

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]  
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA041021-4478

29 October 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 3 October 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- *The estimated average daytime population for each individual London borough, and for London as a whole in 2021.*
- *Mid-year estimates would also satisfy this request.*

*Just to note: if it is impossible to provide the data exactly as requested, I would also be satisfied with the most recent daytime population statistics you have available from a previous year. Please indicate which time period your figures pertain to when you respond to my request.*

Our response is as follows:

We can today confirm that the GLA does not hold this information for 2021.

The official measure of daytime population comes from the decennial Census. This is called Workday population and comprises persons in work at their workplace address plus persons not in work at their residential address. Figures from the 2021 Census will be published by the Office for National Statistics in 2022. The latest official estimates of daytime population remain Workday populations from the 2011 Census.

The GLA produced later unofficial estimates of daytime population incorporating estimates for tourists and day visitors, but the series was discontinued after 2014 due to some components becoming unavailable. The 2014 GLA estimates are available on the London Datastore [here](#). The spreadsheet also includes the 2011 Census Workday estimates.

Since the pandemic we have been using [data on mobility](#) published from a variety of sources, including mobile phone and transport data. We find this more useful in giving us estimates of the extent to which people are moving around different areas of the city. These are not quite daytime population estimates as such, but provide very timely estimates of change.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA041021-4478.

Yours sincerely



**Information Governance Officer**

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