

South Tottenham Jewish Population Needs Analysis

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Summary

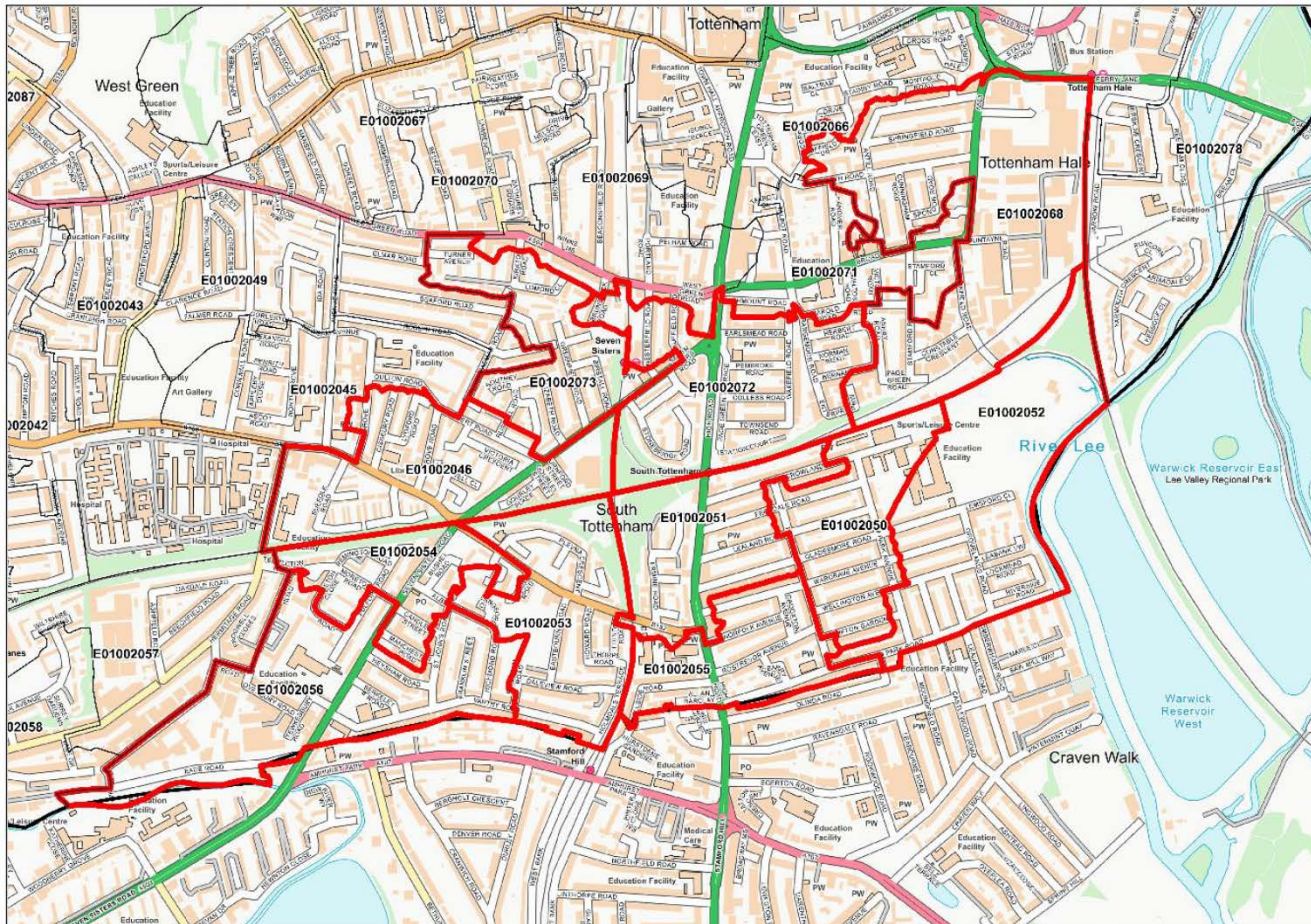
In Haringey, 3.6% of residents identified themselves as Jewish religion according to data from the ONS 2021 Census. In other boroughs in North Central London, the proportion of people who reported themselves as Jewish varies significantly, as follows: Barnet (14.5%), Camden (4.8%), Enfield (1.1%), Islington (1.3%). In the neighbouring borough of Hackney, 6.7% of the resident population are Jewish and a large proportion of which live on the Haringey border in Stamford Hill ward. The analysis below aims to deepen our understanding of the Jewish population living in South Tottenham, as this ward contains the highest concentration of Jewish residents living in Haringey and is also a neighbouring ward to Stamford Hill. It is anticipated that the insights produced below will support partnership working between Haringey services and the Jewish community.

There are limitations to the Census data however due to the inability to identify Charedi Jewish residents from others of the Jewish religion living in Haringey. The analysis may therefore mask some of the true patterns and views of the Charedi group but is considered the best proxy measure. Population data on the Charedi group has also been obtained from other sources, such as Interlink and Hackney Council, attempting to address any gaps in the census analysis where possible.

It should be noted that the analysis of the health and disability indicators below is based on an individuals' self-assessment of themselves during the 2021 Census. Therefore, cultural perceptions relating to a person's health and well-being may skew the results to some extent.

