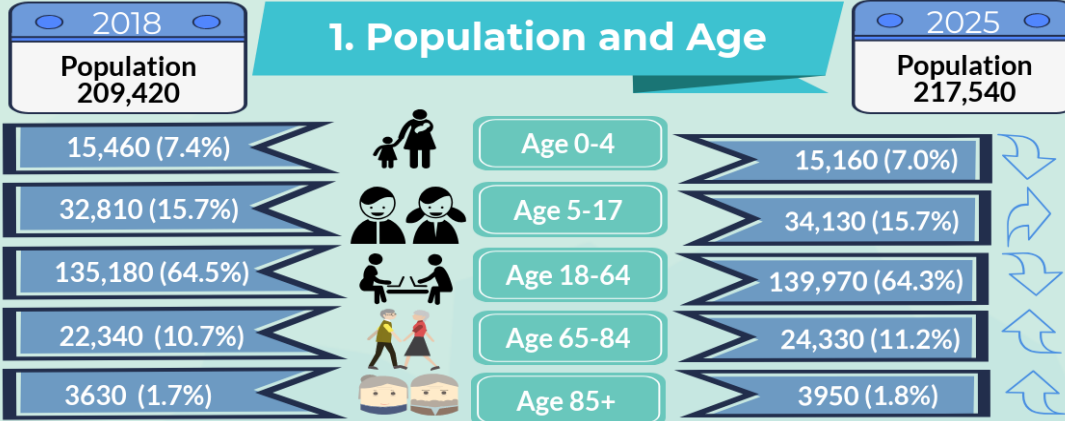


The 9 Protected Characteristics



The following 9 characteristics are protected under the Equality Act of 2010, which came into force to provide a legal framework to deal with disadvantage and discrimination.

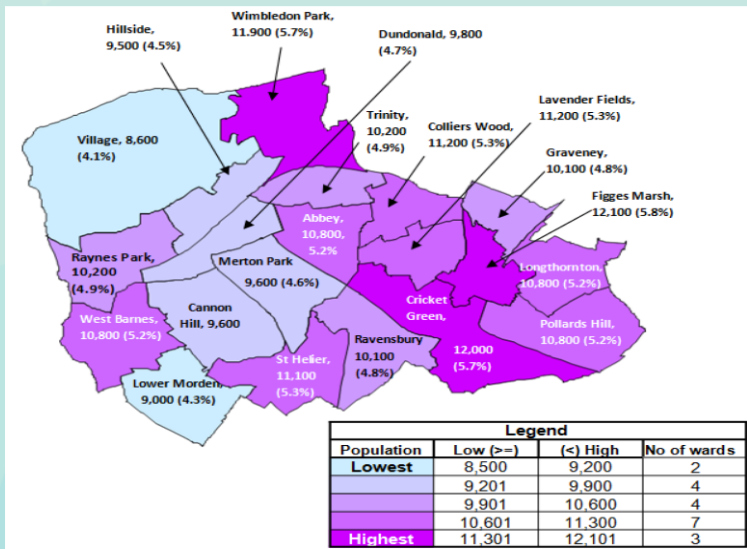
1. Population and Age



Population by age group between 2018 and 2025, rising, falling or staying the same.

Population source: GLA Housing led projection, data from 2016 SHLAA.

Population in Merton's Wards



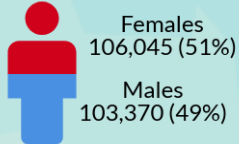
Merton's most populated ward is Figges Marsh (East Merton) with a population of 12,100 (5.8%) in 2018.

The least populated ward is Village (West Merton) with a population of 8,600 (4.1%).

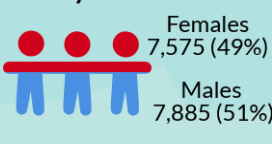
East Merton has a population of 110,200 (53%) and West Merton 99,200 (47%).

