

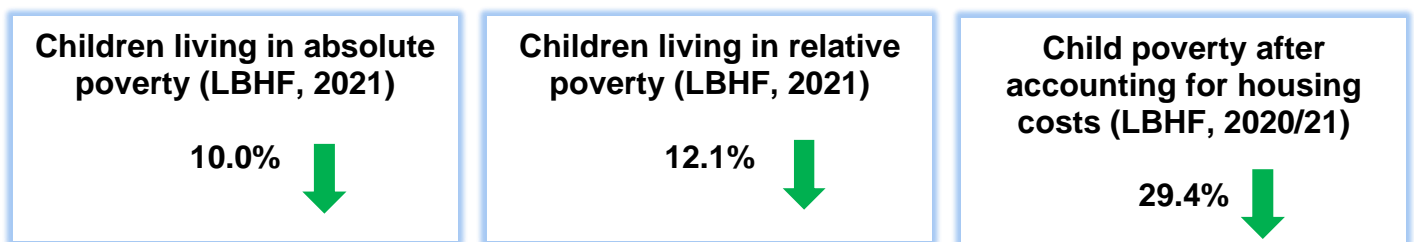


Poverty has a lasting, damaging impact on the future life chances of children and intensifies systemic inequalities. Poverty disproportionately impacts children and young people growing up in black or ethnic minority families – 46% of whom live in poverty after housing costs in England.

3,396 children (0-16 years), or 10.0% of the child population in Hammersmith and Fulham were living in absolute poverty in the year ending March 2021. During this period, 4,105 children (12.1%) were living in relative poverty in Hammersmith & Fulham.

Among the twenty UK local authorities with the highest child poverty rates in 2020/21, after housing costs are accounted for, seven are in London. Among London Boroughs, Hammersmith and Fulham ranks 10th lowest of 33 boroughs for level of child poverty after housing costs are accounted for.

## KEY INDICATORS



## Child Poverty Data



Percentage of children living in absolute poverty	<b>10.0</b> UK 15.1	↓
Percentage of children living in relative poverty	<b>12.1</b> UK 18.7	↓
Percentage of children living in poverty after accounting for housing costs	<b>29.4</b> London 35.0	↓

## Inequalities

In the UK in 2020, after accounting for housing costs:

- 49% of children living in **lone-parent families** are in poverty.
- 46% of children from **black and minority ethnic groups** are in poverty, compared with 26% of children in white British families.
- 75% of children growing up in poverty live in a **household where at least one person works**.
- 47% of children living in **families with 3 or more children** live in poverty.

## Demographics

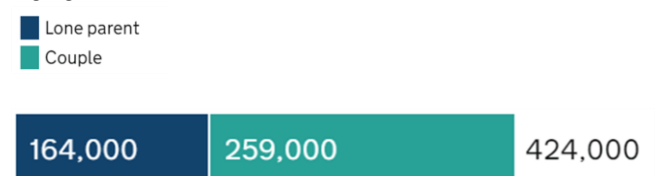


**Number of children (0-19) in absolute low-income families by work status in London in 2020:**



In 2020, there were more children in working absolute low-income families than not in working ones in London, and across the United Kingdom.

**Number of children (0-19) in relative low-income families by family type in London in 2020:**

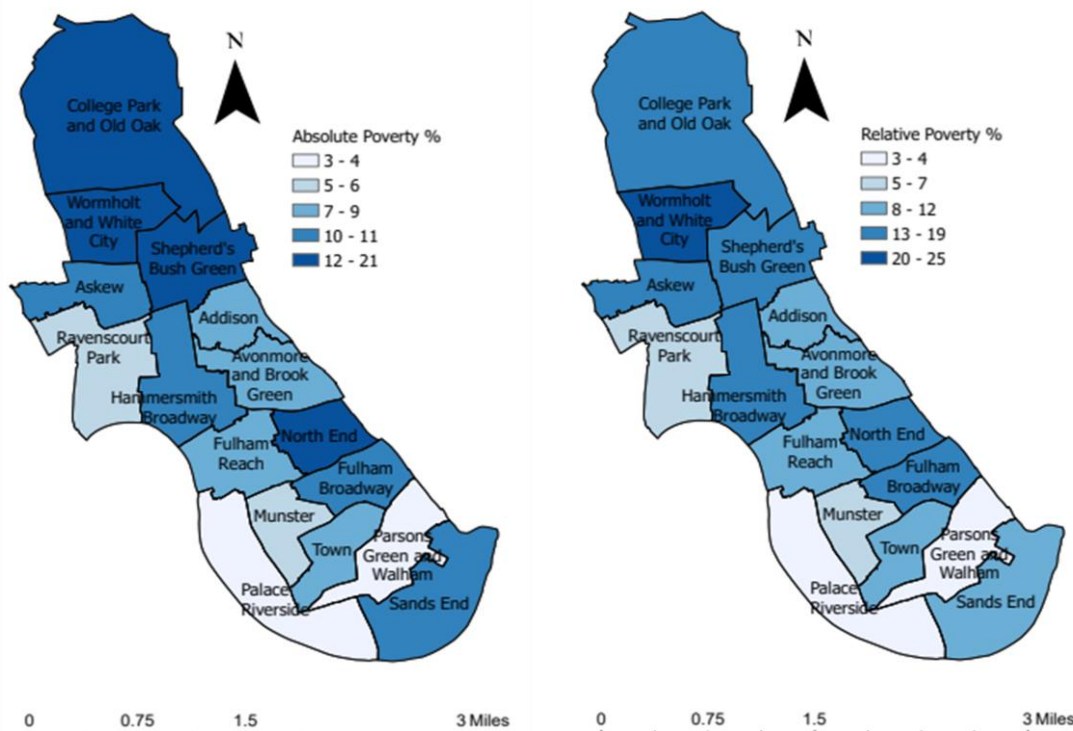


In 2020, there were more children in relative low-income families with a couple family type in London and across the United Kingdom.



## Poverty Maps

Ward maps of children living in absolute poverty and relative poverty in Hammersmith and Fulham in 2021 (percent of children):



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## Overview



In London, after housing costs, 35% (600,000) of children were in poverty (families living on less than 60% of the median income after housing costs are accounted for) in 2020/21. Although this suggests that London's child poverty rate fell slightly (-2%) between 2019/20 and 2020/21, the first year of the pandemic, this change coincided with the temporary £20 uplift in universal credit which has now been removed. The removal of the uplift is expected to increase the child poverty rate again.

Childcare costs have risen 42% since 2008, twice the rate of inflation.

The UK has relatively high employment rates, but an unstable labour market, putting UK households at higher risk of moving in and out of in-work poverty.

Between 1998 and 2003 reducing child poverty was made a priority – with a comprehensive strategy and investment in children – and the number of children in poverty fell by 600,000.

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Data trends shown by: Increase/ negative: ↑



Decrease, positive: ↓



No significant change: ●



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