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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report looks at the general population of Southwark as it was estimated to be in 2005, how the population has changed since 2001 and what the population is projected to look like in the future to 2029. The report brings together the different sources available to give a concise picture of Southwark while also highlighting the differences between the sources. Population estimates are critical for developing and monitoring economic and fiscal policy, planning and monitoring service provision and allocating resources, as well, as for a greater understanding of social change. For these reasons reliable population statistics are essential at local level.

The main observations are:

- The population of Southwark in 2005 was estimated to be between 257,700 (ONS) to 265,300 (GLA RLP Low) or 265,800 (GLA RLP High) people depending on how the population is calculated. The ONS figure is based on the 'usual resident population' in the 2001 Census and adjusted for births, deaths and migration. The GLA RLP Low projections are entirely driven by the increase in homes while the GLA RLP High follows trends in fertility rates and improved survival but also assumes that London's proportion of UK international migration for 1999–2004 will continue. The ONS announced improvements to their population estimates, with revisions to 2002–2005 estimates to be released in August/September 2007. The indicative impacts released suggest a cumulative increase of 5,300 people in Southwark, bringing the figure closer to the GLA projections.
- Around three-quarters of the population of Southwark were of working age in 2005; while nearly a fifth of the population were children aged 0–14 years.
- It was projected that 62% of the Southwark population were in the White ethnic group and 28% were in the Black ethnic group in 2005.
- Since 2001 the population of Southwark has increased, most of the increase has been due to more babies being born in Southwark than people moving into the borough.
- The population of Southwark is projected to continue to grow to 2029 to between 282,500 (ONS) and 365,700 (GLA RLP Low) people depending on how it is calculated. Most of the growth is expected to be due to natural increase (i.e. births) in Southwark and people moving into the borough from overseas.
- The population of Southwark is expected to age in the future although the proportion in the broad age groups (children, working age and pensionable age groups) will remain similar. The ONS and GLA projections expect increases in the proportion of the 45–69 year age groups over time and a decrease in the proportions of people in the 20–29 year age groups. Both the GLA and the ONS projections show a similar pattern with the current population shifting across the age groups.
- Southwark is expected to have a similar ethnic group makeup in 2026, however this is modelled using the 2001 Census data and does not reflect any emerging ethnic groups that may be the result of recent migration patterns such as the expansion of the European Union, or any future changes in immigration policy or urban regeneration.

PREFACE

The report looks at the general population of Southwark as it was estimated to be in 2005, how the population has changed since 2001 and what the population is projected to look like in the future to 2029. The report brings together the different sources available to give a concise picture of Southwark. Population estimates are critical for developing and monitoring economic and fiscal policy, planning and monitoring service provision and allocating resources, as well as for a greater understanding of social change. For these reasons reliable population statistics are essential at local level.

The data sources available provide different estimates of the Southwark population. The difference between the population estimates can represent more or less funding allocation for Southwark. This report presents the different estimates and projections to highlight the need for reliable population statistics. Southwark is investigating their administrative data to try to provide an alternative source of information to identify the Southwark population.

This report is part of a series of population snapshots. Reports will also be available for each of the community councils. These reports can be found on the analytical hub shared drive (internal), the Source (internal) and the Southwark Alliance website www.southwarkalliance.org.uk.

The information in this report was taken from two sources:

- Office for National Statistics <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/CCI/nscl.asp?id=7588>
 - Mid year population estimates
 - 2001 Census
 - 2004-Based subnational population projections
- Greater London Authority <http://www.london.gov.uk/gla/publications/factsandfigures/factsfigures/population.jsp>
 - 2006 Round Ward Population Projections
 - 2006 Round Ethnic Group Population Projections

The most detailed data available has been used in this report. However, the most recent detailed ethnicity available was from the Census. The last Census was conducted on April 29 2001 and it is also assumed that the population of Southwark has changed in the years since. Therefore, it is necessary to use projections and estimates to get a better picture of Southwark now and in the future.

The ONS Mid year population estimates (mid-2001 onwards) are based on the 2001 Census and adjusted based on the births, deaths and migration. The estimates relate to the “usually resident” population. In simple terms, this means that population estimates are estimates of people where they usually live. Mid year population estimates are made for the population resident on June 30 of the reference year.

The ONS projections provide the population levels and structure that would result if the assumptions about fertility, mortality and migration levels were realised. At the subnational level, it should be noted that since these assumptions are based solely on recent demographic trends the projections do not reflect, for example, the impact of likely future housing development in an area.

The ONS projections used in this report take the 2004 Mid year population estimates as their starting point. As a result the projected population for 2005 shown in projections is not the same as these latest estimates.

The ONS are currently undertaking improvements to their migration and population statistics (IMPS) programme. As a consequence the ONS is leaving open the option to revise the 2004-Based subnational projections in the future.

On April 26 2007 the ONS announced that it had made a number of improvements to their methodology for estimating international migration. The new methods will be used for 2006 population estimates (to be released August 2007). Revisions will be made for 2002–2005. The main change is that regional distribution of migrants coming into the country will use household surveys (Labour Force Survey) in combination with the International Passenger Survey (IPS). This provides better estimates of where new migrants live than under the existing method, which is based on where new migrants say they expect to be heading when they arrive in the UK.

An improved method for measuring out-migration has also been developed by the ONS. Improving the basis for making assumptions about the proportion of people who will not realise their original intentions at the time of travel, in terms of their expected length of stay in the destination country (these are known as migrant and visitor switchers).

The ONS has released the likely impacts on previously published figures for 2002–2005. These do not provide final figures of the extent to which previously published population estimates will be revised, although the indicative impacts are a guide to the likely extent of the changes. The revised back series figures will be published in August and September 2007. For Southwark, the likely impact is an increase of 700 people for 2002, 1,100 people increase for 2003, 1,900 people increase for 2004 and 1,600 people for 2005. This would provide an overall cumulative increase of around 5,300 people. This would bring the ONS estimates closer in line with the GLA projections.

The *GLA 2006 Round Based Projections* used in this report recognise the actual births and deaths up to mid-2005 as in the ONS mid year estimates. The GLA has prepared two versions. The first version is Review of the London Plan (RLP) Low and is entirely driven by the increase in homes as seen annually since mid-2001 from data collected at borough level by the London Development Database (LDD) up to 2006 and the London Housing Capacity Study (LHCS) from 2006 to 2027. After 2027 it is assumed that the LHCS average values for 2017 to 2027 continue until 2031.

