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Domestic Violence Against Women in Lambeth Borough

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Introduction

- **What is a community?**

Bertrand: "definition of community is a functionally related aggregate of people who live in a particular geographical locality at a particular time, show a common culture, are arranged in a social structure, exhibit an awareness of their uniqueness and separate identity as a group". (studylecturenates, 2023).

- **How the communities can be developed?**

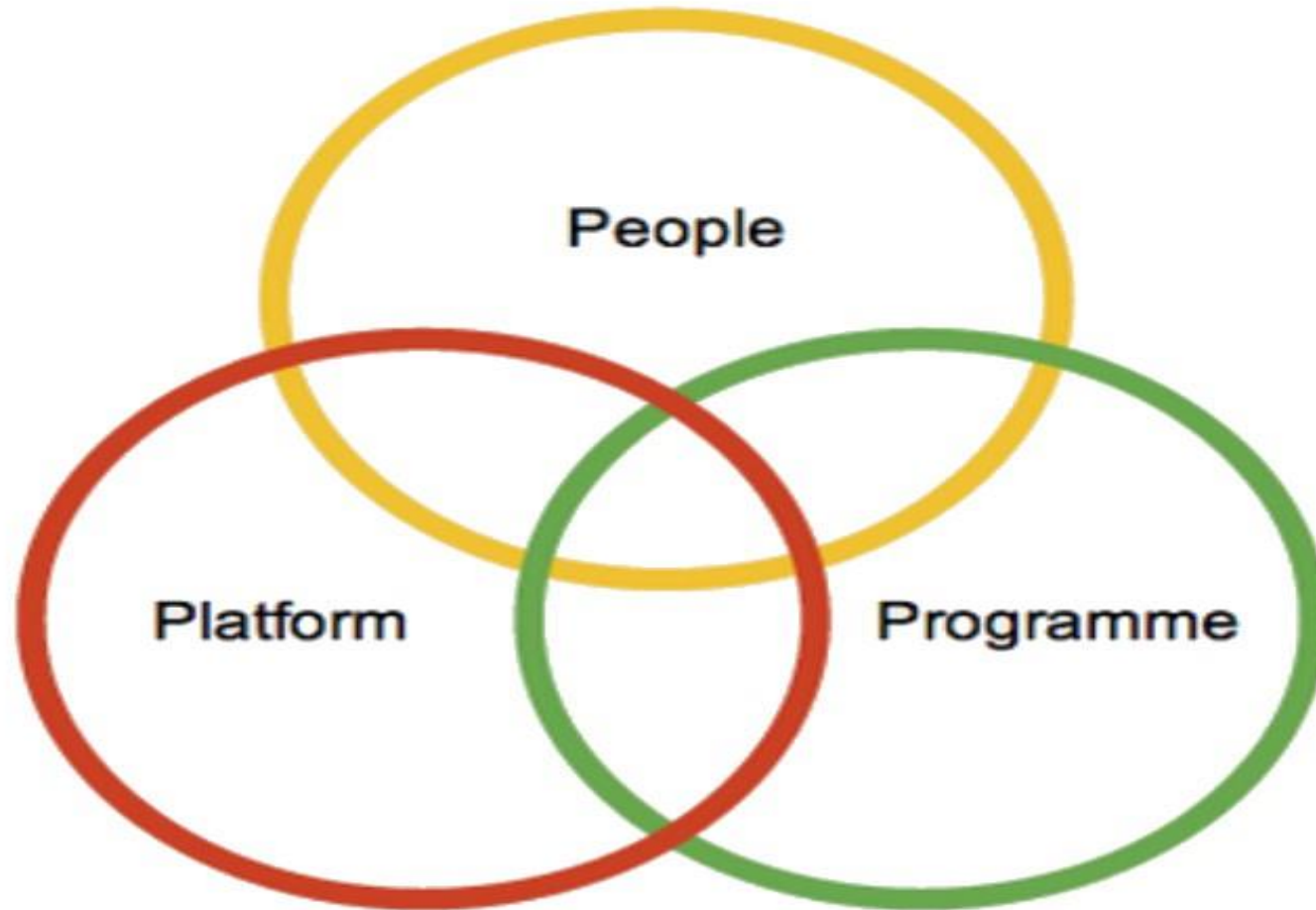
For communities to grow and thrive, they require support and development in three areas:

People: local residents and authorities

Programme: daily schedule of events and general travel path

Platform: places for communication and activity, both online and offline (gov.uk, 2017)

Interaction of People, Platform and Programme to achieve the development of community



What is the social issue in Lambeth ?

