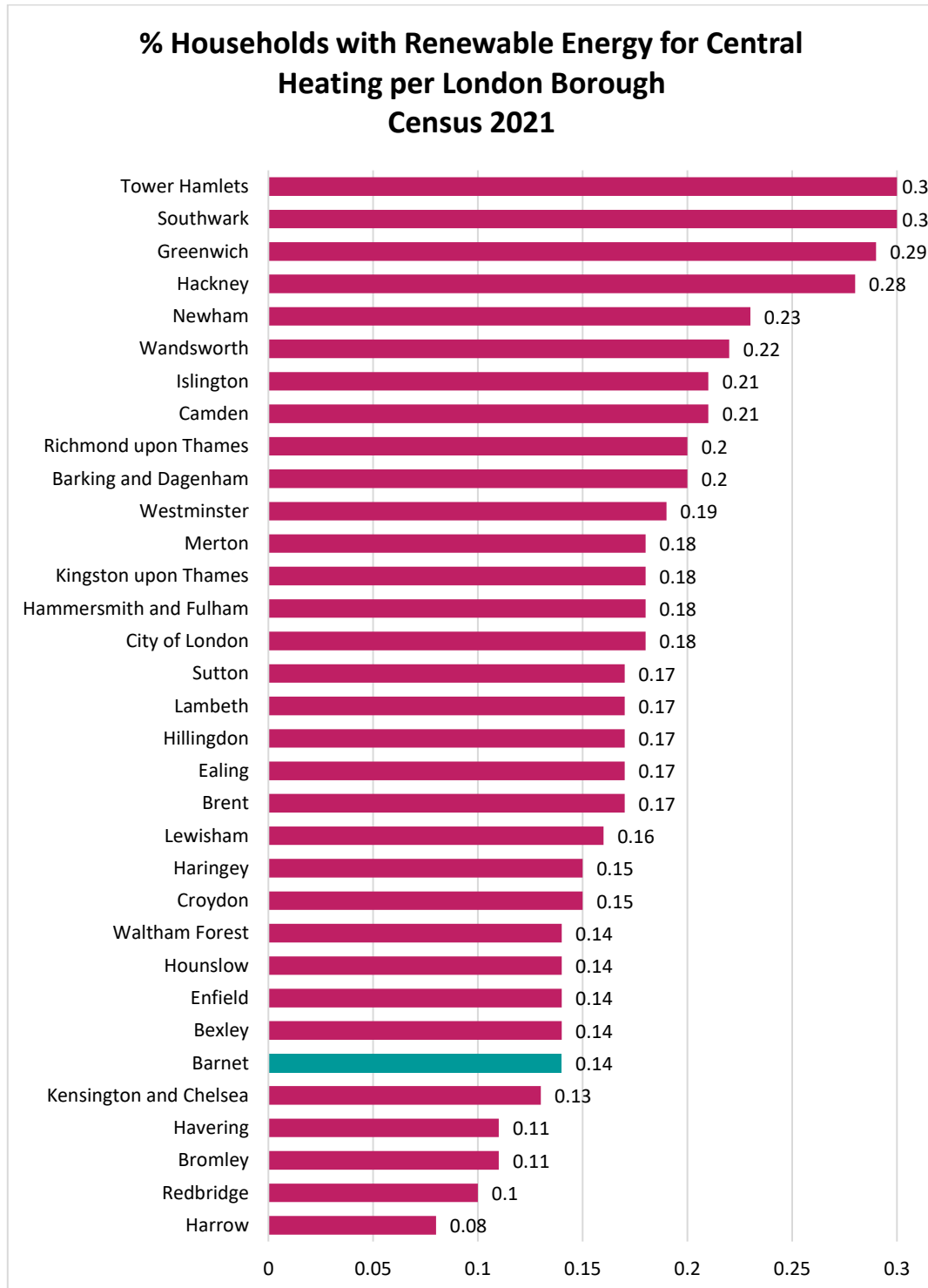
**Chart 4: Census 2011 vs Census 2021 Percentage of Households in Barnet by Types of Central Heating**



Gas was the most common type of central heating in 2011 in Barnet (82.4%) and continued to be most popular in 2021 (75.4%). There is a growing trend of having two or more types of central heating (not including renewable energy) in households with a 103% increase from the 2011 census to the 2021 census.

Categories such as 'renewable energy' and 'two or more types of central heating (including renewable energy)' were added to the 2021 census.