The second version, RLP High, was prepared to establish the impact on London of the Government Actuary's Department's (GAD) 2004-Based population projections for the United Kingdom. Apart from following the trends in fertility rates and improved survival, the RLP High assumes that London's proportion of UK international migration inflows and outflows for the calendar years 1999 to 2004 will continue. The distribution of London's population amongst the boroughs is then determined by the distribution of the RLP Low projections. In some cases the RLP Low is higher than the RLP High due to the RLP High being fixed but the RLP low was revised to take account of updated housing inputs and the availability of actual births for 2005.

The GLA recommends that the RLP High projections be used for longer-term population change, but that in the short term RLP Low may be closer to actual changes that have happened in London since 2001. The current ONS review of international migration and mid year estimates is likely to show change akin to RLP Low up to 2006 but as recent international migration to the UK has been well above the projected estimates, RLP High is likely to be more accurate as regards change in the longer term.

The GLA ethnic group projections produced in 2006 were demographically modelled using 2001 Census data and are constrained to the *GLA 2006 Round Based Demographic Projections RLP High*. As these ethnic group projections are modelled using the 2001 Census data, more recent migration patterns will not be reflected in these projections, such as the expansion of the European Union since 2004. This was not reflected in the modelling methodology.

Some of the ethnic groups used in this report are clear in their origins such as Black Caribbean and Indian. However the changing nature of ethnic identification means it is a difficult piece of information to collect. There is no consensus on what constitutes an ethnic group. As a result ethnic groups tend to change over time. This also makes it difficult to make projections based on the ethnic groups that are currently available.

Figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand except in tables presenting 2001 Census data. Discrepancies may occur due to rounding.

WHO LIVES IN SOUTHWARK?

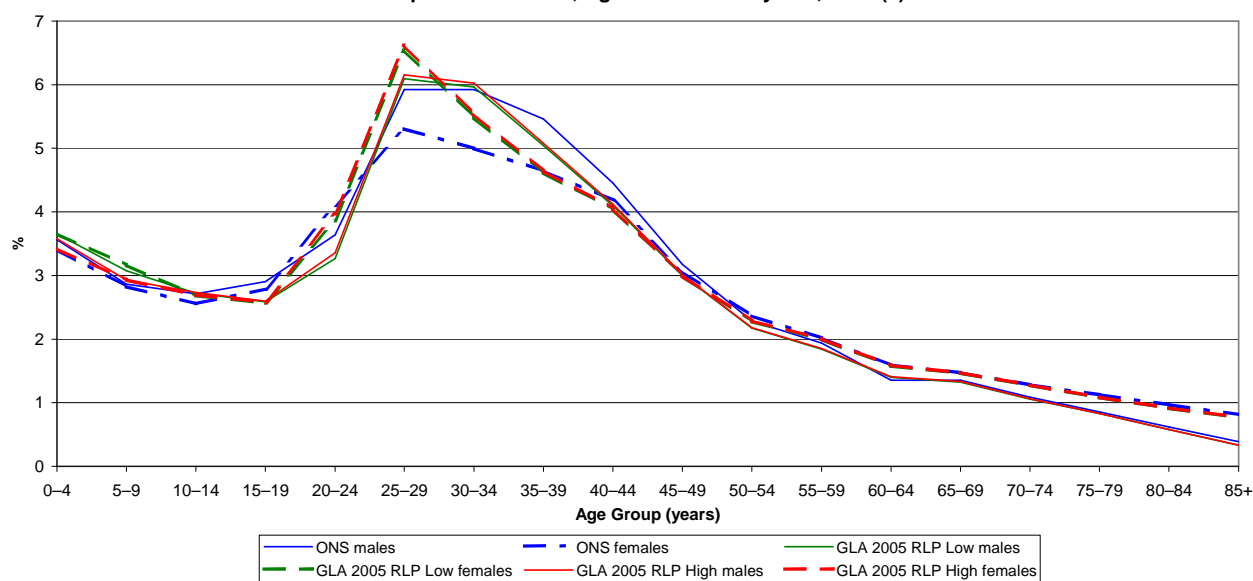
Population

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) estimated the 2005 mid year population of Southwark was 257,700 people (130,100 males, 127,600 females).¹ This was 7,600 less than the Greater London Authority (GLA) RLP Low 2005 projected estimate of 265,300 people (130,100 males, 135,200 females), and 8,100 less than the GLA RLP High of 265,800 (130,700 males, 135,200 females).² The reasons for the difference in the population are the methodologies used by the ONS and the GLA to estimate population. It is important to remember that all projections are estimates and are based on certain assumptions being realised as outlined in the Preface.

Age

Southwark has a young population with around a third of their population between 25 and 39 years (ONS 32%, GLA RLP High and Low 34%). According to ONS estimates, nearly three-quarters (71%) of Southwark's population was of working age, while 18% were children (0–14 years of age) and 12% were of a pensionable age. The GLA RLP High and RLP Low 2005 projections showed a similar picture in terms of broad age.³

Graph 1: Southwark, Age Distribution by Sex, 2005 (a)



(a) The GLA RLP Low and GLA RLP High had almost the same proportions in each age group, however, the GLA RLP High had more people in each group. ONS will release revised mid year estimates in Aug/Sept 2007. More detail can be found in the Preface. Likely impacts suggest the total Southwark population to be closer to the GLA RLP Low population.

Source: ONS Mid year estimates 2005; © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP High; © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP Low

As Graph 1 shows the proportion of females in the 25–29 year age group varied the most between the ONS estimates and the GLA (5% for ONS, 7% for GLA Low and 7% for GLA High of all people), This variation was not identified for males or other age groups.

¹ For information about the ONS methodology see

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/data/methodology/specific/population/PEMethodology/>. ONS will release revised mid year estimates in Aug/Sept 2007. More detail can be found in the Preface. Likely impacts suggest the total Southwark population to be closer to the GLA population.