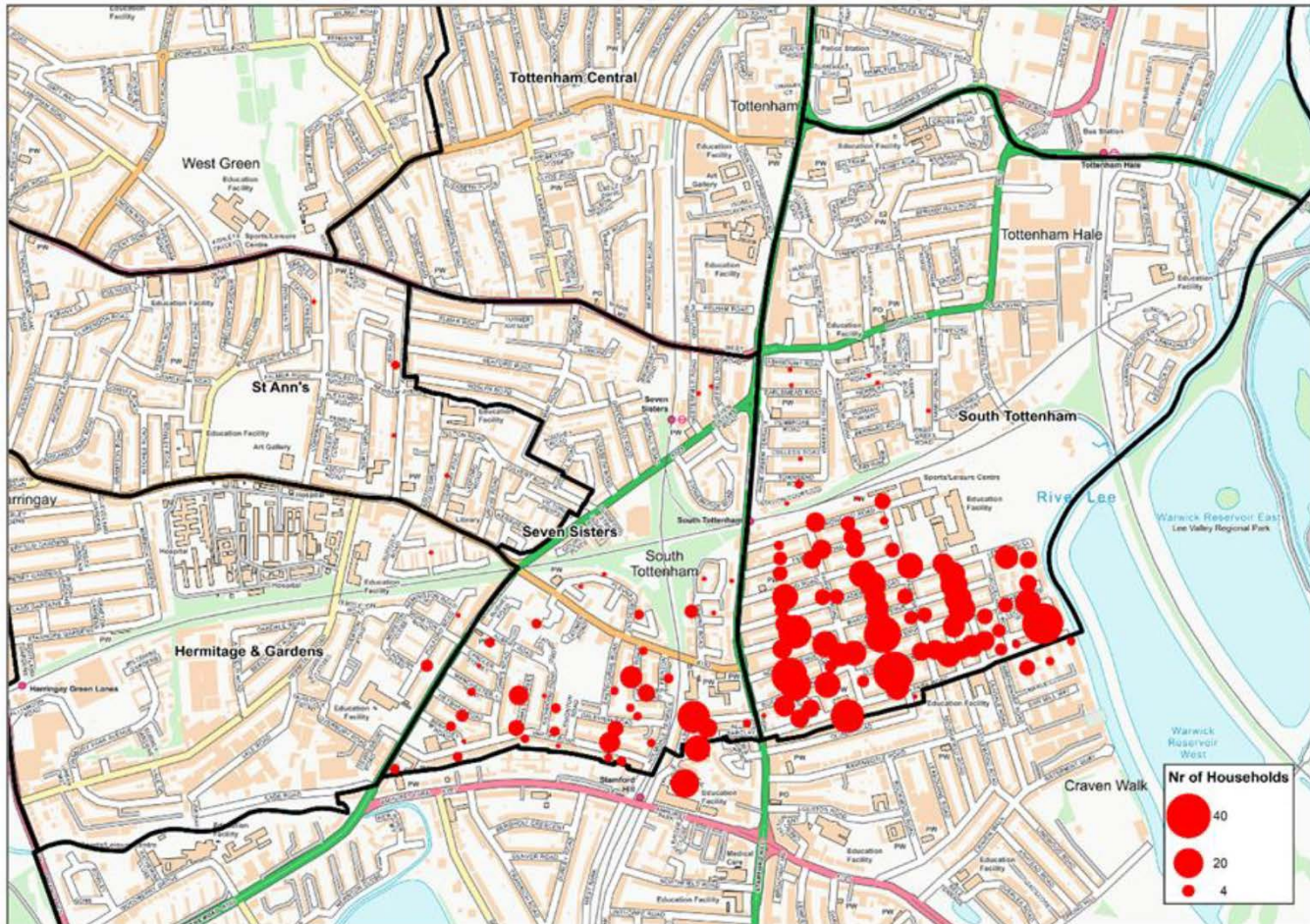
Location of the main Jewish communities in Haringey

The map below shows the Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) covering streets in South Tottenham and Seven Sisters where the majority of Jewish families in Haringey live. The LSOAs are situated adjacent to the border with Stamford Hill in Hackney.



Concentration of Jewish households in Haringey

The map below provides more granular level detail on the location of Jewish households in Seven Sisters and South Tottenham. The map illustrates that certain streets in South Tottenham ward have the highest concentrations of Jewish households.



Source of map: Shomer Shabbos directory, 2020

Overview of the Charedi population in Haringey



The population of the Charedi community living in Haringey has rapidly increased over the last ten years. The key driver for this has been the population increase of the Charedi community living in Hackney, where housing stock is limited, leading to families finding more affordable and larger houses in neighbouring Haringey. The parents within these Haringey households tend to be younger than their counterparts in Hackney and generally have larger households.

In terms of schooling provision, nearly all 4,000+ Charedi children living in the borough are educated in Hackney, which has over 20 Charedi schools (Source: [Interlink UK](#)). Over 30% of children attending Early Years settings within Hackney are from the Charedi community (Source: Hackney Council). Due to places in the three largest Charedi schools in Hackney being limited and over subscribed, Hackney residents tend to be prioritised, which has led to the creation of a new school opening in Hackney where 70% of those children attending actually live in Haringey. Charedi families are having to travel significant distances in order to have their childcare/education needs met in Hackney.

Comparison of population data for the Jewish population in Haringey



Census

Data on the Jewish population in the UK, as part of the Census return, is likely to be significantly undercounted. This is due to the fact that the Orthodox Jewish population tends to be reluctant to disclose information that enables authorities and researchers to estimate the size of the population, as they are not allowed to mention names.

<https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/census-2011-the-jewish-breakdown-1.39530>

The table below highlights the main population differences between the 2001, 2011 and 2021 Census.

Date of Census	Summary
2001	5,724 Jewish residents in Haringey The 2001 census data identified 2,478 Jewish Households in Haringey. This is compared to 3,666 that were identified in Hackney. However, since 2001 Census the Charedi Orthodox Jewish community has noticeably spread into Haringey.
2011	7,643 Jewish residents in Haringey The 2011 Census data cited 2,458 Jewish Households in Haringey, 578 of these were located in Seven Sisters ward (source NOMIS 2022: LC1202EW - Household composition by religion of Household Reference Person (HRP)). Within the 578 Households in Seven Sisters ward there was recorded 1,654 dependent children.
2021	9,397 Jewish residents. Between 2001 and 2021, the Jewish population in Haringey grew by 64% overall.

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Shomer Shabbos directory

Shomer Shabbos, the Orthodox Jewish telephone directory lists all Orthodox Jewish families who live in Stamford Hill ward in Hackney by street. However, the directory does not identify:

1. How many people live in each household, or
2. Jews, including many Orthodox Jew, who are part of the Charedi community.

Estimates from 2020 show that Shomer Shabbos estimated that the Charedi population of Stamford Hill was approximately 38,779. Of these, 7,077 (18%) were Haringey residents. However, the Institute of Jewish Policy Research reported a slightly higher percentage of between 20% and 25%. [The Institute of Jewish Policy Research](#) estimate that around 57% of those people are under 16 years old, which equates to 3,963 children living in Haringey.