**Chart 5: Percentage of Households with Renewable Energy for Central Heating per London Borough in the Census 2021**



In terms of the percentage of households that use renewable energy for central heating in 2021, Barnet ranked 24<sup>th</sup> out of 33 London boroughs, along with Croydon, Waltham Forest, Hounslow, Enfield, and Bexley. On the other hand, Barnet had the 18<sup>th</sup> highest percentage (0.34%) of households with two or more types of central heating including renewable energy, along with Harrow and Waltham Forest, in 2021.

## Communal Establishment Management and Type

**Table 5: Census 2011 vs Census 2021 Number of People by Communal Establishment Management and Type in Barnet**

Communal establishment management and type	2011		2021		Difference	Difference (%)
	Number	%	Number	%		
<b>Medical and care establishment</b>						
NHS	45	1.2%	6	0.2%	-39	-86.7%
Local Authority	64	1.7%	150	4.4%	86	134.4%
Registered Social Landlord or Housing Association: Home or hostel	0	0%	7	0.2%	7	.
Other: Care home with nursing	647	17.1%	767	22.6%	120	18.5%
Other: Care home without nursing	1,951	51.5%	1,071	31.5%	-880	-45.1%
Other: Other establishments	95	2.5%	50	1.5%	-45	-47.4%
<b>Other establishment</b>						
Education	853	22.5%	983	28.9%	130	15.2%
Other establishments	67	1.8%	218	6.4%	151	225.4%
<b>Establishment not stated</b>						
Establishment not stated	67	1.8%	144	4.2%	77	114.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,789</b>		<b>3,396</b>		<b>-393</b>	<b>-10.4%</b>

In both 2011 and 2021, the three most prevalent communal establishments were 'Care home without nursing (as part of other medical and care establishments)', 'Education', and 'Care home with nursing (as part of other medical and care establishments)'. However, the proportion of each establishment has changed over the decade. Of all communal establishments in Barnet, the proportion of 'Care home without nursing' has declined from 51.5% to 31.5%, while those of 'Education' and 'Care home with nursing' has increased from 22.5% to 28.9% and 17.1% to 22.6%, respectively.

**Table 6: Top 10 of the 42 MSOAs with the highest percentage of care homes without nursing in Barnet, 2021**

Rank	MSOA	Care home without nursing (2021)	% (N=1,070)
1	Oakleigh Park	147	13.7%
2	Friern Barnet	146	13.6%
3	Golders Green North	125	11.7%
4	North Finchley	116	10.8%
5	Woodside Park	87	8.1%
6	Hampstead Garden Suburb	79	7.4%
7	West Finchley	46	4.3%
8	Whetstone East	43	4%
9	Edgware Central	42	3.9%
10	Colney Hatch	40	3.7%

In 2021, about half of care homes without nursing (as part of medical and care establishments) in Barnet were in Oakleigh Park (13.7%, 147/1,070), Friern Barnet (13.6%, 146/1,070), Golders Green North (11.7%, 125/1,070), and North Finchley (10.8%, 116/1,070).

**Table 7: The 6 MSOAs with education establishments in Barnet, 2021**

Rank	MSOA	Education (2021)	% (N=982)
1	Colindale	539	54.9%
2	Mill Hill East	156	15.9%
3	Woodside Park	114	11.6%
4	Hendon Central	87	8.9%
5	Childs Hill	74	7.5%
6	Oak Hill	12	1.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>982</b>	

In 2021, all of Barnet's education establishments were in six MSOAs – Colindale, Mill Hill East, Woodside Park, Hendon Central, Childs Hill and Oak Hill, with about half of the establishments in Colindale (54.9%, 539/982).

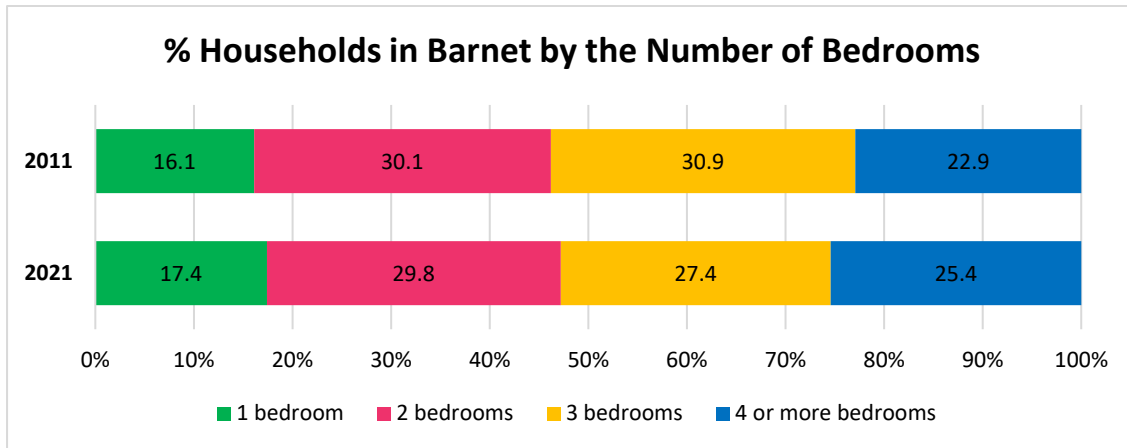
**Table 8: Top 10 of the 42 MSOAs with the highest percentage of care homes with nursing in Barnet, 2021**