² For information about the GLA methodology for projecting the population see the *Data Management and Analysis GLA 2006 Round Demographic Projections* (available at the GLA website <http://www.london.gov.uk/gla/publications/factsandfigures/dmag-briefing-2006-32.pdf>)

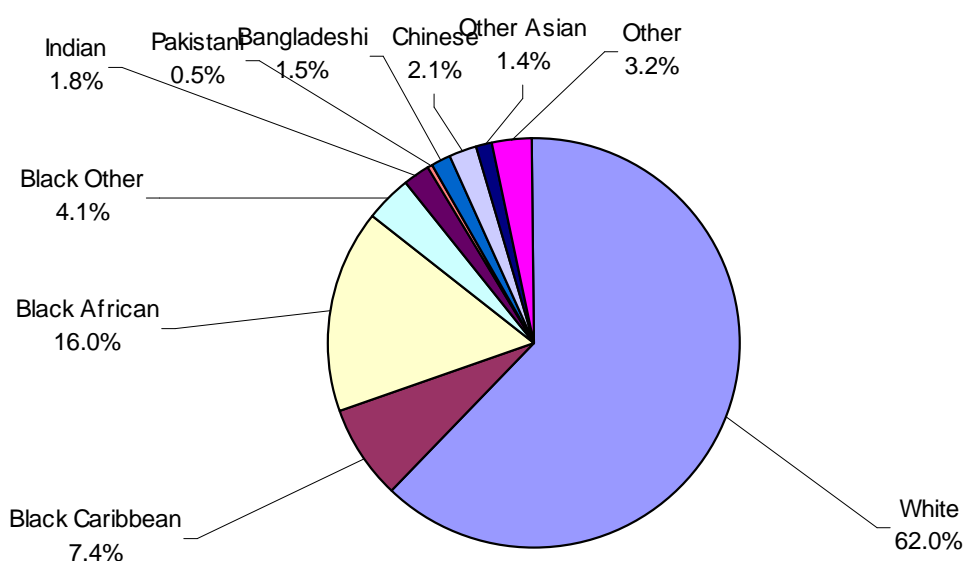
³ Children were defined as people aged 0–14 years, Working age was 15–59 years for females and 15–64 years for males. Pensionable age was 60 years and above for females and 65 years and above for males.

Ethnicity

Greater London Authority (GLA)

In 2007, the GLA released the *2006 Round Ethnic Group Population Projections RLP High*.⁴ Graph 2 shows that in 2005 nearly two-thirds (62%) of Southwark's population were projected to be in the White aggregated ethnic group (see following graph). This was a similar proportion that was observed in the 2001 Census, which was used to model the 2006 ethnic projections.⁵ More recent migration patterns will not be reflected in these projections, for example, European Union accession migration from Eastern Europe. While there are statistics relating to the estimated inflows of these people to the United Kingdom, there are no statistics on the number of these migrants moving to London, or boroughs within London, nor on those now resident in the United Kingdom.

Graph 2: Southwark, Population by Aggregated Ethnic Group, 2005



Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ethnic Group Projections RLP High

The broad Black aggregated ethnic group was projected to account for just over a quarter (28%) of Southwark's population, with Black African (16%) being the largest individual group. The remaining Ethnic groups accounted for less than a tenth (10%) of Southwark's population.

⁴ These ethnic projections have been demographically modelled using 2001 Census data and are constrained to the *GLA 2006 Round Demographic Projections RLP High*. More recent migration patterns will not be reflected in these projections, such as the expansion of the European Union since 2004, are not reflected in the modelling methodology.

⁵ See Appendix A for a concordance of the GLA aggregated ethnic groups and the 2001 Census ethnic groups.

Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2001 Census

The ethnic diversity of Southwark in 2005 was similar to the proportions observed in the 2001 Census (based on the aggregated ethnic groups). The 2005 ethnic group projections were modelled using the 2001 Census data and therefore will not reflect any emerging ethnic groups that are the result of recent migration patterns. However the Census still remains the most detailed source for information on ethnicity. Table 1 shows the ethnic diversity of Southwark from the 2001 Census. It provides more detailed information about the White aggregated ethnic groups and identifies the mixed ethnicities from their respective aggregated groups. As observed in 2001 it is expected that the White ethnic group was still primarily White British in 2005. See Appendix A for the GLA aggregated ethnic groups compared with the 2001 Census categories.

Table 1: Southwark, Population by Ethnic Group, 2001

<i>Ethnic Group</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>
White British	127,752	52.2
White Irish	7,674	3.1
White Other	18,890	7.7
White and Black Caribbean	3,350	1.4
White and Black African	1,952	0.8
White and Asian	1,338	0.5
Other Mixed	2,497	1.0
Indian	3,658	1.5
Pakistani	1,116	0.5
Bangladeshi	3,640	1.5
Other Asian	1,545	0.6
Black Caribbean	19,555	8.0
Black African	39,350	16.1
Other Black	4,513	1.8
Chinese	4,492	1.8
Other Ethnic Group	3,547	1.4
Southwark (a)	244,866	100.0

(a) These data have had small values suppressed or randomised to protect confidentiality, therefore discrepancies may occur between the sums of component items and totals. For more information please refer to the ONS Census Disclosure Control Strategy.

Source: ONS 2001 Census

HOW HAS SOUTHWARK CHANGED?

Population

The population of Southwark was estimated to have fluctuated between 2001 and 2005 as ONS statistics revealed.⁶ As Table 2 shows, it was estimated that the population decreased between 2001 and 2003 by 2,900 before increasing. The increase in population was mostly attributed to natural increase (that is, more births than deaths), which provided an increase of 3,000 people between 2004 and 2005. In 2001 it was estimated that 3,600 more people left the borough than migrated into the borough, whereas in 2004, around 100 more people migrated into the borough than out of Southwark.

Table 2: Southwark, Population Estimates, Components of Change 2001–2005

Mid Year	Components of population change				Population		
	Births no.	Deaths no.	Natural increase no.	Net migration & other changes no.	At end of period no.	Growth on previous year no. %	
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	256,700	n/a	n/a
2002	4,100	1,800	2,300	-3,600	255,400	-1,300	-0.5
2003	4,200	1,700	2,400	-4,100	253,800	-1,600	-0.6
2004	4,400	1,800	2,600	-1,800	254,700	800	0.3
2005	4,600	1,600	3,000	100	257,700	3,000	1.2

n/a – not available

Source: ONS Mid year estimates 2001; ONS Mid year estimates 2002; ONS Mid year estimates 2003; ONS Mid year estimates 2004; ONS Mid year estimates 2005

