

# Alperton Diversity Profile

Our population

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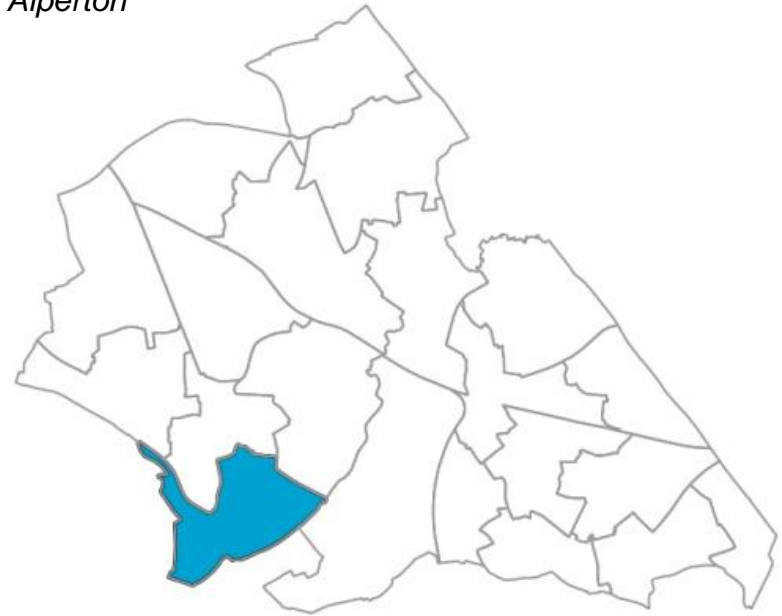
# Introduction

We are proud that Brent is one of the most diverse boroughs in the UK. To work effectively in such a diverse setting, we need a good understanding of all our communities.

The equality characteristics have an important influence on the changing identities and needs of local people. This is part of a series of profiles that provide an overview of the diversity of our service users and residents. They will be used to:

- ensure best quality services that are appropriate for our local communities
- identify any gaps in service use or outcomes
- demonstrate where our services are working effectively
- check who could be affected by changes to policies or services
- measure the effects of the council's decisions on local people.

*Alperton*



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# Data notes

These diversity profiles bring together information from the 2011 Census and other data sources about the demographic, social and economic characteristics of the local population across the borough, including:

- age
- sex
- disability and health
- ethnicity
- religion or belief
- income status.

We benchmark census data for Brent against England and Wales, London, Inner London and Outer London and data from other sources against London and Great Britain. There may be differences between 2011 Census data and data more recently collected by service areas.



# Executive summary

The 2011 census showed that:

- The population of Alperton increased by 1,697 persons, or 13.8%, from 12,320 in 2001 to 14,017 in 2011
- The number of households decreased by 1.0% resulting in an increase of household size to 3.4 persons
- The number of 0-4 year olds increased by 14.2% from 790 in 2001 to 902 in 2011
- Alperton had the 2nd largest black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) proportion in Brent 81.7%, with an Asian population of 64.6%
- 33.2% of the ward's residents were born in the UK. 60.5% had a UK passport
- 90.5% of Alperton's residents have a religion, the second highest proportion of all wards in Brent.

Other data sources tell us that:

- the median household income in Alperton is one of the lowest in Brent at £26,312.

The census did not include information about sexual orientation and gender reassignment. Stonewall estimates that lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) people make up 5-7% of the UK population. The Gender Identity Research and Education Society estimates that 1% of the UK population experience gender variance and 0.02% of the UK population will undergo gender transition.