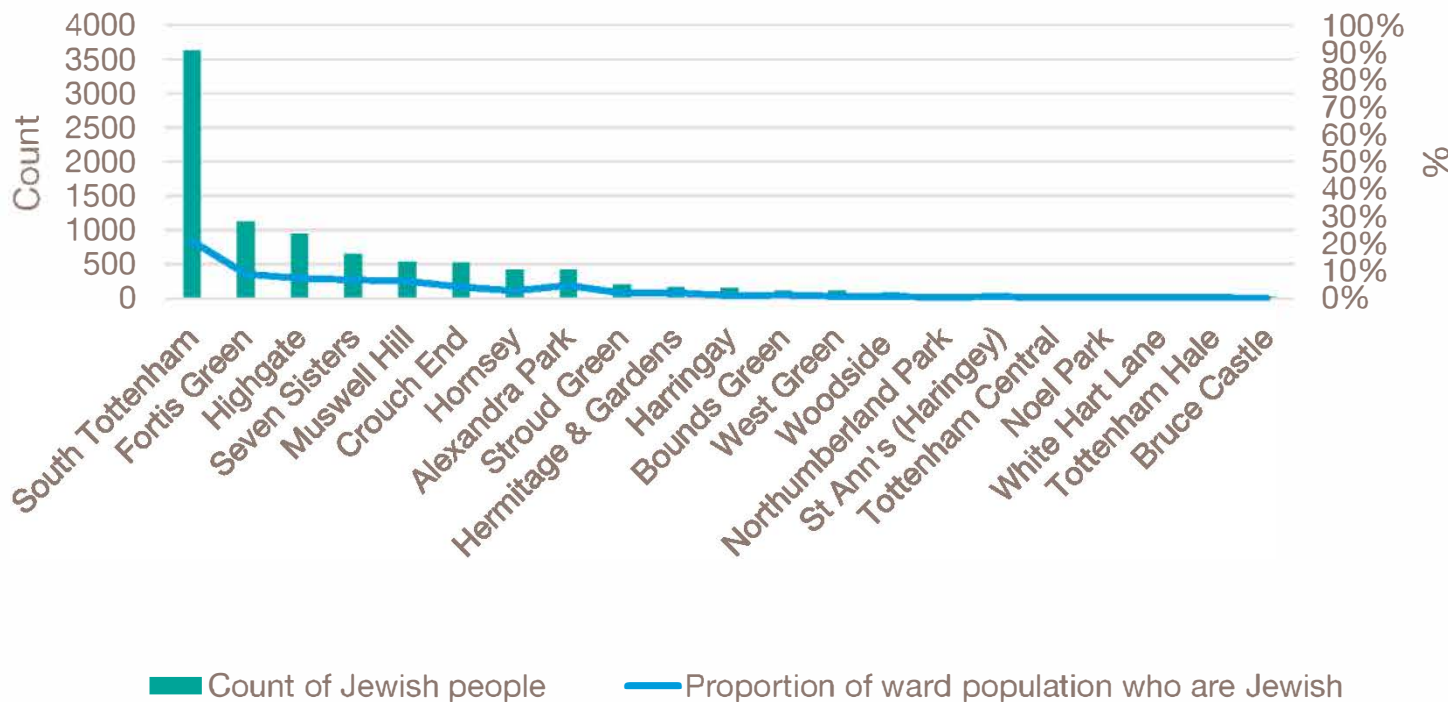
Haringey Council directory

Haringey Council gathers limited data on the Charedi community. Over the course of three months from May to July 2022, there were 240 Jewish children born and identified as being part of the Charedi community by [Ezer Leyoldos](#). However, the figure cannot be broken down by borough so includes children born in both Haringey and Hackney. The figure doesn't include Jewish children born outside of the Charedi community.

Haringey's Jewish population broken down by ward

In South Tottenham, there were a total of 3,624 Jewish residents, or 21% of the wards total population in 2021. Fortis Green (1,120) had the second highest number of Jewish residents, or 9% of the total population living in the ward.

Number and percentage of residents who are Jewish by Haringey wards



Age breakdown of the Jewish Population in South Tottenham

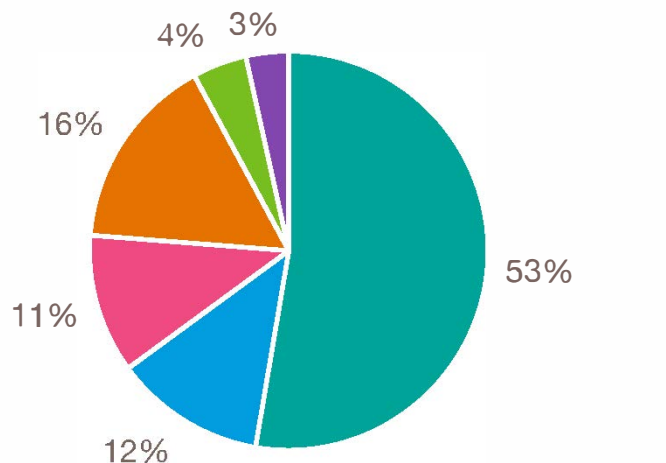
The figure below provides a more detailed breakdown of the number of Jewish residents in South Tottenham. The younger age groups: 0-4 (545), 5-9 (646), 10-14 (618) and 15-19 (407), comprise the highest number of Jewish people in the ward overall. Jewish people aged 0 to 19 make up 61% of the total Jewish population in this ward.



Age breakdown: Jewish and non-Jewish residents

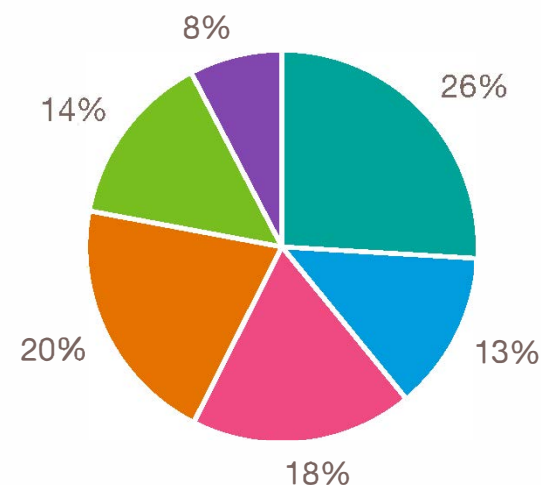
A higher proportion of Jewish (53%) residents in South Tottenham were aged 15 years and under compared to non-Jewish residents (26%). A higher proportion of non Jewish residents were aged 50 to 64 years (14%) and 65 years and over (8%) than for the Jewish population.