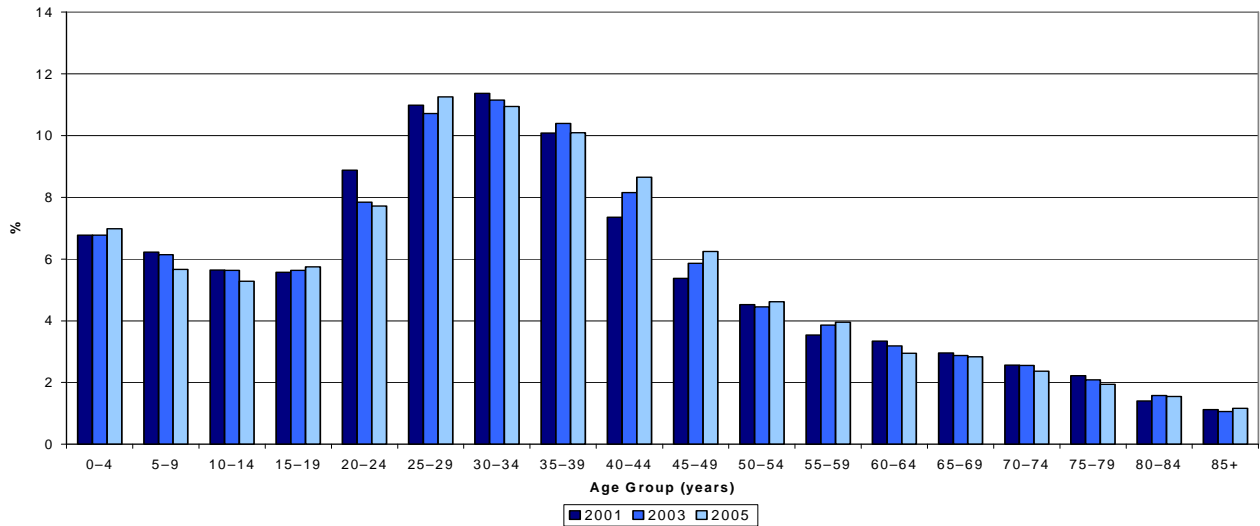
Age

Office for National Statistics (ONS)

When looking at the change in the Southwark population by ages it reveals that age groups in the borough changed over five years. The ONS mid year estimates for 2001, 2003 and 2005 showed similar distributions across the five-year age groups for each year. The number of people aged 15–64 years (72%) was estimated to have increased by 3,600 people between 2001 and 2005. The number of children aged 0–14 years (18%) decreased by 1,700 people and the number of people aged 65 and over (10%) decreased by 1,000 people.

⁶ ONS will release revised mid year estimates in Aug/Sept 2007. More detail can be found in the Preface.

Graph 3: Southwark, Population by Age Group, 2001, 2003, 2005



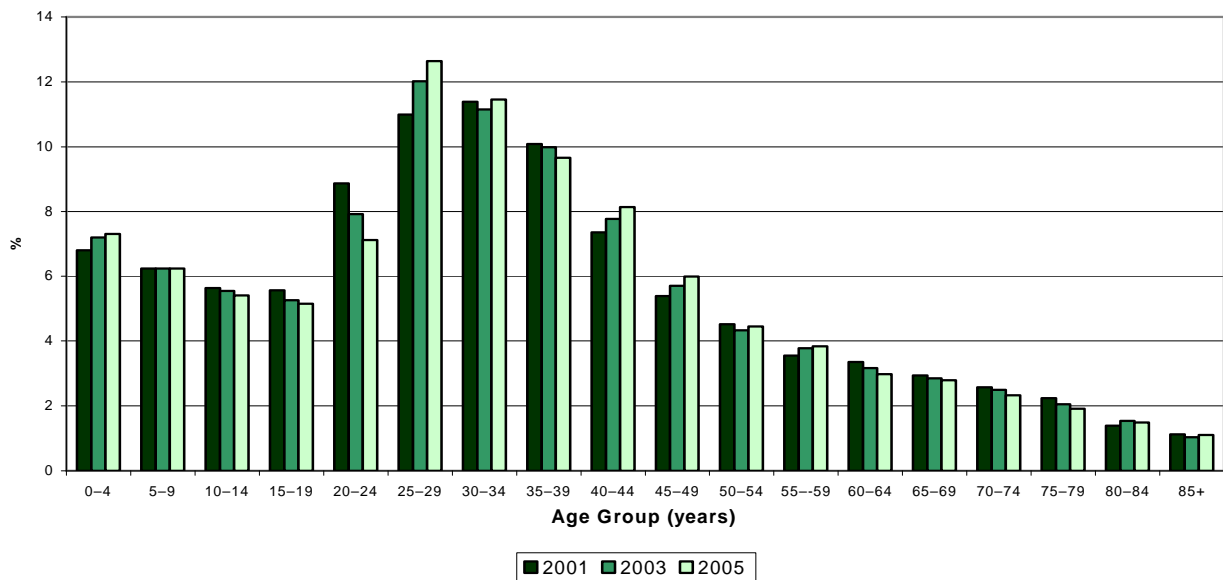
Source: ONS Mid year estimates 2001; ONS Mid year estimates 2003; ONS Mid year estimates 2005

Graph 3 shows that the five-year age group with the greatest percentage change was 40–44 years rising by over one percentage point to 8% from 2001 to 2005. The only other age group to have seen a large percentage point decrease was 20–24 years (9% to 8%). The proportions in all other age groups remained similar across the years.

Greater London Authority (GLA) Projections

The GLA RLP Low projections as shown in Graph 4 for 2001, 2003 and 2005 showed similar distributions to the ONS across most age groups but a higher overall population. The number of people aged 15–64 years was estimated to have increased by 7,000 people. The number of children (0–14 years) increased by around 2,400 and the number of people aged 65 and over decreased by 800 between 2001 and 2005.

Graph 4: Southwark, Population by Age Group, GLA RLP Low, 2001, 2003, 2005

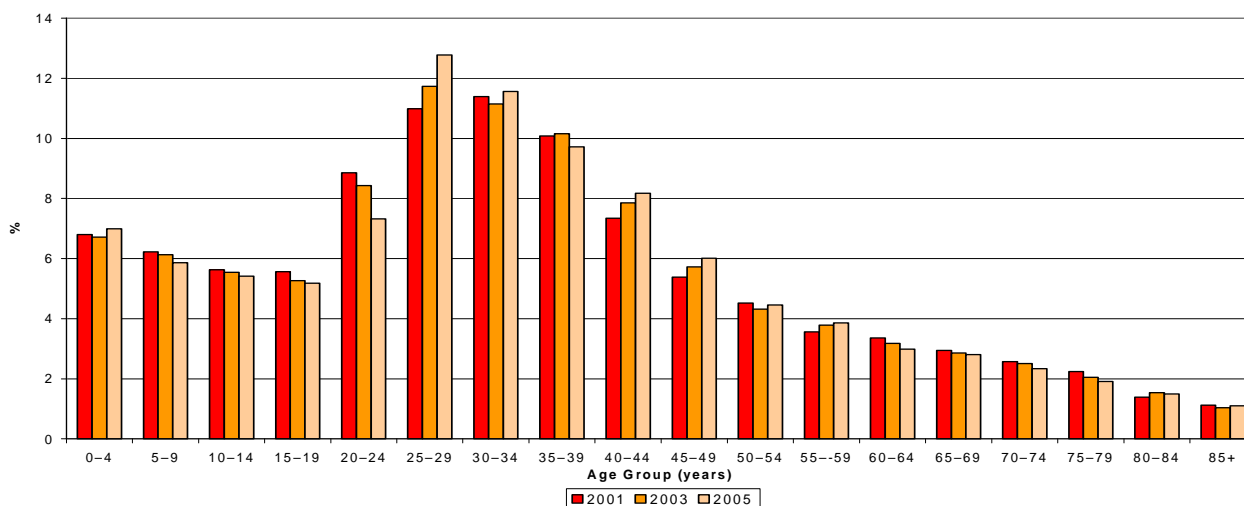


Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections, RLP Low

Compared to the ONS estimates, the GLA RLP Low projected more change in the proportions in the age groups 20–24 years (9% to 7%) and 25–29 years (11% to 13%).

