

Brent Census Atlas | Housing

Housing indicators mapped (2021 Census)

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Introduction

This census atlas maps a range of housing indicators across Brent. Topics cover housing tenure, accommodation type, household size, occupancy levels and type of central heating. Each map shows variation across Brent's 181 Lower layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs). These are statistical areas used by the Office for National Statistics. Figures are also shown for the borough's 22 wards in chart form. All figures used to create the maps, charts and tables in this report have been published alongside this atlas on the council's [Brent Open Data site](#).

Related report: census topic report on housing

The atlas is a reference report designed to complement the [census topic report on housing](#). The topic report provides more detailed analysis of the data at a borough-level and explores the housing profile of those living in Brent.

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The 2021 census snapshot: pandemic impacts

The figures in this report all relate to the housing circumstances of those resident in Brent in March 2021, and relate to occupied dwellings only. The census took place when a range of pandemic lockdown measures were in place. It is likely that some residents were temporarily away at this time (e.g. students, furloughed and migrant workers). Census results need to be viewed in this context: as a snapshot of households as at March 2021. The census topic report on [housing](#) provides more details about this issue.

Ward estimates

Ward figures presented here may differ marginally from figures published in the Brent ward profile [tool](#), which was based on census ward estimates from the Greater London Authority. This is due to differences in the best fit methodologies used by GLA and ONS to create census data for ward geographies.

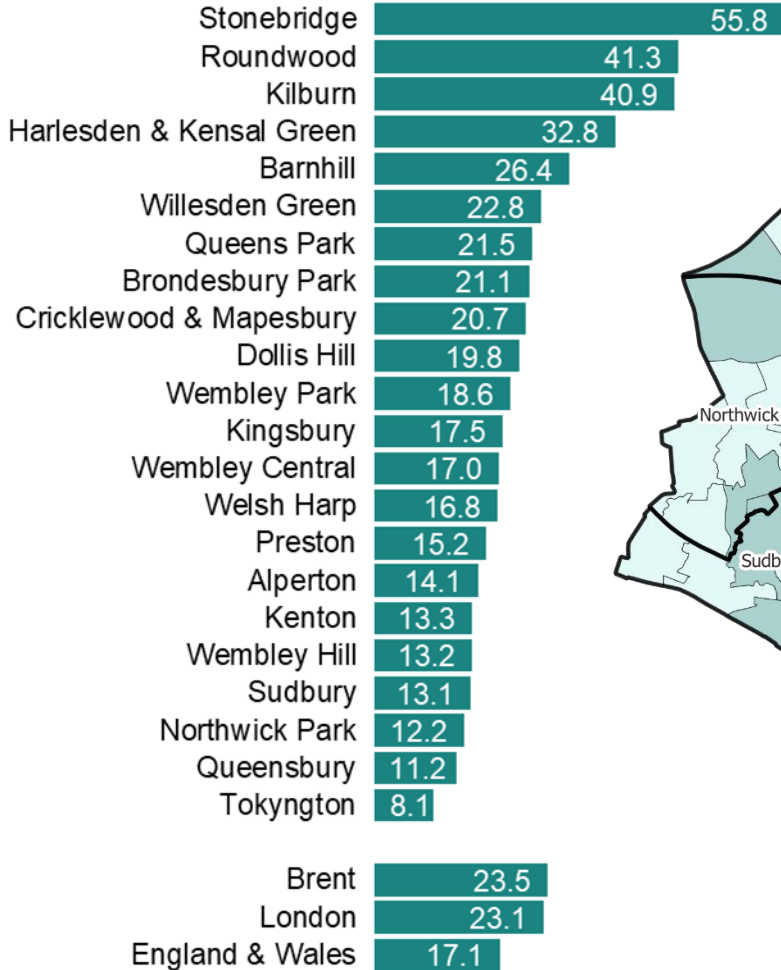
Summary table: Housing measures mapped

Indicator	Brent		Wards				
	Number of Households	% total or value	Ward with lowest rate	Lowest value	↔	Highest value	Ward with highest rate
Housing tenure							
Social rented	27,876	23.5%	Tokyngton	8.1%	↔	55.8%	Stonebridge
Private rented	42,897	36.2%	Stonebridge	23.2%	↔	62.0%	Wembley Park
Owner-occupied	47,839	40.3%	Wembley Park	19.4%	↔	62.1%	Northwick Park
Type of accommodation							
House	51,306	43.3%	Wembley Park	0.6%	↔	81.8%	Tokyngton
Flat, maisonette or apartment	67,210	56.7%	Tokyngton	18.2%	↔	99.4%	Wembley Park
Household size							
1 person in household	31,985	27.0%	Wembley Central	18.4%	↔	38.8%	Kilburn
2 people in household	30,225	25.5%	Wembley Central	20.0%	↔	42.1%	Wembley Park
3-4 people in household	38,283	32.3%	Kilburn	24.0%	↔	37.6%	Preston
5+ people in household	18,122	15.3%	Wembley Park	3.6%	↔	26.8%	Wembley Central
Average household size	118,612	2.83	Wembley Park	2.16	↔	3.61	Wembley Central
Bedroom occupancy rating							
Under-occupied	50,047	42.2%	Wembley Park	22.9%	↔	58.8%	Kenton
Required no. bedrooms	48,512	40.9%	Kenton	28.4%	↔	63.6%	Wembley Park
Overcrowded	20,053	16.9%	Queens Park	9.0%	↔	29.7%	Wembley Central
Central heating							
No central heating	2,662	2.2%	Kenton	1.2%	↔	3.2%	Harlesden & Kensal Green
Mains gas central heating only	82,428	69.5%	Wembley Park	25.7%	↔	80.7%	Northwick Park
Electric central heating only	15,907	13.4%	Tokyngton	6.3%	↔	40.5%	Wembley Park
District/communal heat network	2,689	2.3%	Barnhill	0.4%	↔	16.9%	Wembley Park

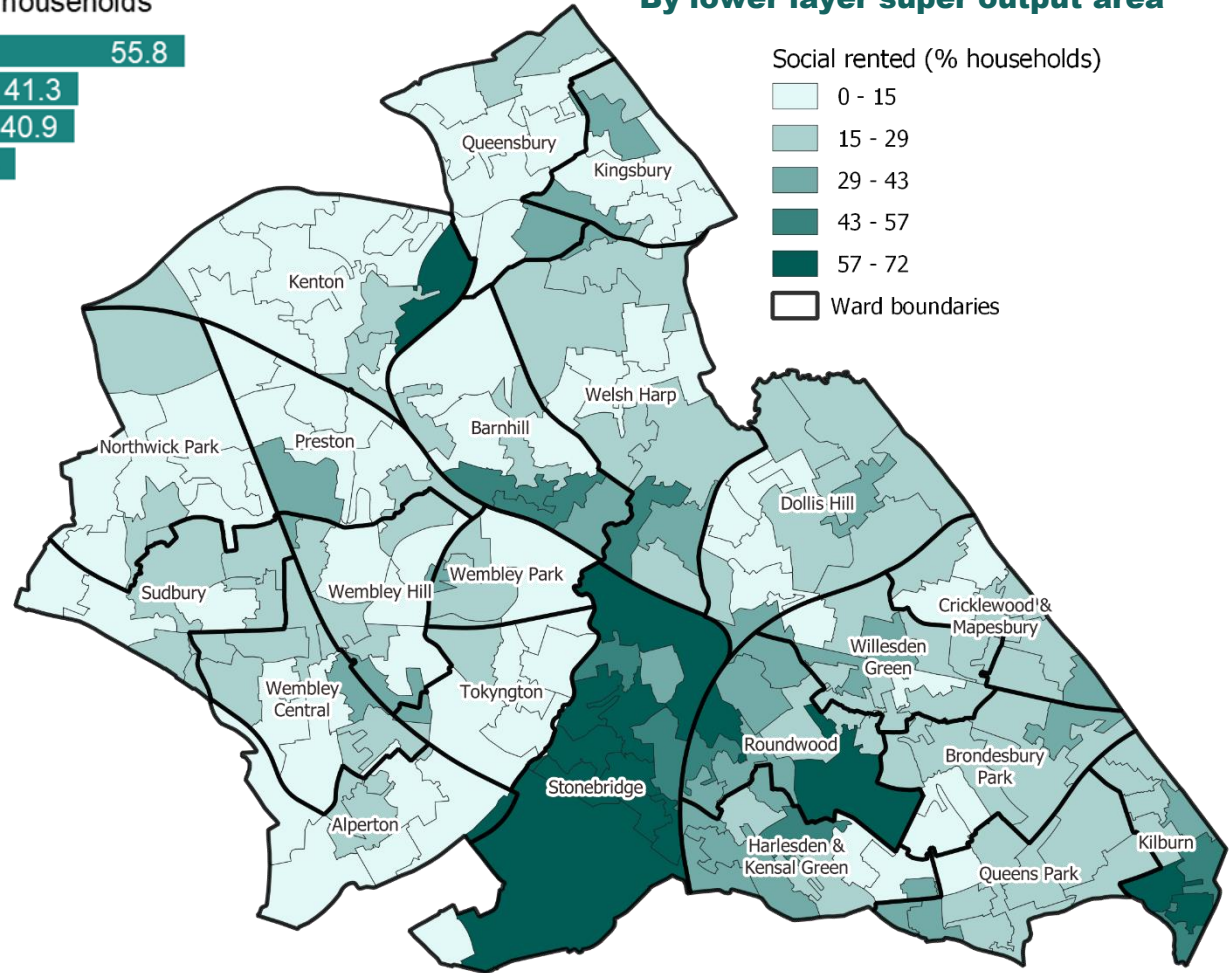
Tenure: Social rented households

Percentage of households in the social rented sector, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % social rented households



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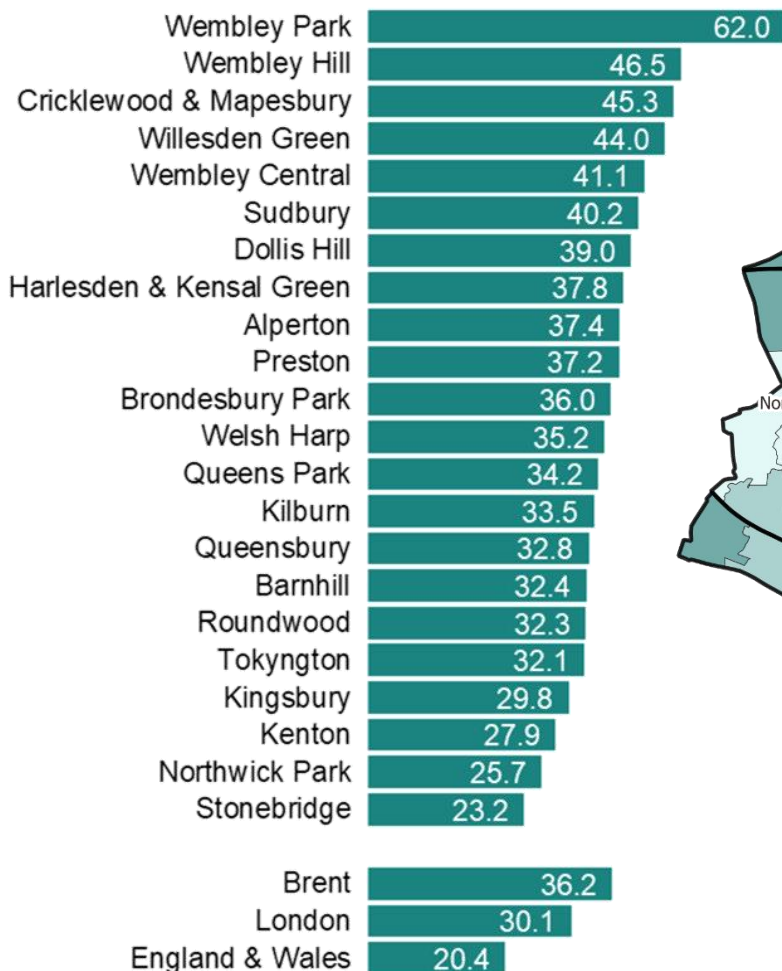