!!! Domestic Violence Against Women!!!

- **Prevalence:**
- Of all the local authorities in London, Lambeth receives the most calls from women, according to the national domestic violence helpline. One important problem is violence against women. The nationwide hotline for domestic abuse indicates the quantity of calls received from Lambeth has the highest rate of female residents in all of London's authorities. In Shakespeare's play, violence against women is a major issue.
- According to the Violence Indicator Profiles for the English regions, Lambeth had a recorded sexual offence ranking of 329 out of 354 local authorities; the higher the ranking, the more offences were committed. Based on the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), Lambeth has the highest volume of reports of Most Serious Violence against Women among all boroughs. Out of the 15 most similar boroughs, it also has the fifth-highest volume of reported domestic violence offences. According to data from the National Domestic Violence Helpline, 431 calls from Lambeth residents were made between April and October 2011. In a list of all the local authorities in London, this one had the highest number of calls (5.7%). (londoncouncils.gov.uk, 2012)

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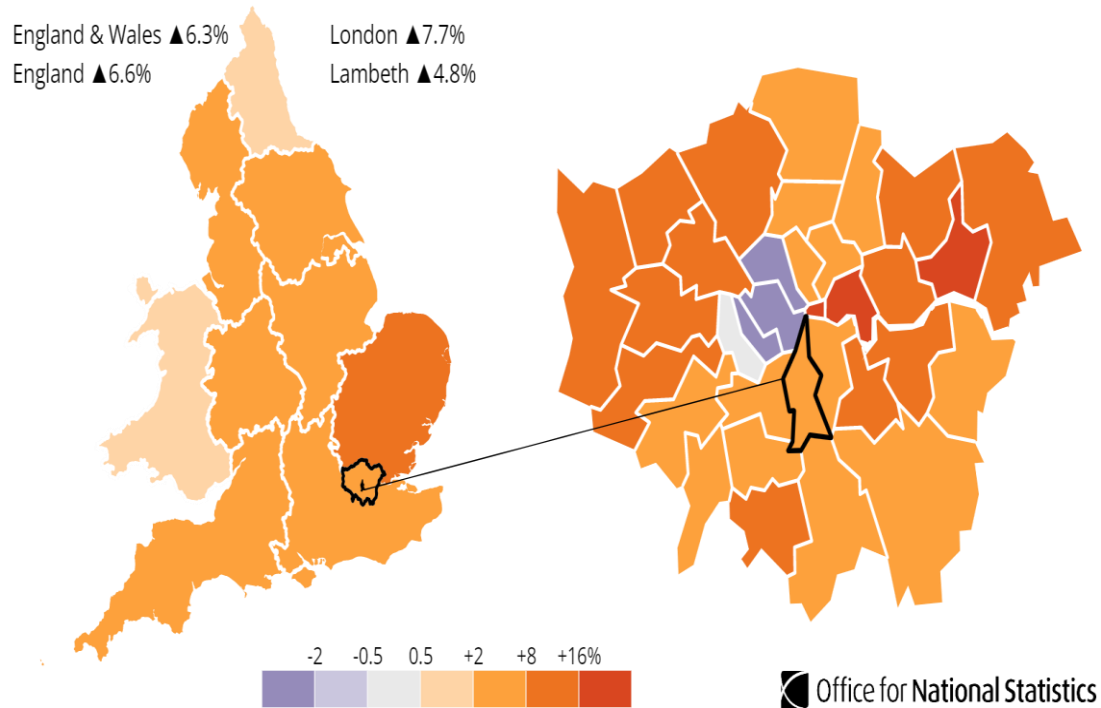
- **Causes:**
- While Lambeth's people have their own diverse culture which contributes to the different characters of the community, it is important to understand that there are some factors that can give rise to issues like domestic violence against women. Diversified cultures might have different outlooks on gender roles and responsibilities which might clash when those expectations are not met (lambeth.gov.uk, 2023).
- There are around 159,346 (49.5%) females in comparison to 162,467 (50.5%) males creating a gap in male female ratio and due to this uneven sex ratio, there could be exposure of women to more abusive men (lambeth.gov.uk, 2022).
- People of different religions can have different outlook or perspectives on gender roles (Healey and Stepnick, 2019).