The GLA RLP High estimates for 2001, 2003 and 2005 showed similar distributions to the GLA RLP Low across the age groups but for a different overall population.

Graph 5: Southwark: Population by Age Group, GLA RLP High, 2001, 2003, 2005



Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP High

Ethnicity

The ethnic diversity of Southwark has remained relatively unchanged since 2001 using GLA projections that were modelled using the 2001 Census data. These do not reflect any emerging groups as a result of recent migration patterns.⁷ The White aggregate ethnic group has remained the largest group followed by Black African, Black Caribbean and Black Other.

Table 3 shows that in 2001, it was projected by the GLA that the aggregated ethnic groups with the highest proportions in Southwark were White (63%) and Black African (16%). The aggregated ethnic groups with the lowest proportions were Pakistani (less than 1%) and Other Asian (1%). As reported earlier, between 2001 and 2005 the ethnic makeup was estimated to have stayed the same across the ethnic groups.

Table 3: Southwark, Population by Aggregated Ethnic Group, 2001–2005

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
White	162,200	162,500	162,800	162,000	164,800	62.0
Black Caribbean	20,400	20,200	20,000	19,800	19,800	7.4
Black African	41,100	41,400	41,700	42,000	42,700	16.0
Black Other	10,200	10,300	10,500	10,600	10,900	4.1
Indian	3,800	4,100	4,400	4,600	4,900	1.8
Pakistani	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.5
Bangladeshi	3,800	3,800	3,900	4,000	4,100	1.5
Other Asian	3,000	3,100	3,300	3,400	3,600	1.4
Chinese	4,700	4,900	5,100	5,300	5,600	2.1
Other	6,300	6,800	7,300	7,800	8,400	3.2
Southwark	256,700	258,500	260,100	260,600	265,800	100.0

Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ethnic Group Population Projections RLP High

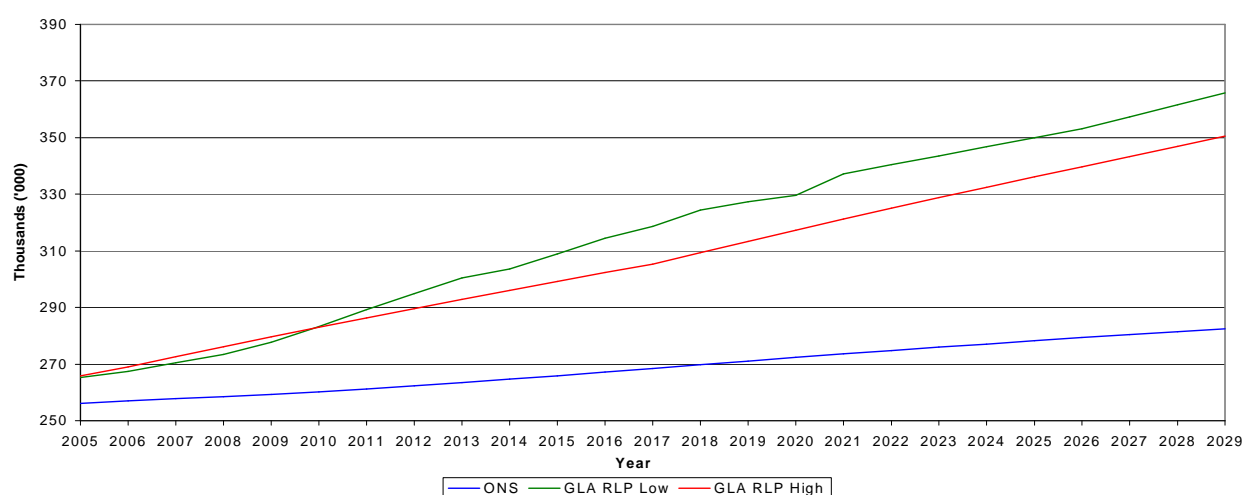
⁷ These ethnic projections have been demographically modelled using 2001 Census data and are constrained to the *GLA 2006 Round Demographic Projections RLP High*. More recent migration patterns will not be reflected in these projections, such as the expansion of the European Union since 2004, are not reflected in the modelling methodology.

HOW MIGHT SOUTHWARK CHANGE?

Population

Both the ONS and the GLA predict that Southwark's population will continue to grow (see Graph 6 and Table 4) over the next two decades to 2029. The ONS population projections show that Southwark's population is projected to grow to 282,500 people in 2029. This is a projected increase of 10% with an average increase of 1,100 people per year.⁸ The GLA RLP Low projections predict that Southwark's population will grow at a faster rate than projected by the ONS, with an increase of 38% (100,500) to 365,700.

Graph 6: Southwark, Projected Population, 2005–2029



Source: ONS 2004-Based subnational population projections; © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP Low; © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP High

The GLA RLP High projections predict that Southwark's population will grow at a slower rate than projected in the GLA RLP Low projections, with an increase of 32% (84,700) to 350,500. This is an annual average increase of 3,500 people per year. The GLA RLP Low methodology is driven by the increase in homes seen since mid-2001, whereas, the GLA RLP High projections makes the assumption that the pattern of international migration will remain the same as it was between 2001 and 2004. The GLA RLP High should be used for longer-term population change but in the short term RLP Low may be closer to the projected population. Both the ONS and the GLA projections are based on recent demographic trends and do not reflect future changes that may affect the population such as urban regeneration or changes in immigration policies.

