

Profile of Haringey

Haringey is one of London's 32 boroughs, located in the north of the capital. Haringey has over 224,000 people living in 11.5 square miles. The borough is divided into 19 wards, represented by 57 elected councillors. The East Coast mainline from King's Cross divides the borough into half known as the east and the west. Haringey as a borough is largely residential. There are 8,200 businesses in Haringey with large industrial areas mainly located in the east.

A quarter, that is 55,600 children and young people, are aged under 20. The population of children and young people is growing. There are 2,592 children aged four, but 3750 are not yet one. Almost three-quarters of Haringey's children and young people come from ethnic minority communities. They speak 190 languages between them.

From before birth they face different challenges. The extremes of poverty and wealth show that life expectancy is five years longer in the west of the borough than in the east of the borough given its high levels of deprivation. Overall Haringey is the 10th (out of 354) most deprived district in England and ranks in the top five most deprived districts in London. The percentage of children and young people eligible for free school meals is over twice the national average (39% compared with 17%) but with vast differences across the borough, for example, 7.8% in Alexandra ward compared with 50.7% in White Hart Lane. Many children and young people are from asylum-seeking families – the third largest number in London.

Figure 1: Haringey wards.

