YOUR SUTTON

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POPULATION
YOUNG PEOPLE
STAYING SAFE
ENVIRONMENT
BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT
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Sutton was home to 190,146 residents in 2011. This is a **5.8% increase** from 179,768 residents in 2001.

The average age in the borough is **38 years**, higher than the London average of 35 years.

In 2011, **20%** of the population was **16 or under** and **14%** was **65+ years**.

Since 2001 the 60 to 64 year old age group has experienced a **population increase of 38%**, making it the fastest growing age group in the borough.
Looking ahead to 2021, it is expected that the 65+ population will be the fastest growing age group, with GLA projections suggesting a 22% population increase.

Since 2001 there has been a significant increase in the Black and Ethnic Minority population within the borough to 21%, with the Asian population being the fastest growing.
Excellent A Level and GCSE exam results in 2013 ensure we remain one of the top performing local authorities in England and Wales with 81% of A Level students gaining grades A*-B, and 77% of GCSE students gaining five or more A*-C grades, including English and Maths.

The South Indian language, Tamil, is the second most common language in Sutton primary schools and 4.3% of primary school children speak Tamil. English as a first language has reduced by nearly 5% since 2001 to 73.7% in primary schools.

Sutton has one of the lowest re-offending rates of young people in London.
Sutton’s population aged 16-18 not in education, employment or training (NEET) in January 2014 was 3.8%. This is a decrease in the proportion of young people who are NEET compared to the same period last year, reflecting the continuing tracking and engagement work carried out in the borough.

The number of teenage pregnancies continues to drop. The number of pregnancies in the under 18 age group fell to 27,834 in 2012 compared with 31,051 in 2011 – a 10% reduction.

**Sutton’s Youth Parliament**
meets every two weeks and has been running for 12 years. Around 52% of young people in Sutton take part in the elections to vote for Sutton’s Member of Youth Parliament.

**Young Commissioners, aged between 16 and 19**, have taken part in council-led bespoke training in commissioning and they will be assigned to officers to work on council projects across the organisation.

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How can we help more young people increase their chances for employment?

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Sutton is one of the safest boroughs in London with total crime having reduced by 32.7% over the past nine years. That’s a drop from over 16,000 offences in 2004 to fewer than 11,000 in 2013.

Motor vehicle crime is at its lowest level for 16 years.

Violent crime in the borough is at its lowest for 12 years.

The Safer Sutton Partnership Service (SSPS) is a unique partnership between the police and the council that aims to drive down crime and the fear of crime.
The Ipsos MORI survey, carried out in 2013, showed that the number of residents who feel safe outside after dark in Sutton has increased from 60% in 2009 to 71% in 2013.

Domestic violence accounts for approximately a third of all violent crime in Sutton.

Through effective partnership working the rate of repeat victimisation among high risk domestic violence victims has fallen by 23% in the past two years.

Domestic violence victimisation rates per thousand adults are higher in Sutton than all boroughs in South West London with the exception of Croydon.

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How can you help local police and the council continue to drive down crime in Sutton?

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There are 420 hectares of green space and more than 80 parks and open spaces.

**Sutton is one of London’s greenest boroughs.** There are six Green Flag parks and Sutton has achieved a number of awards including the Silver Gilt award in 2013 for its overall entry in the competition for the fifth year running; a Silver Gilt award for Manor Park; a Gold award for Oaks Park and 1st place for the Floral Display award in the London in Bloom Awards.

There are 75,000 trees in the borough’s streets, parks and other council properties and in addition many hectares of woodlands.
In 2013, Sutton established borough-wide One Planet targets, working with BioRegional. Targets include reducing the borough’s CO₂ emissions by 20%, reducing waste from households by 5% per household, and increasing the percentage of residents using sustainable transport to 50% by 2017.

Sutton has nine public libraries, two theatres, and a number of Grade II listed heritage buildings, including the Honeywood Museum, Whitehall, and Little Holland House.

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What can you do to keep Sutton greener in the future?

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The economic activity rate among working age people in Sutton is 81.3% compared to London at 76.6% and England at 77.4%.

Opportunity Sutton, the council’s Economic Renewal and Regeneration programme, has created approximately 1,700 jobs, attracted £322m of investment and unlocked a number of key development sites since early 2013.

2013 was a record year for new companies with 939 registrations.

The introduction of a range of initiatives by the council and our local partners has led to a reduction in youth unemployment in the borough by 31% between November 2012 and November 2013.
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How can we help support businesses better?