Table 4: Southwark, Projected Population, 2005, 2016, 2029

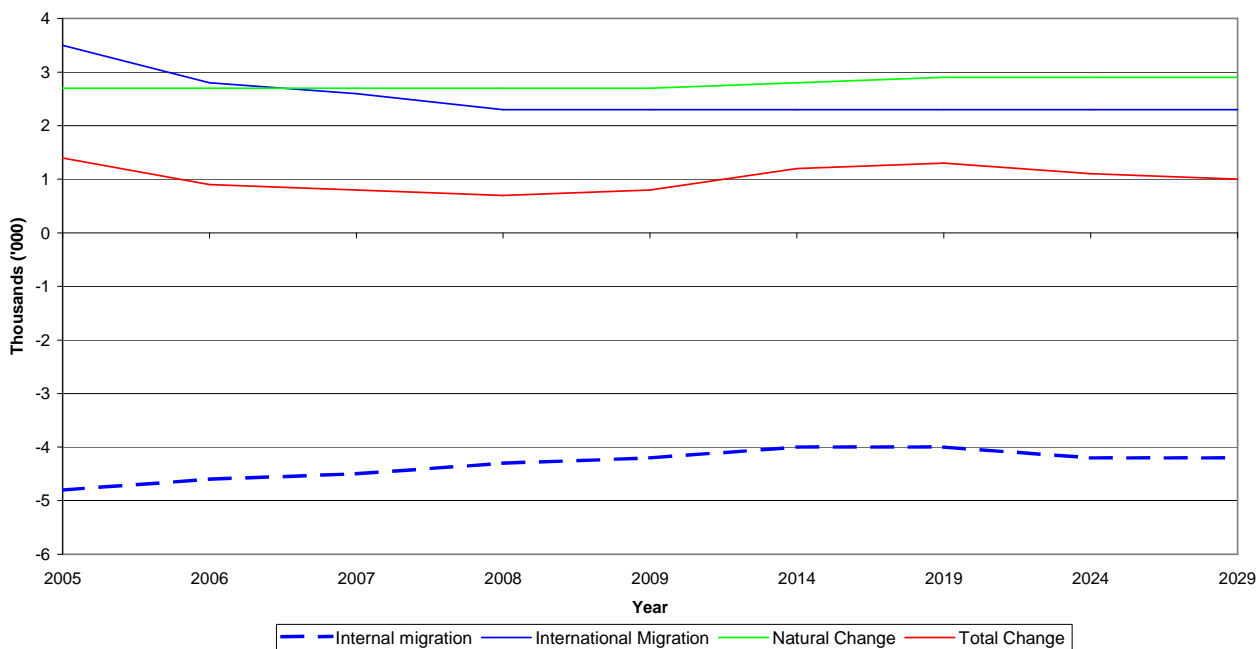
	2005	2016	2029
	no.	no.	no.
ONS ⁸	256,100	267,200	282,500
GLA RLP Low	265,300	314,400	365,700
GLA RLP High	265,800	302,300	350,500

Source: ONS 2004-Based subnational population projections;
© GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP Low;
© GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP High.

⁸ The ONS projected population for 2005 took the 2004 mid year population estimates as their starting point and therefore is not the same as the 2005 mid year estimates reported earlier. The projected population for 2005 was around 1,600 people less than the actual mid year estimate for 2005. Improvements in the methodology are likely to be implemented in 2007 and these projections may therefore be subject to revision. The ONS have indicated the likely level of revision of the mid year estimates for 2002–2005 as outlined in the Preface. This will impact on future ONS projections.

The ONS projected in 2004⁹ how Southwark's population will change in the future. As shown in Graph 7 it is projected that Southwark will see between 4,000 and 4,800 more people a year leaving the borough to go to another borough in England. It is also projected that between 2,300 and 3,500 more people a year will move into Southwark from abroad. The total change in Southwark is projected to stay at a similar level between 2005 and 2029. However, it is worth remembering that as with the total population projections these figures are based on recent demographic trends which may not continue in the future.

Graph 7: Southwark, Projected Components of Change, 2005–2029



Source: ONS 2004-Based subnational population projections

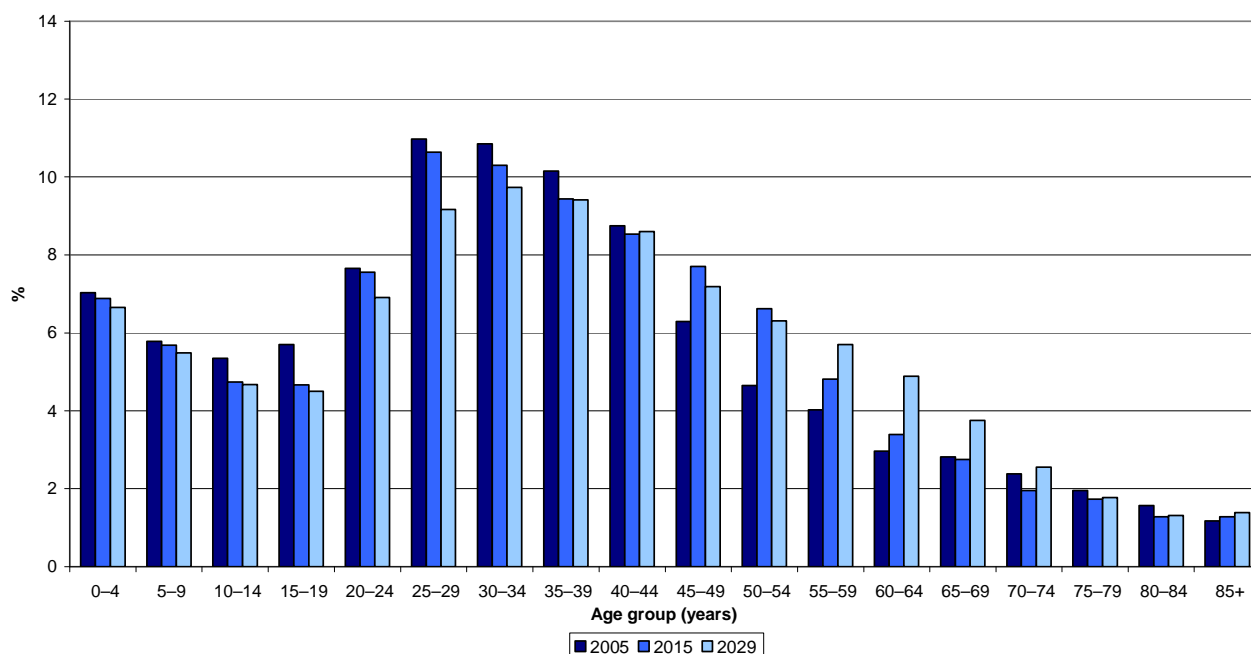
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Age

Office for National Statistics (ONS) Projections

Southwark will continue to remain a young population according to both ONS and GLA projections. ONS projections¹⁰ show the broad population groups will remain relatively unchanged but there is projected to be some changes within five-year age groups. The ONS projections estimate the number of children (0–14 years) will decrease slightly to 17% in 2029, down from 18% in 2005. Over the same period, the proportion of people aged 15–64 years is projected to remain at 72%, contributing to nearly three-quarters of the population. The proportion of people aged 65 years and over is due to increase slightly from 10% to 11% between 2005 and 2029.