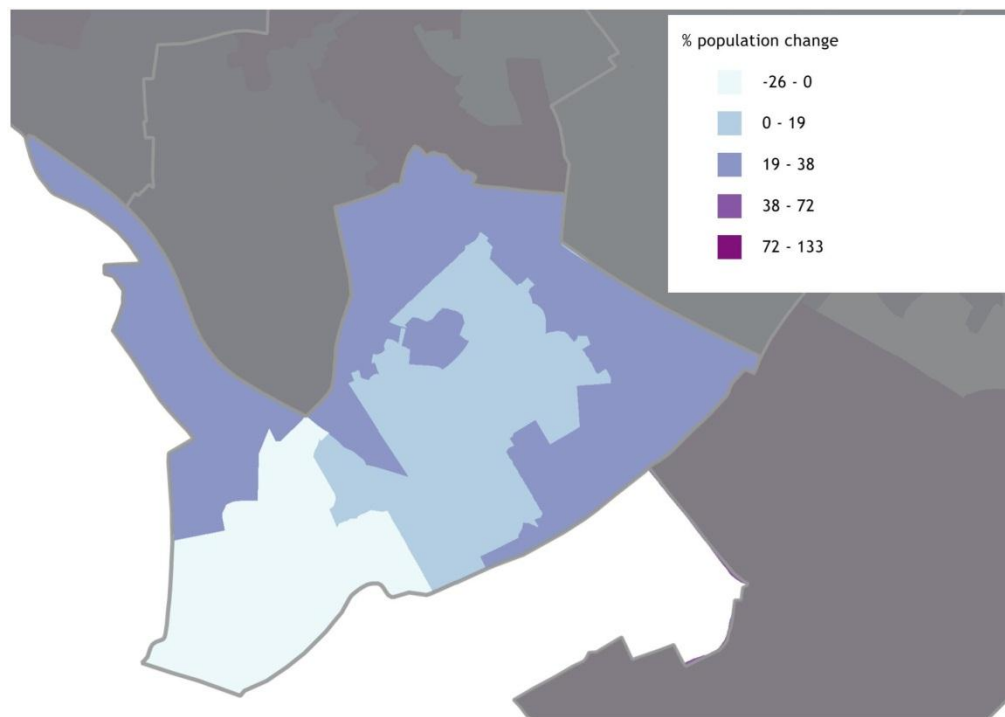
# Population

The population of Alperton increased by 1,697 persons, or 13.8%, from 12,320 in 2001 to 14,017 in 2011.

The population growth was not uniform across the ward, some Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) experienced a small decrease of -3.8%, others a growth of 34.6%.

LSOAs are areas built up from groups of Census Output Areas with the intention of being consistent and comparable over census periods. There are 32,844 LSOAs in England and Wales, and 173 in Brent.

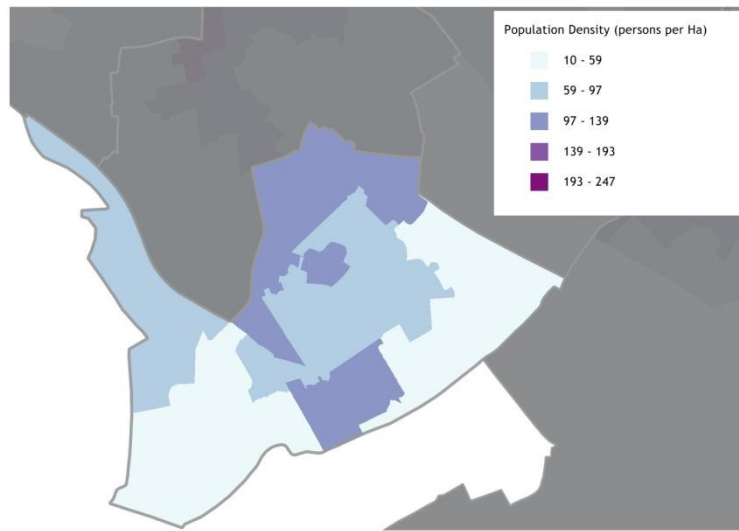
*Percentage change in population from 2001 by LSOA*



