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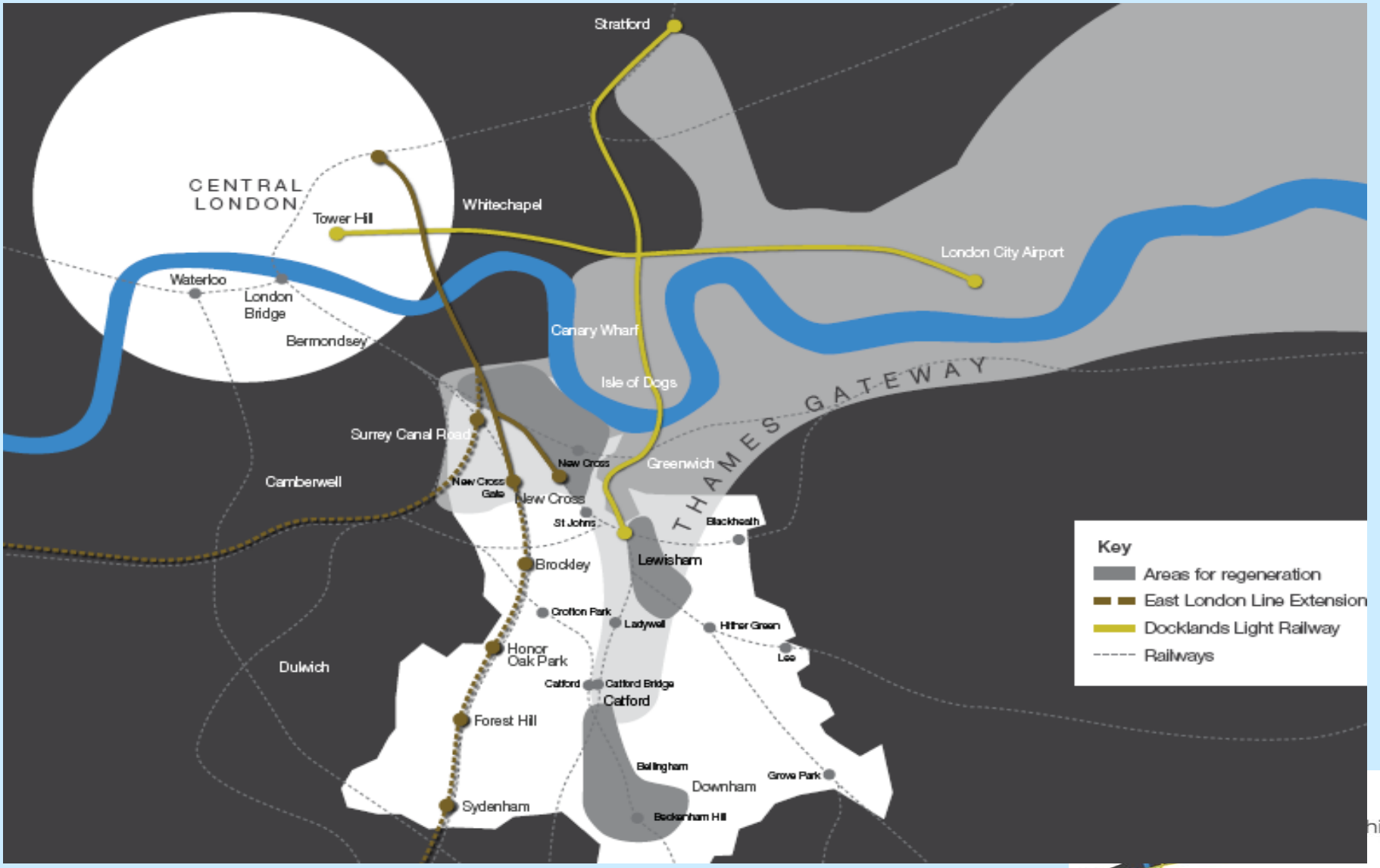
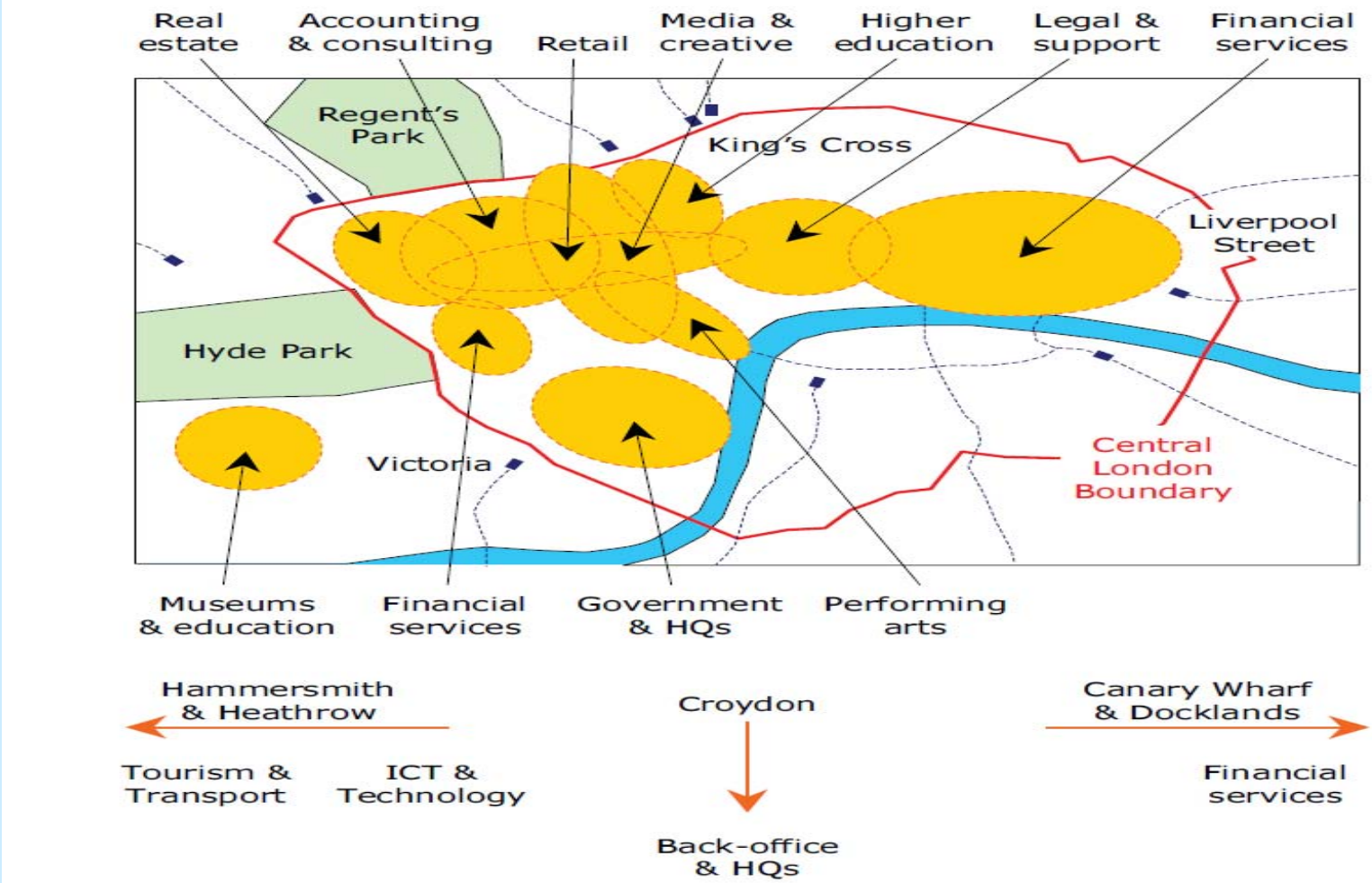
Lewisham, London and the wider region



Lewisham residents and businesses are well placed to access the employment and commercial opportunities throughout London



Source: Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, 2004

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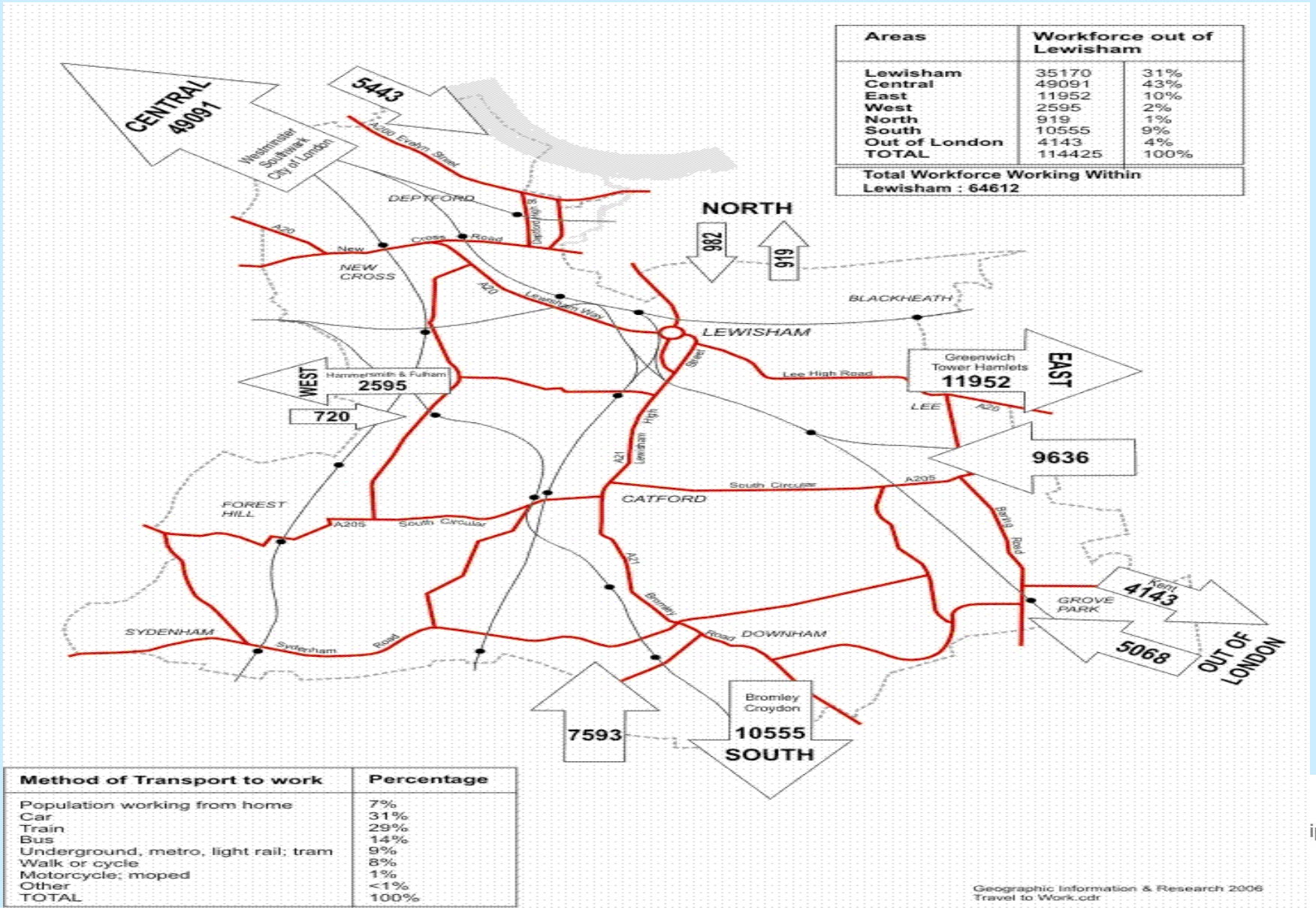
London's cultural offer

Indicator	London	New York	Paris	Shanghai	Tokyo
Number of museums	184	101	157	106	79
Number of public libraries	395	255	303	248	369
Number of UNESCO world heritage sites	4	1	2	0	0
Number of major theatres	55	39	N/A	19	N/A
Number of performances at major theatres per year	17,285	12,045	15,598	3,117	8,281
Number of music performances per year	32,292	22,204	3,612	11,736	7,419
Number of art galleries	92	N/A	59	6	40
Number of film festivals	62	128	43	1	27
Number of night clubs, discos and dance halls	306	279	277	N/A	N/A
Number of bars per 1,000 population	0.41	0.22	1.22	0.17	0.75
Number of festivals	200	81	40	22	N/A
(1) Figures for New York calculated for the New York Metropolitan Area.					

Source: LDA (2008) London a cultural audit

Where Lewisham residents travel to work



Areas	Workforce out of Lewisham	
Lewisham	35170	31%
Central	49091	43%
East	11952	10%
West	2595	2%
North	919	1%
South	10555	9%
Out of London	4143	4%
TOTAL	114425	100%

Total Workforce Working Within Lewisham : 64612

Method of Transport to work	Percentage
Population working from home	7%
Car	31%
Train	29%
Bus	14%
Underground, metro, light rail; tram	9%
Walk or cycle	8%
Motorcycle; moped	1%
Other	<1%
TOTAL	100%

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Mobility of Lewisham service users

4,120 young people travel to school in Lewisham from outside of the borough – which equates to 12% of our school population. 3,400 go the other way.

57% of Lewisham College students are from outside of the borough.