What is the aim of the project for individuals?

- Recently, Lambeth Council adopted a new policy to address VAWG (violence against women and girls) The policy is a priority for the entire council and aims to address any type of abuse and violence that disproportionately impacts women and girls.
- Experts with direct experience of VAWG, residents, and professionals who assist victims, survivors, and children designed the strategy. The aims of the approach are to reduce harm from perpetrators, work together, help from specialists, children and young people, and community response.
- Over the next four years, the Safer Lambeth Partnership will use these priorities to direct its work in addressing VAWG. In addition, the strategy starts the process of forming a VAWG strategic partnership board in Lambeth, which will be in charge of turning the strategy's objectives into an action plan. November 25, 2021, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women , has marked the introduction of the strategy plan.(Lambeth.gov.uk, 2021)

Demographics data

Population change in Lambeth: Census 2011 to Census 2021



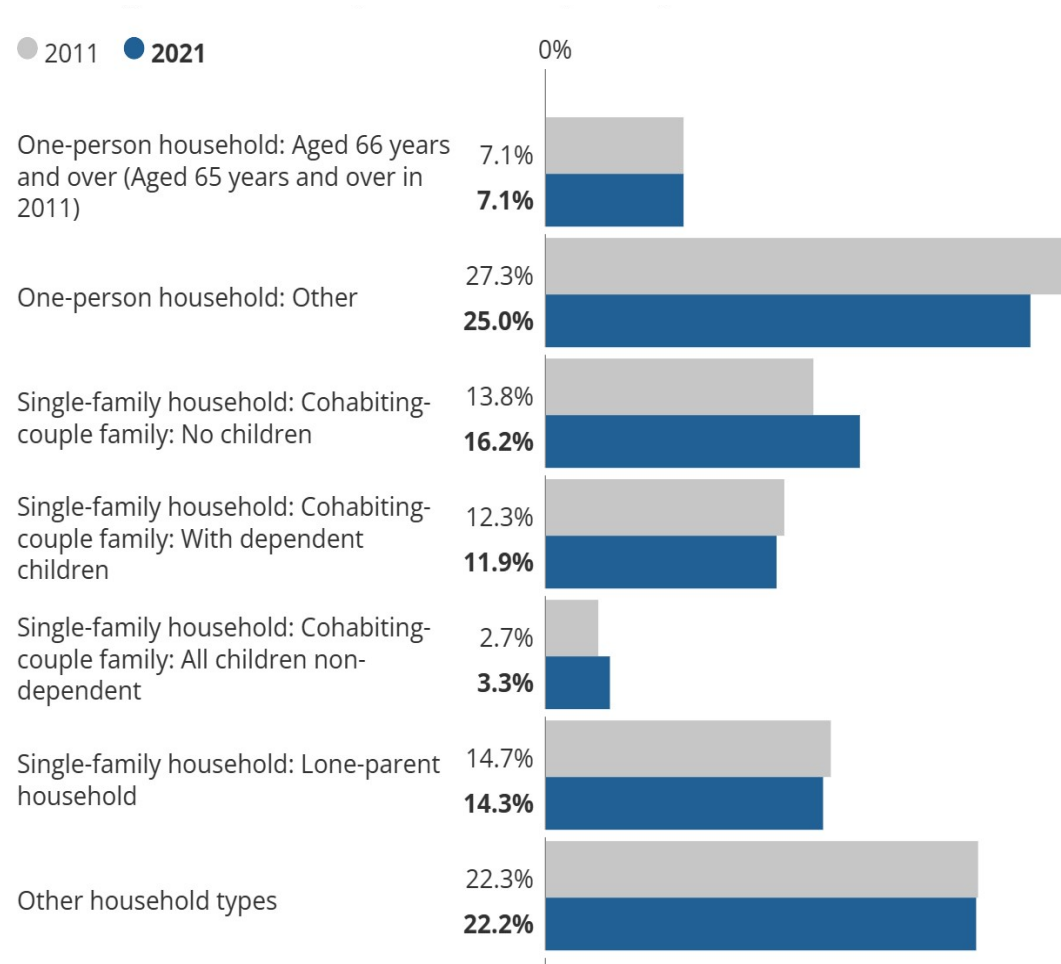
- Between the last two censuses (held in 2011 and 2021), the population of Lambeth increased by 4.8%, from around 303,100 in 2011 to around 317,700 in 2021.
- The population here increased by a smaller percentage than the overall population of London (7.7%), and by a smaller percentage than the overall population of England (up 6.6% since the 2011 Census).(ONS, 2021)