Rank	MSOA	Care home with nursing (2021)	% (N = 768)
1	Oakleigh Park	147	13.7%
2	Friern Barnet	146	13.6%
3	Golders Green North	125	11.7%
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In 2021, the MSOAs that had most of care homes with nursing in Barnet were Golders Green South (14.6%, 112/768), Friern Barnet (13.7%, 105/768), Totteridge & Barnet Gate (10%, 77/768), and High Barnet & Hadley (9.9%, 76/768).

## Number of Bedrooms

Chart 6: Percentage of Households in Barnet by the number of bedrooms



In 2011, 3-bedroom properties were most common (30.9%) although they were closely followed by 2-bedroom properties (30.1%). In 2021, 2-bedroom properties have become most common (29.8%) in Barnet, followed by three-bedroom (27.4%) and four-or-more-bedroom (25.4%) properties.

## Occupancy Rating for Bedrooms

**Table 9: Census 2011 vs Census 2021 Number of households by occupancy rating for bedrooms**

Occupancy rating for bedrooms	2011		2021		Difference	Difference (%)
	Number	%	Number	%		
+2 or more	37,823	27.8	42,709	28.7	4,886	12.9%
+1	39,766	29.3	40,449	27.2	683	1.7%
0	44,691	32.9	51,793	34.8	7,102	15.9%
-1	11,291	8.3	11,644	7.8	353	3.1%
-2 or less	2,345	1.7	2,322	1.6	-23	-1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135,916</b>		<b>148,917</b>		<b>13,001</b>	<b>9.6%</b>

Occupancy rating is the difference between the number of rooms or bedrooms required and the actual number of rooms or bedrooms. For instance, an occupancy rating of '+1' indicates that households have a bedroom more than what they require. In contrast, a rating of '-1' or '-2 or less' suggests that households are over-crowded as the number of bedrooms that require exceeds the number of bedrooms they have. In both 2011 and 2021, about 90% of households in Barnet reported occupancy rating of 0 or higher, suggesting that the majority of the households did not have crowded bedrooms. From the 2011 census to 2021 census, the percentage of households with overcrowded bedrooms has slightly declined from 10% to 9.4% of all households in Barnet.

**Table 10: Top 10 of the 42 MSOAs with the highest percentage of overcrowded households in Barnet, 2021**

Rank	MSOA	% Overcrowded households (2021)
1	Burnt Oak & Watling Park	20.8%
2	Grahame Park	19.3%
3	Brent Cross & Staples Corner	16%
4	Mill Hill Broadway	15.9%
5	Colindale	15.1%
6	West Hendon	14.7%
7	Edgware Central	13.5%
8	Hendon Central	12.8%
9	North Hendon & Sunny Hill	11.5%
9	North Cricklewood	11.5%

Nearly a fifth of households in Burnt Oak & Watling Park (20.8%) and Grahame Park (19.3%) were overcrowded, which was about 2.2 times as high as the average percentage of overcrowded households (9.4%) in Barnet.



**Table 11: Comparison of Barnet, London, and England in 2021 with Respect to the Average Percentage of Overcrowded Households**

	<b>Barnet (2021)</b>	<b>London (2021)</b>	<b>England (2021)</b>
Average % of Households with Overcrowded Bedrooms	9.4%	11.1%	4.4%

In the 2021 census, Barnet's average percentage of overcrowded households was about double the average of England (4.4%) and 85% of that of London (11.1%). Among all London boroughs, Barnet ranked 11<sup>th</sup> for the least number of households with overcrowded bedrooms along with Islington and Merton.