Graph 8: Southwark, Population Projections by Age, 2005, 2015, 2029



Source: ONS 2004-Based subnational population projections

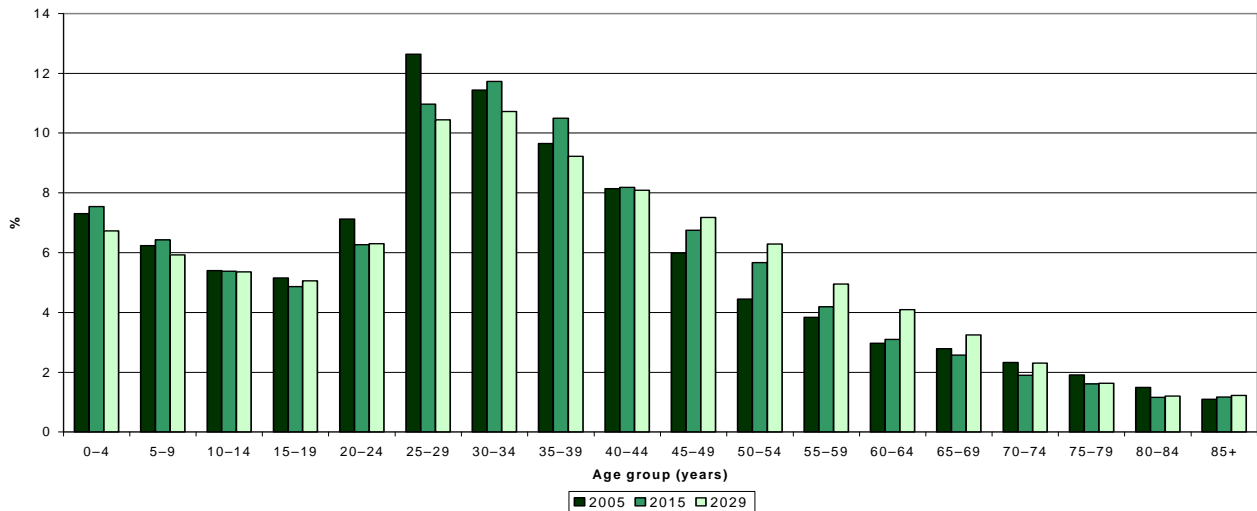
Graph 8 shows expected increases in the proportions of people in the older working age groups (45–64 years) over time, particularly between 2015 and 2029 (18% to 24%). In contrast, there is an expected decrease in the younger working age groups, most notably 25–29 years and 15–19 years.

¹⁰ The ONS projected population for 2005 took the 2004 mid year population estimates as their starting point and therefore is not the same as the 2005 mid year estimates reported earlier. The projected population for 2005 was around 1,600 people less than the actual mid year estimate for 2005. Improvements in the methodology are likely to be implemented in 2007 and these projections may therefore be subject to revision. The ONS have indicated the likely level of revision of the mid year estimates for 2002–2005 as outlined in the Preface. This will impact on future ONS projections.

Greater London Authority (GLA) Projections

The GLA RLP Low projections predict that Southwark's population will be higher than the ONS projections, however the proportions within the broad age groups will be similar. The proportion of children (0–14 years) is estimated to reduce between 2005 and 2029 (19% to 18%). The proportion of people aged 15–64 years is estimated to increase from 71% to 72% over the same period.

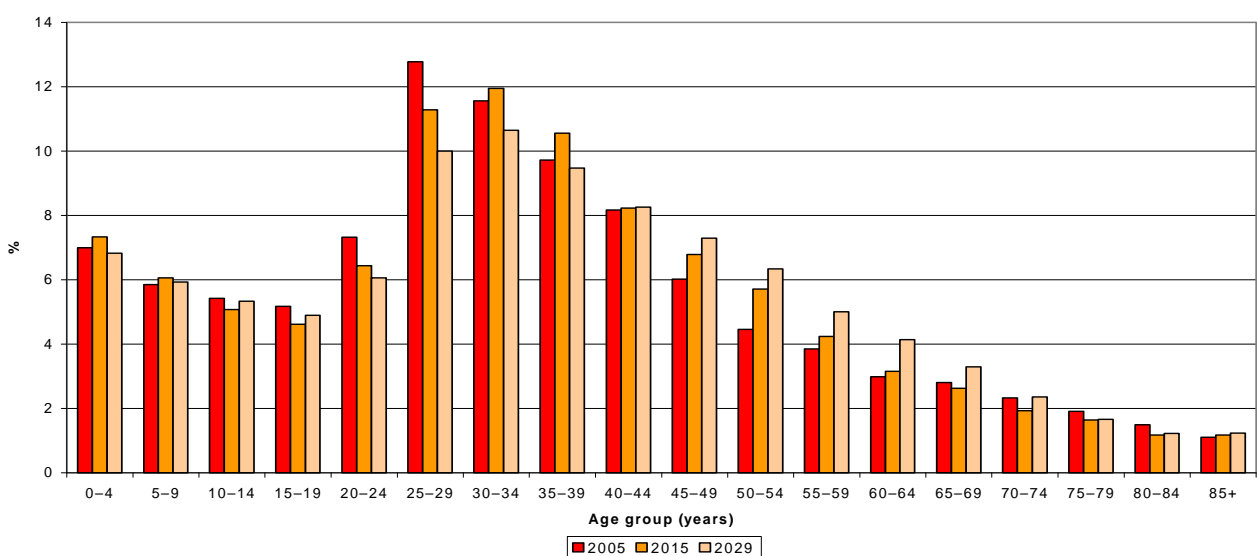
Graph 9: Southwark, Population Projections by Age, GLA RLP Low, 2005, 2015, 2029



Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP Low

The GLA RLP High projections shown in Graph 9 predict similar proportions as the GLA Low projections shown in Graph 10. However, the population is projected to be lower across the age groups. The GLA RLP High projections show an increase of 14,800 children (0–14 years) between 2005 and 2029, compared to 15,600 in the RLP Low projections. Over the same period the GLA RLP High projections show an increase of 61,200 people of working age (15–64 years) and an increase of 8,600 people aged 65 years and over, while the RLP Low projections show increases of 75,200 and 9,600 respectively.