Key Facts in Lambeth Borough

- **Employment:** In Lambeth, the percentage of individuals over 16 who were employed increased from 64.6% in 2011 to 66.1% in 2021, while the percentage in England decreased from 56.5% to 55.7%. The regional percentage headed from 58.6% to 59.4% in the same time frame. In Lambeth, the proportion of individuals over 16 who were unemployed (not including full-time students) dropped from 5.8% to 4.6%, while the proportion of individuals over 16 who were retired (i.e., not engaged in the
- **Unpaid care:** 3.6% of Lambeth's population (individuals who are five years of age and older) stated that they provide up to 19 hours of unpaid care per week in 2021. From 5.4% in 2011, this percentage dropped. Compared to 1.3% in 2011, 1.6% of residents (those five years of age and older) reported providing between 20 and 49 hours of unpaid care per week in 2021. The percentage of Lambeth citizens (those who are five years of age and older) who provided at least fifty hours of unpaid care per week fell from 2.1% to 1.9%. The percentage of adults (five years of age and older) giving up to 19 hours of unpaid care per week decreased more in Lambeth (1.8 percentage points) than in the entire city of London (2.6 percentage points, from 6.4% to 3.8%). All throughout England,

Family in Lambeth

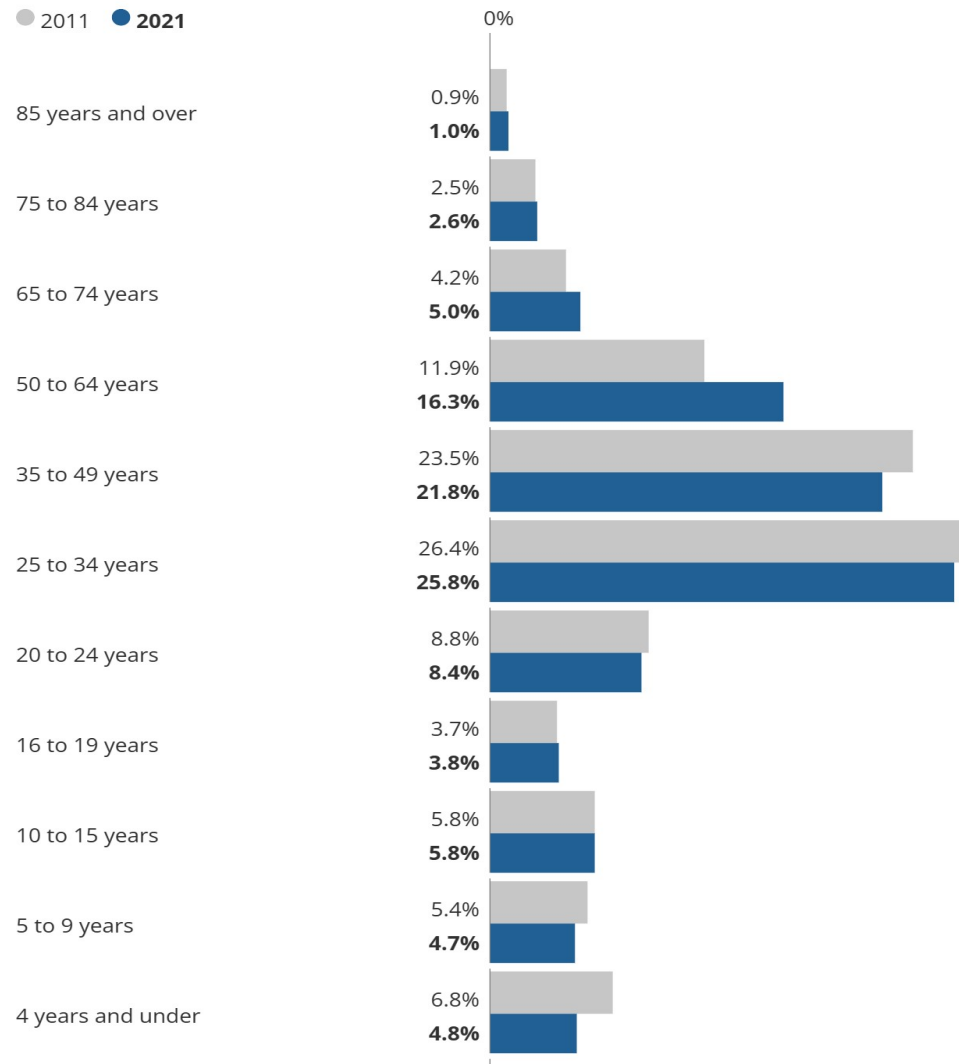
- In Lambeth, the proportion of single-parent households decreased, but increased throughout London.
- The proportion of single-parent households in Lambeth decreased from 14.7% in 2011 to 14.3% in 2021. The regional percentage went from 12.7% to 13.3% in the same time frame.
- In Lambeth, the proportion of households with a couple and dependent children decreased to 11.9% from 12.3%, while the proportion of households with a couple and only non-dependent children increased to 3.3% from 2.7%.
- **The percentage of households including a lone parent in Lambeth decreased by 0.4 percentage points**