2. Sex

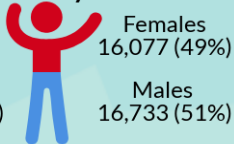
Merton 2018



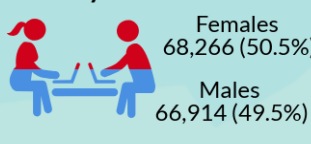
0-4 years



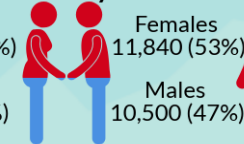
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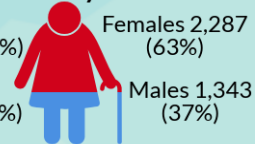
18-64 years



65-84 years

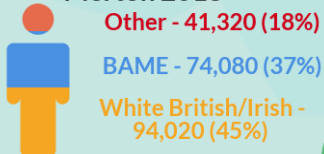


85 years +



3. Ethnicity

Merton 2018



Merton's BAME population is set to increase by 1% by 2025, whereas the White British/White Irish population is set to decrease from 45% to 42%. This is in line with London - BAME from 35% to 36% and White British/White Irish from 42% to 39%.

Top 10 countries of birth (after England)

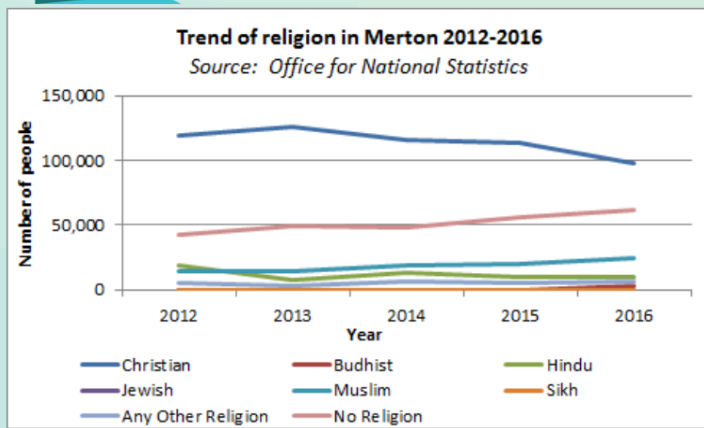
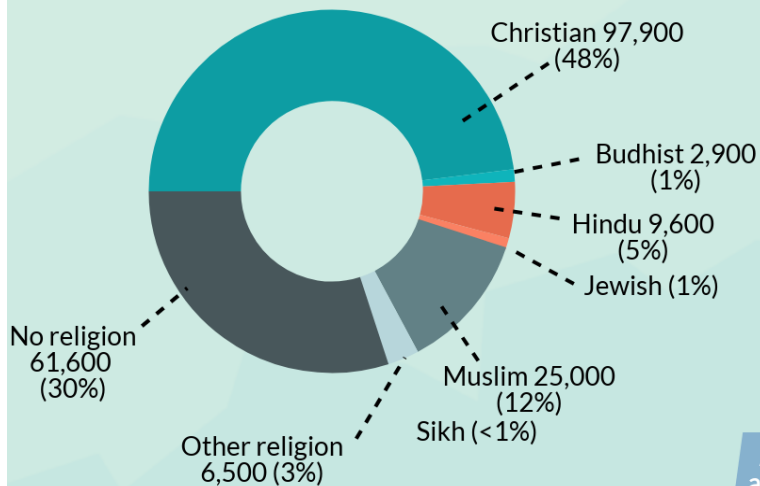
- Poland (3.5%)
- Sri Lanka (3.2%)
- South Africa (2.8%)
- India (2.1%)
- Pakistan (2.0%)
- Ireland (1.5%)
- Ghana (1.4%)
- Jamaica (1.1%)
- Germany (0.9%)
- Australia (0.7%)

Graveney - ward with the highest BAME population at 58%.

Wimbledon Village - Lowest BAME population at 17%.

4. Religion and Belief

Merton 2016



A majority of Merton residents are Christians (48%) which also applies to London (47%) and England (55%). The second highest religion is no religion (30%), London (27%) and England (34%)

5. Sexual Orientation

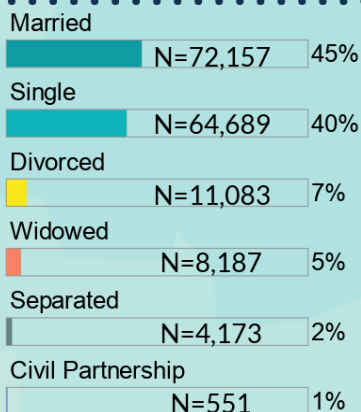
From the 2014 Integrated Household Survey, 2.6% of London's population answered Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender as their sexual identity. This would equate to approximately 5500 people in Merton.