**Chart 7: Percentage of Households with Overcrowded Bedrooms per London Borough in the Census 2021**



## Tenure

**Table 12: Census 2011 vs Census 2021 Number of households in Barnet by its tenure**

Tenure of household	2011		2021		Difference	Difference (%)
	Number	%	Number	%		
<b>Owned</b>	78,350	57.6%	78,407	52.7%	57	0.1%
Owens outright	38,105	28%	39,083	26.2%	978	2.6%
Owens with a mortgage or loan	40,245	29.6%	39,324	26.4%	-921	-2.3%
<b>Shared ownership</b>	1,191	0.9%	1,633	1.1%	442	37.1%
<b>Social rented</b>	19,334	14.2%	20,034	13.5%	700	3.6%
Rents from council or Local Authority	11,664	8.6%	10,030	6.7%	-1,634	-14%
Other social rented	7,670	5.6%	10,004	6.7%	2,334	30.4%
<b>Private rented</b>	34,854	25.6%	48,705	32.7%	13,851	39.7%
Private landlord or letting agency	33,175	24.4%	45,180	30.3%	12,005	36.2%
Other private rented	1,679	1.2%	3,525	2.4%	1,846	109.9%
<b>Lives rent free</b>	2,187	1.6%	138	0.1%	-2,049	-93.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135,916</b>		<b>148,917</b>		<b>13,001</b>	<b>9.6%</b>

For both censuses, owned accommodations were the most common type of tenure, followed by private rented and social rented accommodations. However, living rent-free has become the least prevalent tenure in 2021 with a 93.7% decline in living rent free households and 37.1% increase in partly owned accommodations on a shared scheme. Such a decline in the households living rent free was the 6<sup>th</sup> highest in London, while the increase in households on shared ownership was 9<sup>th</sup> highest in London. Privately rented accommodations also recorded a 39.7% growth in 2021, compared to 2011, placing Barnet 8<sup>th</sup> among all London boroughs. On the other hand, owned and social accommodations in Barnet have shown little change over the decade.

**Table 13: Percentage of Households by their Tenures in Barnet vs London vs England in 2021**

	% Owned	% Shared Ownership	% Social Rented	% Private Rented	% Lives rent free
<b>Barnet (2021)</b>	52.7%	1.1%	13.5%	32.7%	0.1%
<b>London (2021)</b>	45.2%	1.5%	22.8%	30.4%	0.2%
<b>England (2021)</b>	61.3%	1%	17.1%	20.5%	0.1%

**Table 14: Percentage Change in Households by their Tenures in Barnet vs London vs England from the 2011 Census to 2021 Census**

	% Change in Owned	% Change in Shared Ownership	% Change in Social Rented	% Change in Private Rented	% Change in Lives rent free
<b>Barnet</b>	0.1%	37.1%	3.6%	39.7%	-93.7%
<b>London</b>	-1.8%	23.5%	0.8%	28.5%	-85.1%
<b>England</b>	2.8%	35.8%	2.6%	29%	-89.7%

**Table 15: Top 10 of the 42 MSOAs with the highest percentage of social rented accommodations in Barnet, 2021**

Rank	MSOA	% Social rented (2021)
1	Grahame Park	50.6%
2	Burnt Oak & Watling Park	31%
3	Ducks Island & Underhill	29%
4	Mill Hill Broadway	27.5%
5	Brent Cross & Staples Corner	27.4%
6	Fallow Corner	25.1%
7	Childs Hill	24.8%
8	Colney Hatch	21.2%
9	Colindale	17.9%
10	Mill Hill East	17.7%

In 2021, about half of Grahame Park's households were socially rented through a local council or housing association. This was triple the average percentage of households living in socially rented accommodations in England (17.1%) and 2.2 times as high as that of London (22.8%). Burnt Oak & Watling Park (31%) and Ducks Island & Underhill (29%) followed Grahame Park.

**Table 16: Top 10 of the 41 MSOAs with the highest percentage increase in social rented accommodations from 2011 to 2021**

Rank	MSOA	% Increase in social rented
1	Colindale	170.3%
2	New Barnet West	64%
3	High Barnet & Hadley	57.5%
4	Hendon Park	42.3%
5	North Cricklewood	41.1%
6	Golders Green South	34%
7	Golders Green North	24.4%
8	Osidge	17.3%
9	Hampstead Garden Suburb	13.7%
10	Mill Hill Park	12.9%

Colindale, which ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 42 MSOAs for the highest percentage of social rented accommodations in 2021, has demonstrated the greatest percentage increase in the number of socially rented accommodations from 2011 to 2021, recording a 170.3% growth.