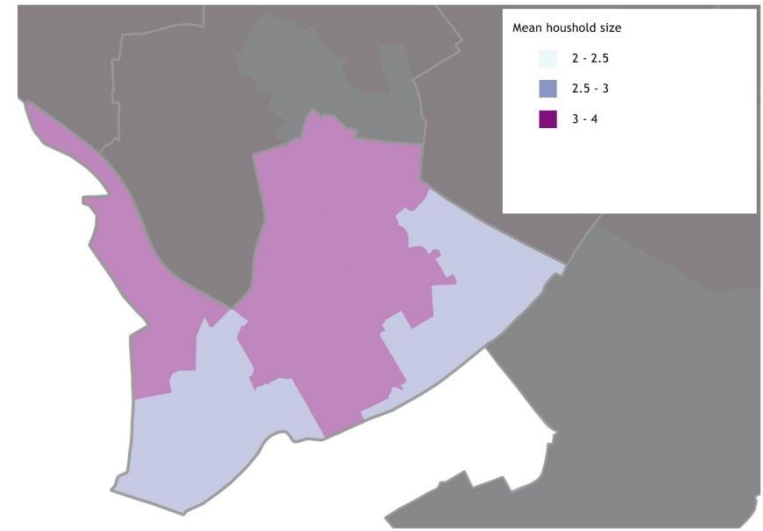
# Population

The population density of 68.1 persons per ha is slightly lower than the population density for Brent of 72 persons per ha. Within Alperton the population density varies from 31 to 118 persons per ha.

The number of households in Alperton decreased by 1.0% to 4,156 from 4,199 in 2001, resulting in an increase in mean household size to 3.4 persons in 2011 from 2.9 persons in 2001. Across the ward, the mean household size varied from 2.6 to 4.0 persons.



*Population density (persons per hectare) by LSOA*



*Mean household size by LSOA*

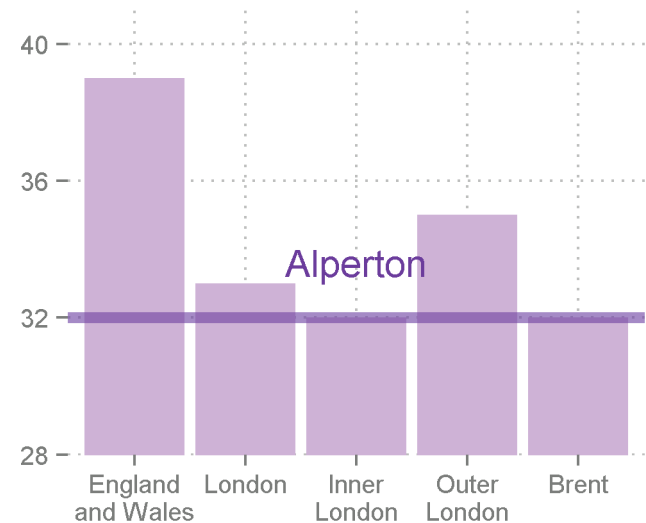
# Age

The census showed that whilst a fifth of the population was under 18 and 1 in 10 were aged 65 and over, Alperton had a large working age (16 to 64) population, 71.4% compared to 69.2% for Brent.

The age profile of Alperton's population is similar to that of Brent, with the exception of a larger 45 to 54 year age group.

The median age 32, was the same as Brent.