Proportion of Jewish residents in South Tottenham by age



- Aged 15 years and under
- Aged 16 to 24 years
- Aged 25 to 34 years
- Aged 35 to 49 years
- Aged 50 to 64 years
- Aged 65 years and over

Proportion of non Jewish residents in South Tottenham by age



- Aged 15 years and under
- Aged 16 to 24 years
- Aged 25 to 34 years
- Aged 35 to 49 years
- Aged 50 to 64 years
- Aged 65 years and over

New births and Children's Centre data

The table below shows new births data recorded in Seven Sisters ward and also registered at Children's Centres on a quarterly basis in 2021/22 and Q1 2022/23.

Indicator	Source	Q1 2021/22	Q2 2021/22	Q3 2021/22	Q4 2021/22	Q1 2022/23
Number of Families on New Birth List	Combined NB lists received (one year)	308		243	264	316
Carers Registered on New Birth List	Number of Carers on New Birth list that are also	201		135	147	181
% Carers Registered on New Birth List	Percentage of Carers on New Birth list that are also	65%		56%	56%	57%

Source: Early Years and Whittington Health

As of August 2022, there were a total of 319 active Jewish families registered at the Triangle Children's Centre in South Tottenham and 592 active members. However, this is likely to be a significant undercount of the actual totals since religion is not a mandatory field to complete when registering a family onto the Children's Centre database.

Summary of free child care entitlement for 2 year olds in 2022 in Seven Sisters and South Tottenham

The table below provides a summary of the Jewish population in Seven Sisters and South Tottenham wards (combined data) in relation to the take-up of child care places in Autumn 2022.

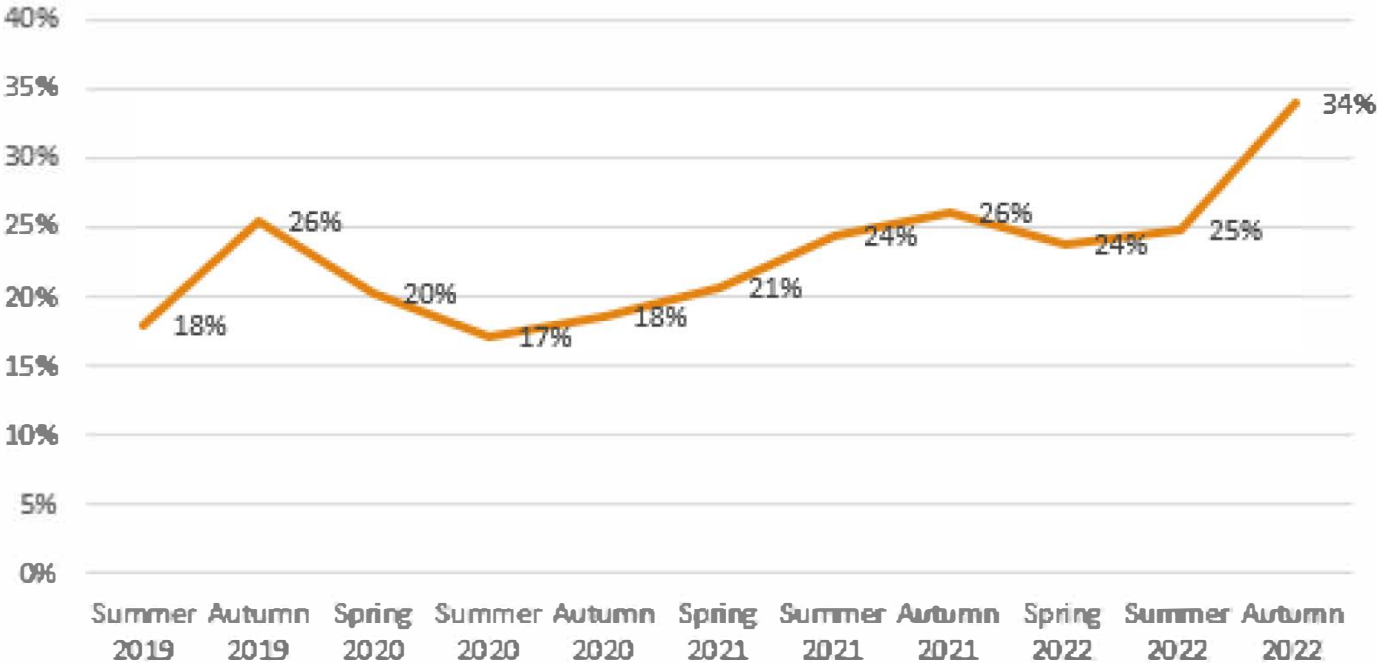
Breakdown of population and take up Seven Sisters & South Tottenham wards	Count	%
Population of 2 year olds (2021 MYE)	451	
Number of 'potentially' eligible 2 year olds (Autumn 2022)	251	
Number of eligible 2 year olds (Autumn 2022)	128	
Number and % of 2 year olds taking a place (Autumn 2022)	85	34%
Population of 3 and 4 year olds (2021 MYE)	833	
Number of 3 and 4 years olds taking up a free place (Autumn 2022)	211	
Registered Childcare places available (Autumn 2022)	310	

Free child care entitlement for 2-year olds in 2022 in Seven Sisters and South Tottenham



Data shows that Charedi parents living in South Tottenham and Seven Sisters comprise the largest number of families who are on benefits and who are potentially eligible for the two year entitlement. However, evidence suggests that a high proportion of these families travel to Hackney for their early years provision as their needs are not being met in Haringey. The figure below illustrates the number of potentially eligible families in Haringey who are eligible for Free for Two early education funding in Seven Sisters and South Tottenham wards up to Autumn 2022. **The average take up for Haringey overall was 70% in Autumn 2022, highlighting that these wards fall well below average.**