22% of Goldsmiths, University of London students are from outside the UK

25% of Lewisham Hospital NHS Trust's patients are from outside of the borough

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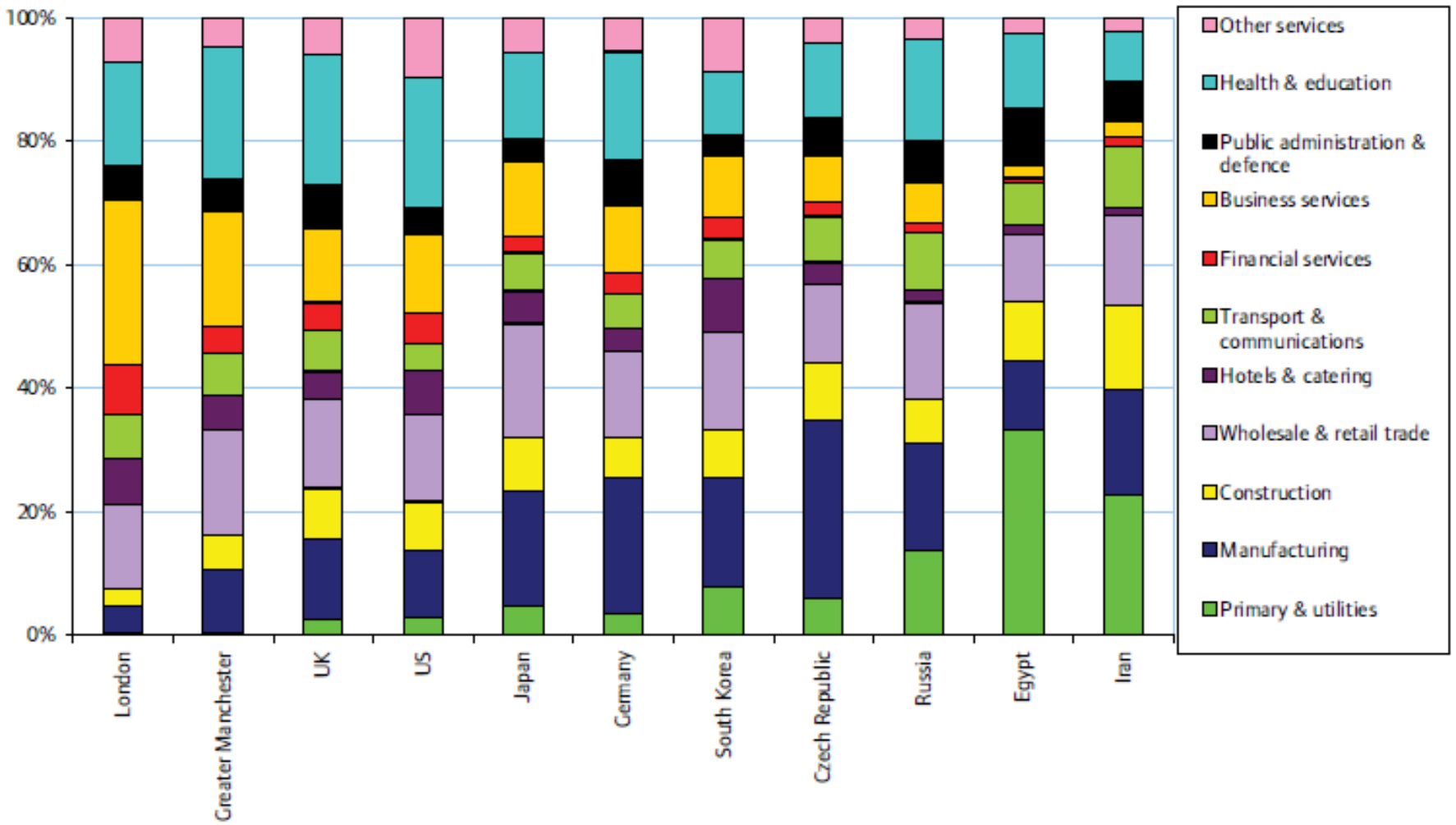
London's economy has a strong specialism in business and financial services, compared to the UK and other countries

Industrial composition of London, Manchester and the UK compared to other countries (2007-08)

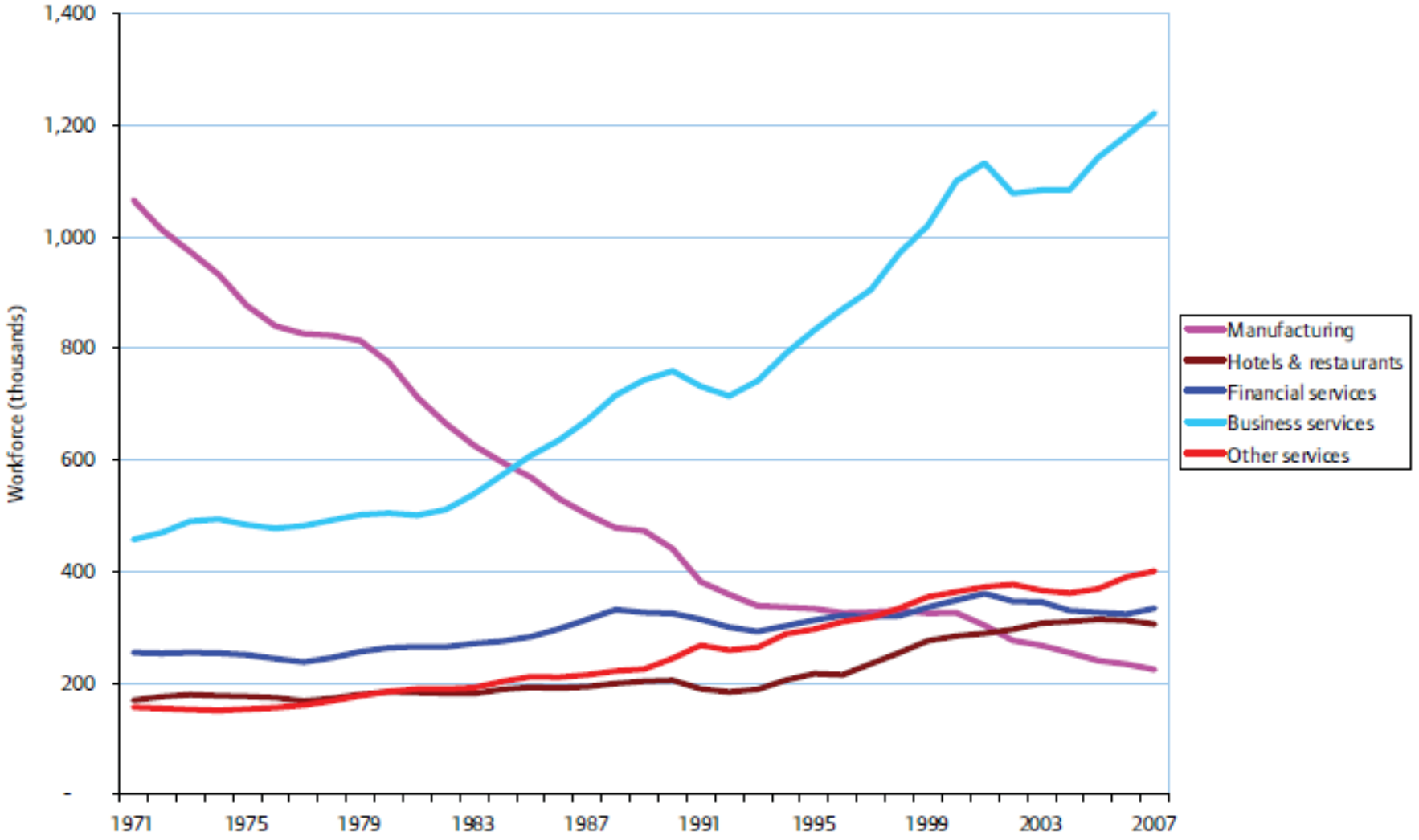


Source: International Labour Organisation and ONS Annual Business Inquiry (Crown Copyright)

Note: Latest data for each country/region is used which is either 2007 or 2008.

London's economy: a thirty year shift from manufacturing to services

Employment in London by sector over time



Source: Experian Economics

Male employment rates

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Female employment rates

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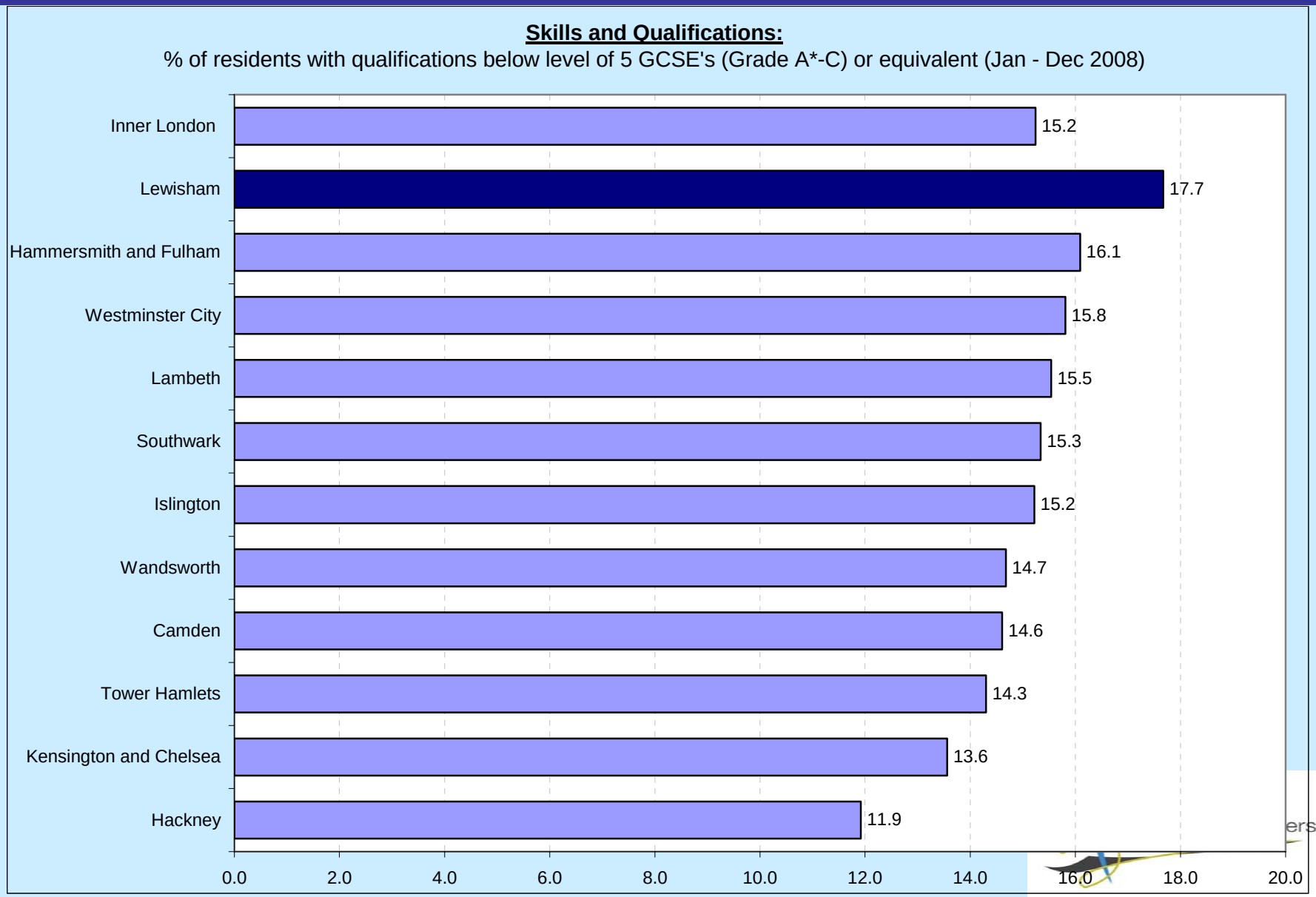
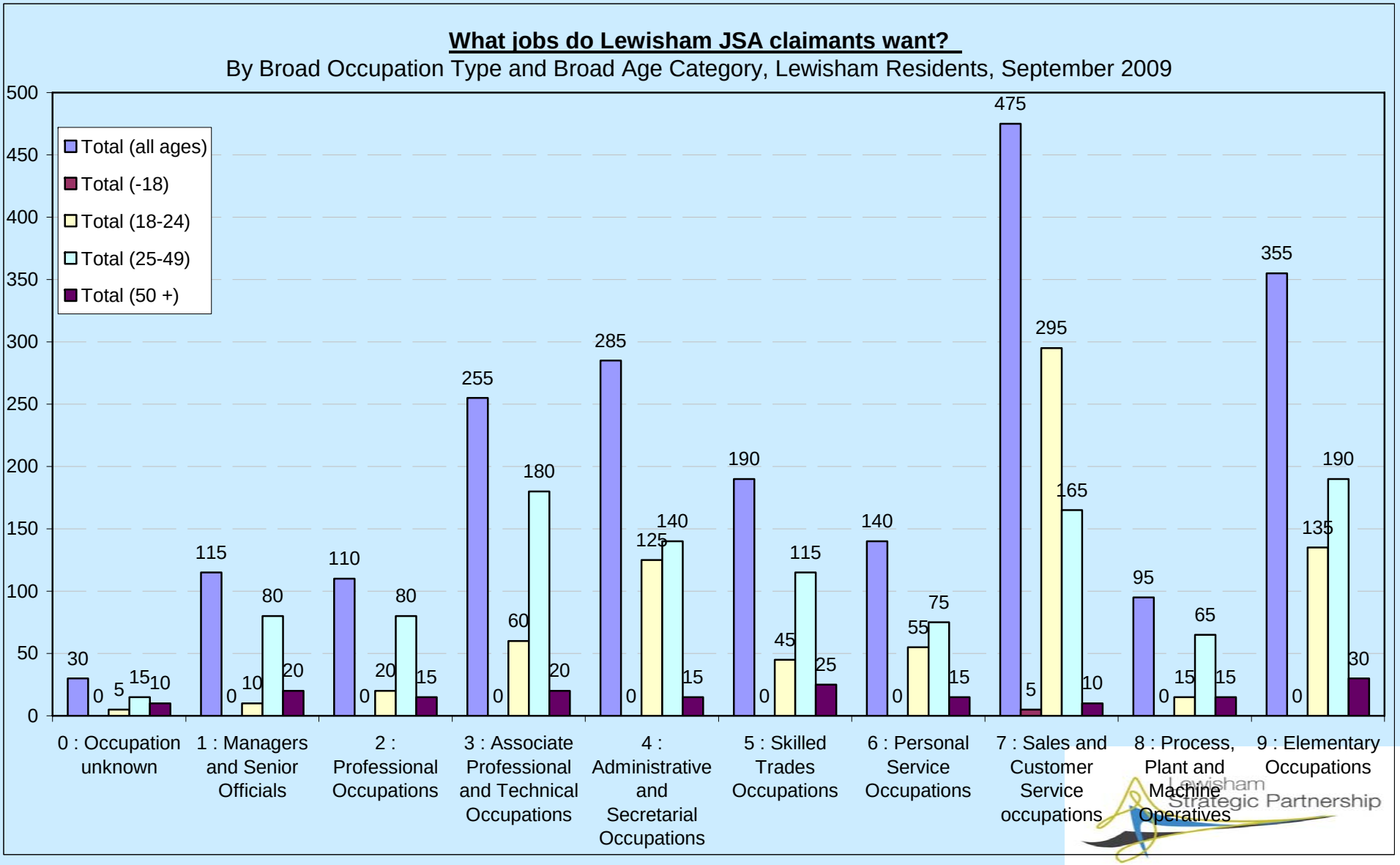
London has a young, highly-qualified workforce compared to the UK

