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# About this report



The Mayor of London wants to make sure everyone in London gets equal and fair treatment.

Groups of people who might not be treated equally are:

- young people
- older people
- disabled people
- people of different religions
- women
- ethnic minority people
- lesbians, gay men, bisexual and trans people (people who live as a person of the opposite sex).



These groups of people are called 'equality target groups'.

This report looks at whether things are getting fairer or not for these people.

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The report has helped the Greater London Authority do its work, because it has shown in what areas of life people are being treated unfairly.



It has also shown which people are being treated most unfairly.

# What the report found



For the report, ten important areas in the lives of these groups of people were looked at in London in 2007.

The ten areas and what was found out are below.



## School

Every year London's young people do better at school. However Gypsy and Traveller children, disabled children and black Caribbean boys do not do so well.



## Jobs

The people least likely to have jobs were Bangladeshi and Pakistani women and disabled women living in Inner London.



## Money

Bangladeshi people earned less money than anyone else.



The poorest people were Bangladeshi and Pakistani children, and children and old people living in Inner London.



## Health

Rich people tended to live longer than poor people.



## Crime and safety

There was a lot of violence at home.

People commit crimes against other people just because of their race, religion or sexual orientation.

Disabled people and women felt less safe than anyone else.



## Homes

More black people had no homes than anyone else.

Gypsies and Travellers don't have enough caravan sites.



## Road safety

Black African and black Caribbean children may get hurt by road traffic more often than other people.



## **Politicians**

There weren't enough politicians who were young, disabled, women, from an ethnic minority group, lesbian or gay.



## **Equal treatment**

Every year Londoners say having lots of different people in London is one of the best things about London and more people say they like lesbians and gay men. However, some people still treat people from equality target groups badly.



## **Information**

There is not enough information about lesbians, gay men, bisexual and trans people, people of different religions or people who communicate differently.

Organisations don't know enough and don't find out whether these people can use their services or what kind of services they would like.



## Young people

Every year more people between 16 and 19 are going to college, have a job or get new skills through training. But still too many are not, which means they are not likely to have a good life.



## Disabled people

There are many buildings that disabled people cannot get into. Ealing is the worst place for disabled people to get into public buildings.



## Women

Women spend a lot of time looking after children. They spend much more time than men on tasks at home.



## Religious groups

People, the TV and newspapers have said more bad things about Muslims than before.



## Ethnic minority people

Relationships between different ethnic communities are good but may be getting less good.

# What next?



The Mayor of London will work with organisations to make sure that things get better, especially the bad things above.

The Greater London Authority will measure everything again to see if this is happening.

They will publish more reports to tell people whether things are getting better or not.

# People who support this report

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I am Richard Barnes, the Deputy Mayor of London. This report is important because it tells us how equal things are for people in London.

These are some of the words we use in this report.

**Equality target groups** are groups of people who might not be treated equally (see the list in 'About this report').

**Ethnic communities** are different people who come from all over the world. Some of the **ethnic minority** groups in the report include people from Bangladesh, the Caribbean and Pakistan.

**Sexual orientation** is about whether a man loves women, a woman loves men, a man loves other men (gay men), a woman loves other woman (lesbian), or someone loves either women or men (bisexual).

**Trans people** are people who live as a person of the opposite sex.

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### Greek

Αν θέλετε να αποκτήσετε αντίγραφο του παρόντος εγγράφου στη δική σας γλώσσα, παρακαλείστε να επικοινωνήσετε τηλεφωνικά στον αριθμό αυτό ή ταχυδρομικά στην παρακάτω διεύθυνση.

### Turkish

Bu belgenin kendi dilinizde hazırlanmış bir nüshasını edinmek için, lütfen aşağıdaki telefon numarasını arayınız veya adrese başvurunuz.

### Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਫ਼ੋਨ ਕਰੋ ਜਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਪਤੇ 'ਤੇ ਰਾਬਤਾ ਕਰੋ:

### Hindi

यदि आप इस दस्तावेज की प्रति अपनी भाषा में चाहते हैं, तो कृपया निम्नलिखित नंबर पर फोन करें अथवा नीचे दिये गये पते पर संपर्क करें

### Bengali

আপনি যদি আপনার ভাষায় এই দলিলের প্রতিলিপি (কপি) চান, তা হলে নীচের ফোন নম্বরে বা ঠিকানায় অনুগ্রহ করে যোগাযোগ করুন।

### Urdu

اگر آپ اس دستاویز کی نقل اپنی زبان میں چاہتے ہیں، تو براہ کرم نیچے دئے گئے نمبر پر فون کریں یا دیئے گئے پتے پر رابطہ کریں

### Arabic

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### Gujarati

જો તમને આ દસ્તાવેજની નકલ તમારી ભાષામાં જોઈતી હોય તો, કૃપા કરી આપેલ નંબર ઉપર ફોન કરો અથવા નીચેના સરનામે સંપર્ક સાધો.