% Take up - Seven Sisters (and South Tottenham) wards



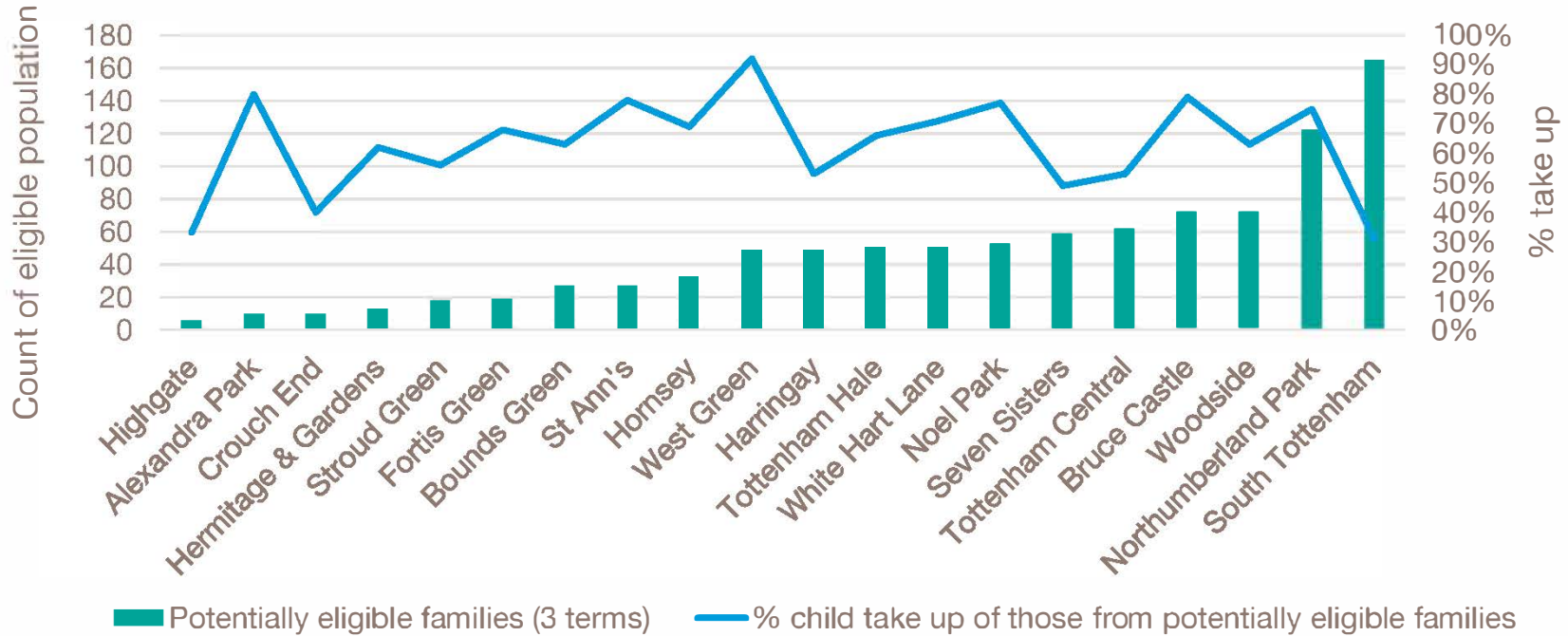
Source: DWP and Synergy

Free child care entitlement for 2-year olds in 2023



The figure below illustrates the number of potentially eligible families in Haringey wards who are eligible for free child care entitlement for two-year olds in 2023. The figure also includes the actual percentage of child take up from those families who are potentially eligible. The figure shows that South Tottenham has the highest number of potentially eligible families in the borough but has the lowest take-up. Anecdotal evidence suggests that a large majority of these families in South Tottenham are from the Orthodox Jewish community and are taking up their free places in Hackney instead.

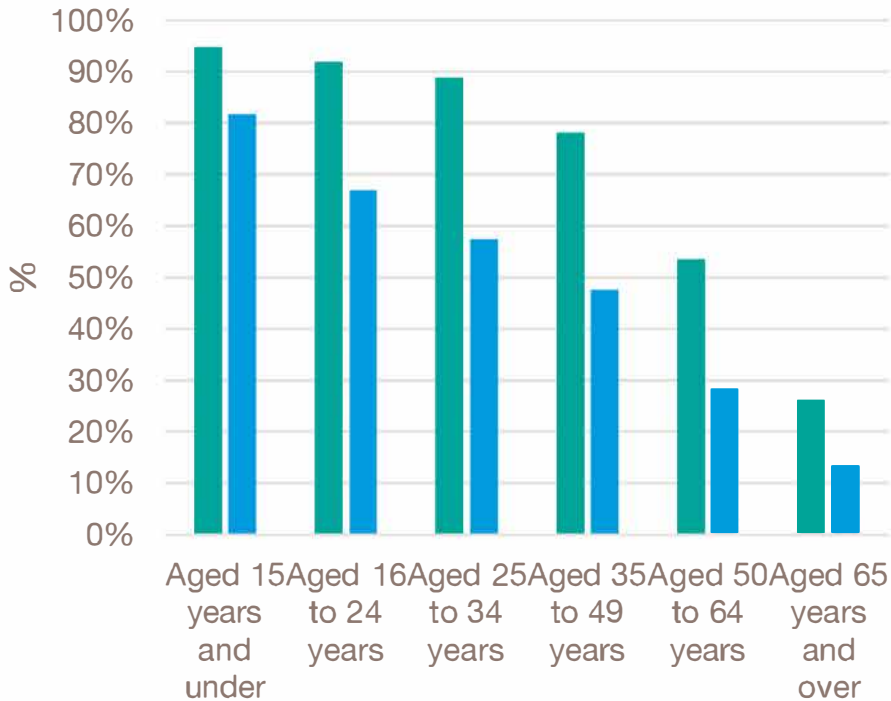
Free child care entitlement for 2 year olds by Ward



Self reported health

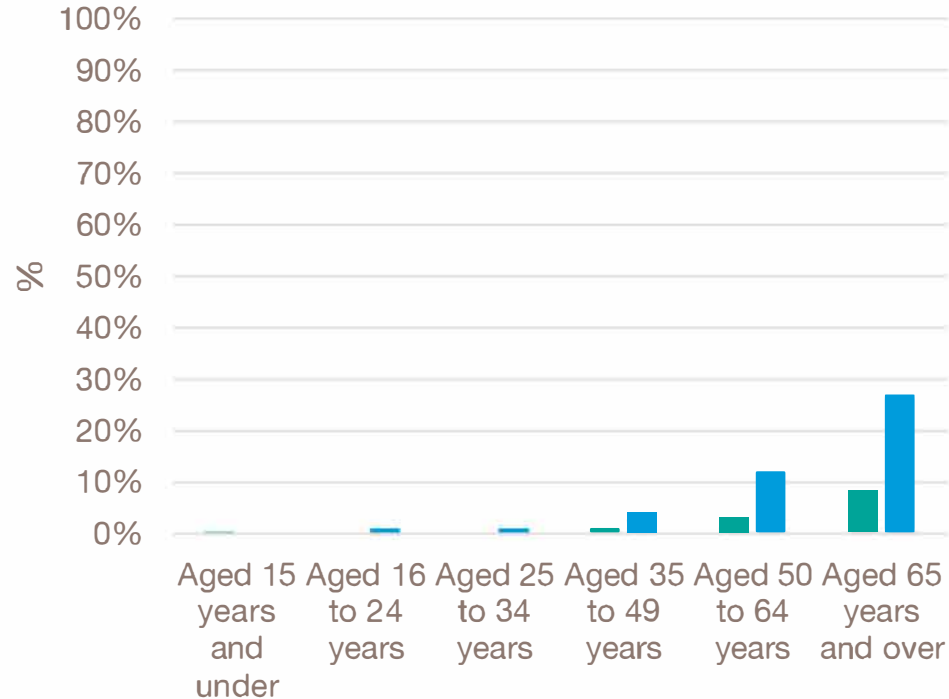
Jewish residents in South Tottenham are more likely than non Jewish people to be in very good health across all ages. Non Jewish residents are more likely to report being in very bad/bad health, as illustrated below. The South Tottenham average across all ages for residents in very good health was 72% for the Jewish population and 49% for non-Jewish. For very bad/bad health, it was 2% for the Jewish population and 8% for non Jewish people.