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On average, we can expect to live longer than the rest of the nation. For Sutton men the life expectancy is 80.5 years, and for Sutton women it is 84 years, compared with national averages of 79.2 years and 83 years respectively.

Although life expectancy at birth in Sutton is longer than the England average, there is variation within the borough. For men, there is a difference of about 6 years between electoral wards, ranging from approximately 77 years in St Helier, to 83 years in Nonsuch. For women, there is a difference of about 8 years, ranging from approximately 81 years in Wandle Valley, to almost 89 years in Nonsuch.

16% of children in Sutton are living in poverty, a lower percentage compared to 26.7% in London and 20.1% in England.
Circulatory disease (including stroke), cancer and respiratory disease are the three major causes of death in Sutton.

62% of adults in Sutton are physically active compared to 57.2% in London and 56% in England.

We have four leisure centres, two of which have indoor swimming pools. The renovated Westcroft Leisure Centre reopened in January 2013. The swimming pool at Cheam Leisure Centre will be closed until December 2014 in order for major works to be undertaken.

Within the borough, we also have two rugby pitches, two orienteering trails, six outdoor gyms, one Parkour area, one croquet lawn, four bowls clubs, one all weather pitch, 66 park football pitches, 34 outdoor tennis courts, five skate parks and two hurling pitches.

HAVE YOUR SAY

How can we help you to be more physically active?

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Sutton is divided into 18 wards. Each ward is represented by three councillors – 54 councillors in total.

Sutton has six local committees designed to give residents a greater say over council decisions. Our local committees have the power to decide how money is spent on local improvement projects, and can raise important issues with local councillors.
The Mayor of Sutton is the first citizen of the borough and performs a very important ceremonial role. Each Mayor selects a new charity that they raise money for throughout their year-long term.

The council’s main decisions are made through committees: we have six main decision-making committees, six local committees, one scrutiny committee and several statutory committees.

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How can we make it easier for you to have a say in decisions that affect your life?

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Sutton is aiming to increase the percentage of children travelling to school by **sustainable transport** from 76% in 2009 to 80% in 2017.

Between April 2013 and January 2014 we have **repaired 1,072 potholes** compared to 701 repairs that were completed from April 2012 to March 2013.

Sutton has **repaired every single pothole** reported to it via its website or customer service line.
Sutton’s ‘Smarter Travel Sutton’ initiative, with backing from Transport for London, has helped make us London’s first sustainable transport borough.

Cycling rates in the borough have risen significantly over the past two years - up 50%.

Public transport usage is up by 13%.

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How can we help support more sustainable travel?

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69% of residents own their own home (either through a mortgage, shared ownership or owned outright). This is higher than in London (49%) and England (64%).

14% of households live in accommodation rented from social landlords.

Since 2001 Sutton has seen a significant increase in the number of households who rent privately.

In Sutton the annual growth in house prices was almost double the national average at 6.3%, bringing the average house price to £265,623.

86 affordable homes were built in 2013/14. 272 additional affordable homes are planned to be completed before April 2015.
195 households were accepted as statutorily homeless during 2013/14.

At April 2014 there were 1,191 households on the council’s social housing waiting list.

87.5% of council housing met the Government’s ‘decent homes’ standard at April 2014, a 12.3% increase from the previous year. Sutton Housing Partnership together with the London Borough of Sutton is delivering the Decent Homes Programme which will see all council homes brought up to standard over the next few years.

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How can we support you to make best use of existing housing in the borough?

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Sutton will spend nearly £380m in 2014/15. This includes spending on council housing and capital expenditure such as constructing new buildings and other public realm facilities.

After taking account of income from fees and charges, and from specific government grants, the council’s net budget in 2014/15 is £151.7m. Around £76.1m of funding comes from council tax payers, just over half of the net budget.

Education is the largest single area of local authority expenditure. This year Sutton will spend £117.4m (£98.3m of which is funded by special government grants).

The second largest expenditure is on adult social care which will cost £58.9m in the next year.

Other major areas of spending include waste (£11.3m); other housing costs (£6.7m); planning and transportation (£4.3m); services for young people (£21.5m) and community safety (£1.5m).
The remainder of the funding for Sutton’s net budget comes through the Settlement Funding Assessment (SFA). This includes government grants and the retention of 30% of the business rates collected by Sutton. The SFA is used to support general local authority expenditure. In 2014/15 Sutton’s SFA is £74.1m. This is £6.3m lower than the equivalent funding in 2013/14. There will be a further reduction in 2015/16 of £8.1m resulting in a cash reduction of 18% over two years.

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What do you think the council should prioritise spending on?

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