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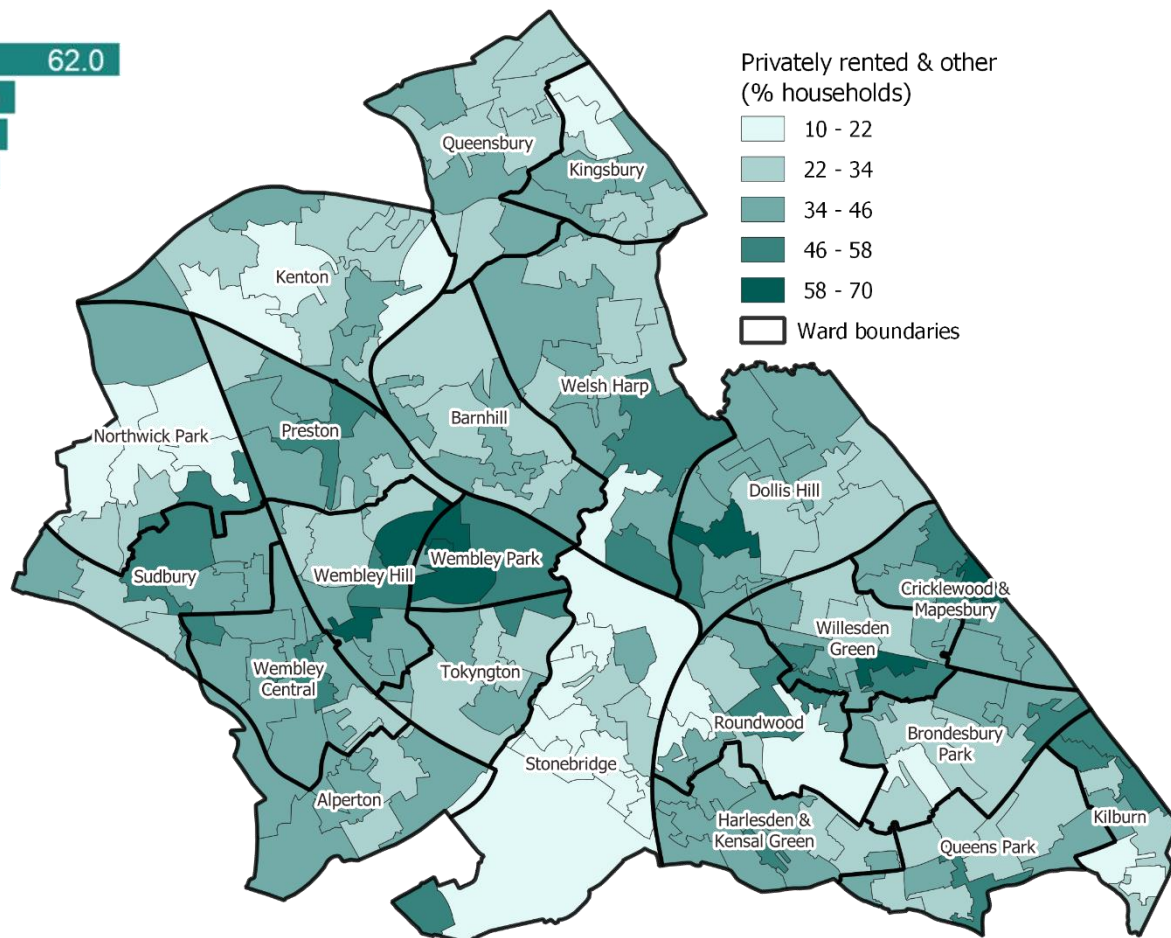
Tenure: Private rented households

Percentage of households in the private rented sector, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % private rented/ other (households)



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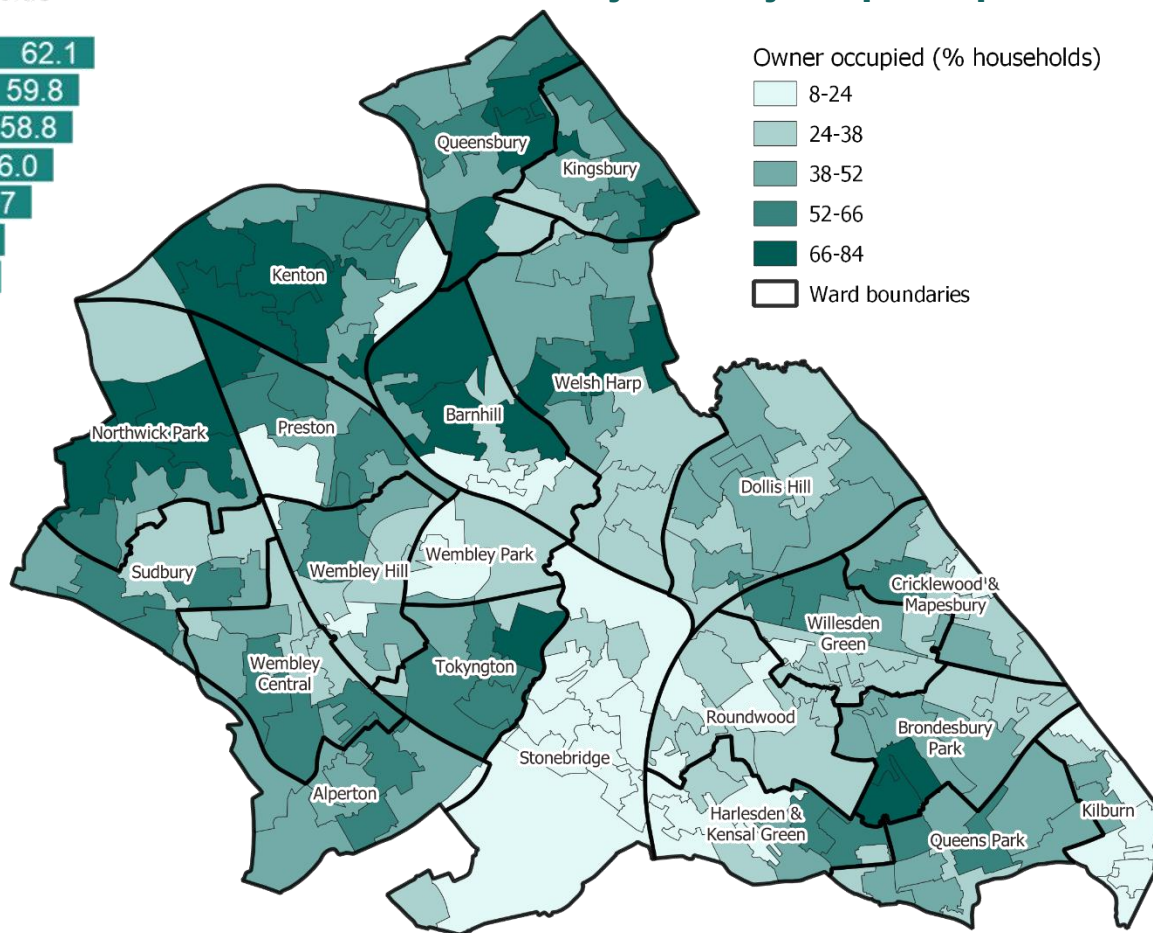
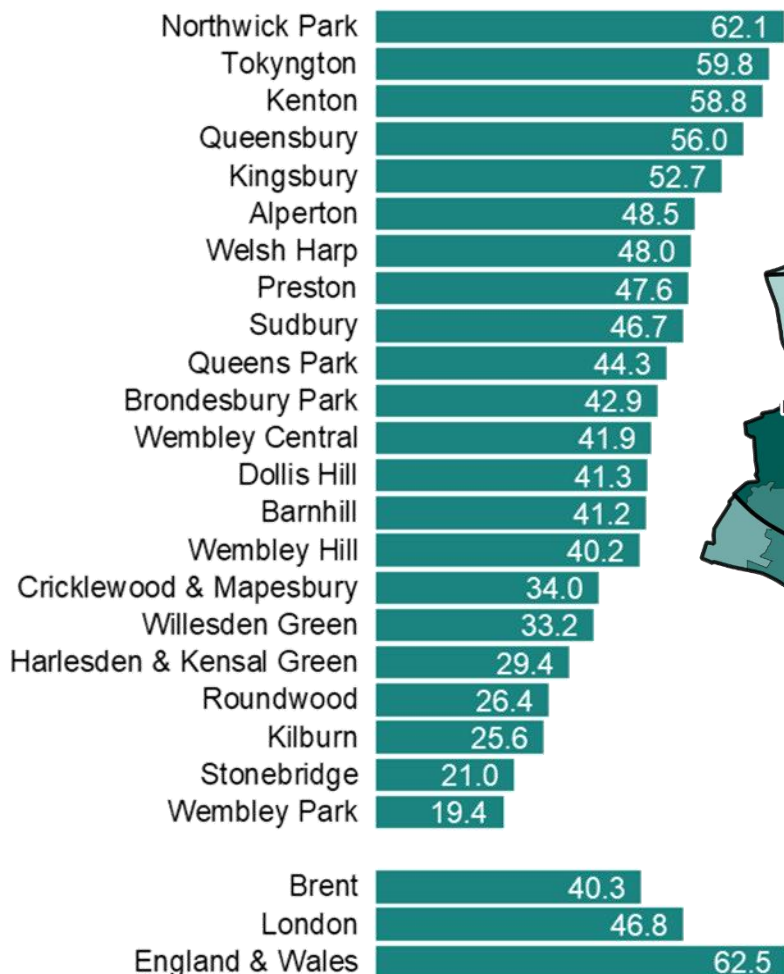
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Tenure: Owner-occupied households

Percentage of households in the owner-occupied sector, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % owner-occupied households

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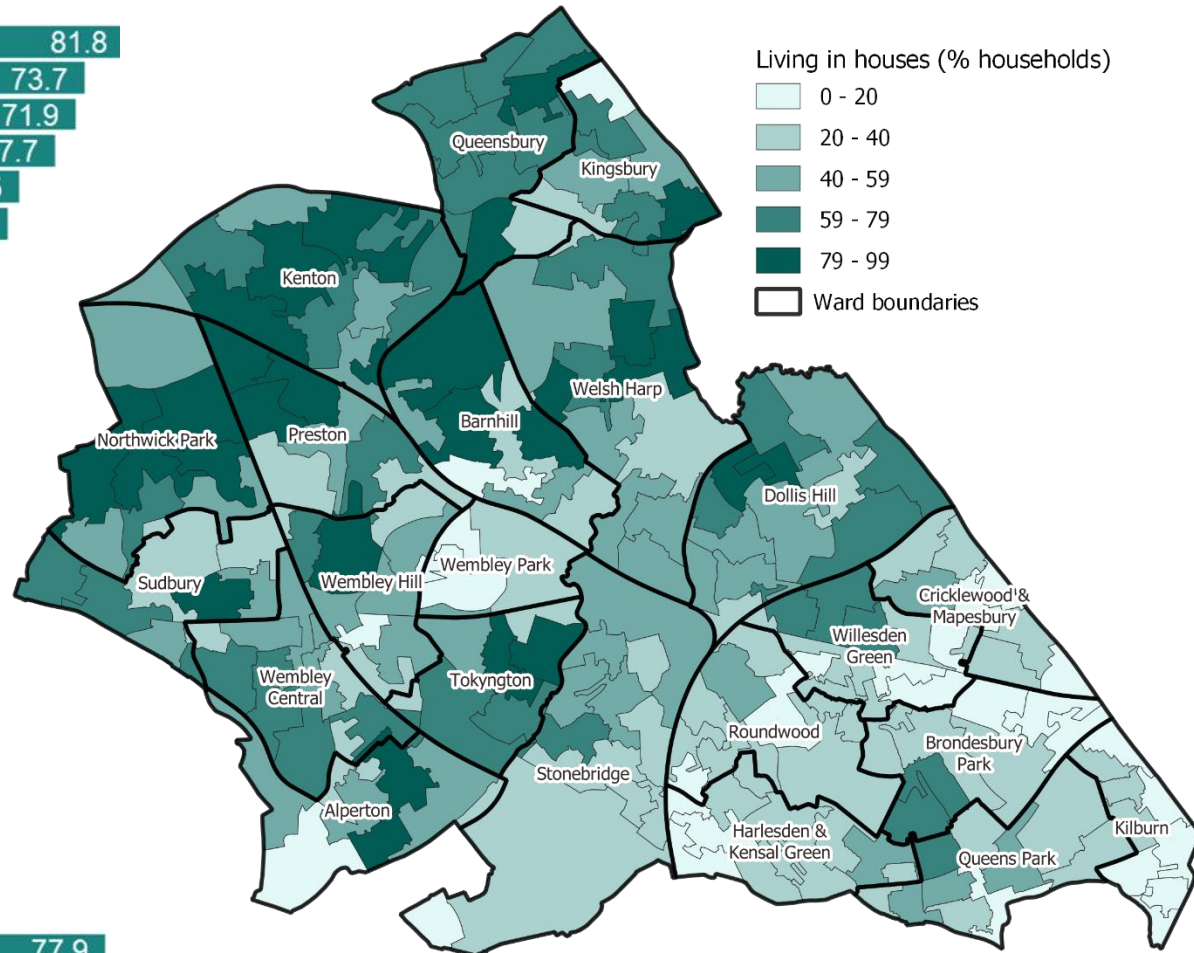
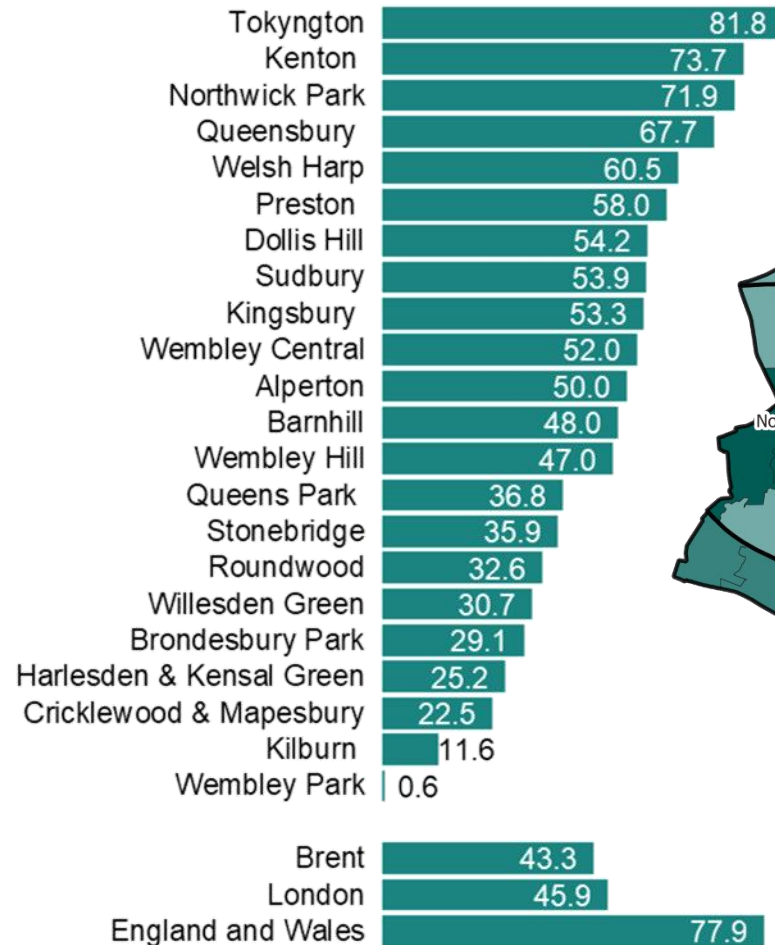
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Accommodation type: houses