Source: APS 2008 (ONS Crown copyright)

However, Lewisham has the highest proportion of residents without Level 2 qualifications – and the 2nd lowest proportion with Level 4



Consequently, JSA claimants in Lewisham tend to aim for lower-skilled positions – where there is the highest competition for jobs



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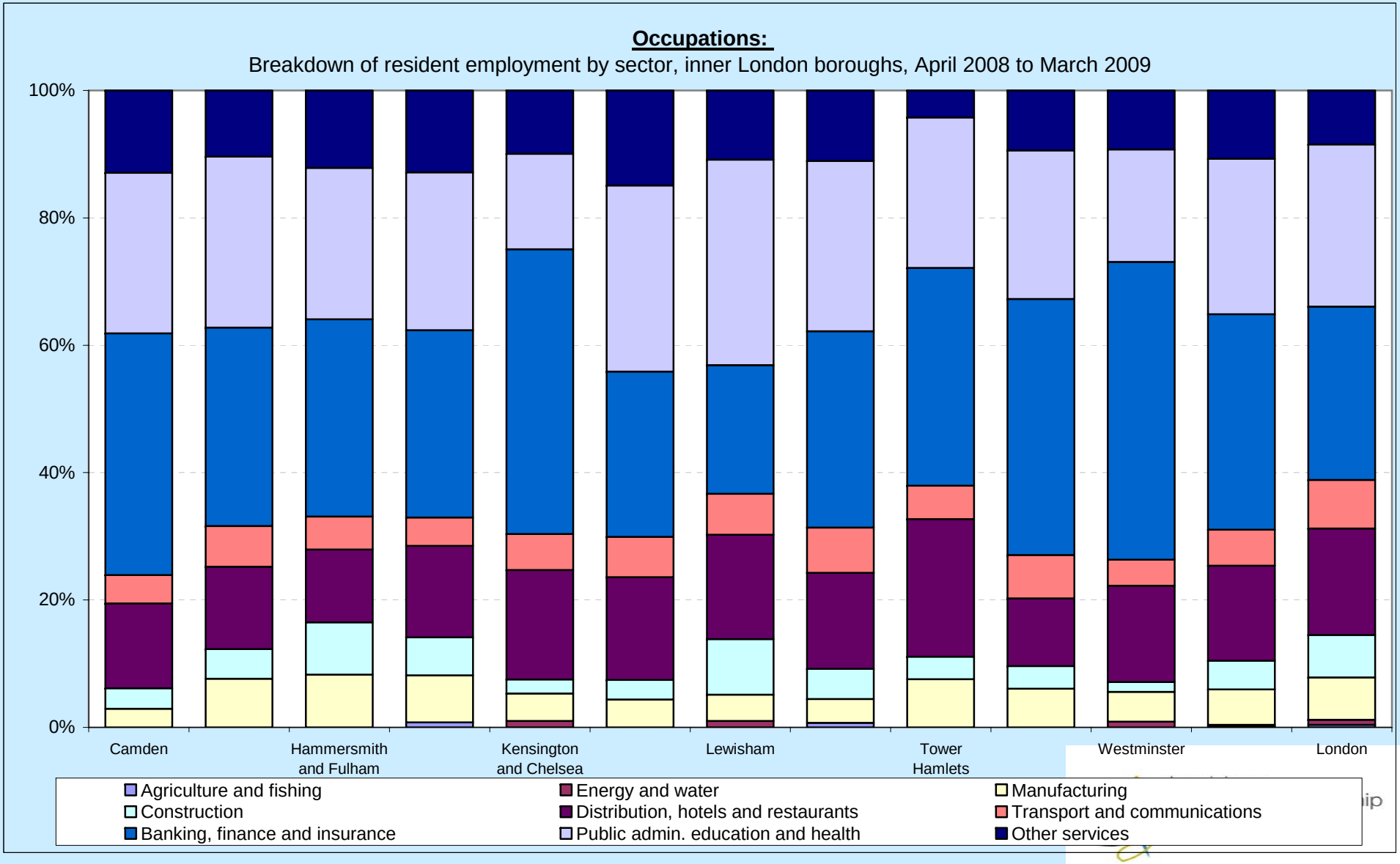
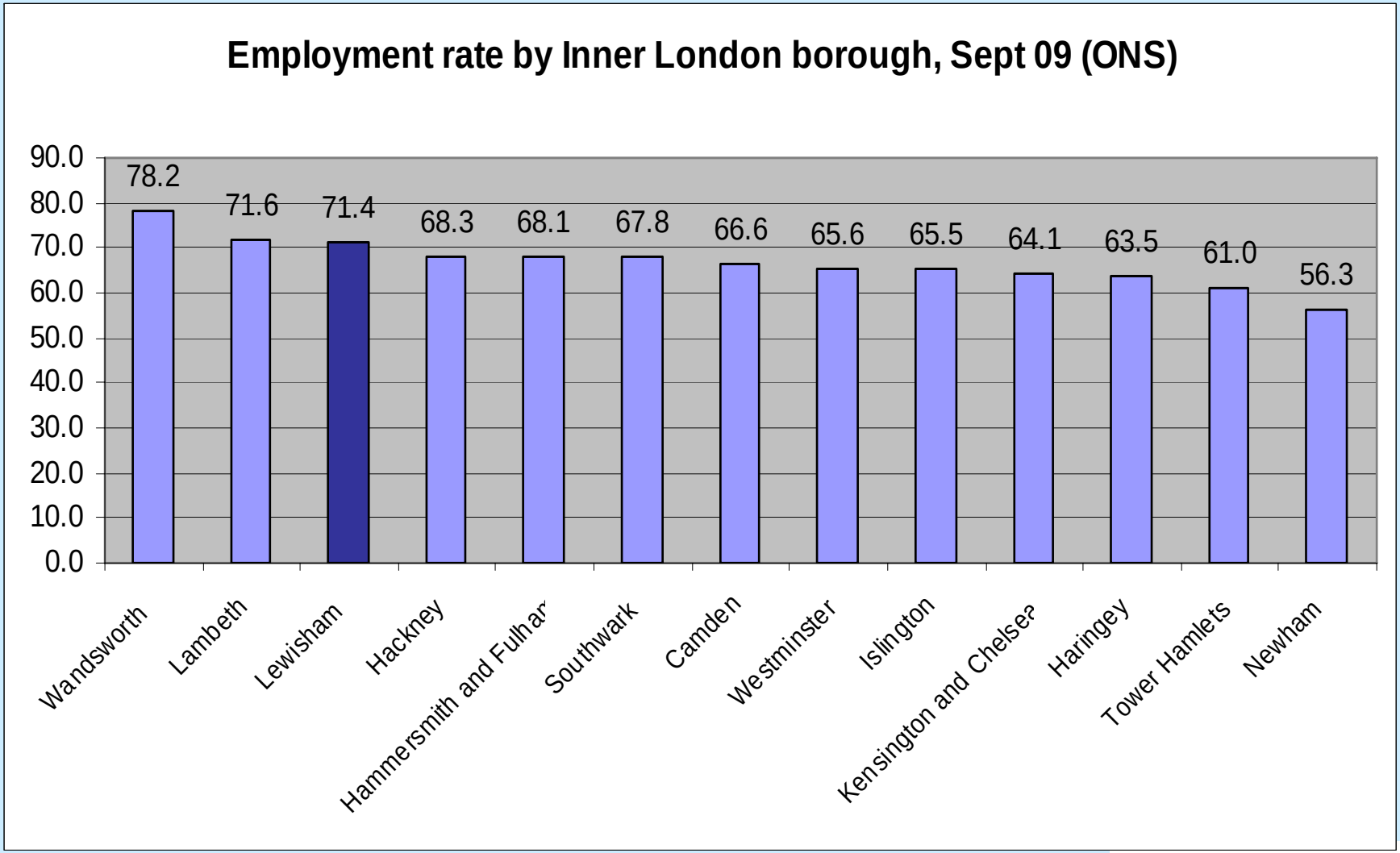
This is reflected in the types of jobs Lewisham residents do – we have the smallest proportion of residents working in banking, finance & insurance



Despite low skill levels, Lewisham's employment rate is the third highest in Inner London….



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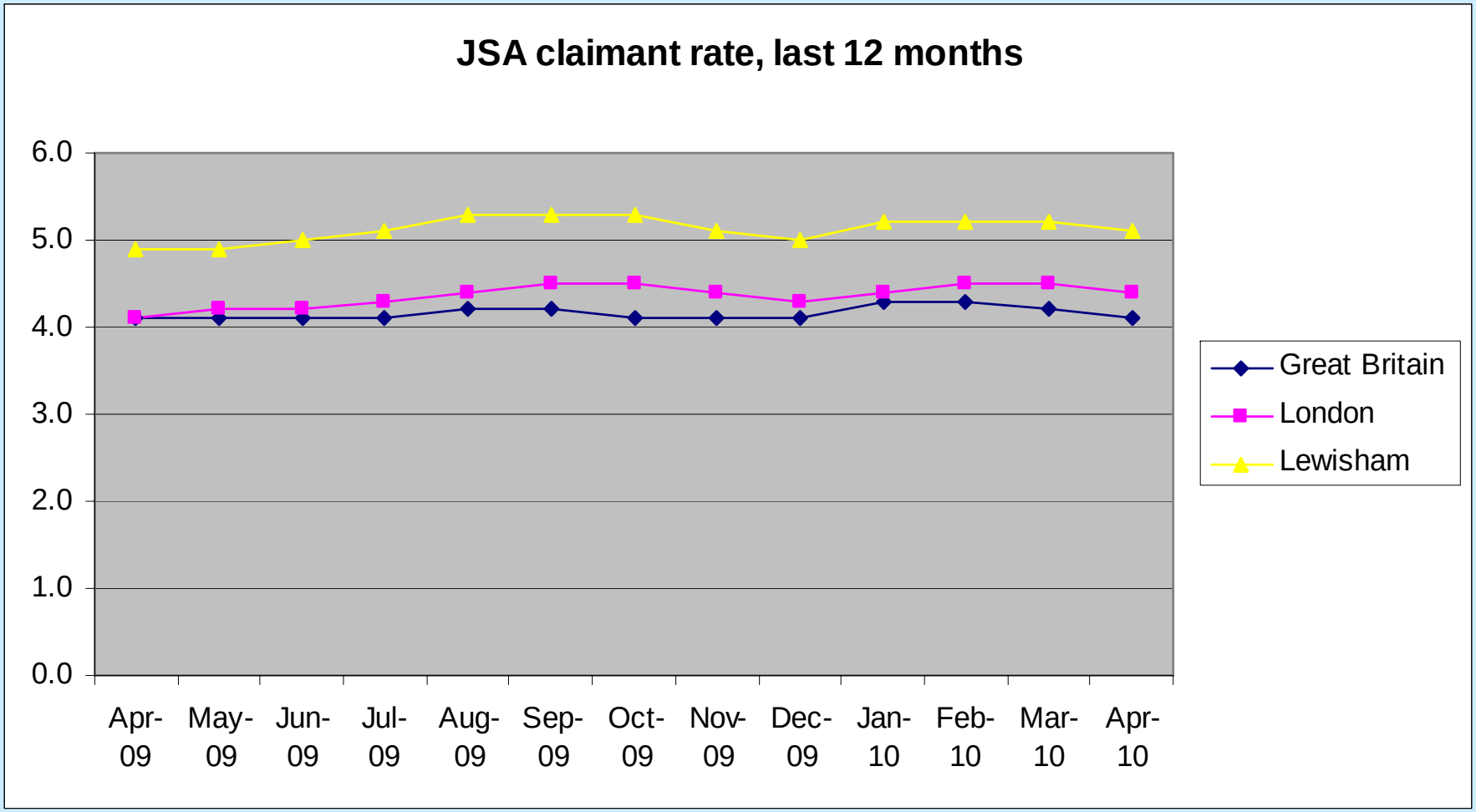
….and the JSA claimant rate has remained relatively steady over the last 12 months – with the gap with the London average narrowing slightly



