Appendix 3 – City of London children and young people data

Numbers of children and young people living in the City of London

Census 2021 data shows there are 1,727 children and young people aged 0-24 in the City of London, of which 762 are 0-19-years-old. Breakdown:

- 213 are aged 4 years and under
- 159 are aged 5 to 9 years
- 206 are aged 10-15 years
- 184 are aged 16-19 years
- 965 are aged 20-24 years

Census 2021 data also provides analysis by lower-layer super output area. This includes:

Area	Age groups				
	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-19	20-24
Area that includes the Barbican estate	33	24	29	24	100
Area that includes the Golden Lane estate	39	32	36	18	96
Area that includes Middlesex Street near Aldgate	52	45	44	79	118

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

At the end of June 2026, there were:

- 25 children and young people with Education Health and Care Plans living in the City of London
- 44 children and young people receiving special education needs (SEN) support in their schools

Births

Census 2021 data shows that in January to December 2024, the City Corporation had the lowest total fertility rate (0.32) compared with all local authorities in England. This has been the case since 2021. In 2025, NHS Digital reported approximately 69 live births for City of London residents, up from 45 in the previous year. Since 2023, 0 still births have been recorded.

Ethnicity

The Census 2021 records show that the City of London resident population is predominantly white. The largest minority ethnic groups of children and young people in the area are Asian/Bangladeshi and Mixed – Asian and White. The City of London has a relatively small Black population, less than London and England and Wales. Children and young people from global majority groups account for 41.71%

of all children living in the area, compared with 21.11% nationally. White British residents comprise 57.5% of the total population, followed by White-Other at 19%.

A health needs assessment for the population aged 0-25 for the City of London and Hackney (2022) highlights:

- ‘The City of London has…higher levels of ethnic diversity in Portsoken ward, including a large Bangladeshi community, and the remainder of the City less diverse. There is also a notable higher proportion of children and young people coming from white non-British backgrounds in the City of London compared to Hackney and London.’

Sex

Census 2021 data showed that the City of London population comprised of 4,722 males and 3,861 females (55% and 44% respectively).

Socio-economic background

The City and Hackney health and wellbeing profile states that 12% of the City of London’s children live in low-income households. A health needs assessment for the population aged 0-25 for the City of London and Hackney (2022) highlights:

- the City of London’s ‘intense pockets of deprivation’
- ‘several factors contribute to the likelihood of a child in London to be living in poverty. These include being from an ethnic minority (other than white) background, having a large family and living in a single-parent family. A child born into poverty is more likely to have a low birthweight, do worse at school and to have poor physical and mental health in the long term.’