Percentage of households living in houses, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % households living in whole house

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Accommodation type: flats/maisonettes

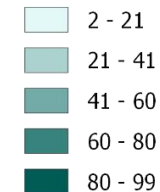
Percentage of households living in flats/maisonettes, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward

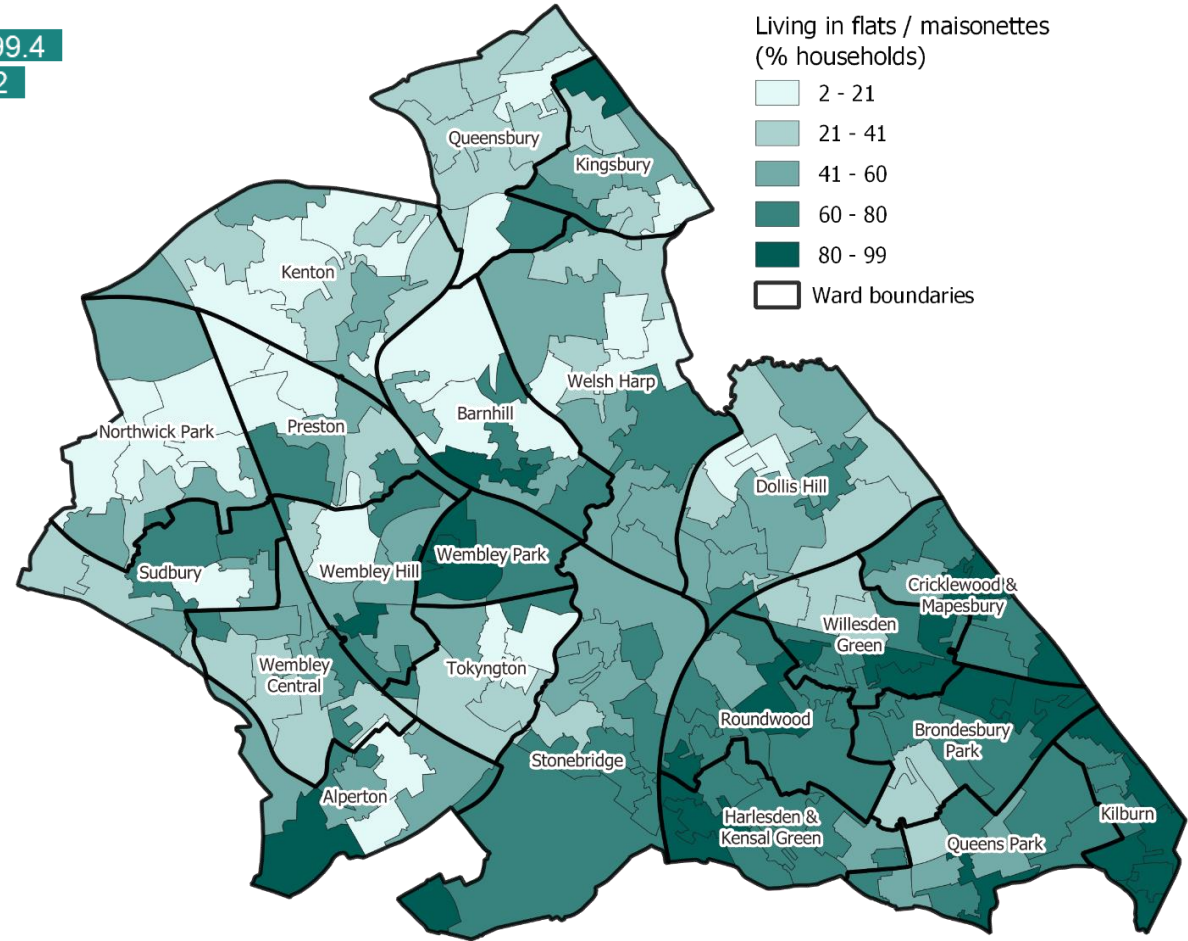
■ % households living in flats or maisonettes

By lower layer super output area

Living in flats / maisonettes (% households)



□ Ward boundaries



Wembley Park	99.4
Kilburn	88.2
Cricklewood & Mapesbury	77.4
Harlesden & Kensal Green	74.7
Brondesbury Park	70.8
Willesden Green	69.3
Roundwood	67.4
Stonebridge	63.9
Queens Park	63.1
Wembley Hill	52.9
Barnhill	51.9
Alperton	49.9
Wembley Central	48.0
Kingsbury	46.7
Sudbury	46.1
Dollis Hill	45.7
Preston	41.9
Welsh Harp	39.4
Queensbury	32.2
Northwick Park	28.0
Kenton	26.2
Tokyngton	18.1
Brent	56.7
London	54.0
England and Wales	21.7

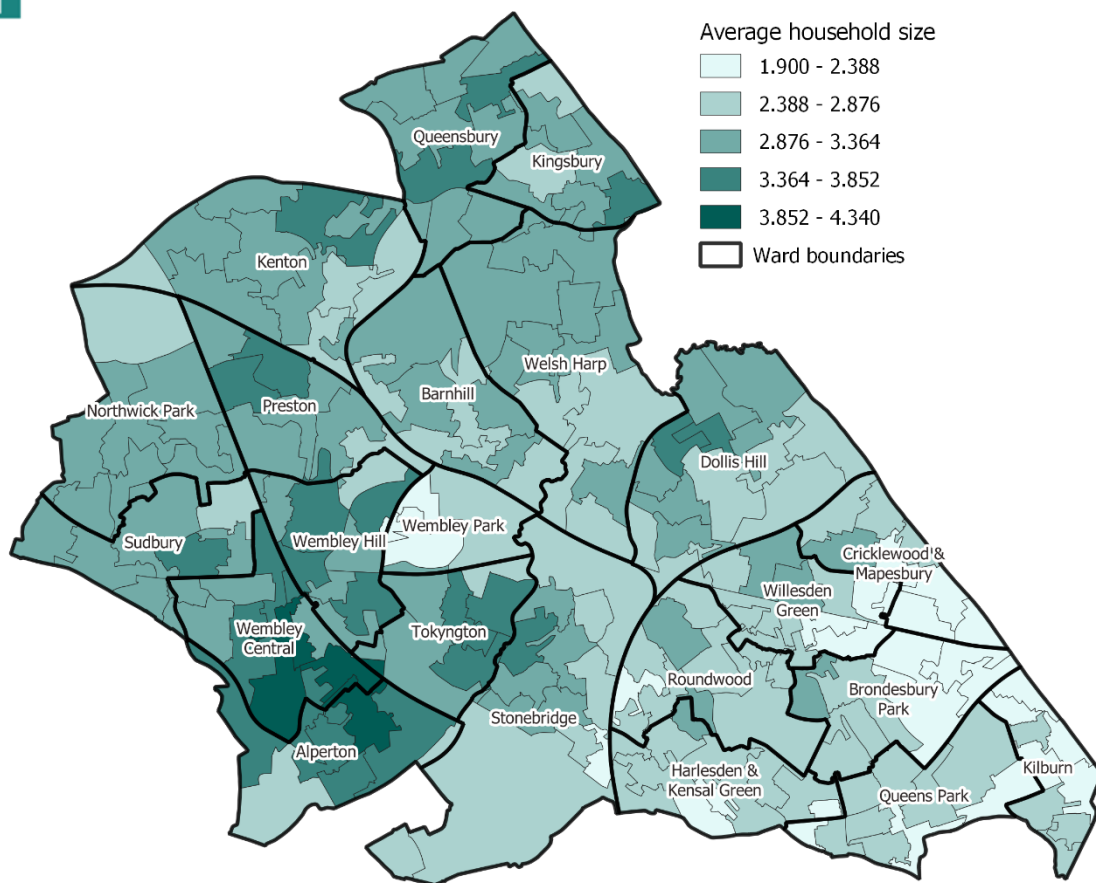
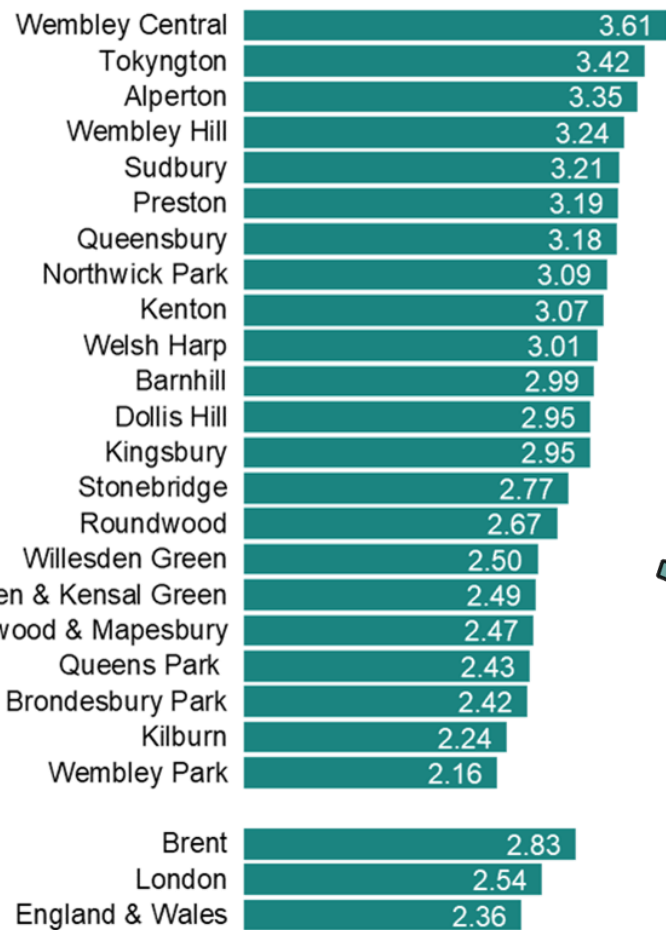
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Household size: average household size

Average household size, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ Average household size