Very Good Health



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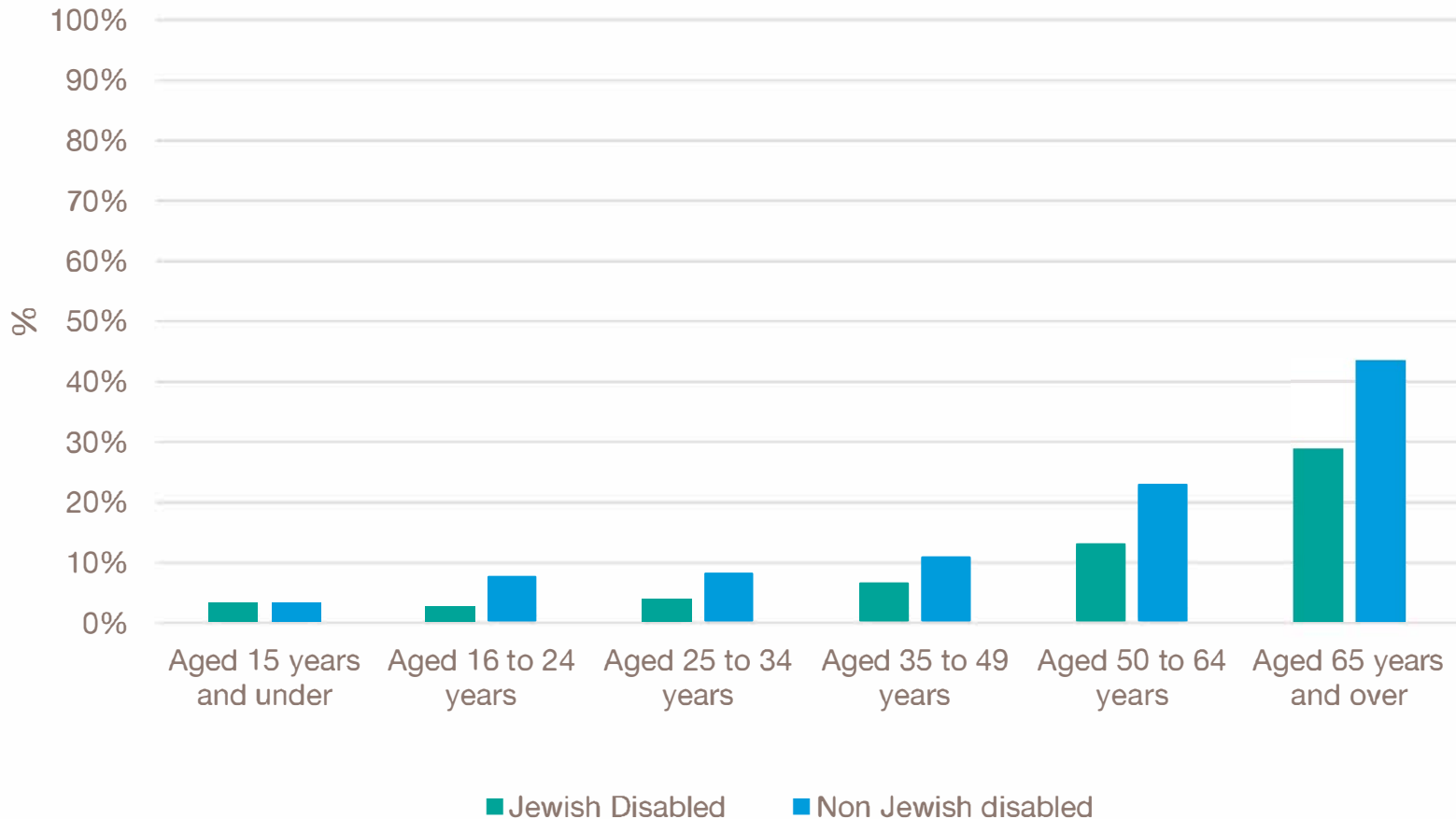
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Disability