*Median age for Alperton, Brent, London and England and Wales*



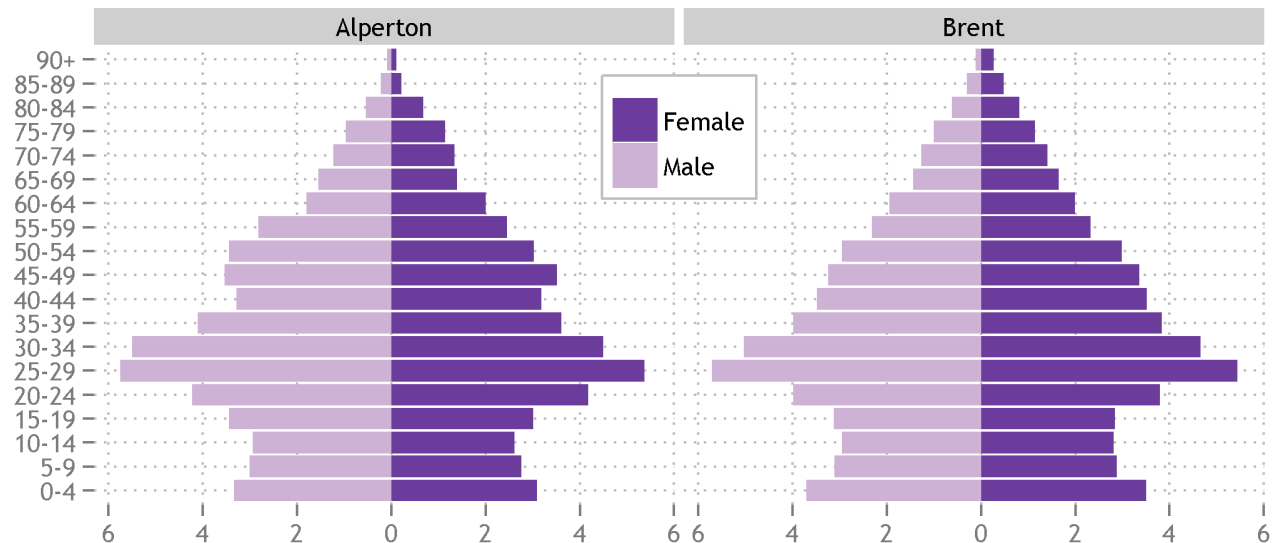
# Sex

Men made up just over half the population of Alperton: 7,265 people in Alperton were men and 6,752 were women.

There were 255 more men than women aged 30 to 44 years old and 118 more men than women aged 45 to 59 years old.

Alperton's population aged 65 and over had slightly more women than men: 684 women and 644 men. Alperton's population aged between 75 and 84 had 43 more women than men.

*Population pyramid by 5 year age bands for Alperton and Brent 2011*





# Disability

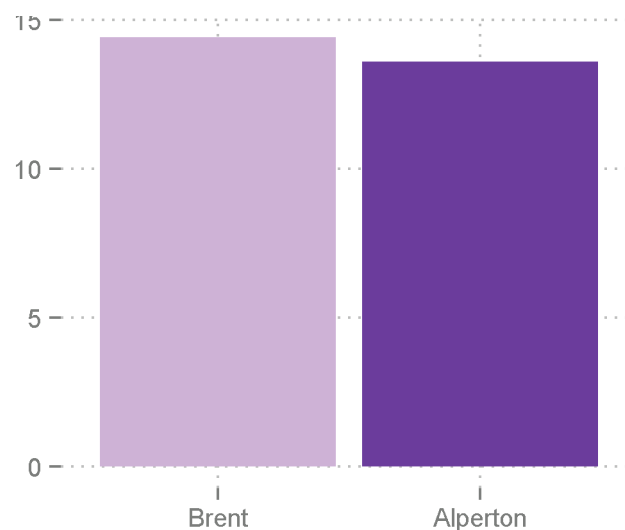
The proportion of residents who felt that they had good health increased from 72.1% in 2001 to 83.6% in 2011.

In November 2013, 0.8% (70 people) Alperton residents of working age - aged 16 to 64 - were claiming disability benefits (Nomis). This rate was the same as Brent, but lower than the rate for London, 0.9%.

In the census, 1 in 7 (13.6%) Alperton residents considered that their health had a limiting impact on their day to day activities. This is slightly lower than the rate for Brent 14.5%.

5.9% of residents felt their day to day activities were limited a lot and 7.7% of residents felt their day to day activities were limited a little.

*Percentage of residents that felt their day to day activities were limited a little or limited a lot*

