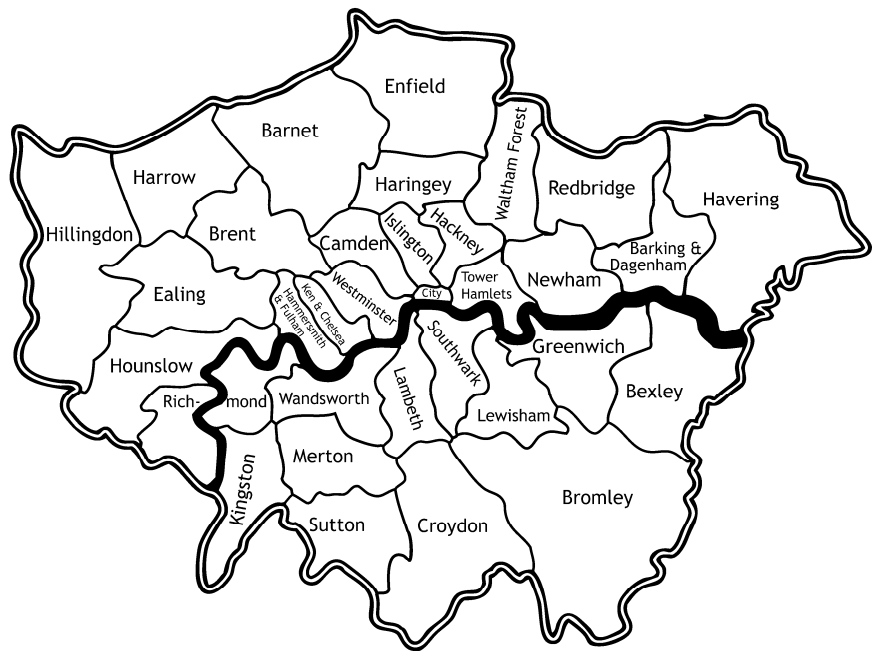


T1 British Asians in London

London is a genuinely cosmopolitan city. Afro-Caribbean and Asian settlers from former British colonies have played a major part in creating London's multicultural society. Despite the differences of ethnicity, culture, language, religion, history and location, the new communities in London established by Indians, Sri Lankans, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis and other migrants from South Asia are represented under the single racial category of British Asian. They make up about 14% of London's population.

Some areas in London have become significant sites of South Asian migration and settlement, for example Tooting (London borough of Wandsworth) for Sri Lankans; Brick Lane (London borough of Tower Hamlets) / Tower Hamlets for Bangladeshis; Wembley (London borough of Brent), Harrow, Kingsbury (London borough of Brent) for Gujaratis and Southall (London borough of Ealing) for Punjabis and Sikhs.



London boroughs with a high population of British Asians (in %):

Tower Hamlets:	36.6%	Harrow:	29.7%	Newham:	32.5%
Brent:	27.7%	Hounslow:	24.7%	Redbridge:	25.0%
Ealing:	24.5%				

Assignments

A What have you learnt about London from this text? Give the information in your own words.

B Find the seven London boroughs mentioned above and mark them on the map.

C Find out more about one of the communities mentioned and about their migration background.

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