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The Office for National Statistics (ONS) today released the first outputs from the 2011 Census, giving a total population figure for Lewisham at 275,900 (as of Census day, 27 March 2011). This means that Lewisham is the fourth largest Inner London borough in terms of population size and the 12th largest in Greater London

Additionally the full release provides Local Authorities with the following figures:

- population breakdown by gender and five year age band¹
- number of households with at least one usual resident
- number of residents living in a communal establishment²
- number of non-UK short-term residents by gender³

The 2011 Census response rate for Lewisham was 88%, this is an increase of 7% compared to 2001.

The total population figure of 275,900 is a 3.5% increase on the 2010 ONS Mid Year Population Estimate for Lewisham. It is also a 10.8% increase on the 2001 Census population. London's total population figure according to the 2011 Census is 8,173,900 a 14.0% increase since 2001.

Table 1: 2011 Census Population Compared to Previous Releases

	<i>2011 Census</i>	<i>2010 Mid Year Estimates</i>	<i>2001 Census</i>
Lewisham	275,900	266,500	248,922
London	8,173,900	7,825,177	7,172,090

¹ For England and Wales population by single year of age has also been made available.

² A communal establishment resident is a person living in managed residential accommodation who has lived, or intends to live there for six months

³ A non-UK Short-term resident is defined as those stating their intention to stay in the country is between three and 12 months.



Table 2: 2011 Census Population by Age and Gender for Lewisham

	<i>All ages</i>	<i>Children & Young People 0-19</i>	<i>Working age adults 20-64</i>	<i>Older people 65 and over</i>
Male	135,000	35,600	88,100	11,200
Female	140,900	34,500	91,600	15,000

Table 2 shows the borough's population by broad age band. The proportion of Lewisham's population aged 0-19 at 25.4% is slightly higher than the England average of 24.0%. However, those aged 0-4 make up 8.0% of Lewisham's population but only 6.3% of England's. The borough is home to more than 5,000 more female residents than males, however this gender gap is actually a reduction compared to 2001 where there were almost 9,000 more females. This gender balance is predominantly comprised of those 65 and over.

Table 3: 2011 Census Population by Broad Age Group for Lewisham Compared to Previous Releases

	<i>2011 Census</i>	<i>2010 Mid Year Estimates</i>	<i>2001 Census</i>
All ages	275,900	266,500	248,922
Children & Young People 0-19	70,100	65,200	63,961
Working age adults 20- 64	179,800	176,500	157,604
Older people 65 and over	26,200	24,800	27,361

Table 3 illustrates the biggest growth has been seen in the number of younger people since the 2010 Mid Year Estimates. The older population is actually lower in 2011 than 2001, despite an overall increase in total population, however this latest figure is higher than the estimate given for mid-2010.

Table 4: Total Number of Households

	<i>2011 Census</i>	<i>2001 Census</i>
Lewisham	116,100	107,396
London	3,266,200	3,015,997

The number of households within the borough has grown by 8,704 since 2001. This represents a 8.1% increase.



Table 5: Short-term migrants in Lewisham

<i>All non-UK short-term migrants</i>	<i>Male non-UK short-term migrants</i>	<i>Female non-UK short-term migrants</i>
1,300	500	800

Apart from the City of London, Lewisham has the lowest number of short-term migrants in any Inner London authority. Please note this question was not asked in the 2001 Census.

Table 6: Residents living in communal establishments in Lewisham

	<i>2011 Census</i>	<i>2001 Census</i>
Number of residents living in communal establishments	2,500	2,369
% of residents living in communal establishments	0.9%	1.0%

The number of residents living in communal establishments within the borough has remained fairly constant since 2001.

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Data for all Lewisham and all London Boroughs by gender and five year age band is available on Sharepoint via the following link:

<http://team/sites/cpg/PPU/SRP/KSRD/2011%20Census/All%20Population.xls>