6. Gender reassignment

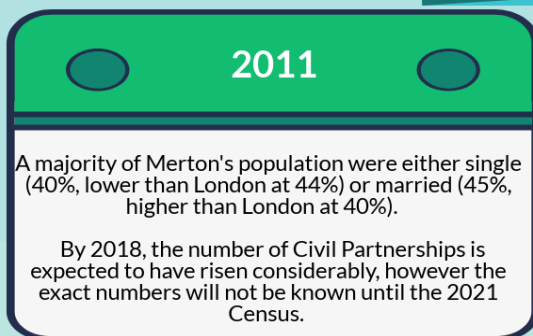


Based on UK rates and Merton 2018 population, there are approximately 42 transgender people in Merton (32 boys at birth, 8 girls at birth)

Girls at birth (20%)
Boys at birth (80%)



7. Marriage and Civil Partnership



8. Pregnancy and maternity

General Fertility Rate



70.5 per 1000
N=3,246

Higher than London (64) and England (62.5)

Under 18 conceptions



16.5 per 1000
N=49

Lower than London (17.1) and England (18.8)

Low birth weight (all)



7%
N=225

Similar to London (7.6%) and England (7.3%)

BAME mothers



36%
N=1,115

Lower than London (46%) and higher than England (23%)

Caesarean section



27.5%
N=843

Lower than London (29%) and similar to England (27%)

Breastfeeding 6-8 weeks



69%
N=2,109

Higher than London (53%) and England (44%)

Mothers over 35 giving birth



33%
N=1,008

Higher than London (29%) and England (22%)

Smoking at delivery



4%
N=116

Lower than London (5%) and England (11%)

Infant mortality



2.9 per 1000
N=29

Lower than London (3.2) and England (3.9)

9. Disability



Physical disability

People 18-64 predicted to have a moderate physical disability



2018 = 10,120 (7.3%)
2025 = 10,960 (7.5%)
8% ↑

People 18-64 predicted to have a serious physical disability



2018 = 2,870 (2.1%)
2025 = 3,181 (2.2%)
11% ↑

Visual impairment

People 18-64 predicted to have serious visual impairment

2018 = 90 (0.1%)
2025 = 95 (0.1%)
6% ↑

People 65+ predicted to have moderate or severe visual impairment

2018 = 2,290 (8.7%)
2025 = 2,648 (8.9%)
16% ↑

Hearing loss

People 18-64 predicted to have some hearing loss

2018 = 11,540 (8.3%)
2025 = 12,970 (8.9%)
12% ↑

People 18-64 predicted to have severe hearing loss

2018 = 761 (0.5%)
2025 = 837 (0.6%)
10% ↑

People 65+ predicted to have some hearing loss

2018 = 15,760 (60.2%)
2025 = 18,080 (60.7%)
15% ↑

People 65+ predicted to have severe hearing loss

2018 = 2,073 (7.9%)
2025 = 2,372 (8.0%)
14% ↑

Learning disability

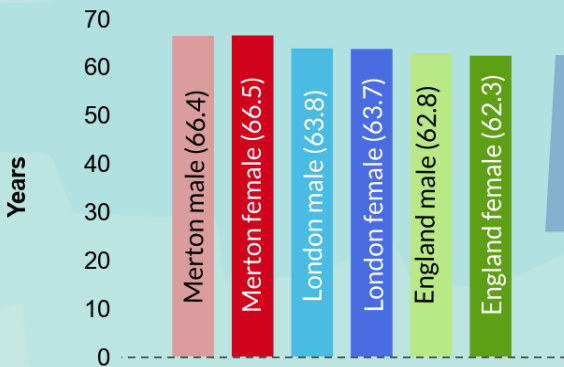
People 18-64 predicted to have a learning disability

2018 = 3,390 (0.4%)
2025 = 3,550 (0.4%)
5% ↑

People 65+ predicted to have a learning disability

2018 = 545 (2.1%)
2025 = 621 (2.1%)
14% ↑

Disability-free life expectancy



Merton males and females have a higher disability-free life expectancy than London and England.

Long term health problem or disability

From the 2011 Census, 12.6% (N=25,230) of Merton's population had a long-term health problem or disability.

People aged 65 and over unable to manage at least one mobility activity on their own in Merton



Daily activities, 65 years and over



Not limited (50%) Limited a little (27%) Limited a lot (23%)

Over half of people in Merton aged 65 and over are not limited in daily activities. Merton shows a higher score for daily activities not limited than London (48%) and England (48%)