Source: Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census and Census 2021

Age Profile in Lambeth

Percentage of usual residents by age group, Lambeth

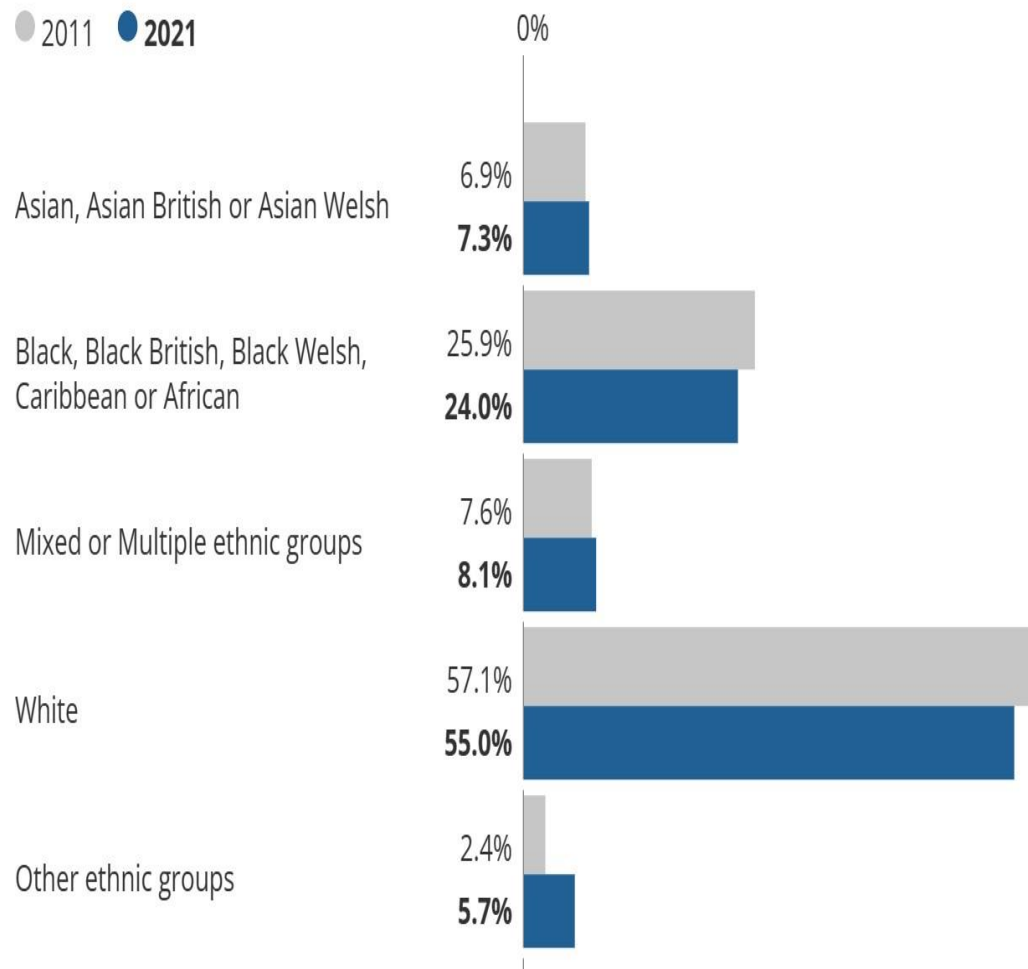


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- The average (median) age in Lambeth rose from 31 to 33 years old between the most recent two censuses. In 2021, this area's average (median) age was 35 years, which was lower than both England's average (40 years) and London's overall average (35 