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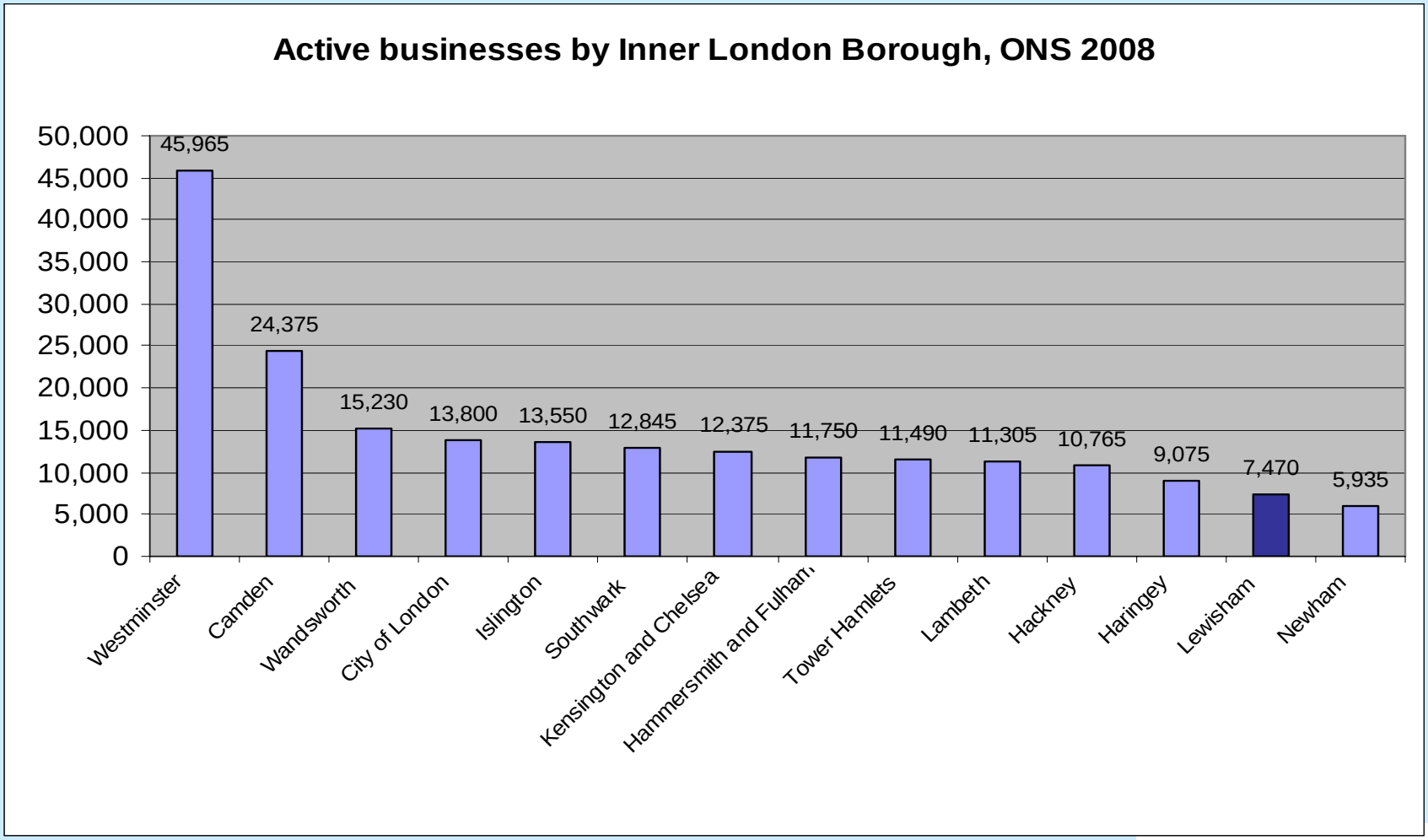
Lewisham has a relatively small economy, with the second lowest number of businesses in Inner London



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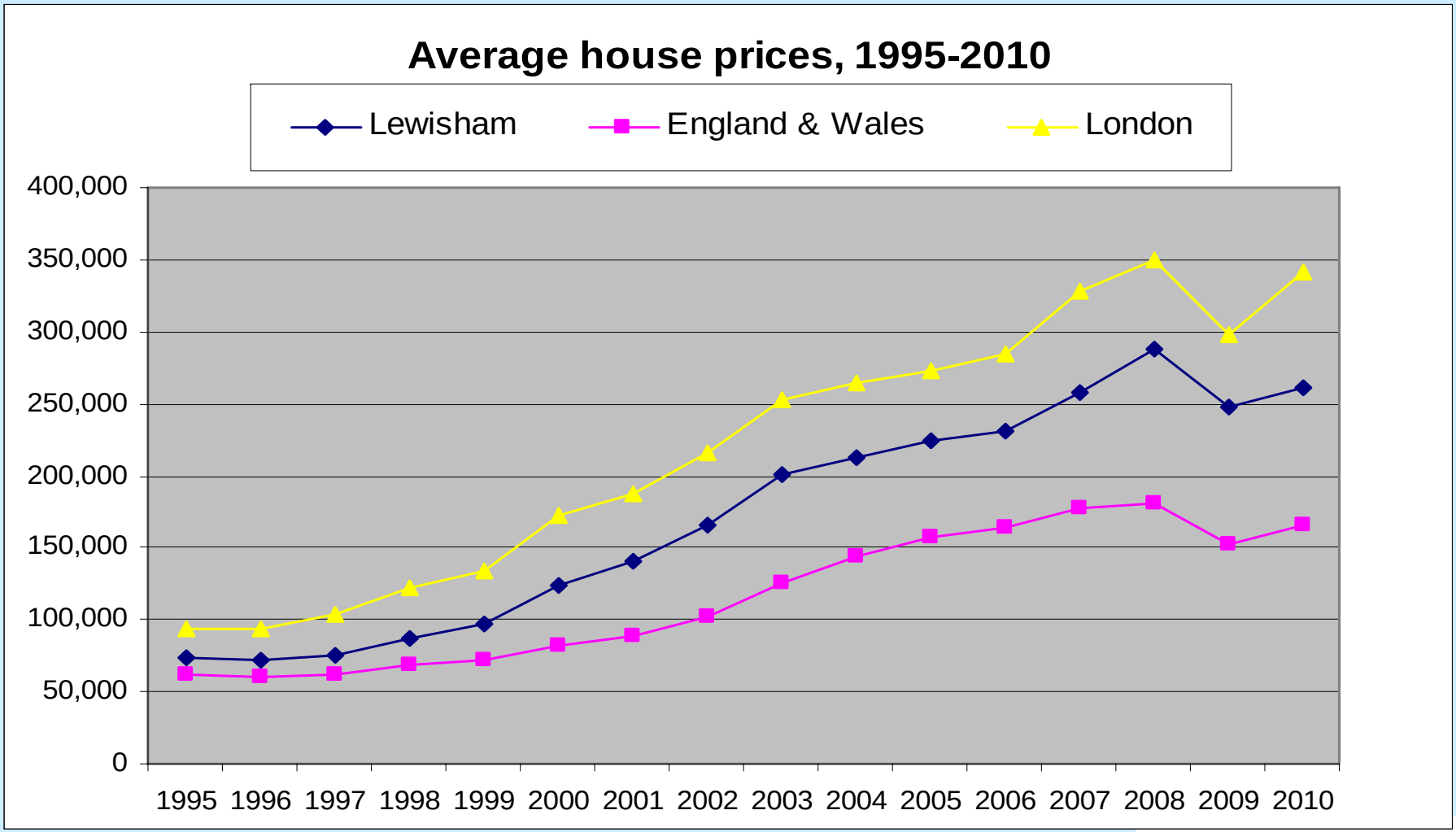
House prices in Lewisham: 2009-10



Source: Land Registry

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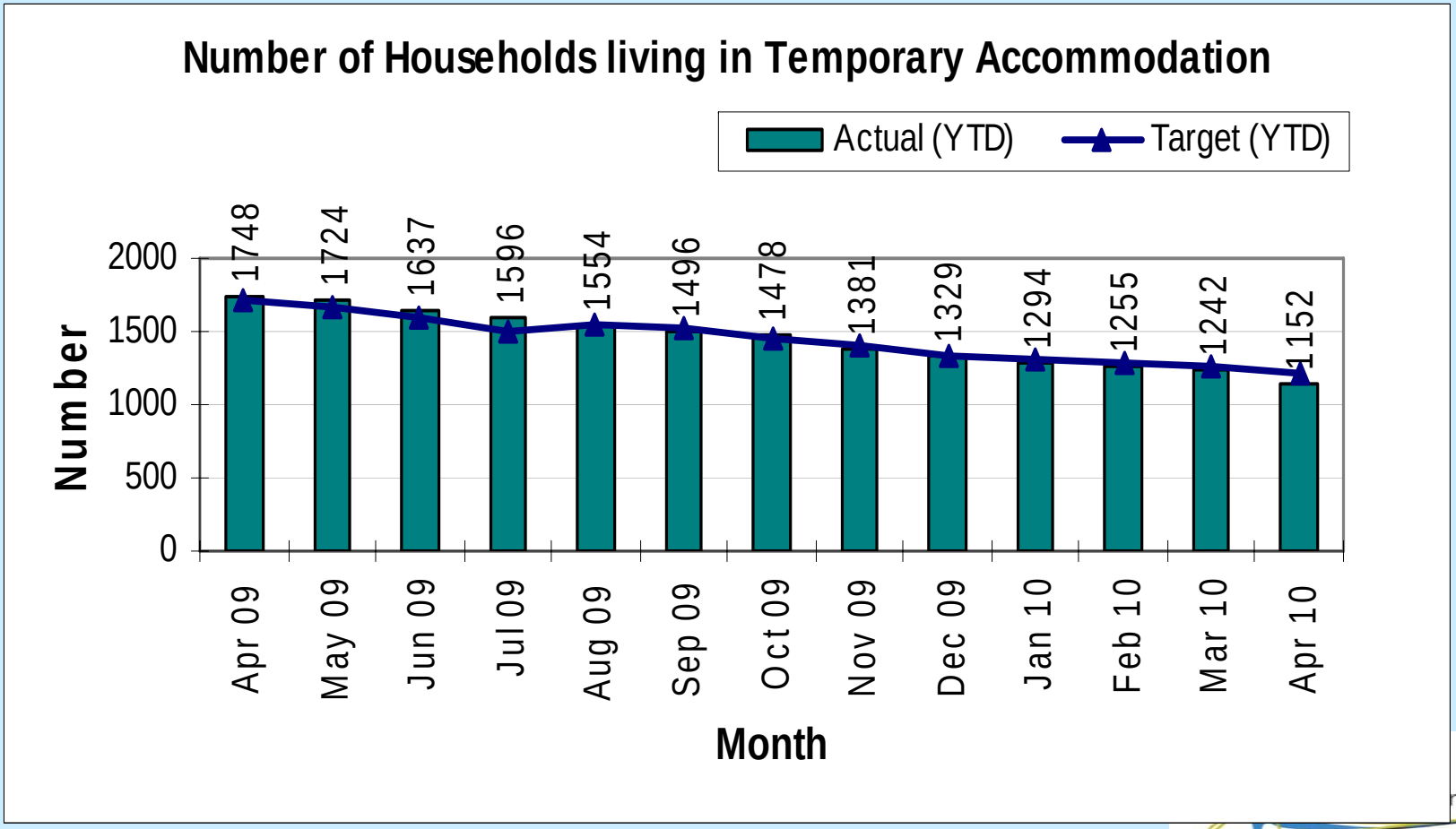
Numbers of households living in temporary accommodation in Lewisham

The numbers living in temporary accommodation continues to fall. In April, performance of 1152 exceeded the target 1214 by 62.