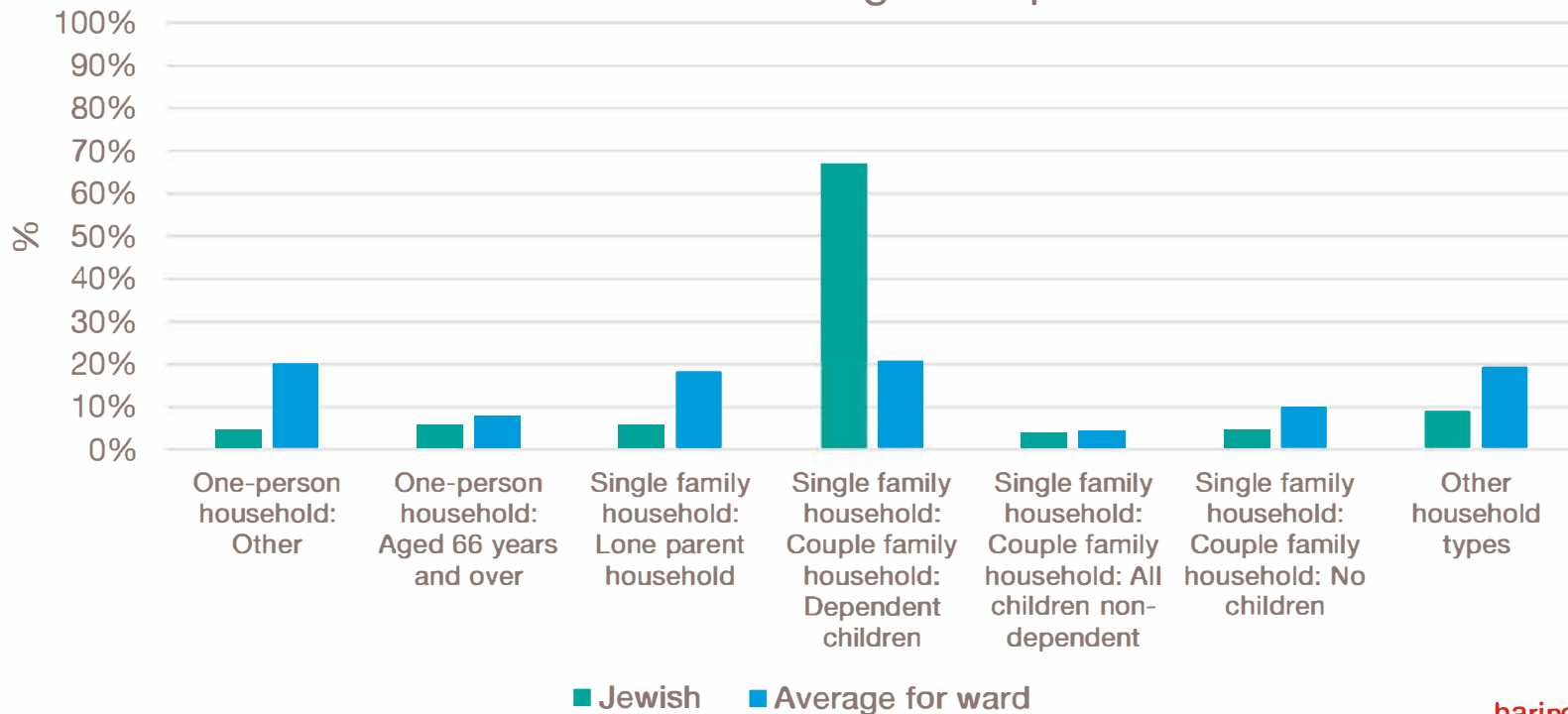
The figure below shows the proportion of Jewish and non Jewish residents who reported having a disability broken down by age for South Tottenham. As expected, disability amongst Jewish residents increases with age and this is also the trend for non Jewish residents.



Household composition

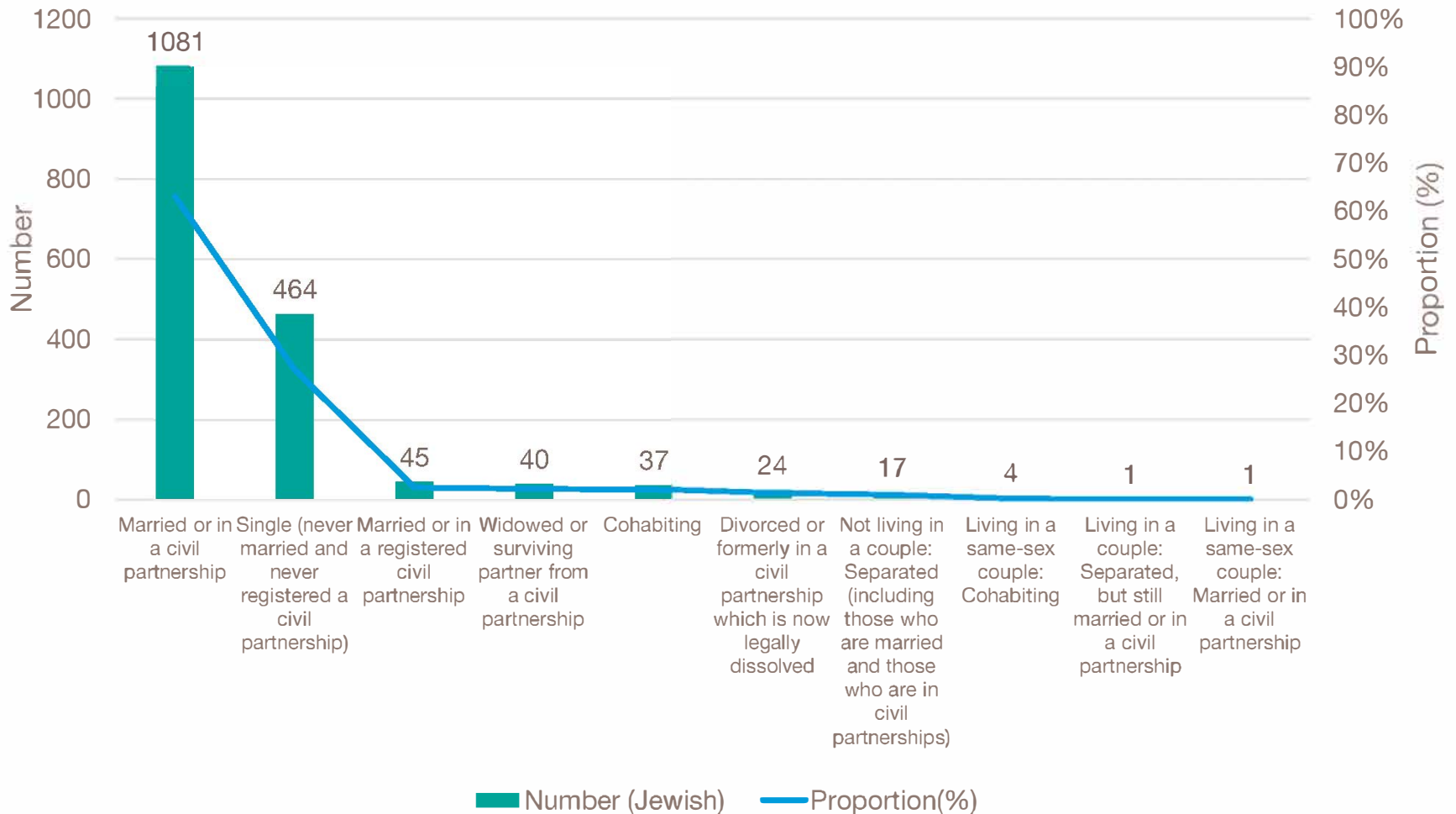
The figure below shows the Jewish religion and household composition for South Tottenham compared to the average household composition for the ward. The figure illustrates that an extraordinary high proportion of households are composed of Jewish couples/family household with dependent children (67%). This is over three times the ward average for households of this composition.

