

Young people in London



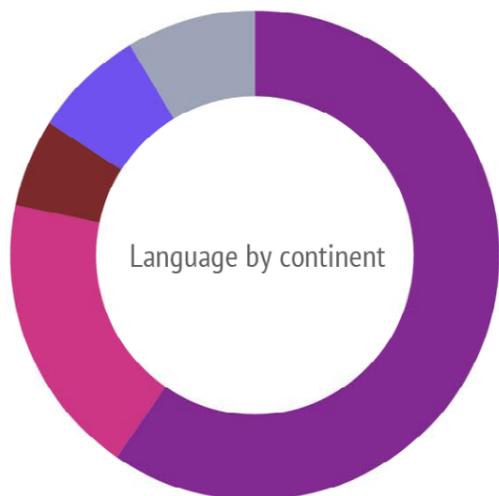
In 2013, London had **1,413,332** young people under-25 years old

The average age of a Londoner is



Education

Main languages spoken by pupils in London by continent



- English** 60.5% of pupils spoke English
- Asia** 18.4% spoke a Asian language, the highest being Bengali at 4.2%
- Africa** 6.6% spoke a African language, the highest being Somali at 2.4%
- Europe** 5% spoke a European language, the highest being Somali at 2.4%
- Other** 6.6% spoke other languages

47% of 16-year olds entitled free school meals fail to get five 'good' GCSEs

In 9 boroughs over 40% of schools were at or above capacity and all of them were in Outer London.

Health

Just 55% of London's children are physically active



Level of development at age five is a crucial indicator of how a child's life will unfold. Today just 53% of London's five-year-olds reach a good level of development



Almost 25% of children in reception, and more than 33% of children in Year 6 are overweight or obese



Under-16s totalled 1,945, 4.8% across the group

In 2011-13 there were 10,356 under-18s pregnancies, 25.5% rate across the group



In under-18s, 62% led to an abortion

In 2011, 69% of under-16 pregnancies led to an abortion



31% of London school pupils aged 11-15 had drunk alcohol, and the weekly amount consumed by young people in the capital was 9.4 units a week

In 2009/10 there were 2,286 alcohol-related calls-outs involving under 18 year olds for three ambulance services in London

On average the mean number of teeth, missing decayed or filled in 5 year-olds in London was 1.66 (1.47 average in England)

An average of 67 children starts smoking everyday in London

Mental Health



1 in 10 people aged 5-16 have a diagnosable mental health disorder.

That's three in every class, or 100,000 across London

45% of looked after children between 5 and 17 experience a mental health disorder

£200 million

The cost of childhood psychiatric disorders to London's education system

6% of Inner London 19-year-olds lacked a level 2 qualification in 2012

1 in 12 young people deliberately self harm

Hospital admissions have also increased by 68% in 10 years

7.2% of children aged 11-16 in the UK reported that they had tried to harm or kill themselves

Employment

Poverty



In 2012, **25% of economically active young adults in London were unemployed**, compared with 20% for young adults in the rest of England

Young people in London were more likely to be unemployed than in the rest of England

← Full-time employment fell by a total of more than **10%** for men and nearly **8%** for women, aged 20-24 between 2008 and 2013

There are **370,000** children in **poverty in working families** →

← Individual and household incomes dropped most significantly for those aged 16-24

→ **57%** of adults and children in **poverty** are in **working families**

The **Child Poverty** rate in Inner London **stands at: 43%**

In Outer London it stands at **33%**

19% of children in London are dependent in an out of work household, and **1,168,233** low income households

There are **10,090** looked after children in London

In 2014, **3.4%** of 16 to 18 year olds **were not in employment, education or training** → **8670** young people across the capital

Housing

Crime



London was the most expensive expensive city in the world to live and work in. The London Living Wage is currently £9.15 per hour but the minimum wage is £6.50



391,000 children (24%) in London are overcrowded, being most common with those

The **average montly rent in London** was **£1,515**, while the **average house price** was **£475,961** in June 2015



15% of households in the capital are low quality, which can cause respiratory problems, cardiovascular disease and accidents in the home

There was a **34%** rise in alleged child rape and sexual assaults from 2009/10 to 13/14

That's: **583** allegations of child rape and **1803** of sexual assault

1,002 young at risk of sexual exploitation

12,540 children 11 to 17 years of age have experienced contact sexual abuse during the past year

30% of young people in custody were from London
9,542 were involved in the youth justice system
Over 20,000 offences were recorded

The Metropolitan police have identified a total **3,495** individual gang members in London, of which:

 **70%** were aged between 17 and 23

 **77%** were from a BME background

 **61%** had been a victim of crime already

 **93%** have had a previous sanction