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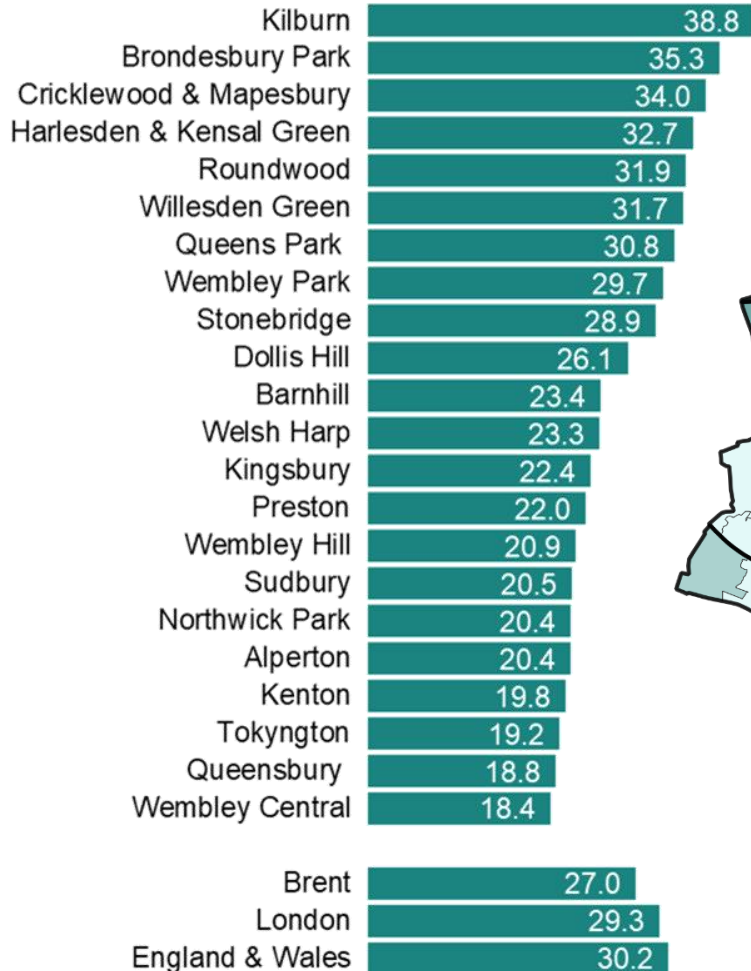


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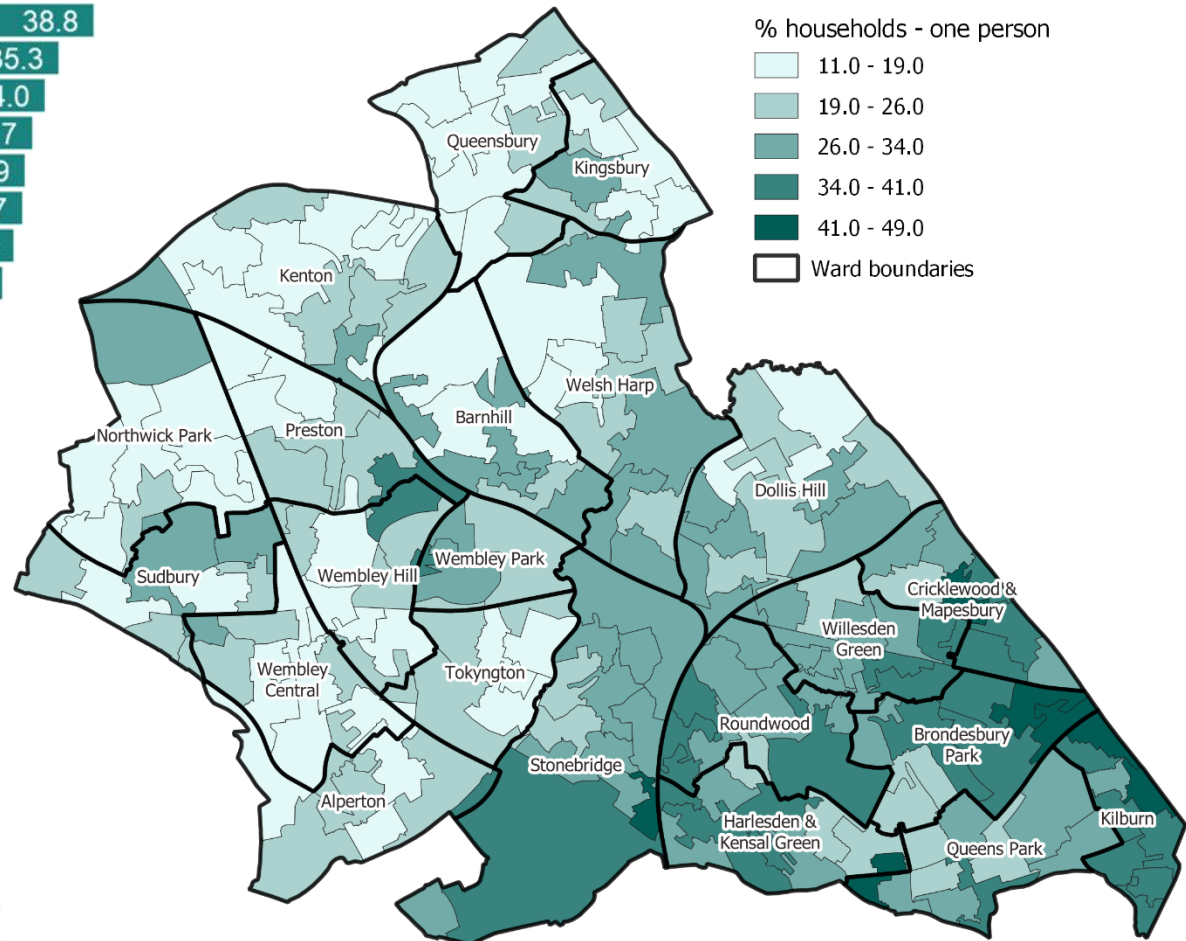
Household size: one person household

Percentage of households with one person, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % of households: 1 person household



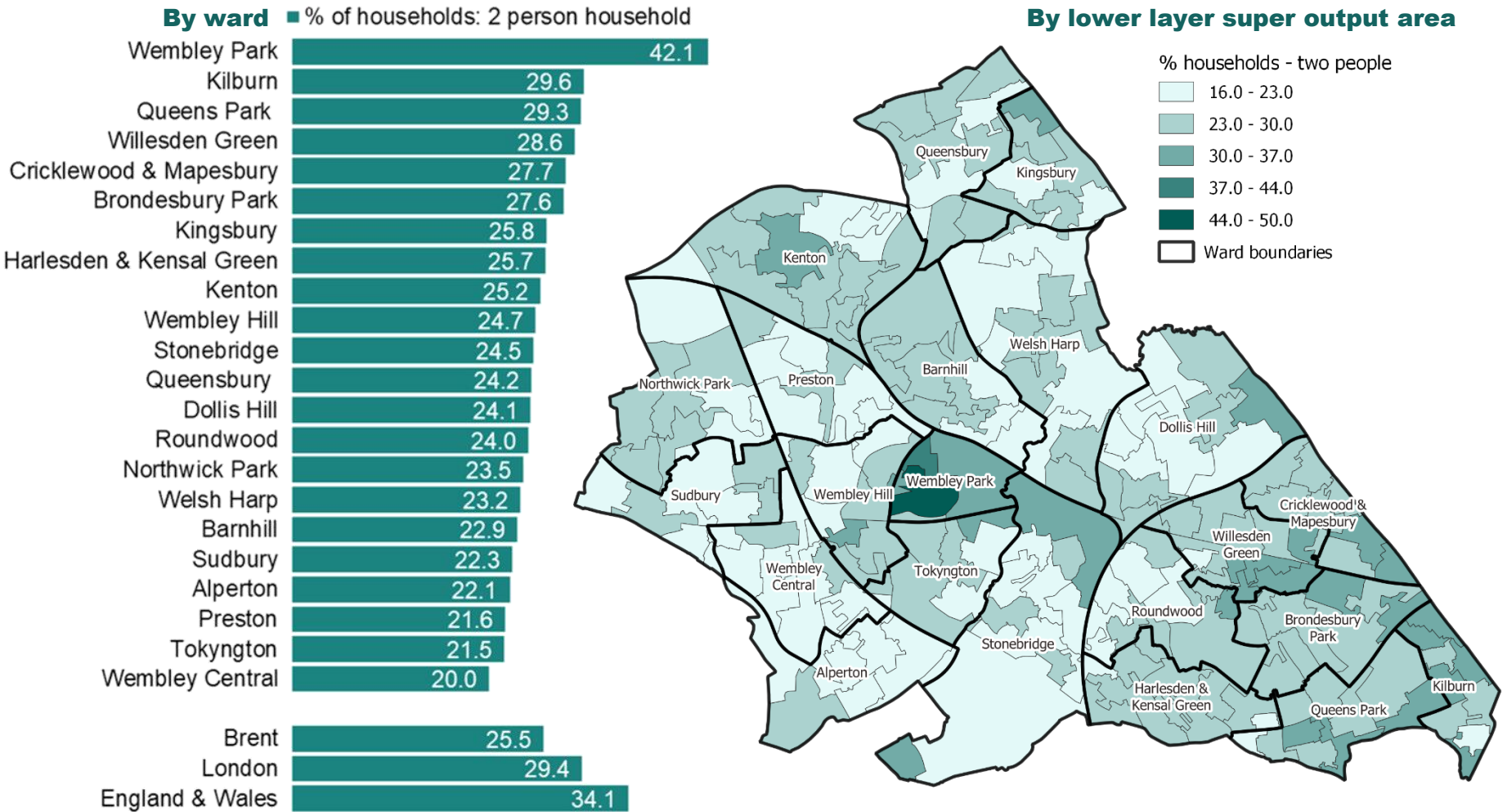
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Household size: two people

Percentage of households with two people resident, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021



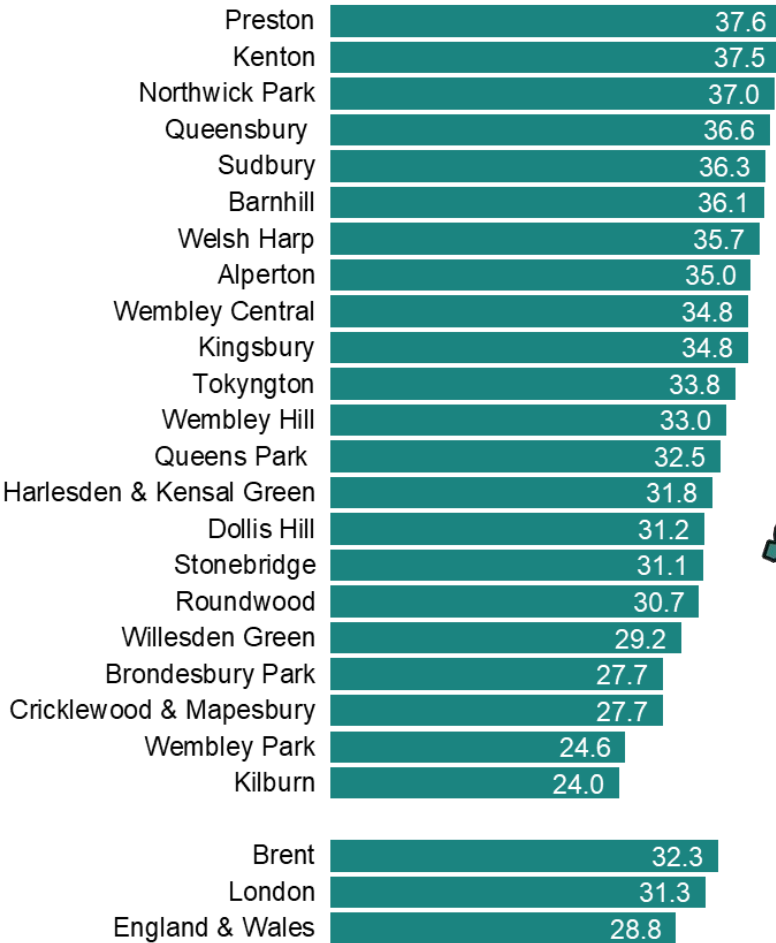
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Household size: 3-4 people

Percentage of households with 3-4 people resident, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward

■ % of households: 3 or 4 people in household



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% households: 3-4 people

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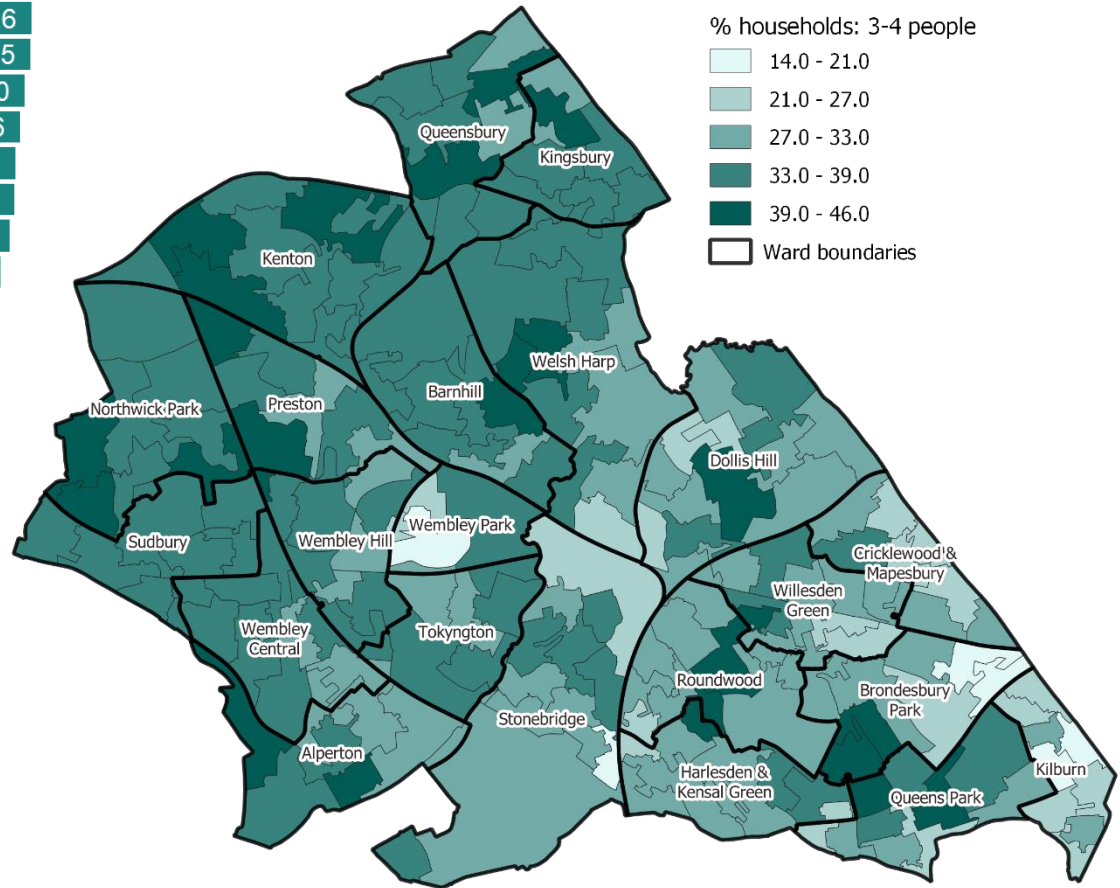
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Ward boundaries



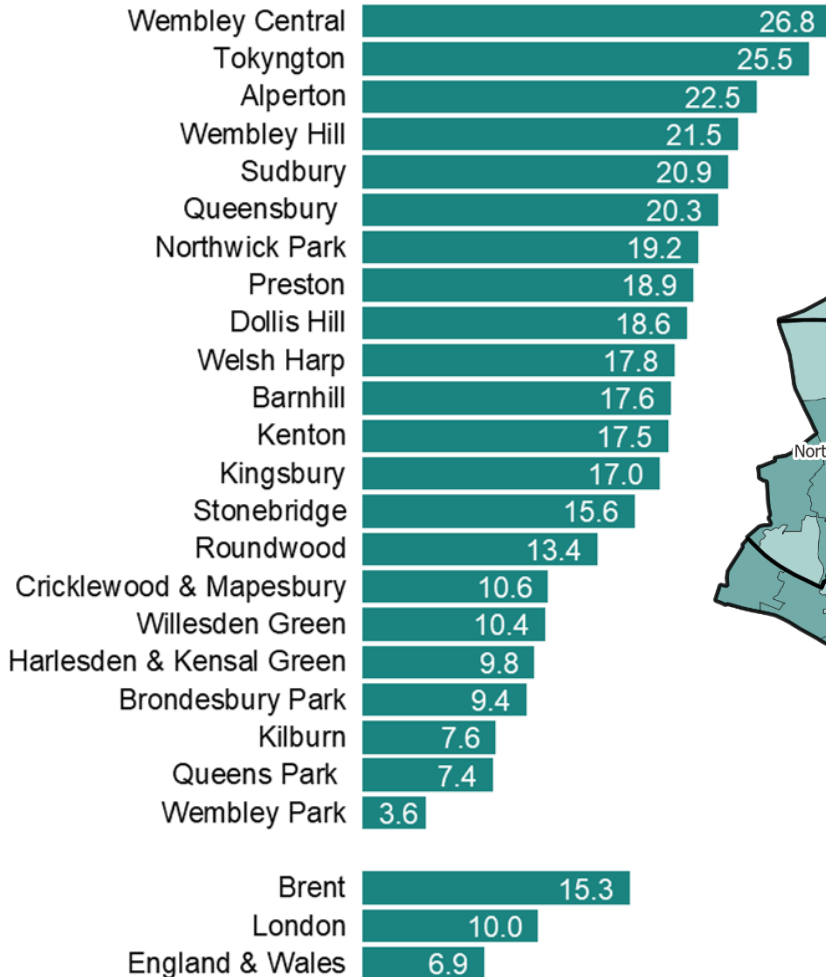
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Household size: 5 or more people

Percentage of households with 5 or more people, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward

■ % of households: 5 or more people in household



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% households: 5 or more people

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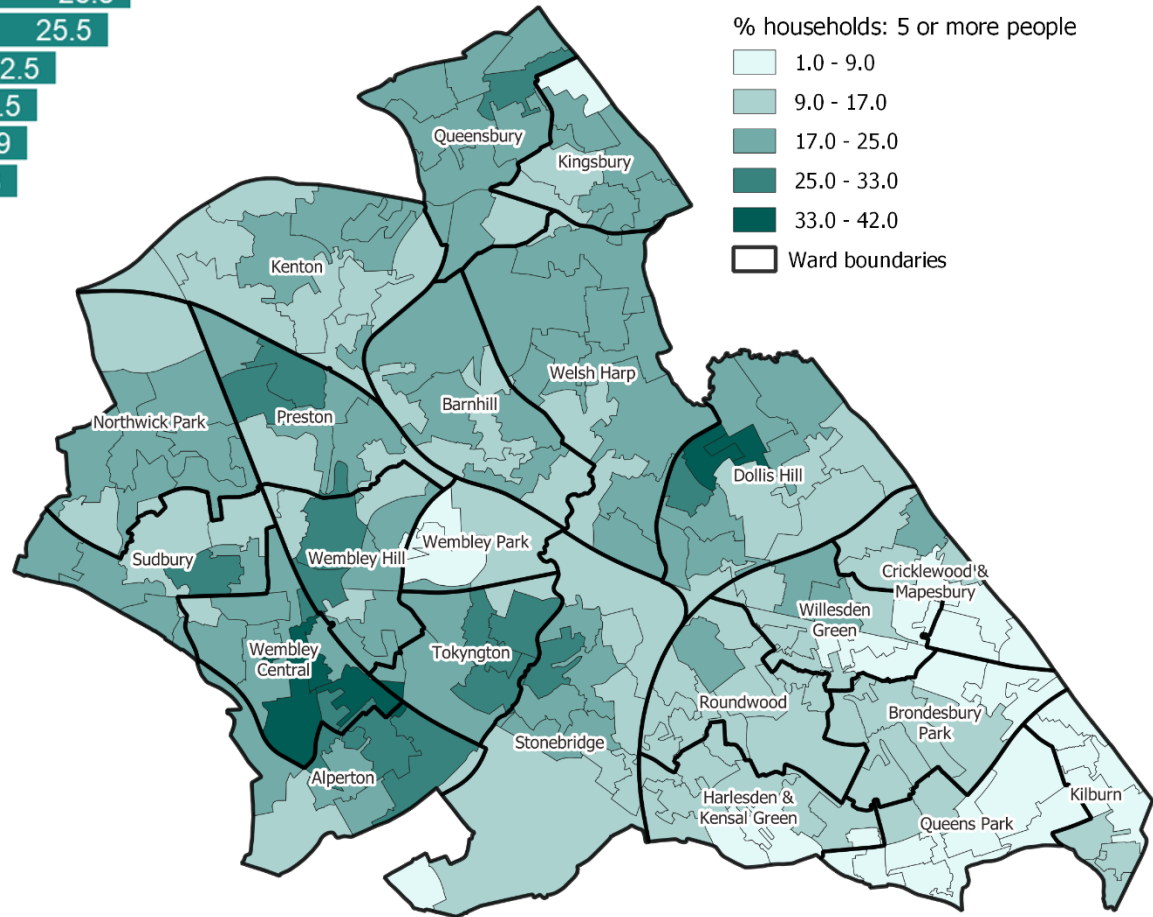
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25.0 - 33.0

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Ward boundaries

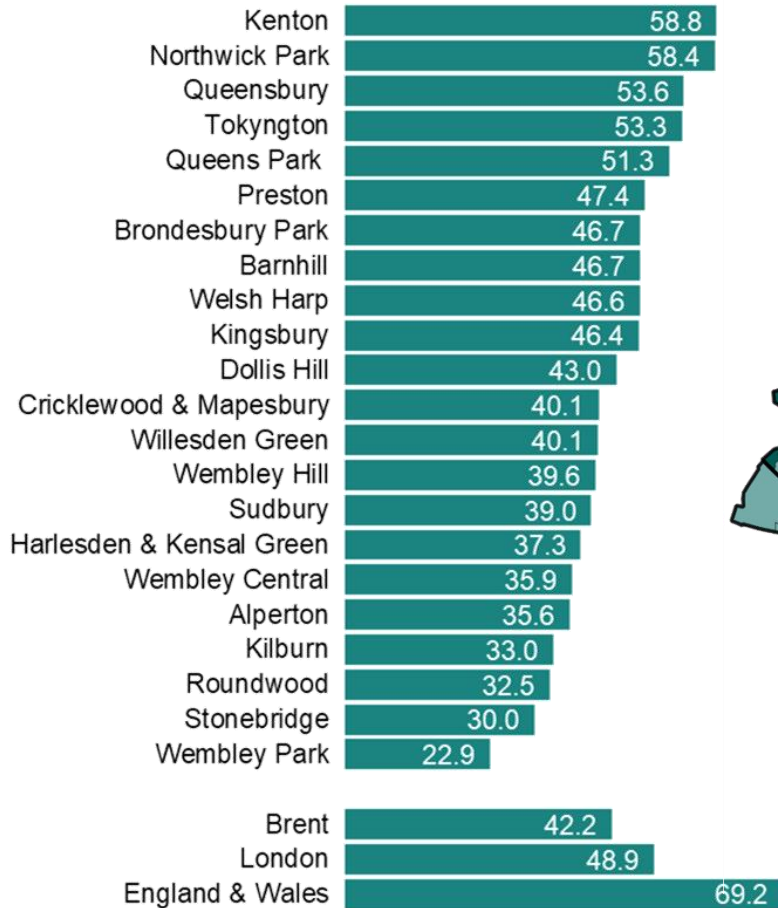


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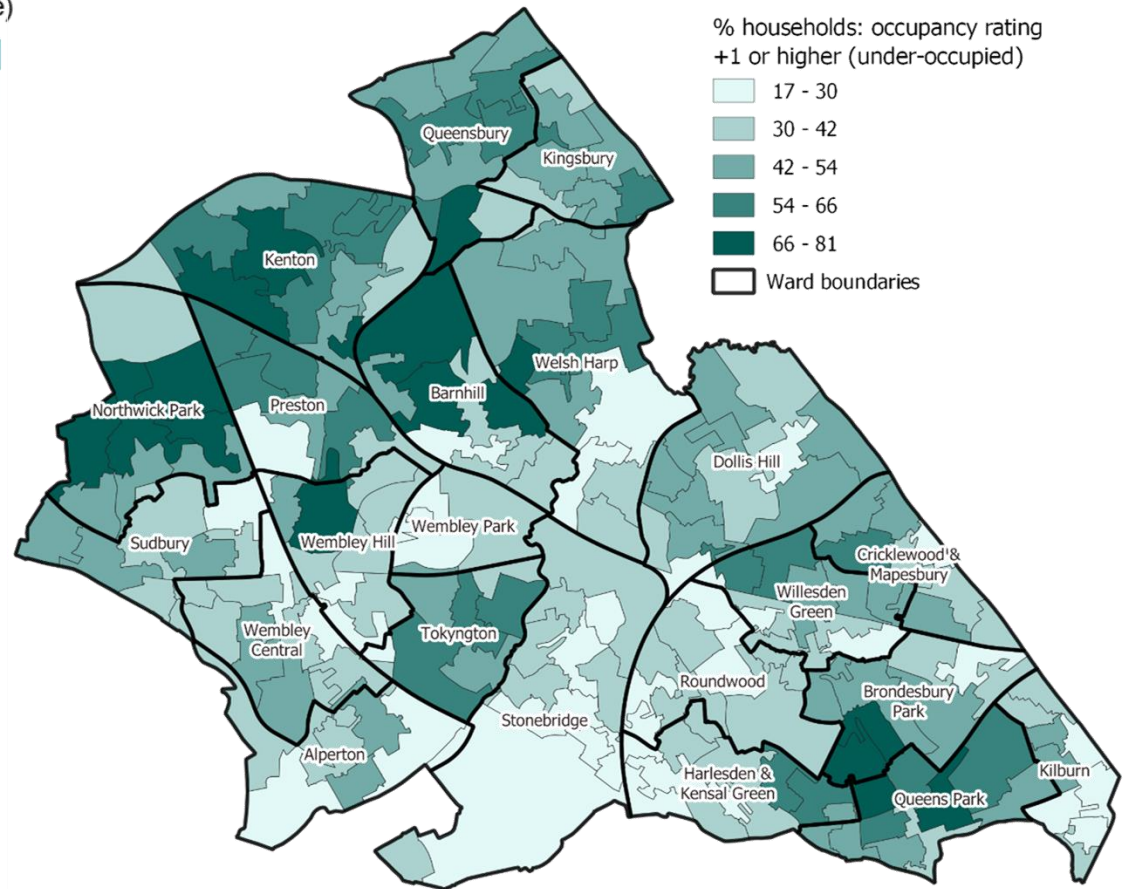
Bedroom occupancy rating: Under-occupied

Percentage of under-occupied households (more bedrooms than required), by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % under-occupied households (Occupancy rating +1,+2 or more)



By lower layer super output area



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Source: Office for National Statistics, 2021 Census (TS052). Note: This rating determines whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded, ideally occupied or under-occupied, based on the [bedroom standard measure](#) (calculated by comparing the number of bedrooms the household requires to the number of available bedrooms).

