

2001 Census Ward Profiles

Fortune Green



Key Factsfrom the 2001 Census

Area (hectares): 101
Residents: 10,463
Households: 4,768
Children under 16: 1,547
People of working age (16-59/64): 7,691
People of pensionable age (60/65+): 1,225



Population by Age & Sex (%) Age 90 + 85 - 89 80 - 84 75 - 79 70 - 74 65 - 69 60 - 64 55 - 59 50 - 54 45 - 49 40 - 44 35 - 39 30 - 3425 - 29 20 - 24 15 - 19 10 - 14 5 - 9 0 - 4 3 % Females Males LB Camden

Fortune Green Ward is located in the north west of the borough. The borough boundaries with Barnet and Brent form the northern and western extents, while Finchley Road forms the eastern boundary. To the south (east to west) the boundary consists of West End Lane and Mill Lane, down Broomsleigh Street, cutting across the railway and along Maygrove Road.

The name of Fortune Green is derived from *foran-tune* meaning *in front of the tun*, probably an inn in the area. Originally Fortune Green was a patch of manorial waste, now in the north of the ward, where local residents had the right to graze animals, dig turf and play sports. The Green dwindled considerably in the 19th century when the lord of the manor granted enclosure rights for about a third of the area. The arrival of the Midlands Railway in 1871 brought rapid development and many large houses were demolished in favour of higher density buildings. Victorian residential buildings display considerable variety in their design and detail and there are a number of large distinctive red brick mansion blocks, most of which have remained unaltered.

Statistics from the 2001 Census show that Fortune Green ward has fewer young people aged under 20 than the Camden average, but more than average proportions of people aged 20-34. The ward ranks 4th on average household size (2.17) compared with the Camden average of 2.06. The ward has the 4th largest Irish population in Camden (6%).

Fortune Green ward has the largest proportion of owner-occupiers (28%), while 12% of households rent from the Council. The housing stock is mainly constituted of converted flats (46%) and purpose-built flats (29%), while houses account for a further 23%.

The ward enjoys economic activity rates well above the Camden average, ranking 2nd overall (72%), ranking 2nd for women (67%) and 5th for men (78%). Households in Fortune Green have higher than the Camden average access to a car or van (54%, compared with 44%), and ranks 2nd in terms of people who use public transport to get to work, but who also have access to a car or van (57%).

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