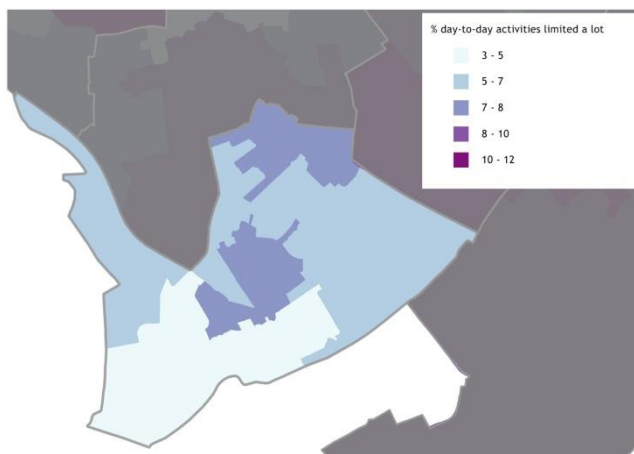


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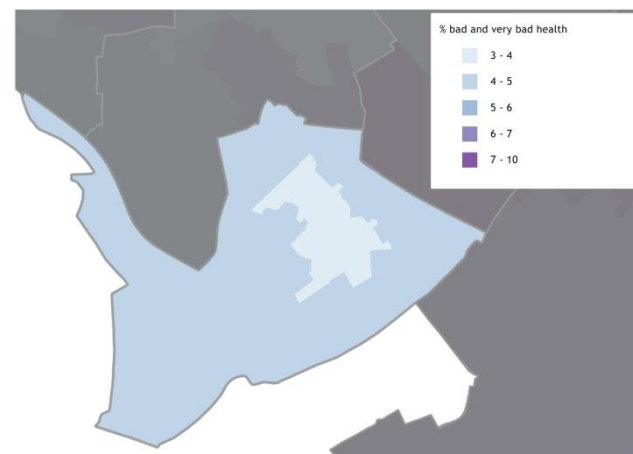
Fewer residents in Alperton felt that their day to day activities were limited a lot than in Brent: 5.9% compared to 7.0%. Across the ward, the rate varied from 4.5 to 7.0%.

Again fewer residents of Alperton felt that they had bad or very bad health than in Brent: 4.4% compared to 5.4%. Across the ward, the rate varied from 3.7 to 4.8%.

*Percentage day to day activities limited by health a lot by ward*



*Percentage residents with bad health by ward*



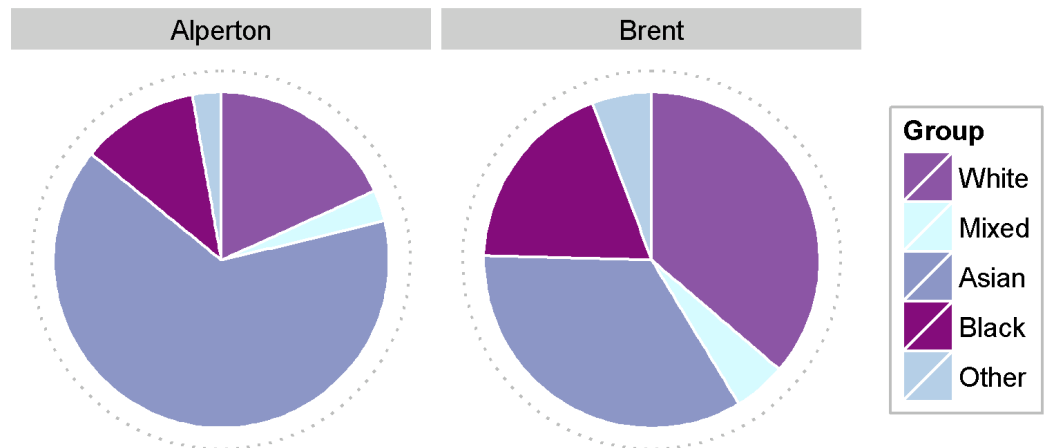
# Ethnicity

In the 2011 Census, 81.7% of the population of Alperton were from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds compared to 63.7% in Brent as a whole. By contrast, 14% of people in England and Wales and 40% of people in London were BAME.

The largest ethnic group in Alperton were Asian: Indian or British Indian people, 42.0% of Alperton's population compared to 18.6% of Brent's population. The White: English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British population at 7.1% was less than half the percentage for Brent 18.0%.

Alperton had a higher proportion of the following ethnic groups than Brent: Asian Sri Lankan 7.7%, Asian Nepalese 3.2%, Asian Tamil 1.4%, and White Polish people 4.5%. As well as the above White group, Alperton had a far lower proportion of the following ethnic groups than Brent: Black African people 3.0%, White Irish people 1.5%. 0.1% of Alperton's population were White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller which was on par with Brent, London and national figures.