years). While the number of residents aged 4 and under decreased by slightly over 5,400 (a decrease of 26.3%), the number of people aged 50 to 64 years increased by about 15,800 (a rise of 44.0%).
- The share of residents aged between 50 and 64 years increased by 4.4 percentage points between 2011 and 2021 (ONS, 2021).

Percentage of usual residents by ethnic group, **Lambeth**

● 2011 ● 2021



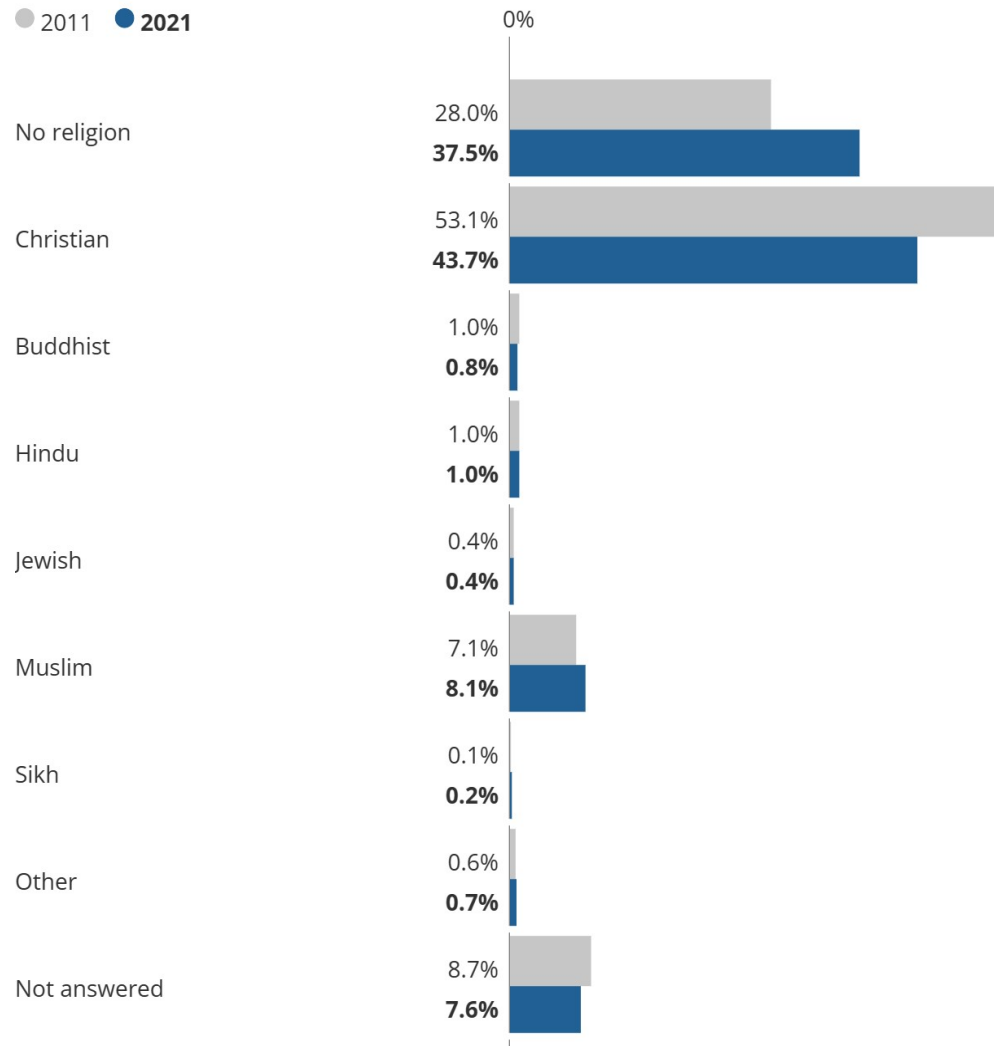
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Ethnicity in Lambeth