Bedroom occupancy rating: Required number

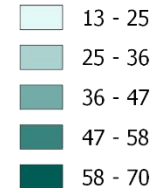
Percentage of households with required number of bedrooms (occupancy rating 0), by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward

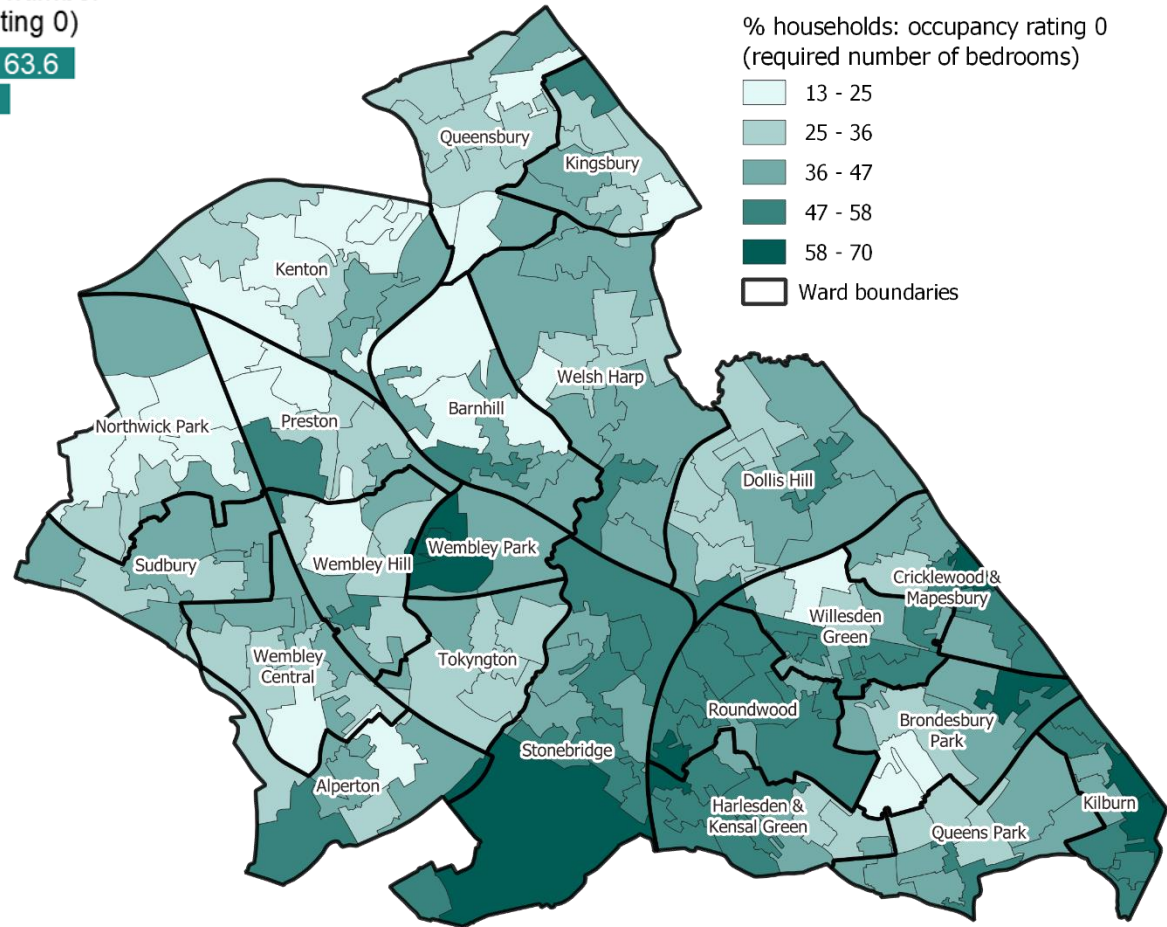
■ % households with required number of bedrooms (Occupancy rating 0)

By lower layer super output area

% households: occupancy rating 0 (required number of bedrooms)



□ Ward boundaries



Wembley Park	63.6
Kilburn	53.9
Stonebridge	48.8
Roundwood	48.7
Harlesden & Kensal Green	47.4
Cricklewood & Mapesbury	46.1
Willesden Green	45.9
Brondesbury Park	42.9
Queens Park	39.7
Dollis Hill	39.6
Alperton	38.1
Sudbury	38.1
Kingsbury	37.7
Wembley Hill	37.1
Welsh Harp	35.6
Barnhill	35.3
Wembley Central	34.3
Preston	33.3
Queensbury	30.3
Northwick Park	28.9
Tokyngton	28.4
Kenton	28.4
Brent	40.9
London	40.0
England & Wales	26.5

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Bedroom occupancy rating: Overcrowded

Percentage of overcrowded households (fewer bedrooms than required), by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % overcrowded households (Occupancy rating -1,-2 or less)

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% households: occupancy rating -1 or less (overcrowded)

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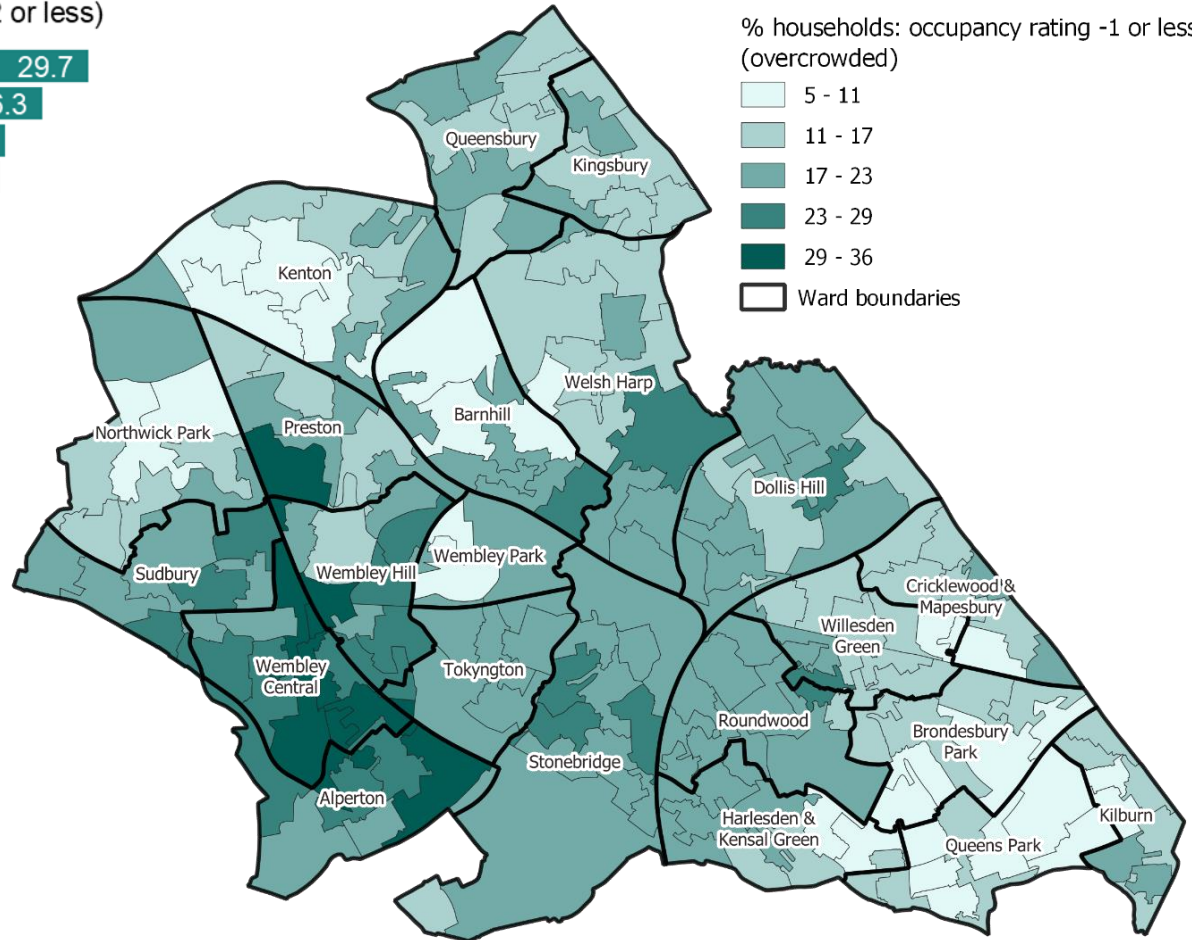
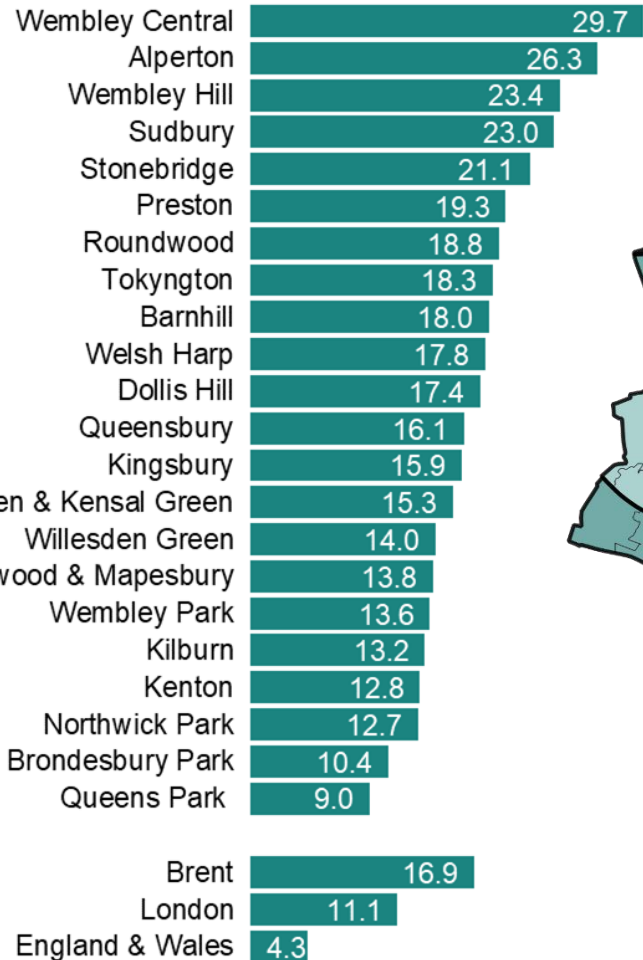
11 - 17

17 - 23

23 - 29

29 - 36

Ward boundaries



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Source: Office for National Statistics, 2021 Census (TS052). Note: This rating determines whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded, ideally occupied or under-occupied, based on the [bedroom standard measure](#) (calculated by comparing the number of bedrooms the household requires to the number of available bedrooms).