Lewisham: people and place

2nd largest inner-London borough (3rd largest in terms of population with over 260,000 residents)

15th most ethnically diverse local authority area in England with over 167 languages spoken

More than 800 voluntary and community organisations, and 200+ faith groups

Strong neighbourhood and area identities – majority of residents recognise their neighbourhood as ‘my street and neighbouring streets’

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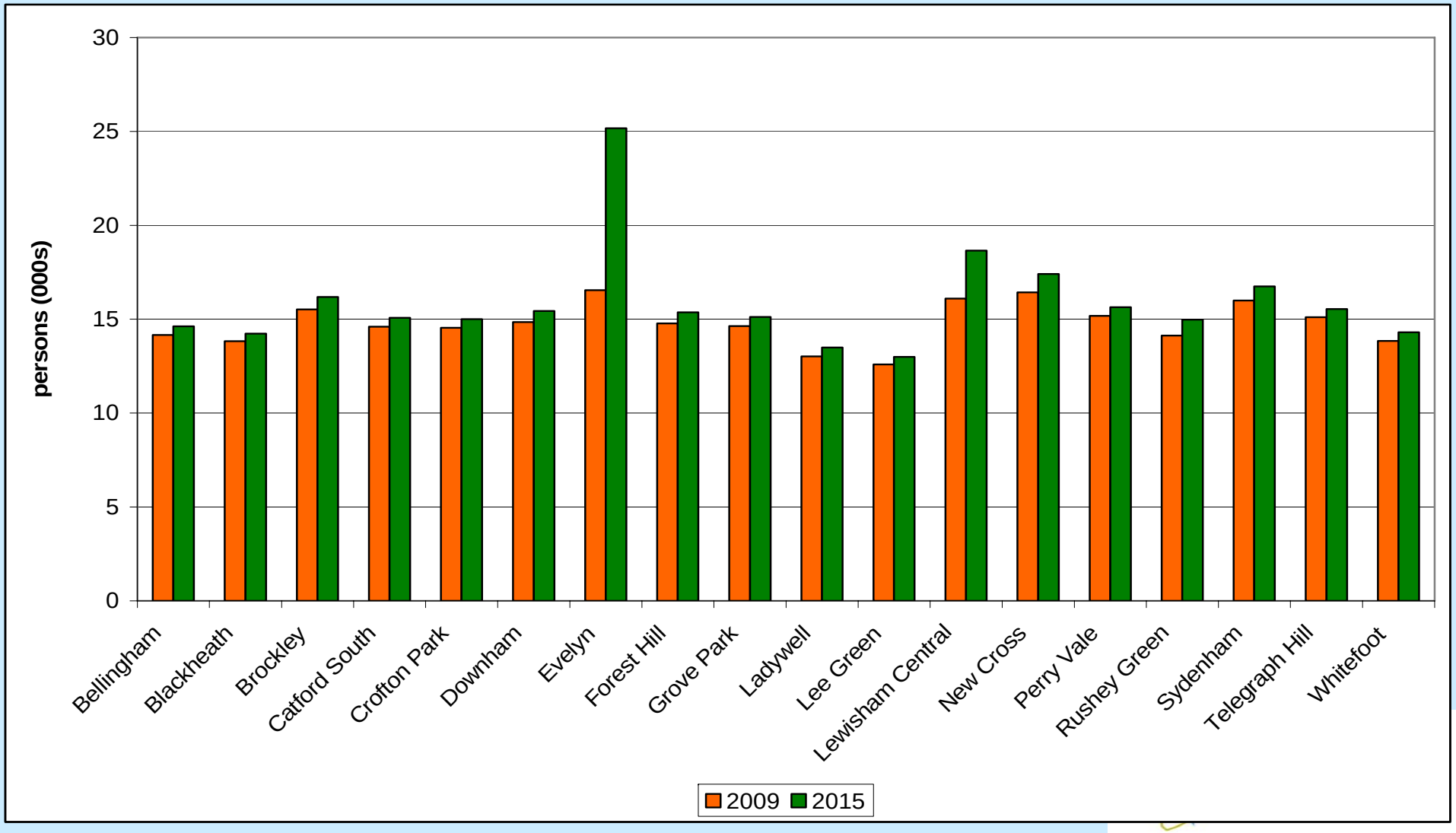
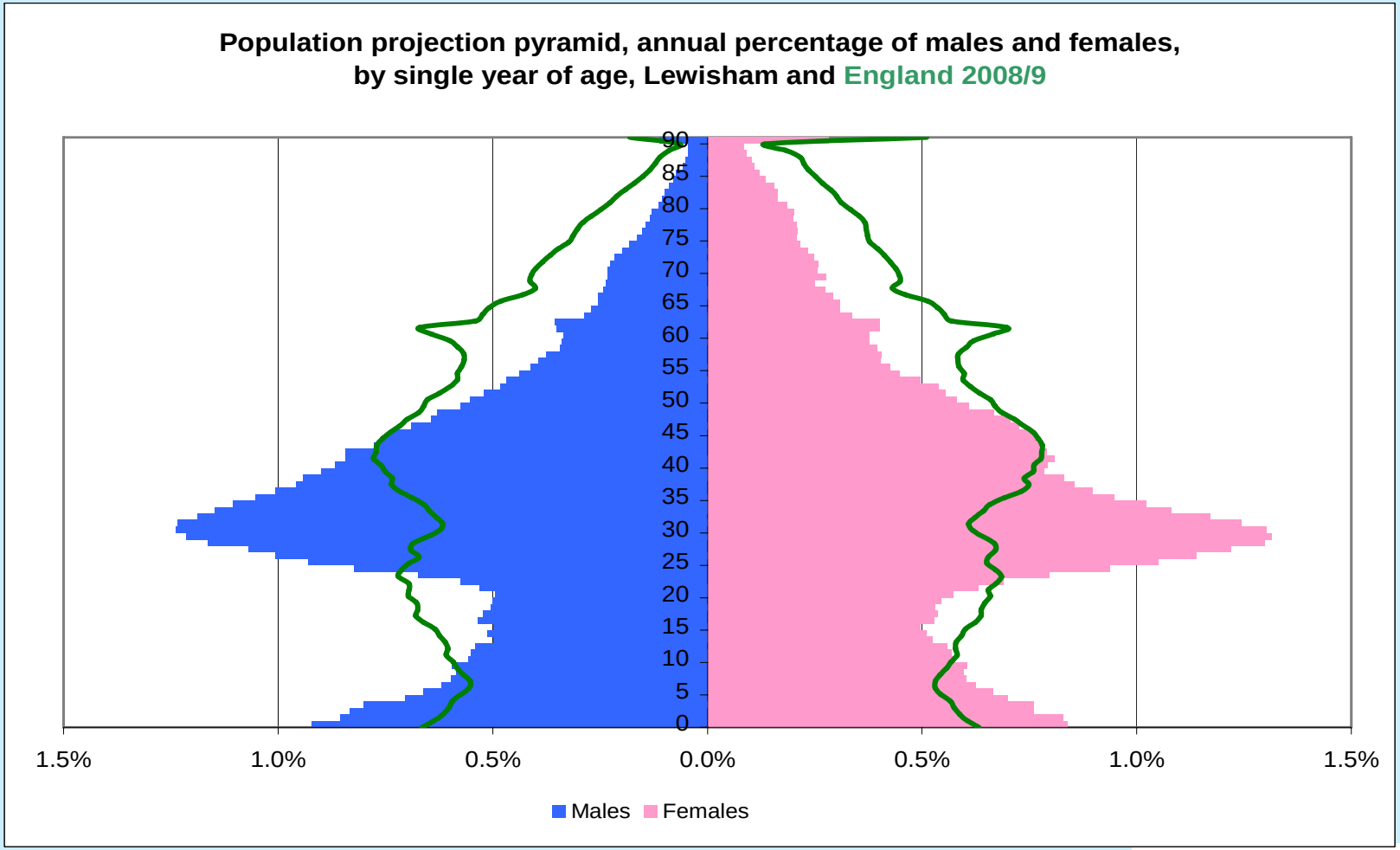
Lewisham's population has risen by over 7,000 since 2001, with continued growth predicted

Projected population growth by ward, 2009-15 (GLA)



Lewisham's young population



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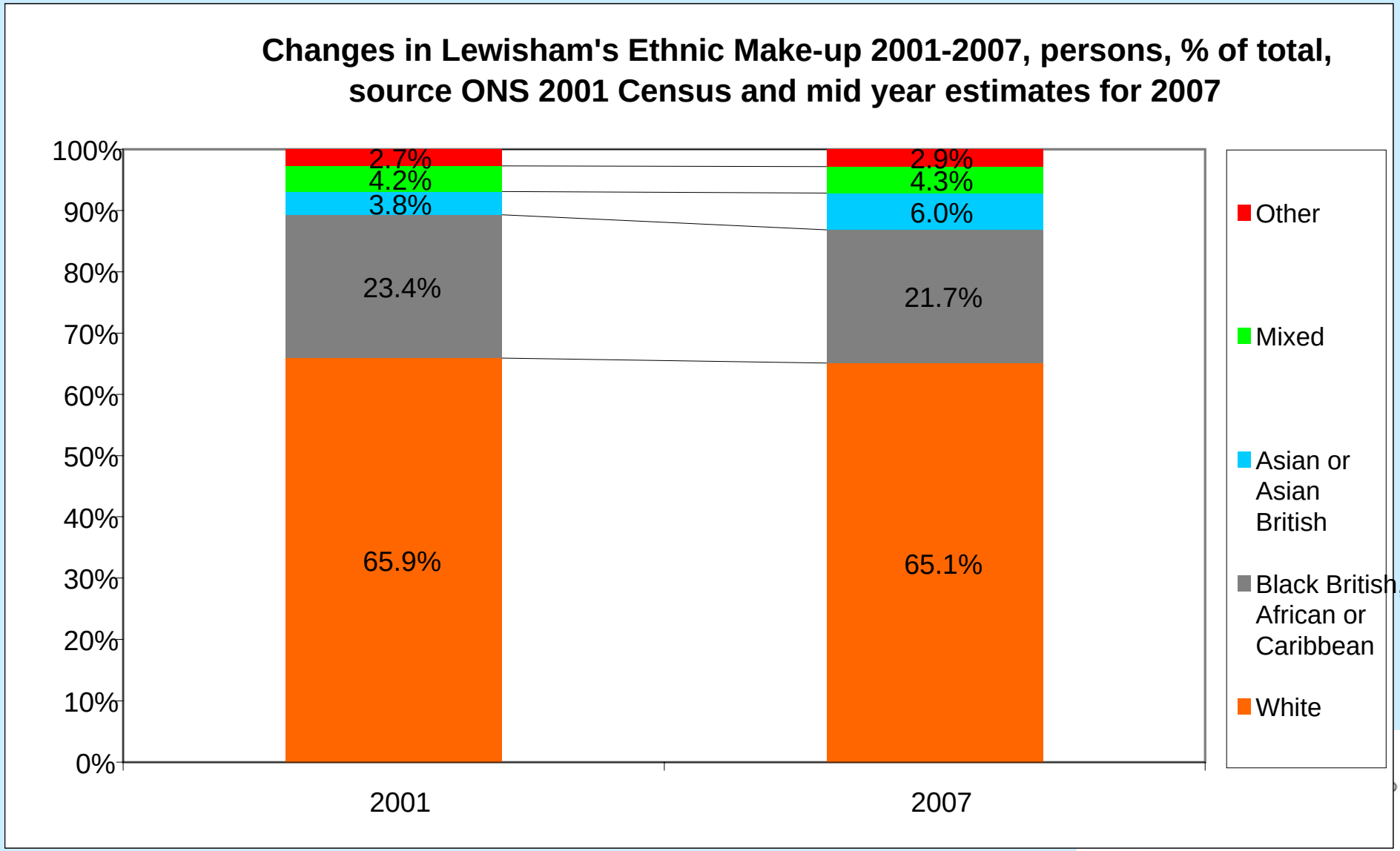
Change in ethnicity of Lewisham's population, 2001-7



Projected change in ethnicity of Lewisham's population, 2009-15

Ethnic Group	baseline year			% compound growth
	2009	2012	2015	2009-2015
	population (000s)			
	%growth			
White	158.3	157.8	157.8	
		-0.3%	0.0%	-0.3%
Black African	29.6	31.1	32.4	
		5.1%	4.0%	9.4%
Black Caribbean	35.3	36.7	38.0	
		3.9%	3.5%	7.6%
All others	41.0	43.5	45.5	
		5.9%	4.8%	11.0%

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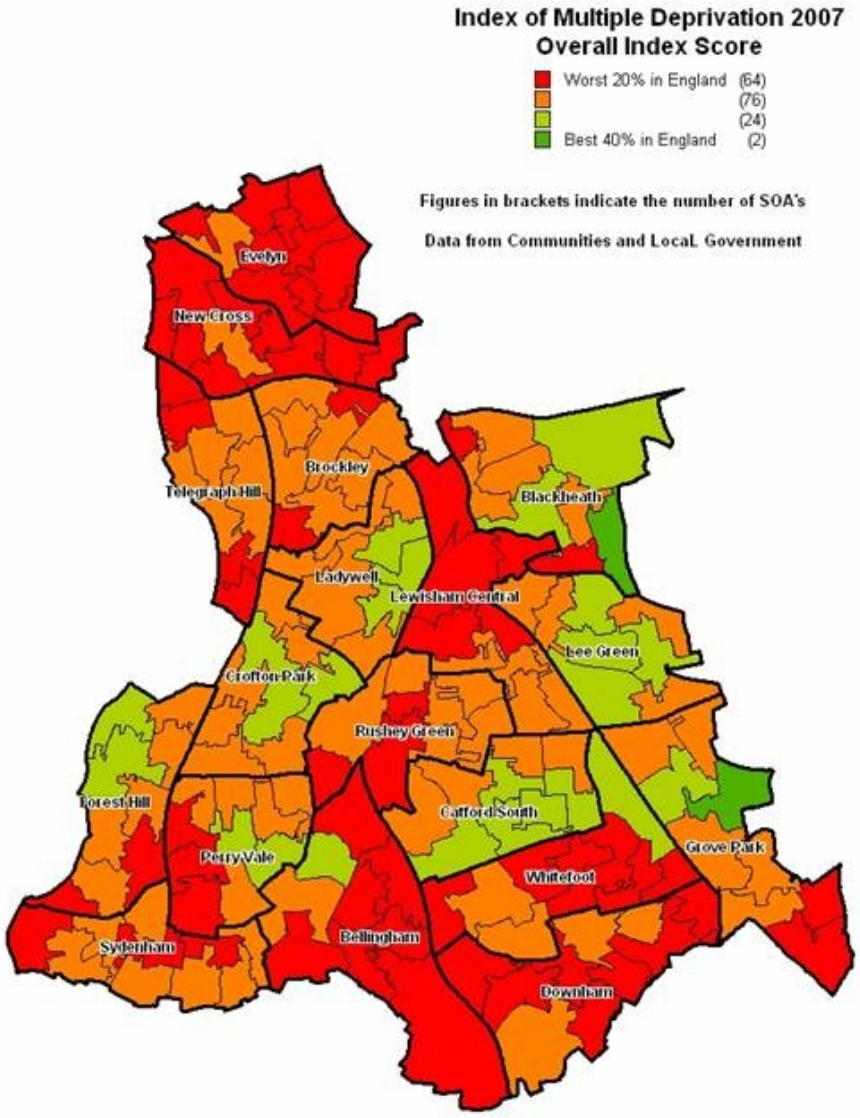
Like most London boroughs, Lewisham has increasing levels of deprivation compared to the rest of England