**Table 17: Top 10 of the 41 MSOAs with the highest percentage increase in private rented accommodations from 2011 to 2021**

Rank	MSOA	% Increase in private rented
1	Colindale	189.7%
2	Edgware Park	84.2%
3	Grahame Park	72.8%
4	Mill Hill East	69.8%
5	Totteridge & Barnet Gate	58.4%
6	Ducks Island & Underhill	54.5%
7	Mill Hill Broadway	52.8%
8	West Hendon	51.7%
9	Brunswick Park Road	48.3%
10	Brent Cross & Staples Corner	46.1%

Colindale has also showed the greatest percent increase (189.7%) in private rented accommodations from 2011 to 2021 among all MSOAs in Barnet. Such growth in the social rented and private rented accommodations in Colindale over the last decade are likely to be attributed to the re-development of the area since the 2011 census.

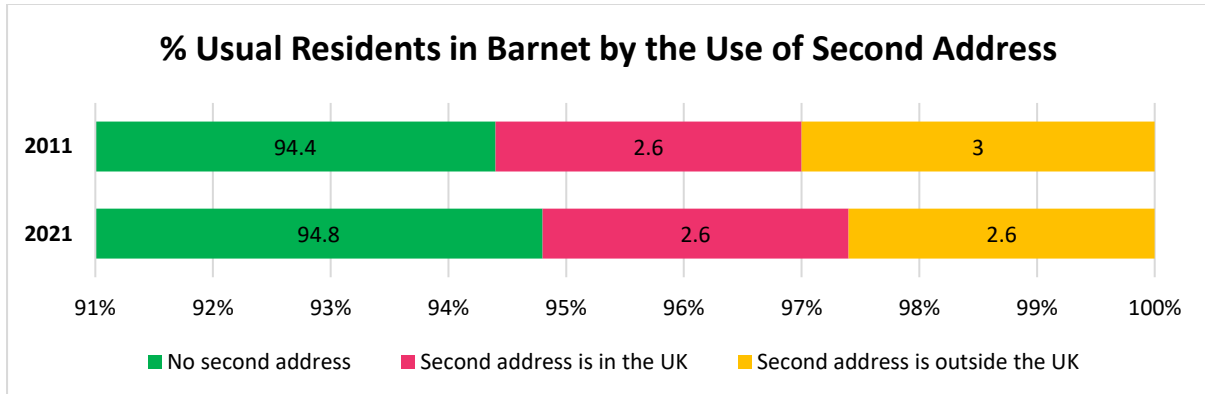
**Table 18: Top 10 of the 41 MSOAs with the highest percentage decrease in owned accommodations from 2011 to 2021**

Rank	MSOA	% Decrease in owned
1	Hendon Central	-10.7%
2	Hendon Park	-8.6%
3	North Hendon & Sunny Hill	-8.2%
4	Burnt Oak & Watling Park	-7.7%
5	Edgware East	-7.6%
5	Friern Barnet	-7.6%
5	Church End	-7.6%
8	Edgware Central	-7.1%
9	Brent Cross & Staples Corner	-6.9%
10	Temple Fortune	-6.5%

The proportion of households owning their accommodations outright or with mortgage has decreased the most in Hendon Central (-10.7%) in 2021, compared to 2011. This was followed by 8.6% and 8.2% reductions in owned accommodations in Hendon Park and North Hendon & Sunny Hill, respectively.

## Second Address Indicator

Chart 8: Census 2011 vs Census 2021 Percentage of Usual Residents in Barnet by Indicator of Second Address



The vast majority of people in Barnet did not have second address in both 2011 (94.4% of residents) and 2021 (94.8% of residents).

## Purpose of Second Address

Table 19: Usual residents in Barnet with second address by the purpose of second address in 2021

Purpose of second address	Barnet (2021)		London (2021)	
	Number	%	Number	%
Armed forces base address	23	0.1%	1,047	0.2%
Another address when working away from home	1,628	8.1%	35,528	6.7%
Holiday home	3,850	19%	93,648	17.7%
Student's term-time address	90	0.4%	1,834	0.3%
Student's home address	1,325	6.6%	62,380	11.8%
Another parent or guardian's address	5,294	26.2%	149,351	28.2%
Partner's address	2,203	10.9%	59,096	11.2%
Other	5,799	28.7%	125,966	23.8%
Second address type not specified	0	0%	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,212</b>		<b>528,850</b>	

The leading purpose of having a second address for usual residents in Barnet in 2021, excluding 'Other', was 'Another parent or guardian's address' (26.2%), followed by 'Holiday home' (19%). Such a pattern was also observed in London – among purposes except 'Other', 'Another parent or guardian's address' (28.2%) was the leading purpose, followed by 'Holiday home' (17.7%).

## Sources and Links

Housing data:

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Census maps:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps?lad=E09000003>

House of Commons MSOA Names:

<https://houseofcommonslibrary.github.io/msoanames/>

## Annex

Figure 1. Households with 1 or more cars or vans in Barnet from the census 2021