- In 2021, 5.7% of Lambeth residents identified their ethnic group within the "Other" category ("Arab" or "Any other ethnic group"), up from 2.4% in 2011. The 3.2 percentage-point change was the largest increase among high-level ethnic groups in this area.
- Those who identified as "White" in Lambeth in 2021 made up 55.0% of the population, a decrease from 57.1% in 2011, while those who identified as "Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African" made up 24.0%, up from 25.9% in the previous ten years.
- Between 2011 and 2021, the proportion of individuals who classified their ethnic group as "Mixed or Multiple" rose from 7.6% to 8.1%. (ONS, 2021)

Religion in Lambeth

Percentage of usual residents by religion, Lambeth



- Residents of Lambeth reported having "No religion" at a rate of 37.5% in 2021 compared to 28.0% in 2011. Of all the major religious groups in Lambeth, the increase of 9.5 percentage points was the biggest. Comparing data from different areas or censuses should be done with caution because the voluntary religious affiliation question has variable response rates. The proportion of people in London who said they had "No religion" rose from 21.0% to 27.1%, while the same percentage rose from 24.8% to 36.7% in England. In Lambeth, 43.7% of respondents identified as Christians in 2021 (compared to 53.1% in the previous decade), and 8.1% as Muslims (compared to 7.1% in the previous decade). (ONS, 2021)

The needs of the residents of Lambeth

- The people have no proper access to **healthcare** which increases vulnerability among the population.
- The people have been facing major **economic** issues because of low opportunities of employment.
- The people also face difficulties to get access to **education**, sometimes because of their socio-economic background or sometimes for their lack of resources.
- As it is considered a rural area, **social services, support groups, and wellness programs** are ignored in Lambeth.
- They do not have a stable economic condition leading to **unemployment** issues which forces few of the population to adapt to **criminal activities**.
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Helping Lambeth families share IT skills

Lovelambeth.gov.uk, 2021

Lambeth digitally active

- The use of digital and social media has proved to be the fastest modes of communications in recent days (Kitmitto *et al.*, 2022).
- the council can take the initial step towards communicating their policies by mentioning them in their official website. As a part of the next step, the Lambeth County's social media platforms can be utilised by the administration to conduct live awareness campaigns among the affected section of the community.

Existing means of communication of health and social care providers

- Lambeth provides a 24*7 **operational helpline number** dedicated to address the domestic violence crisis of the community.
- **Lambeth Together** is a partnership focussed on health and care which brings together the NHS, Lambeth Council, and the voluntary sector with service users and local people in our borough
- Lambeth Council also provides an **online platform for Adult Social Care (ASC)** professionals or care providers to access a range of online forms and tools.

Policy and legislation

- VAWG Policy, designed to tackle the violence against women and girls.
- In order to identify, manage, and resolve provider concerns in the delivery of Adult Social Care services, Lambeth Council has a policy in place-Provider Concerns Policy. The policy is intended to address problems that impact a person or group of people who receive care from a care provider that has been contracted by the local authority. When a provider's ability to provide care and support in a safe environment is compromised by recurring incidents, near misses, or safeguarding concerns, the provider concerns process should be used¹.(Lambeth.gov.uk, 2022).
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (gov.uk, 2021)
- Care Act 2014
- Human Rights Act 1998

Recommendations

1. **Counselling and Support Services:** Campaigns should be conducted in the community of Lambeth at regular intervals of the month to increase the awareness level of the community about the violence issues (Ollinheimo and Hakkarainen, 2023). Telephonic help and counselling services should also be provided to the female population of the county to help them address and report any incidents of domestic violence in their homes.
2. **Community Mobilisation Intervention:** The council should address the requirements of the already affected female community and facilitate their effective mobilisation. The local administration should provide the basic necessities of food, clothing and shelter to the women that are currently suffering.
3. **Medical facilities:** The women who have shown significant atrocities by their male counterparts in the form of domestic violence should receive medical assistance as a part of immediate response action by the local Lambeth administration. They should engage mobile vans in order to provide instant and prompt support to the victims.

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