Graph 10: Southwark, Population Projections by Age, GLA RLP High, 2005, 2015, 2029



Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ward Population Projections RLP High

The ONS and GLA projections expect increases in the proportion of the 45–69 year age groups over time, as well as a decrease in the proportions of people in the 20–29 year age groups. However, both GLA projections are not predicting the decline in the 15–19 year age groups as seen in the ONS projections. Both the GLA and the ONS projections show a similar pattern with the current population shifting across the age groups, though the GLA projections show a smaller change in the proportions of the 45–69 year age groups.

Ethnicity

The GLA projections shown in Table 5 give a picture of what the overall broad ethnic structure of the borough might look like over the next 20 years.¹¹ The GLA projections were modelled using the 2001 Census data and therefore will not reflect any emerging ethnic groups that are the result of recent migration patterns, such as the expansion of the European Union. These changes are likely to change the ethnic makeup of Southwark in the next 20 years. The ethnic structure of pupils in Southwark was very different to the projected ethnic structure of the whole Southwark population in 2005.¹² There was a lower proportion of White pupils (33%) compared to the whole population (62%), with a higher proportion for most other ethnic groups. If many of the current Southwark pupils continue to live in the borough as adults, the ethnic structure of Southwark might change more rapidly in the future than what the GLA projects. Other changes to immigration policy and any urban regeneration in Southwark will also affect ethnic diversity. As a result, these projections are indicative, based on the current ethnic diversity of Southwark.

Table 5: Southwark, Projected Population by Aggregated Ethnic Group (a)

	2005		2016		2026	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
White	164,800	62.0	183,200	60.6	205,700	60.6
Black Caribbean	19,800	7.4	19,300	6.4	19,900	5.9
Black African	42,700	16.0	47,700	15.8	52,900	15.6
Black Other	10,900	4.1	12,700	4.2	14,300	4.2
Indian	4,900	1.8	6,900	2.3	8,200	2.4
Pakistani	1,200	0.5	1,500	0.5	1,700	0.5
Bangladeshi	4,100	1.5	4,900	1.6	5,300	1.6
Other Asian	3,600	1.4	5,100	1.7	6,100	1.8
Chinese	5,600	2.1	7,700	2.6	9,200	2.7
Other	8,400	3.2	13,300	4.4	16,400	4.8
Total	265,800	100.0	302,300	100.0	339,700	100.0

(a) Ethnic groups used in this dataset have been aggregated from the 2001 Census ethnic categories. See Appendix A for more information.

Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ethnic Group Population Projections RLP High

In 2026, it is projected that the predominant ethnic group will continue to be White (61%). Based on the 2001 Census results (as reported earlier), it would be expected that White British would continue to make up the bulk of this group although changes might occur in the ethnicity in this group such as a higher proportion of White Other (such as from Eastern Europe) migrating to the borough.

Black African (16%) is projected to be the second highest aggregated ethnic group in Southwark (the same proportion was observed in 2005).

¹¹ These ethnic projections have been demographically modelled using 2001 Census data and are constrained to the *GLA 2006 Round Demographic Projections RLP High*. More recent migration patterns will not be reflected in these projections, such as the expansion of the European Union since 2004, are not reflected in the modelling methodology.

¹² See Appendix C for the ethnic background of Southwark pupils in 2005.

APPENDIX A

Ethnicity: Aggregated Ethnic Groups compared to ONS Census categories

<i>GLA Aggregated Ethnic Group (AEG)</i>	<i>ONS 2001 Census Ethnic Group</i>	
	<i>Broad Group</i>	<i>Ethnic Group</i>
White	White White White	British Irish Other White
Black Caribbean	Black or Black British	Caribbean
Black African	Black or Black British	African
Black Other	Black or Black British Mixed Mixed	Other Black White & Black Caribbean White & Black African
Indian	Asian or Asian British	Indian
Pakistani	Asian or Asian British	Pakistani
Bangladeshi	Asian or Asian British	Bangladeshi
Chinese	Chinese or Other	Chinese
Other Asian	Mixed Asian or Asian British	White & Asian Other Asian
Other	Mixed Chinese or Other	Other Mixed Other

Source: © GLA 2006 Round Ethnic Group Population Projections RLP High

APPENDIX B

Southwark: Projected International and Internal Migration, 2005–2029 (a)

<i>Mid Year</i>	<i>Internal migration into area</i>	<i>Internal migration out of area</i>	<i>International migration into area</i>	<i>International migration out of area</i>	<i>Total net migration</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
2005	16,700	21,500	7,600	4,100	-1,300
2006	17,000	21,600	6,800	4,000	-1,800
2007	17,200	21,700	6,600	4,000	-1,900
2008	17,400	21,700	6,300	4,000	-2,000
2009	17,500	21,700	6,300	4,000	-1,900
2014	18,000	22,000	6,300	4,000	-1,600
2019	18,200	22,200	6,300	4,000	-1,600
2024	18,200	22,400	6,300	4,000	-1,800
2029	18,300	22,500	6,300	4,000	-1,900

(a) The ONS projected population for 2005 took the 2004 mid year population estimates as their starting point and therefore is not the same as the 2005 mid year estimates reported. The projected population for 2005 was around 1,600 people less than the actual mid year estimate for 2005. Improvements in the methodology are likely to be implemented in 2007 and these projections may therefore be subject to revision. The ONS have indicated the likely level of revision of the mid year estimates for 2002–2005 as outlined in the Preface. This will impact on future ONS projections.

Source: *ONS 2004-Based subnational population projections*

APPENDIX C

Southwark: Pupil Ethnic Background, 2005 (a)

<i>Ethnic group</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>White</i>	
White British	26.3
White Irish	1.3
Other White	5.4
Traveller of Irish Heritage	0.2
Gypsy/Roma	0.1
<i>Mixed</i>	
White and Black Caribbean	3.3
White and Black African	0.9
White and Asian	0.5
Other Mixed	2.5
<i>Asian or Asian British</i>	
Indian	0.6
Pakistani	0.5
Bangladeshi	2.6
Other Asian	0.9
<i>Black or Black British</i>	
Black Caribbean	14.4
Black African	29.6
Other Black	3.6
<i>Chinese or Other ethnic group</i>	
Chinese	1.2
Other ethnic group	5.0
Unknown	1.4
Total	100.0

(a) Includes Primary, Secondary, Academies and Special schools and is based on statutory aged pupils.

Source: *Southwark Vital statistics, 2006*