*Ethnicity by main ethnic group for Alperton and Brent*

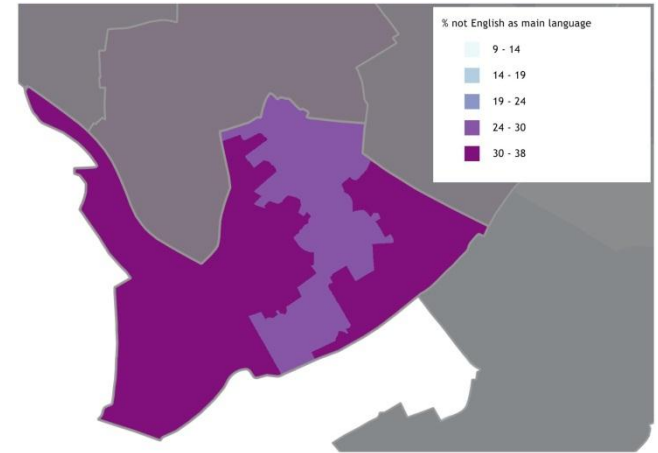


# Language

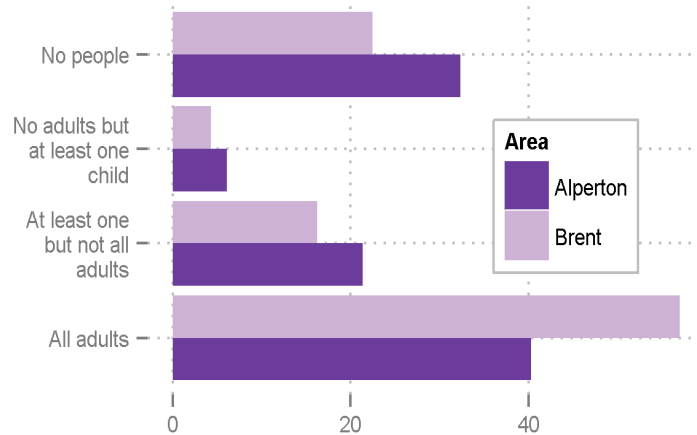
A 2011 school census found that 149 languages were spoken in Brent. The national census showed that English was the main language in 67.7% of Alperton households.

The proportion of households in Alperton where no one was able to speak English was 2.5% compared to 1.3% across Brent.

*Percentage households without English as a main language*



*Percentage households unable to speak English*



# Religion or Belief

More people, as a percentage of the population, in Alperton had a religion than any other ward in Brent: only 1 in 20 Alperton residents stated that they had no religion, compared to 1 in 10 people in Brent.

The largest religious groups in Alperton were:

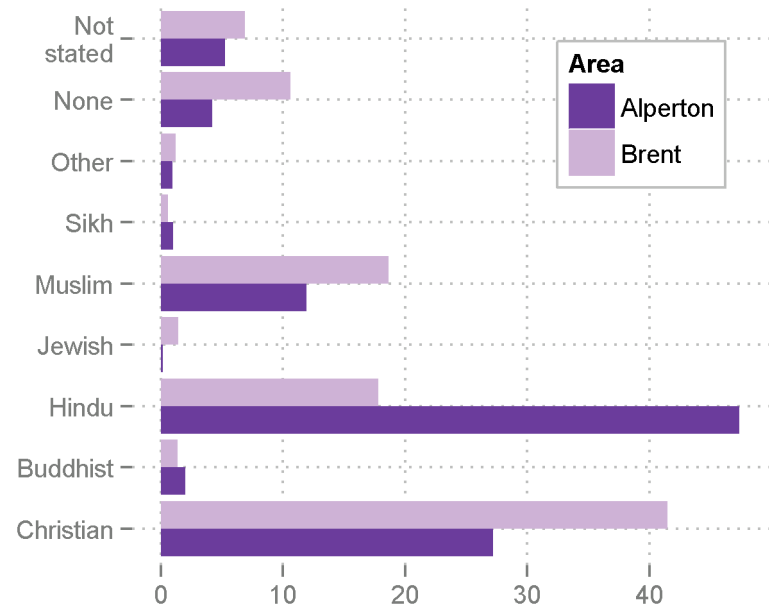
- Hindu (47.4% compared to 17.8% in Brent)
- Christian (27.2% compared to 41.0% in Brent)
- Muslim (12.0% compared to 18.6% in Brent).