Household composition for South Tottenham ward: Jewish households versus the ward average composition



Relationship status

In total, 1,081 or 63% of Jewish adults in South Tottenham were married or in a civil partnership, followed by 464 or 27% adults who were single.



Qualifications

42% (720 residents) of the Jewish population in South Tottenham aged 16+ yrs have no qualifications and 15% (254 people) have a qualification of level 4 or above. The young age profile of the Jewish population in the ward will account for the fact that a high proportion of residents have no qualification. For non-Jewish people, 23% had no qualification and 38% had a level 4 or above qualification.

Jewish residents in South Tottenham



- Level 1 and Entry Level Qualifications
- Level 2 Qualifications
- Level 3 Qualifications
- Level 4 Qualifications or above
- No qualifications
- Other e.g. apprenticeships, vocational or work related

Non Jewish residents in South Tottenham

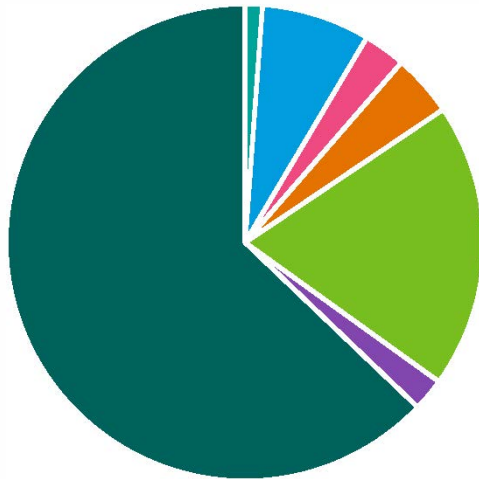


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Economic activity

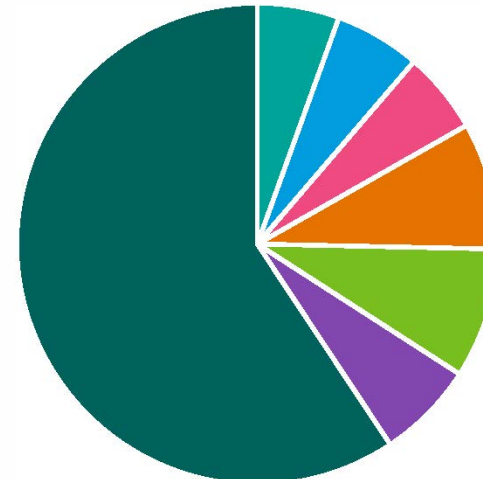
The proportion of residents aged 16+ who were working was relatively similar for the Jewish (63%) and non-Jewish (59%) population in South Tottenham. A greater proportion of Jewish (19%) people were students compared to non-Jewish (9%).

Economic activity status of Jewish residents aged 16+ in South Tottenham



- Economically inactive: Long-term sick or disabled
- Economically inactive: Looking after home/family
- Economically inactive: Other
- Economically inactive: Retired
- Economically inactive: Student
- Unemployed
- Working

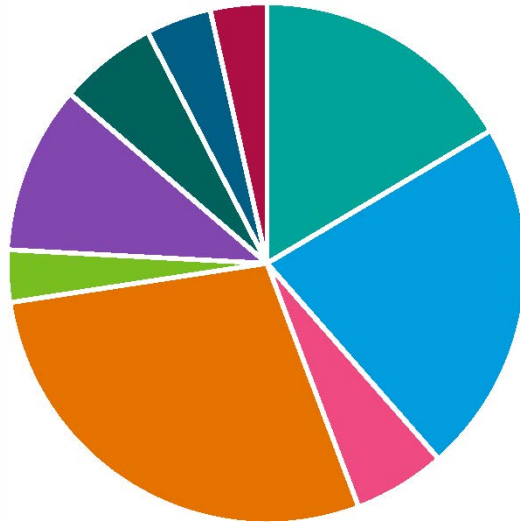
Economic activity status of non Jewish residents aged 16+ in South Tottenham



- Economically inactive: Long-term sick or disabled
- Economically inactive: Looking after home/family
- Economically inactive: Other
- Economically inactive: Retired
- Economically inactive: Student
- Unemployed
- Working

Occupation

Jewish population in South Tottenham aged 16+



Non Jewish population in South Tottenham aged 16+



- 1. Managers, directors and senior officials
- 2. Professional occupations
- 3. Associate professional and technical occupations
- 4. Administrative and secretarial occupations
- 5. Skilled trades occupations
- 6. Caring, leisure and other service occupations
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Source of data: ONS 2021 Census

Recommendations

The following recommendations are suggested for further consideration:

- As there is a high percentage of Jewish couple family households with dependent children in South Tottenham, ensuring that the needs of these families are being met should remain a priority across all relevant services.
- Further analysis of population data to consider the needs of the community as the young population transition into adulthood and how services could be developed/adapted to meet projected need.
- Further work with Charedi families in South Tottenham to improve the take up of child care entitlement amongst 2-year olds and to understand the reasons for many families taking up their places in Hackney instead.
- Consider how the learning from other local authorities such as Hackney could be applied to the South Tottenham Charedi community in terms of the prioritisation and targeting of services based on the insight obtained for Stamford Hill ward.
- Continue to improve and develop the partnership work between Haringey services and the Jewish community concentrated in and around South Tottenham and Seven Sisters informed through data and insights of local need.

Census data caveats

The main data caveats surrounding the ONS 2021 Census and Charedi population are set out below. These factors are likely to have contributed to the lower responses rates amongst Charedi residents living in South Tottenham.

- The Census form length is likely to have been a key contributory factor in lowering the response rate. The Census' paper form for households contained the following caveat: "If there are more than 5 people [in the household], contact the ONS to request a Continuation Questionnaire." This is likely to have been a greater barrier to Charedi enumeration than others given their larger than average household size and greater reliance on paper forms.
- Lower response rates due to historical reasons. For example, in the aftermath of World War 2, Jewish people avoided completing central data returns including the Census and this trend has continued into the present day.
- The religion question is voluntary and therefore some Charedi families may have chosen not to respond to this question.
- Charedi families may have failed to lodge a Census form at all.
- The Census took place in March 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic, thus resulting in a lower response rate and underestimating the size of the Charedi population overall.