

Work and economic activity

Employment rates and average household income can indicate the ability or to afford or access childcare.

Economic activity

Figures 21 and 22 show the percentage of economic activity and inactivity in Haringey. Haringey (73.3%) has lower than average number of economically active adults compared to the national (78.5%) and London averages (75%).

Of the 114,300 Haringey residents who are economically active, 53.5% have jobs in the managerial, professional and technical sectors. This is higher than Great Britain (42.5%) and London (52.3%) averages.

Female economic activity

The rate of female economic activity in Haringey (67.7%) is lower than the national (73.5%) average. Haringey has a higher number of self-employed females than the London and national averages. The weekly pay for women in Haringey is slightly higher than the London average and approximately £114 higher than the national average.

Economic inactivity

The rate of economic inactivity in Haringey (26.7%) is higher than the London (25%) and national (21.5%) averages. Economic inactivity varies across the borough. For example, Northumberland Park has the highest unemployment rate out of all wards in London at 19.3% - this is 5.0% higher than the second highest ranking London ward of Harlesden in Brent (14.3%). (Source: Greater London Authority and Office of National Statistics).

In Haringey 8.6% of females would like to be in employment but currently are not compared to the London average of 6.5%.

The 2001 census suggest that long-term unemployment in Haringey is an issue. Over 50% of Haringey residents who were unemployed have never worked or not worked for over two years.

In March 2006, there were 8,245 Haringey residents (7.7%) claiming Job Seekers Allowance. This is higher than London (4.6%) and over twice the national (3.6%) percentage. (Source: Greater London Authority and Office for National Statistics)

Figure 21: economic activity from July 2006 to June 2007.

	Haringey	Haringey	London	National
All people				
Economically active [†]	114,300	73.3%	75%	78.5%
In employment [†]	107,000	68.5%	69.4%	74.3%
Employees [†]	82,000	53%	58.3%	64.5%
Self employed [†]	24,400	15.2%	10.6%	9.3%
Model-based unemployed [§]	10,600	9%	7.3%	5.2%
Males				
Economically active [†]	62,700	78.6%	81.9%	83.3%
In employment [†]	58,600	73.5%	75.8%	78.5%
Employees [†]	42,400	53.9%	60.4%	64.8%
Self employed [†]	15,900	19.2%	15%	13.3%
Unemployed [§]	4,000	6.4%	7.4%	5.6%
Females				
Economically active [†]	51,700	67.7%	67.8%	73.5%
In employment [†]	48,400	63.2%	62.7%	69.8%
Employees [†]	39,700	52%	56.2%	64.2%
Self employed [†]	8,500	10.9%	6%	5.1%
Unemployed [§]	3,300	6.4%	7.3%	4.8%

Source: ONS annual population survey.

* numbers are for those aged 16 and over, % are for those of working age (16-59/64).

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Figure 22: economic inactivity from July 2006 to June 2007.

	Haringey	Haringey	London	National
All people				
Economically inactive	40,600	26.7%	25%	21.5%
Wanting a job	11,200	7.3%	6.9%	5.4%
Not wanting a job	29,400	19.3%	18.1%	16.1%
Males				
Economically inactive	16,800	21.4%	18.1%	16.7%
Wanting a job	4,900	6.2%	5.2%	4.3%
Not wanting a job	11,900	15.2%	12.9%	12.4%
Females				
Economically inactive	23,800	32.3%	32.2%	26.5%
Wanting a job	6,300	8.6%	8.6%	6.5%
Not wanting a job	17,400	23.7%	23.6%	20%

Source: ONS annual population survey.

* numbers and % are for those of working age.

* % is a proportion of total working age population.

Children living in families on key benefits in August 2006

The Greater London Authority paper, 'Who Benefits? 2007', listed the 20 Local authorities in Great Britain and the 30 wards with the highest claimant rates in London for children dependent on benefits. The data is based on a snap shot taken in April 2005. The workless benefits are: Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance and Pension Credit. The results show that 40.5% of children in Haringey live in families on key benefits. This ranks Haringey fifth out of 408 local authorities in Great Britain. Five Haringey wards have the highest claimant rates for children dependent on workless benefits in London. These wards are St. Ann's, Noel Park, Tottenham Green, Tottenham Hale and Woodside.

Working tax credit take up rates

The GLA's 'Who Benefits?' Publication also explains that London has the lowest tax take-up rates in the country for child and working tax credits. This may be because people in the higher income groups feel that the gain is too small compared to the effort required to complete the long and complicated forms. Another reason may be that low income groups, especially those with English as a second language, are unaware or do not understand the procedures involved to claim wither CTC or WTC.

Average household income

Figure 23 shows the average household income by ward in Haringey. The information is based upon income data from CACI research company.

Northumberland Park has the lowest mean household income in Haringey at £27,927. Crouch End has the highest average household income at £48,767. Seven wards have a average household income of more than £40,000. They are: Alexandra, Crouch End, Fortis Green, Highgate, Hornsey, Muswell Hill and Stroud Green.

Figure 23: mean and median household income by ward.

Ward	Mean Household Income (£)	Median Household Income (£)
Alexandra	£48,234	£42,248
Bounds Green	£35,910	£30,758
Bruce Grove	£32,388	£27,949
Crouch End	£48,767	£42,551
Fortis Green	£43,620	£37,994
Harringay	£38,835	£33,475
Highgate	£48,270	£41,934
Hornsey	£42,237	£36,483
Muswell Hill	£46,541	£40,412
Noel Park	£32,367	£27,832
Northumberland Park	£27,927	£24,206
St Ann's	£33,124	£28,330
Seven Sisters	£32,713	£28,042
Stroud Green	£44,165	£38,208
Tottenham Green	£30,460	£26,118
Tottenham Hale	£30,319	£26,063
West Green	£30,944	£26,593
White Hart Lane	£28,934	£24,839
Woodside	£35,065	£29,969