Central heating: Gas central heating

Percentage of households with gas central heating, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward

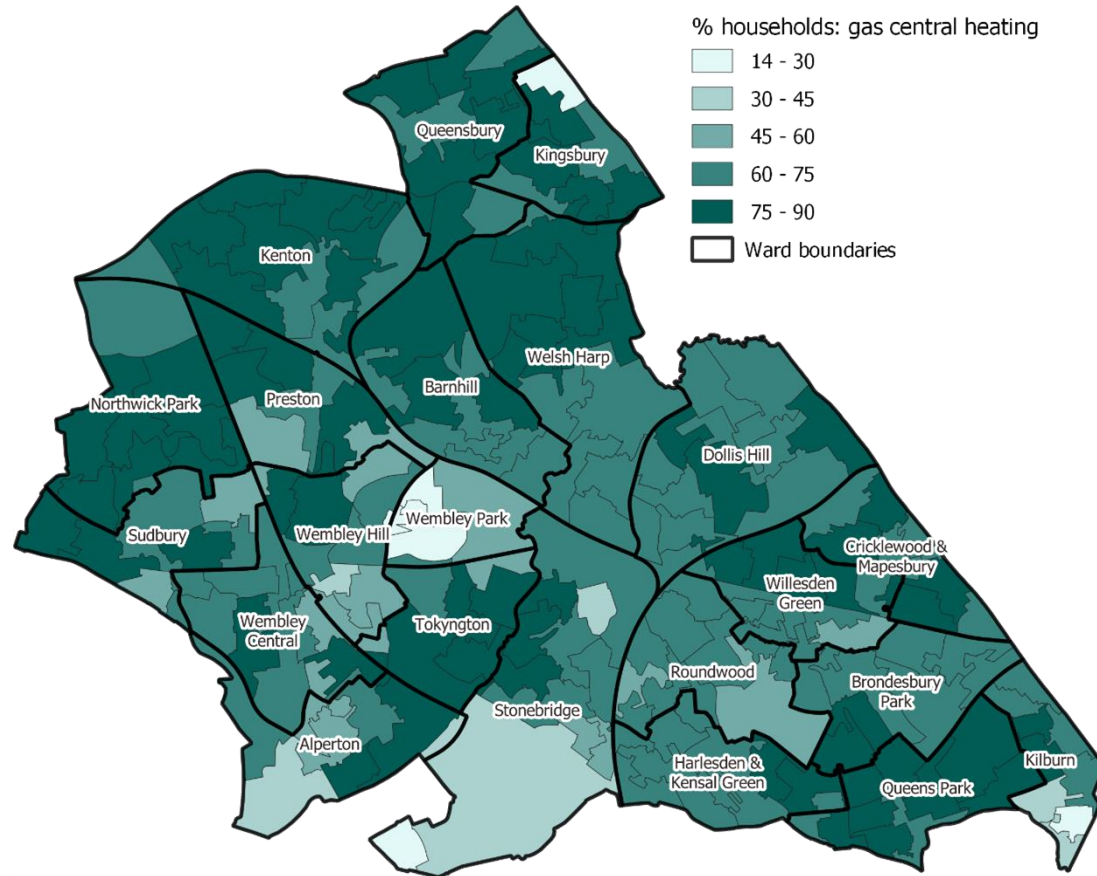
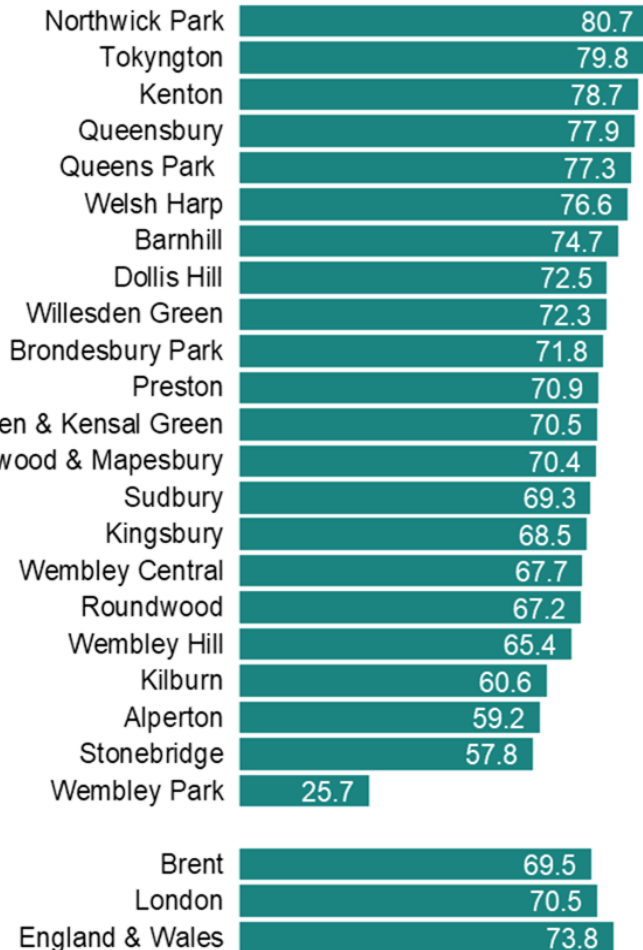
■ % households with mains gas central heating only

By lower layer super output area

% households: gas central heating

- 14 - 30
- 30 - 45
- 45 - 60
- 60 - 75
- 75 - 90

□ Ward boundaries

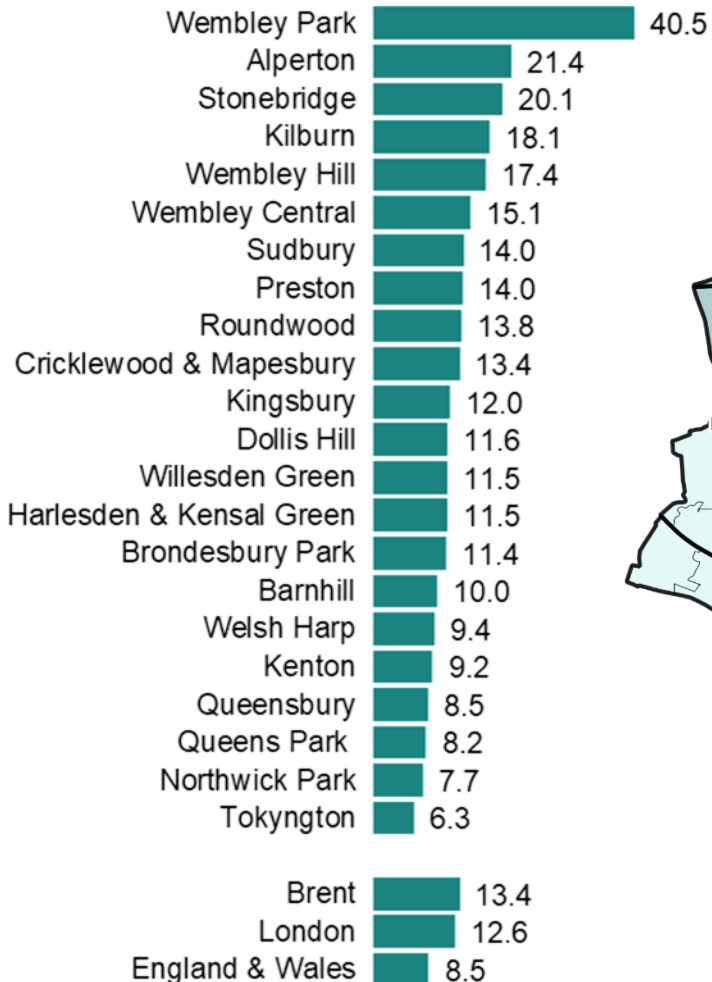


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Central heating: Electric central heating

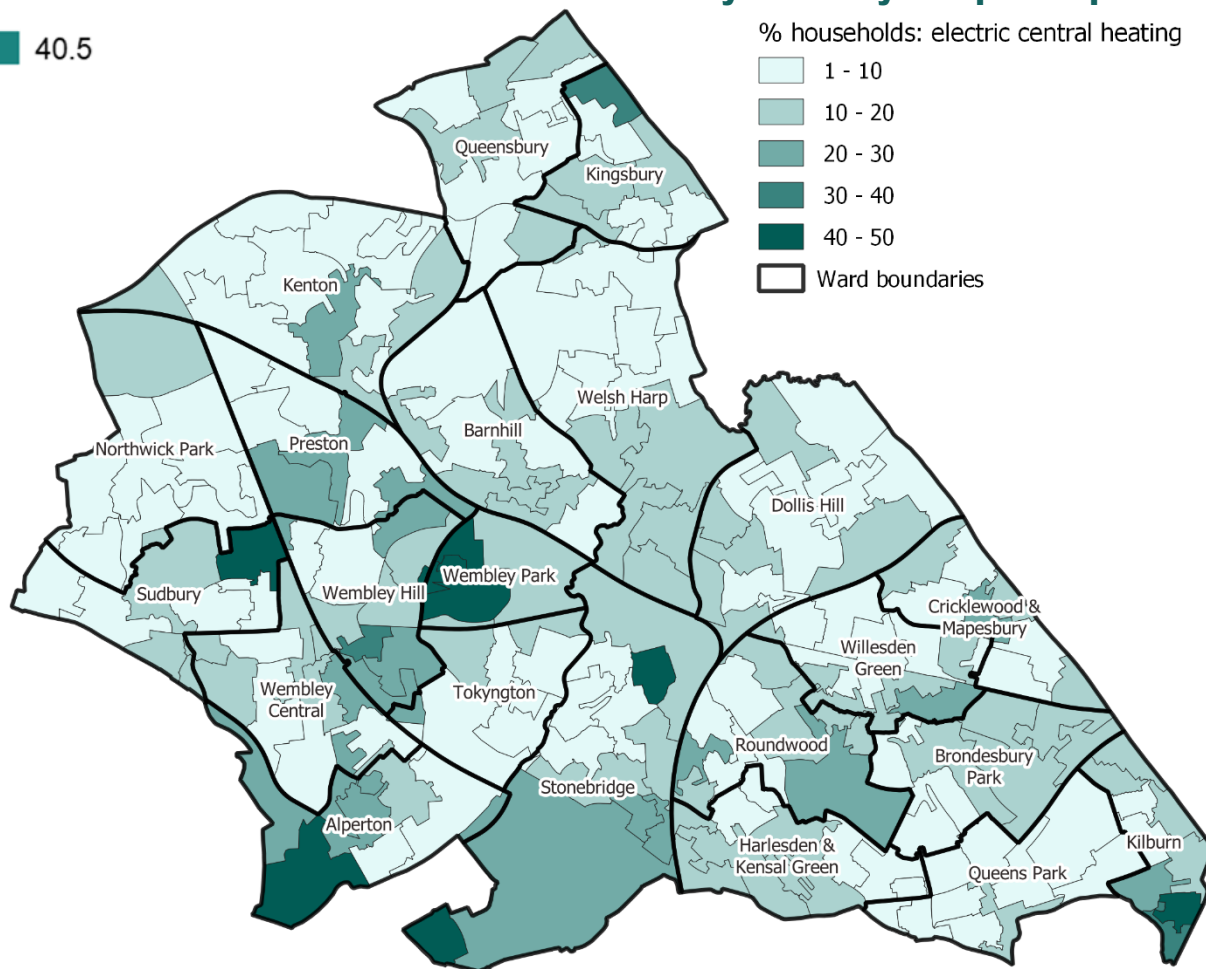
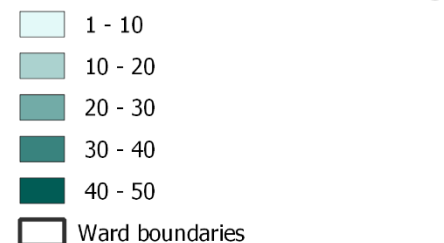
Percentage of households with electric central heating, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