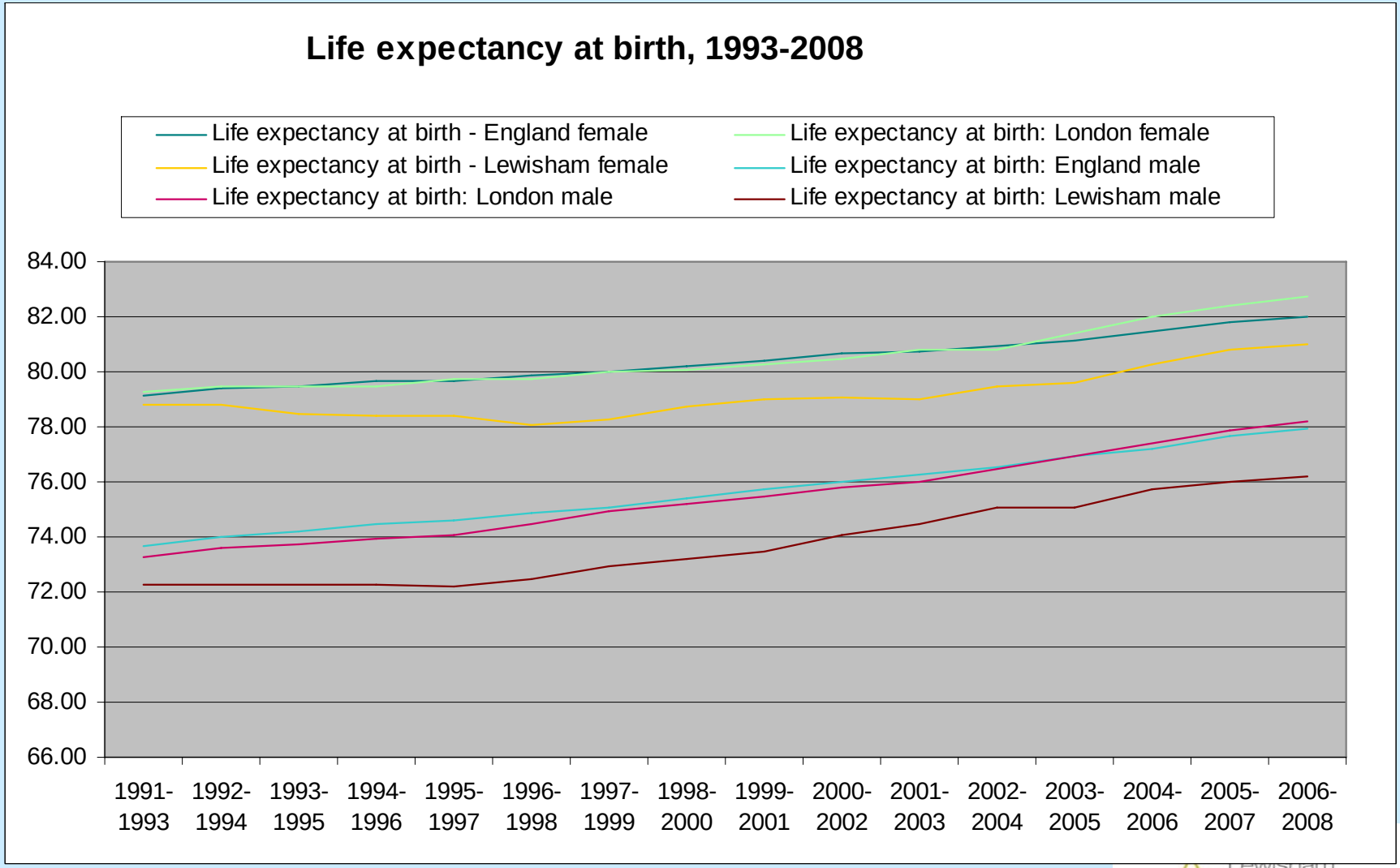
Of 354 local authority areas in England, Lewisham is the 39th most deprived

Lewisham has 166 ‘localities’ (LSOAs) of these:

- 64 are in England’s 20% most deprived
- 8 are in England’s 10% most deprived



Life expectancy in Lewisham is over 12 months lower than the London average for men and women – however the gap is narrowing. Within the borough, there is an 8 year gap in life expectancy for men born in Blackheath and New Cross.



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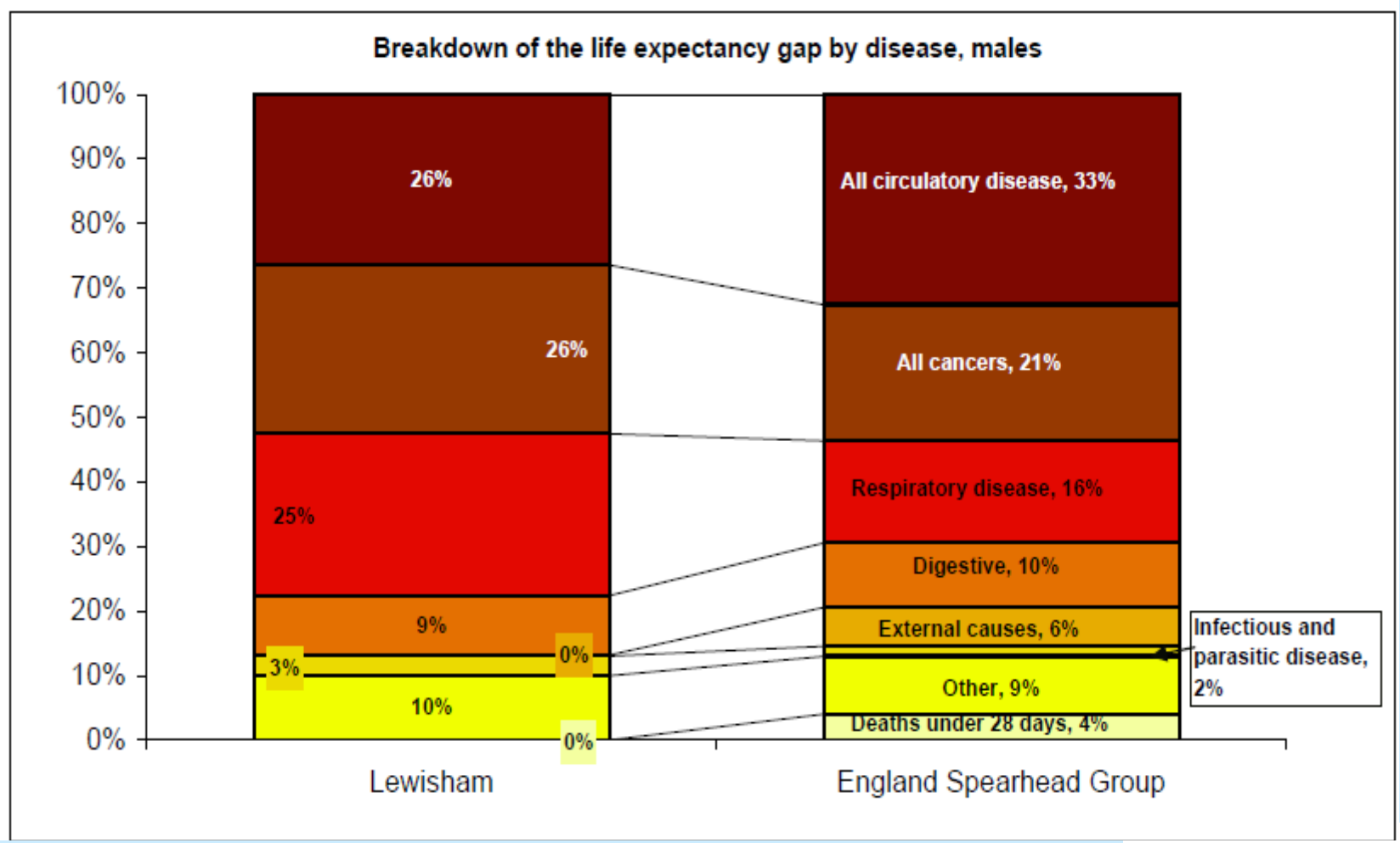
Breakdown of the life expectancy gap by disease



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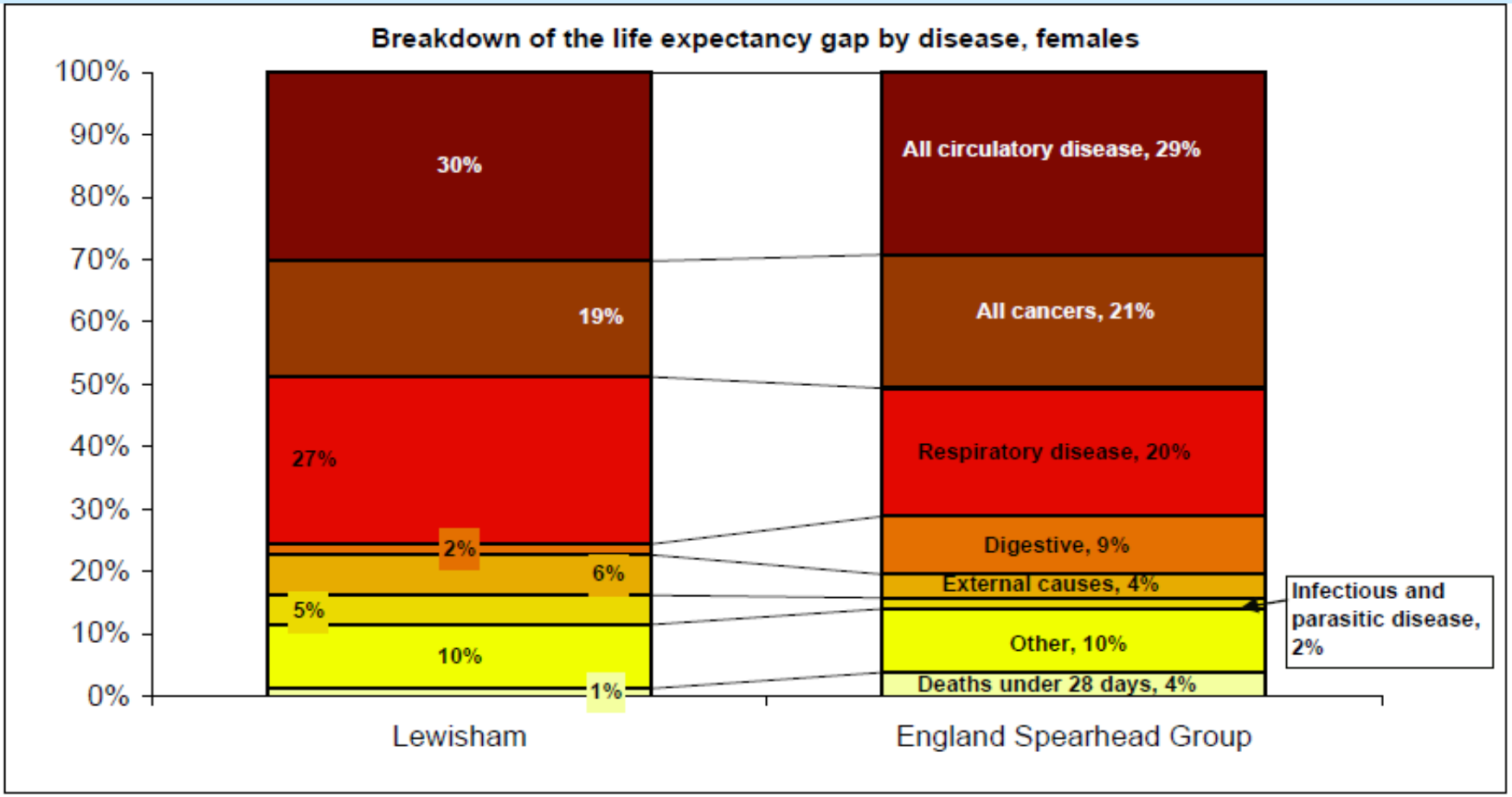

Footnote: Circulatory disease includes CHD; Digestive disease includes alcohol related conditions such as chronic liver disease and cirrhosis; External causes includes injury, poisoning and suicide