The biggest changes to religious groups in Alperton were:

- 79% decrease to the proportion of Jewish people
- 60% increase to the proportion of Buddhist people
- 45% increase to the proportion of Hindu people.

87 people stated that they were Jain and 140 people stated that they were Sikh.

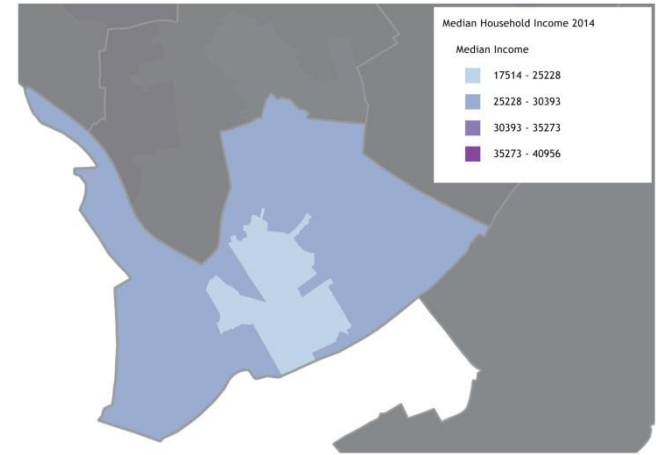
*Percentage by religion in Alperton and Brent*



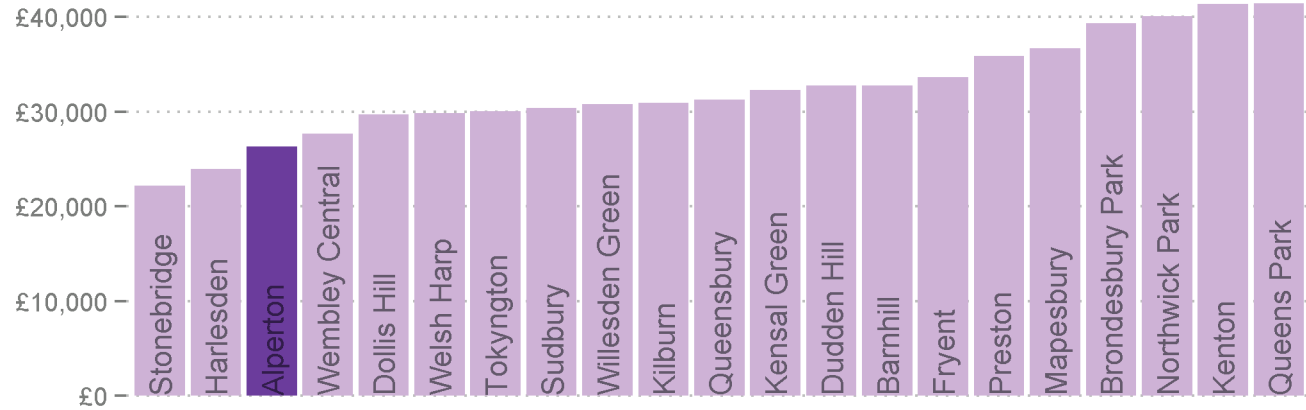
# Income

In 2014, the median household income in Alperton is £26,312, lower than the £31,601 value for Brent. Within Brent, Alperton ranks as the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest ward in terms of median household income.

Median household income varies within the ward by £4,702, from £23,962 to £28,702.



*Median household income (CACI 2014)*



# Equality analysis guidance

When officers are performing equality analysis, we suggest they use the information in these diversity profiles to help answer the following questions:

- What differences are there between the diversity profile of your customers and the local area? Are people with some equality characteristics under or over represented?
- Who is likely to be affected by any changes to your policies, strategies and services?
- How can you ensure that consultation and engagement exercises reach all relevant stakeholders and communities including potential service users?
- Would projects and services that worked well elsewhere need to be tailored for our diverse local communities?

Remember to think about the needs of all local people, including smaller groups such as the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, Gypsies and Travellers, Eastern European and white working class people.

If officers have any further questions, please contact the Equality Team on [equality@brent.gov.uk](mailto:equality@brent.gov.uk).