By ward ■ % households with electric central heating only



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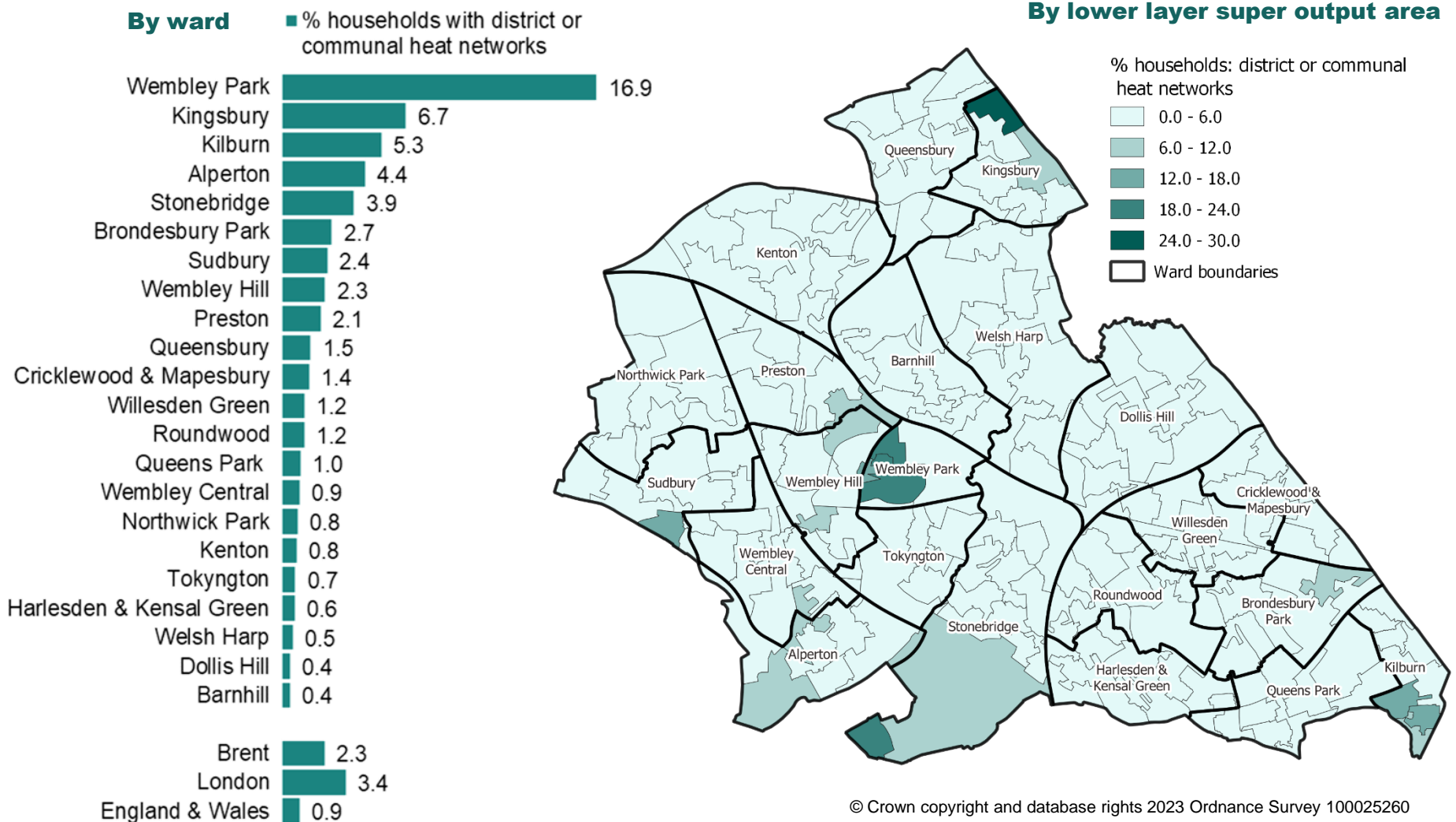
% households: electric central heating



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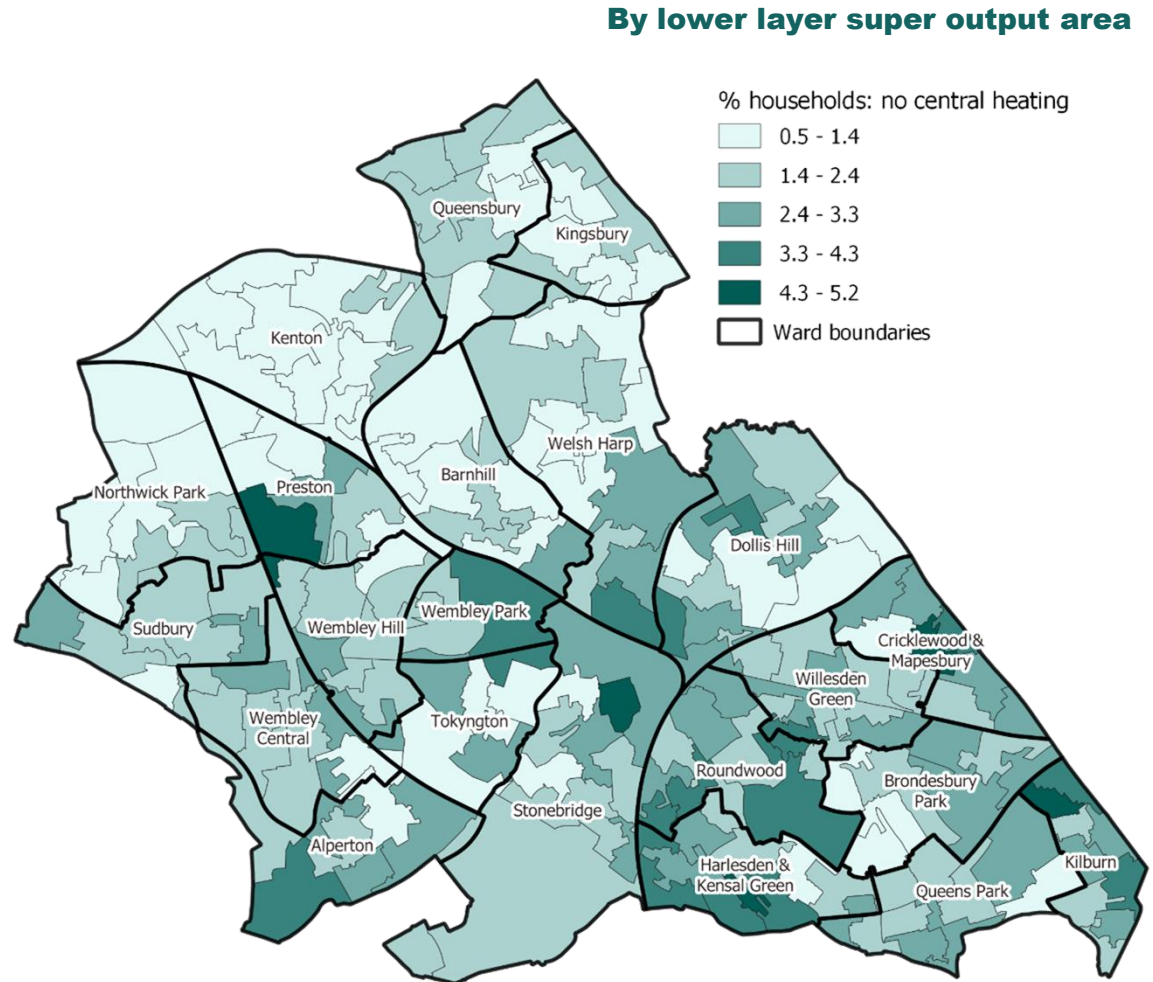
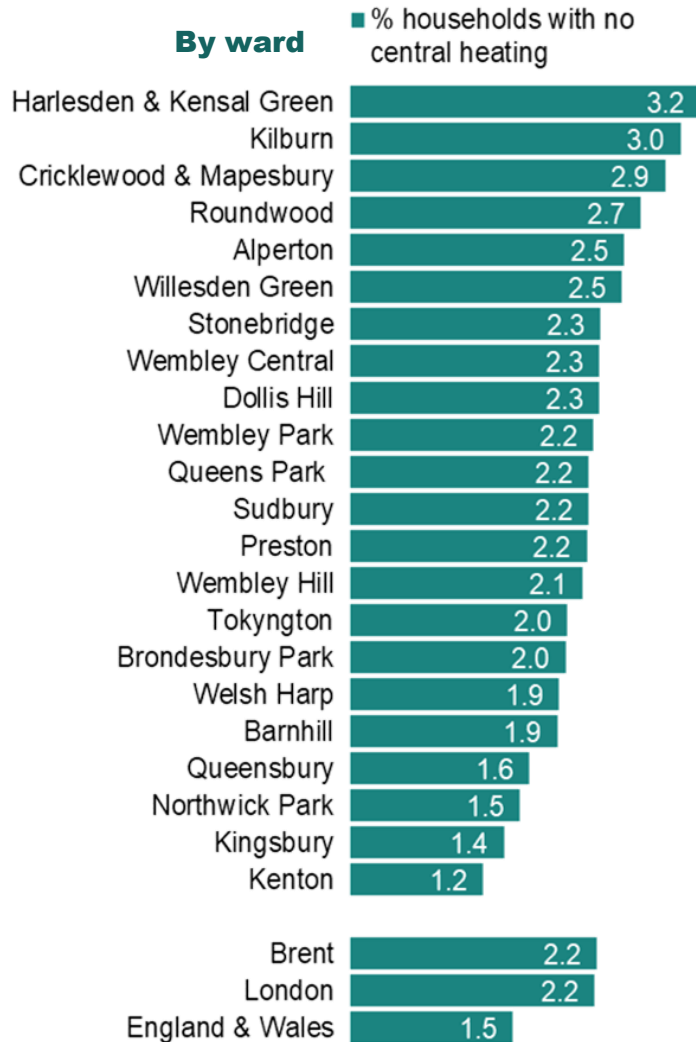
Central heating: District/communal heat networks

Percentage of households with district/communal heat networks, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021



Central heating: No central heating

Percentage of households with no central heating, by ward and LSOA, Brent, 2021

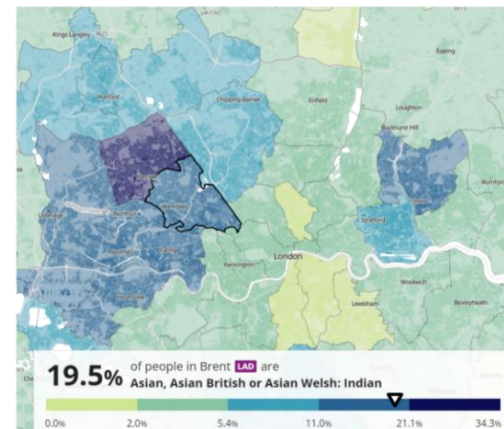


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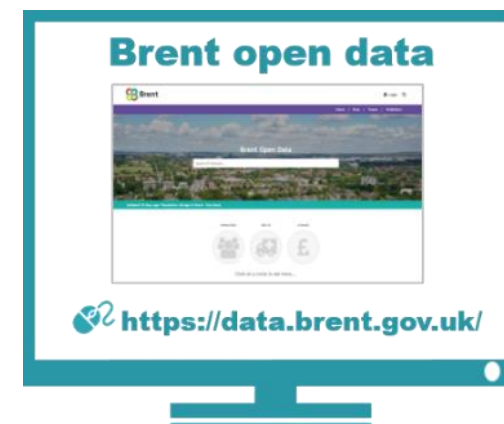
Further information

- **Data tables:** A set of data tables have been produced to accompany this report. These have been made available in spreadsheet format on the council's open data [site](#).
- **Related topic report:** This atlas is a reference report designed to complement the census topic report on [housing](#), which provides borough-level analysis about the housing circumstances of those living in Brent. This provides more details about all the indicators in this report.
- **ONS mapping tool:** The Office for National Statistics has produced an interactive [mapping tool](#) which allows exploration of census data across all local authority areas, and small areas, in England & Wales. This goes down to output area level (neighbourhood level).
- **Brent insight:** For more census facts about Brent please see the [Census page](#) on the Council's [Brent Open Data](#) website.
- **Contact:** This report was produced by Brent Council's Data and Insight team. For more information please email the team at: open.data@brent.gov.uk

ONS mapping tool



<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps>



Glossary of terms used

Term	Definition
Accommodation type	The type of building or structure used or available for use by one or more household spaces. This could be: the whole house or bungalow, a flat, maisonette or apartment; or a temporary or mobile structure, such as a caravan. There are three types of whole houses or bungalows: detached, semi-detached, or terraced.
Central heating	Central heating is a heating system used to heat multiple rooms in a building by circulating air or heated water through pipes to radiators or vents. Single or multiple fuel sources can fuel these systems. Central heating systems that are unused or not working are still considered.
Household	A household is defined as one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room, or dining area
Household size	The number of people living in the household. For this report, average household size figures have been calculated as the number of usual residents living in households (i.e. excluding those in communal establishments) divided by the number of households.
Occupancy rating for bedrooms	This rating determines whether a household's accommodation is overcrowded, ideally occupied or under-occupied, based on the bedroom standard measure. This is calculated by comparing the number of bedrooms the household requires to the number of available bedrooms.
Tenure	Whether a household owns or rents the accommodation that it occupies. Owner-occupied accommodation can be: owned outright, owned with a mortgage or loan, or part owned (via shared ownership). Rented accommodation can be: rented through a private landlord or letting agent, social rented through a local council or housing association. 'Living rent free' is where the household does not own the accommodation and does not pay rent to live there (e.g. living in a relative or friend's property or live-in carers or nannies). Tenure information is not available for unoccupied dwellings/household spaces.