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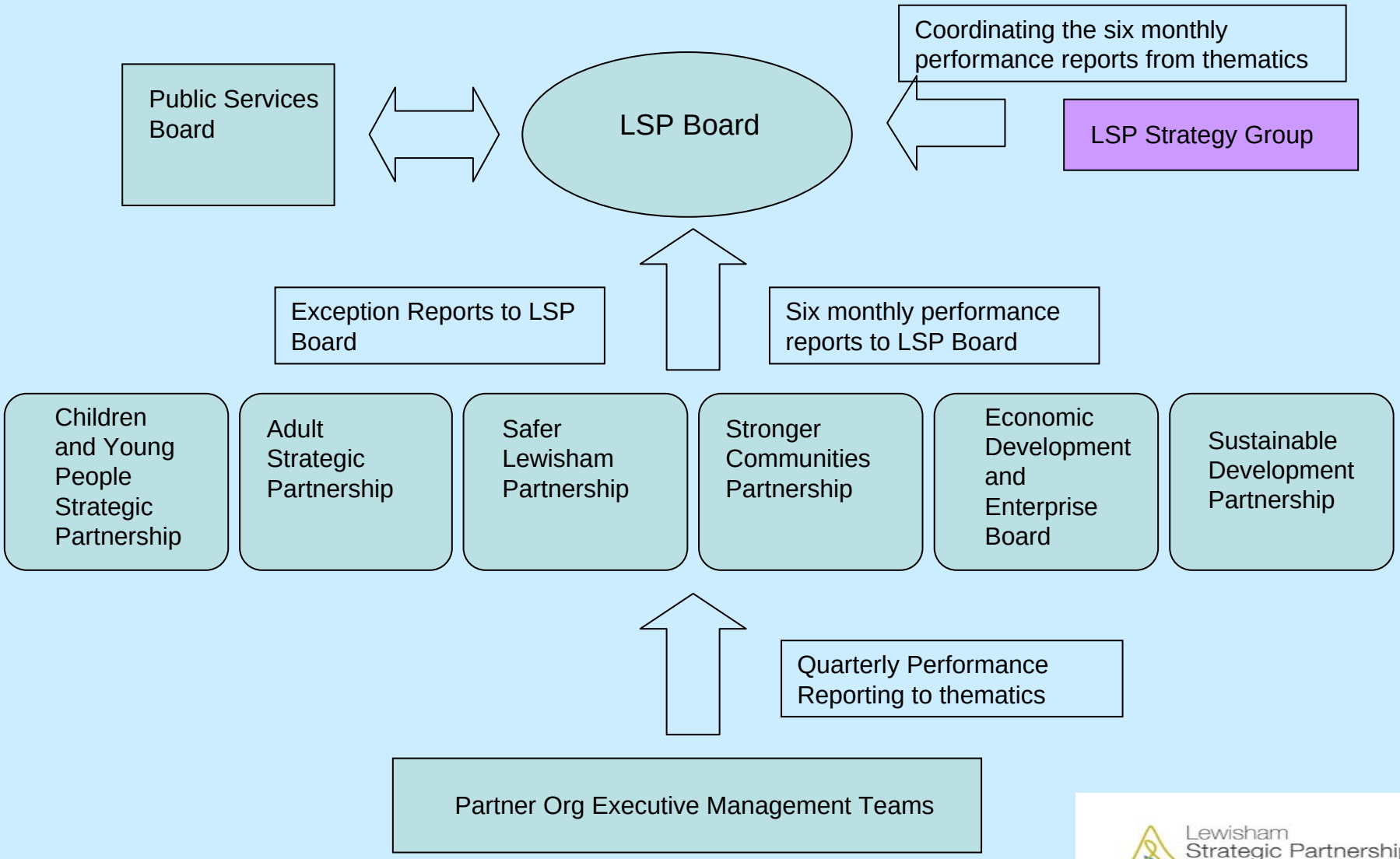
Lewisham Strategic Partnership: Structure



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Ambitious and achieving:

Where people are inspired and supported to fulfill their potential

£300m secured to transform our schools through BSF programme - 9 schools already rebuilt or refurbished

- Record GCSE results in 2008-09 – 250 more pupils achieved Grades A*-C than the year before
- Gap narrowing in GCSE results between Black African & Black Caribbean pupils and peers, and pupils on Free School Meals and their peers

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- Council one of only 10 LAs judged as performing ‘excellently’ in children’s services
- 75% of pupils participate in positive activities, well above national average
- Halved the number of NEETs between 2005 and 2009
- Goldsmiths, University of London rated 33rd in the country in the Times Higher Education league table, and 9th for research
- Lewisham College given Centre for Excellence in Leadership Award for Leadership In Innovation for Curriculum Development, and Learning and Skills Council Award for Equality and Diversity

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Safer:

Where people feel safe and live free from crime, antisocial behaviour and abuse

- Diamond Initiative has seen significant reduction in reoffending among offenders serving prison sentences of <12months
- Almost 2,000 fewer crimes committed in Lewisham in the last 12 months, compared to the previous 12 months (overall reduction of 6.5%)
- Reduction of 12.3% in acquisitive crime and 20% in domestic violence
- High trust and confidence in police and public services' efforts to tackle crime in Lewisham
- Youth reoffending down from 90 per 100 offenders in 08-09 to 74 in 09-10

Empowered and responsible:

Where people are actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities

- Lewisham awarded CAA Green Flag for community empowerment
- Local assemblies scheme continues to flourish, with over £1m spent on local priorities
- Phoenix Community Housing the first tenant-led Housing Association in London
- Volunteering opportunities increased through work of Volunteering Strategy Steering Group and additional WNF funding
- VAL reviewed process for VCS representation on Board, and held elections
- 80% of FJF jobs delivered through VCS or private sector
- Relaunch of Compact, and delivery of new set of Commissioning Principles for the Council and Third Sector
- Participatory budgeting approach developed

• 900 young people recruited to Young Citizens Panels Forum across the borough
• Increased turn-out for Young Mayor scheme

Clean, green and liveable:

Where people live in high quality housing and can care for and enjoy their environment

• Eight Lewisham parks awarded Green Flag status

- Low landfill rates of 7.3% through use of local incinerator
- Energy Action Zones: advice provided to 8,000 homes, saving 12,000 tonnes of carbon (equivalent to £1.2m over lifetime of measures)
- Substantial investment by range of housing associations to improve living conditions for thousands of Lewisham residents
- On target to deliver over 1,200 new affordable homes by 2012
- Over 800 properties brought back into use between 2005-08
- Number of households in temporary accommodation reduced from 2,581 in March 2008 to 1,294 in Jan 2010

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Healthy, active and enjoyable:

Where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and well-being

- Opening of new facilities across the partnership – such as Downham Health & Leisure Centre, Kaleidoscope, Riverside Wing and Waldron Health Centre
- Life expectancy rising faster than the national average for men and women
- Reduction in proportion of low birth weight babies – ahead of target.
- Breastfeeding rates at 6-8 weeks among 5 best PCT areas in country
- Transfer of Community Services from NHS Lewisham to University Hospital Lewisham
- Progress continues (through Total Place) to formalise joint commissioning between LBL and NHS Lewisham

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Dynamic and prosperous:

Where people are part of vibrant communities and town centres, well connected to London and beyond

- Significant investment to transform Catford, Lewisham and Deptford town centres

- LSP held ‘Recession: Meeting the challenge’ event for Lewisham citizens – additional events held by RSLs
- Allocation of c.£4m of Working Neighbourhoods Funds, focusing on those furthest from the labour market and business, enterprise, town centres and third sector

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- JCP worked with partners to implement Young Person's Guarantee, including 398 FJF jobs
- Apprenticeship scheme set up across public services
- 2830 customers placed into work through Local Employment Partnerships
- LBL supported 119 businesses to start up, and advised 550+ existing businesses

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Lewisham has been at the forefront of the 'more for less' agenda, through our Total Place pilot

Total Place: a Government-led initiative looking at how a 'whole area' approach can lead to better services at a lower cost.

Lewisham one of **13 pilot areas** carrying out two main areas of work:

- **High level count**: counting all the public money spent in each pilot area, across all public agencies. Approx figure for Lewisham is £2.3bn.

- **Detailed exploration of one or more themes**. We have chosen the following four themes in Lewisham:
  - Offender management
  - Health & social care
  - Assets and energy
  - Worklessness & unemployment

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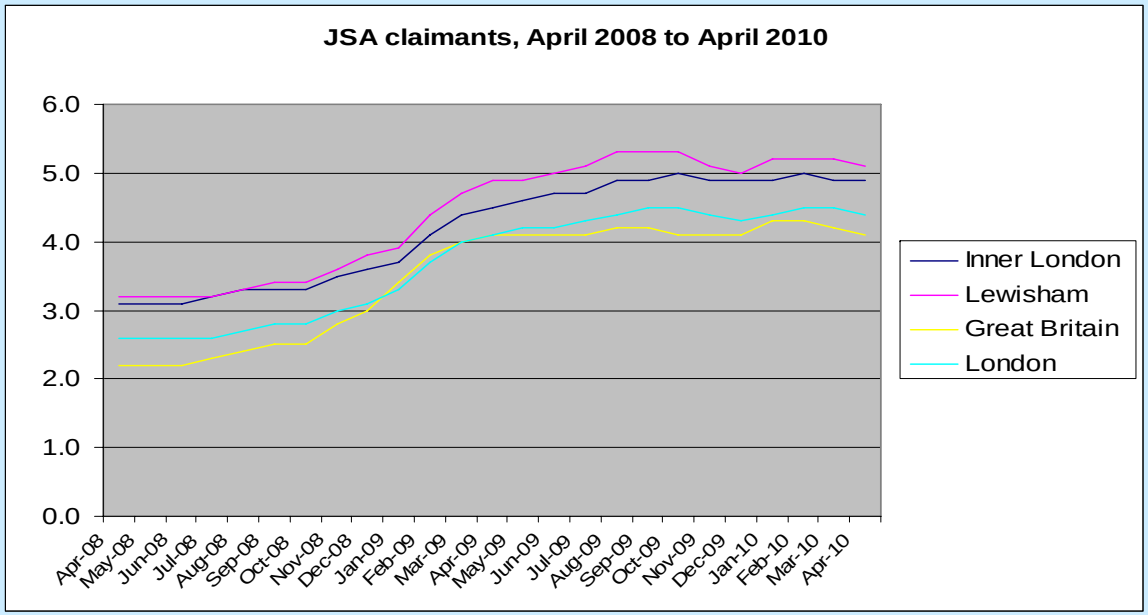
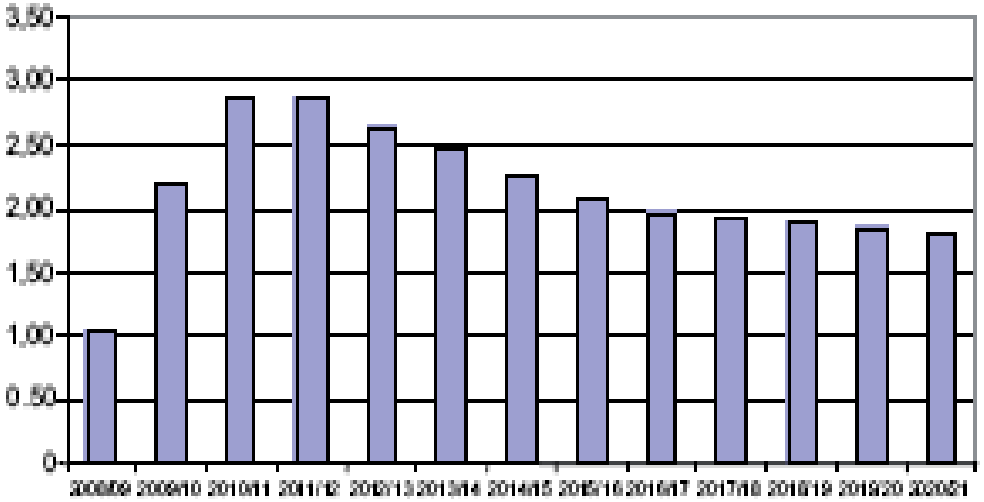
Despite our achievements, Lewisham faces a number of challenges in the months and years ahead – many linked to the recession.

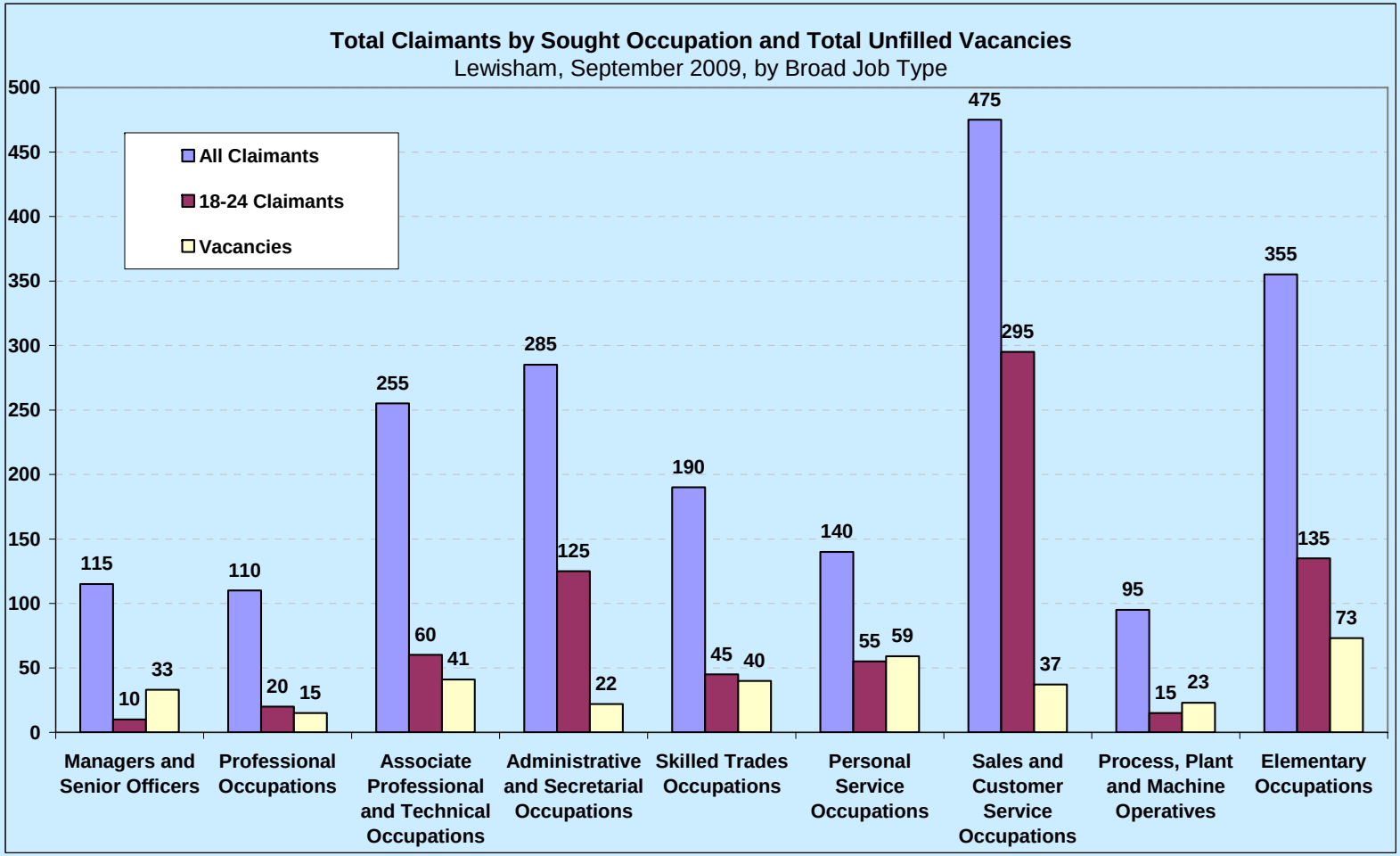


The number of JSA claimants in Lewisham rose from 5,675 in April 08 to 9,196 in April 10. This mirrors similarly steep rises across the country.

Claimant rates are predicted by the GLA to continue to rise into 2012, before a very gradual recovery over the next ten years



Employment opportunities have diminished – particularly the types of jobs young people want



- Number of claimants outstrips vacancies for all types of jobs.
- Young people particularly want to work in Sales and Customer Service.
- This sector has few vacancies, and young people are in competition with a number of adults for jobs too.

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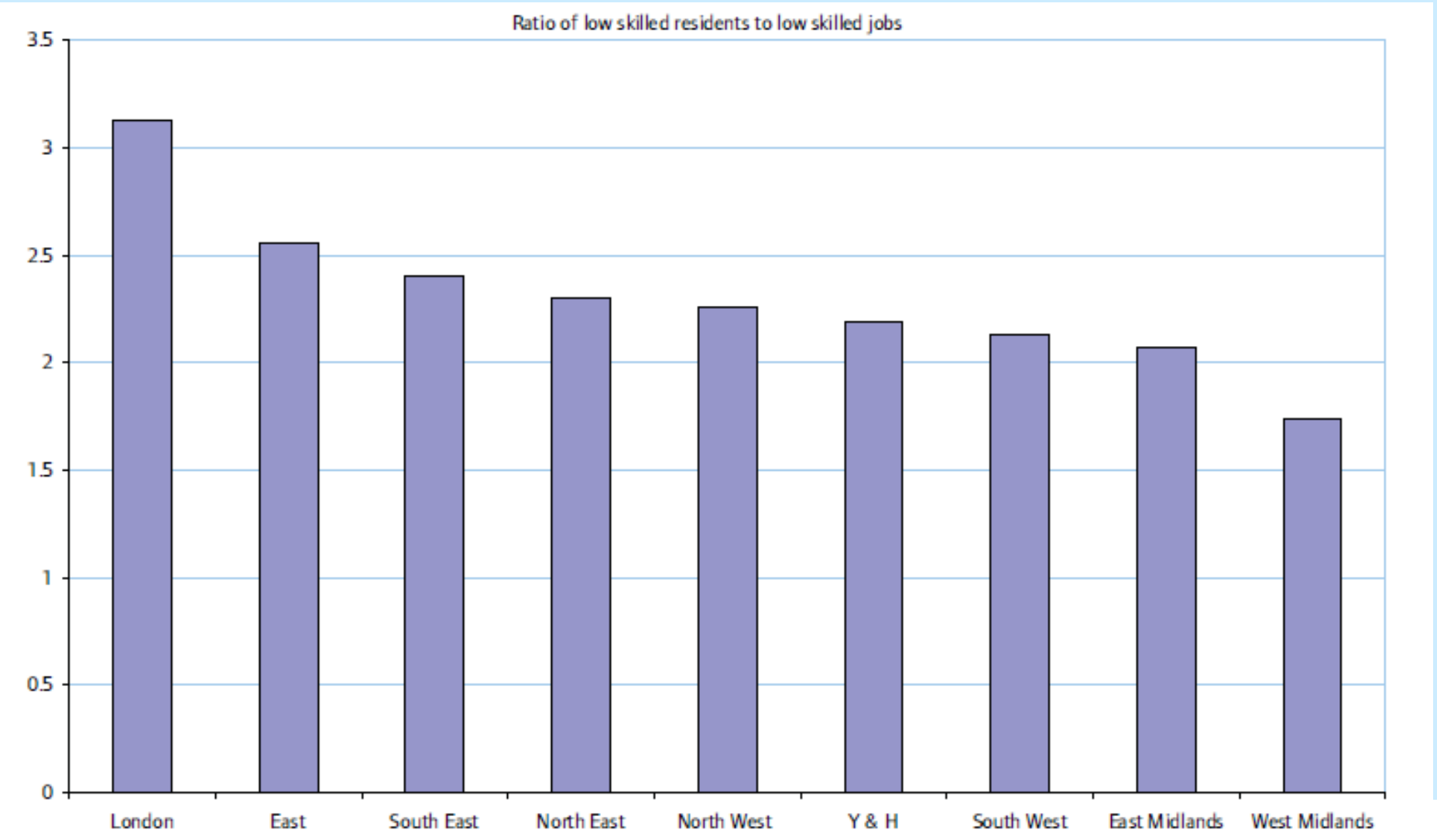
The ratio of low skilled residents to low skilled jobs is particularly high in London – which is likely to hit Lewisham residents harder than most



Source: HMT; Labour Force Survey, ONS, 2006

Economic recovery is likely to be a long process

Managing the recovery: the three waves of recession

WAVE 1: Economic

Relatively short period where economic output declines, unemployment rises quickly, and real income falls

WAVE 2: Social

Growth returns, but job losses continue – bringing with it increasing social problems such as housing, health and domestic problems

WAVE 3: Unequal Recovery

Overall, economy is in recovery. However, not all areas benefit – some continue to decline, suffering long-term unemployment, low aspirations, long-term ill health and cohesion issues

Source: Social Exclusion Task Force, *Learning from the Past*, Dec 2009

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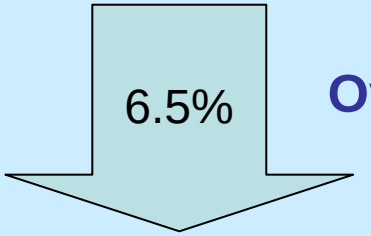
Although overall crime has fallen, there has been a rise of 10% in serious youth violence



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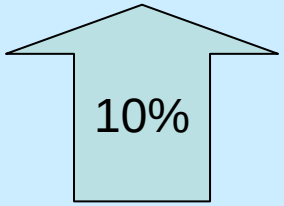

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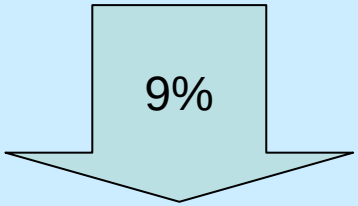
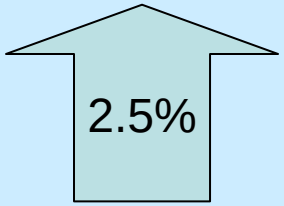
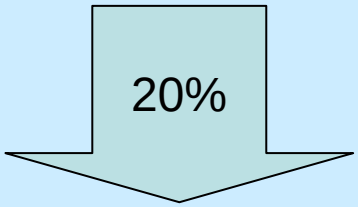


Acquisitive crime



Residential burglary



Domestic violence

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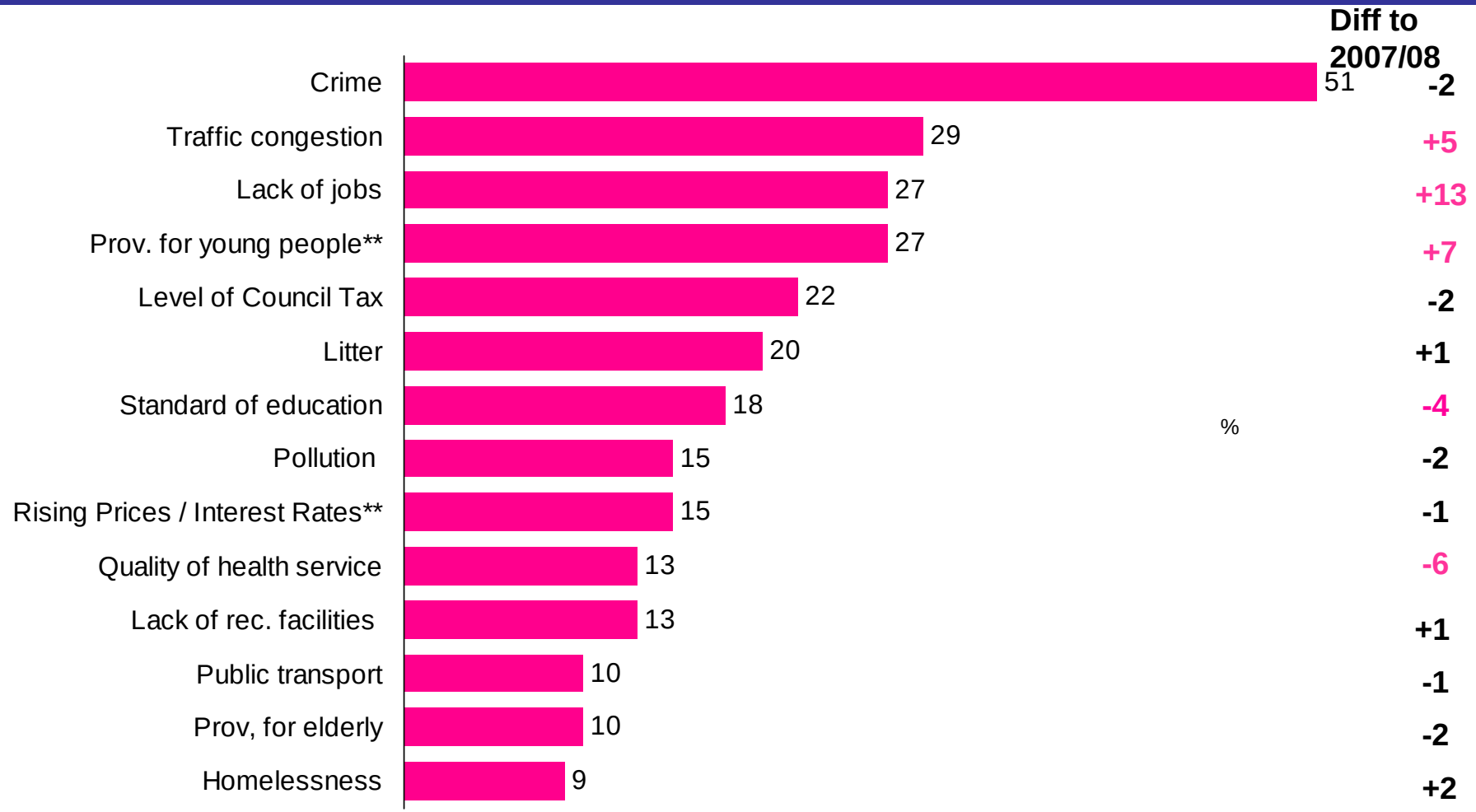
Areas of concern for Lewisham residents



***Please note: Base for Prov. for young people (512) & Rising Prices/ Interest Rates (510)*

Source: Q11 Which three, of these, are you personally most concerned about?
Base: All Lewisham Residents (1022)

*Lack of affordable housing removed from 09/10 Survey

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What people think they want

A recent MORI poll showed that:

- 54% were in favour of cuts in public spending, with 39% against. 47% in favour and 46% against when potential consequences of cuts are spelt out in detail
- 85% favour greater local control over public services, but only 63% do so when it is made clear that this will lead to local variations
- 49% strongly agree that people should get more involved in improving services/local areas – but only 28% would get involved themselves

Summary of future challenges over medium to long term

JSA claimants at historically high levels

Lewisham residents have a low skills set when compared to other Inner London boroughs – forecasts for growth are in specialist sectors

Although the gap in life expectancy has narrowed, significant health inequalities remain

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Summary of future challenges over medium to long term

Serious youth violence on the rise

Challenge to bring Lewisham's homes up to Decent Homes Standard

Recession likely to lead to medium to longer term social problems

Spending cuts present a major challenge to partners' abilities to meet citizens' needs

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Challenges for the future

- Implementing Total Place
  - Worklessness & unemployment
  - Offender Management
  - Health & Social Care
  - Assets & Energy
- Commissioning and the third sector
- Health inequalities
- Jobs & opportunities for young people
- Investing in social capital/LSP event
- New Local Area Agreement