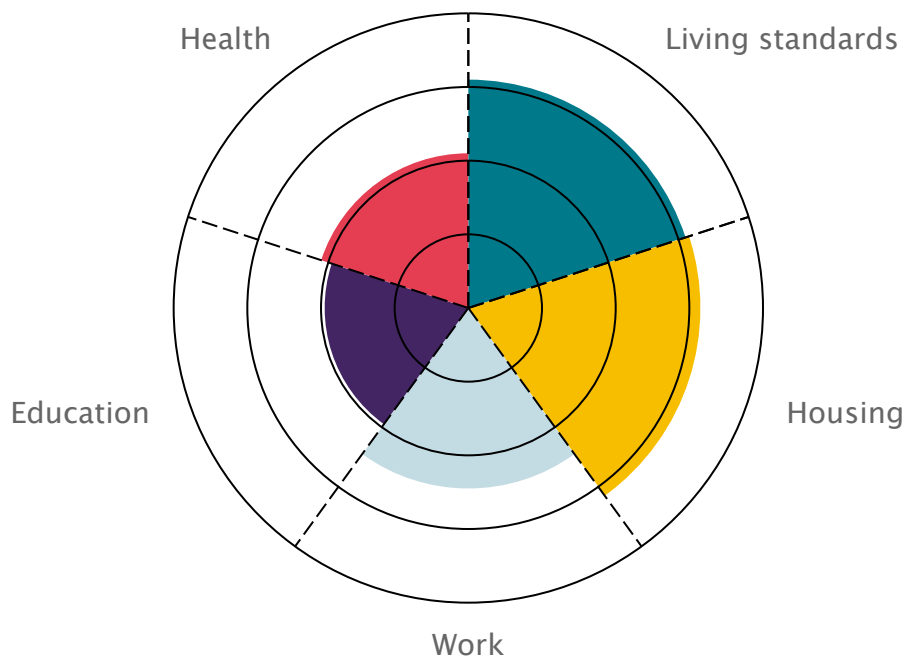


London's Poverty Profile provides evidence on and insight into poverty and inequality in London. It shines a light on these issues to prompt action from local and national government, the third sector, faith groups, practitioners, experts, businesses, the public and indeed anyone who cares about making London a fairer city to live in.

This factsheet draws together insights specifically for Merton from the wider set of indicators published in London's Poverty Profile.

For details of the data sources and methods used please see <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/data/boroughs/overview-of-london-boroughs/>

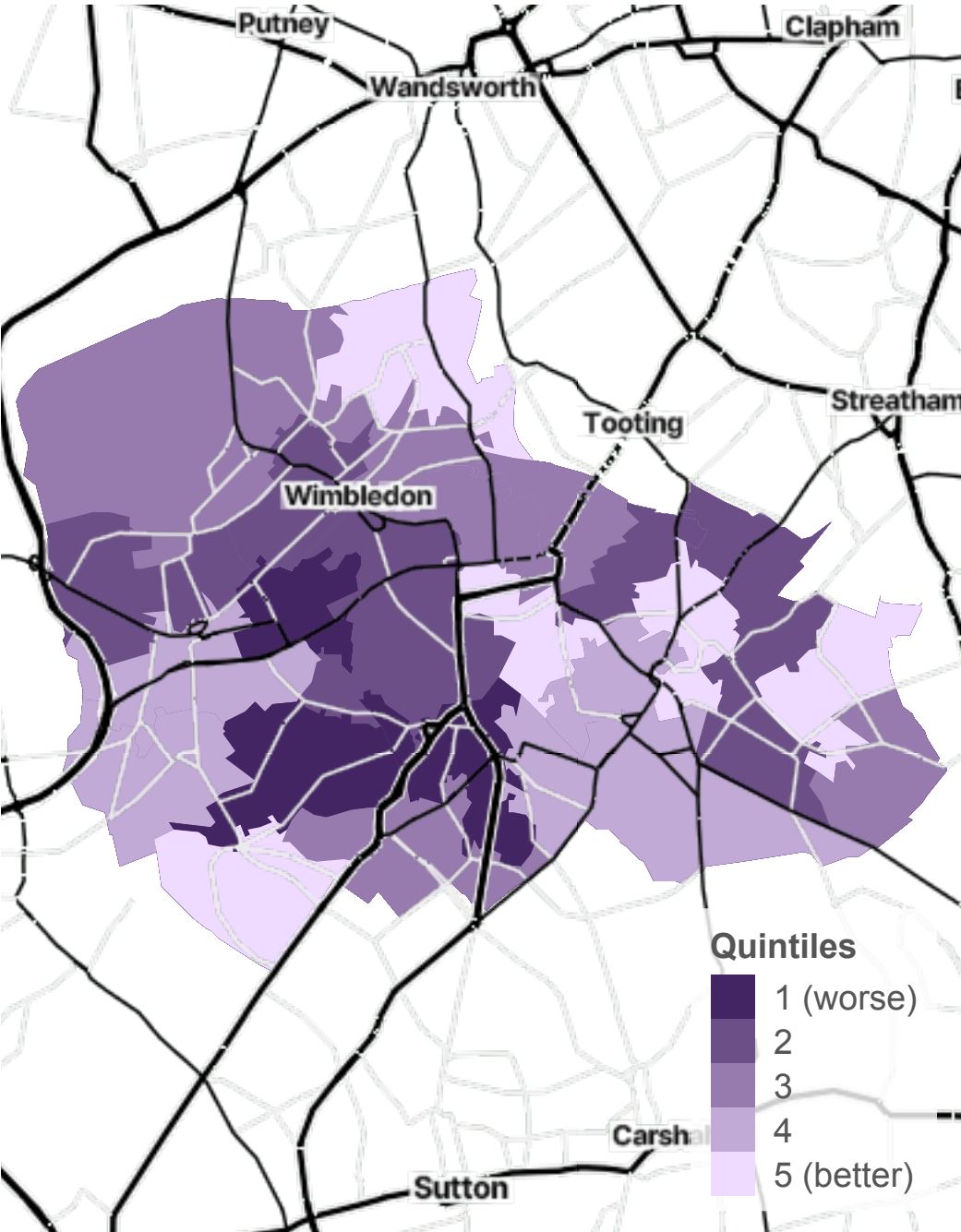


The chart above summarises the boroughs' indicators across each of our themes. The center represents worse performance, outer rings better

Key Points

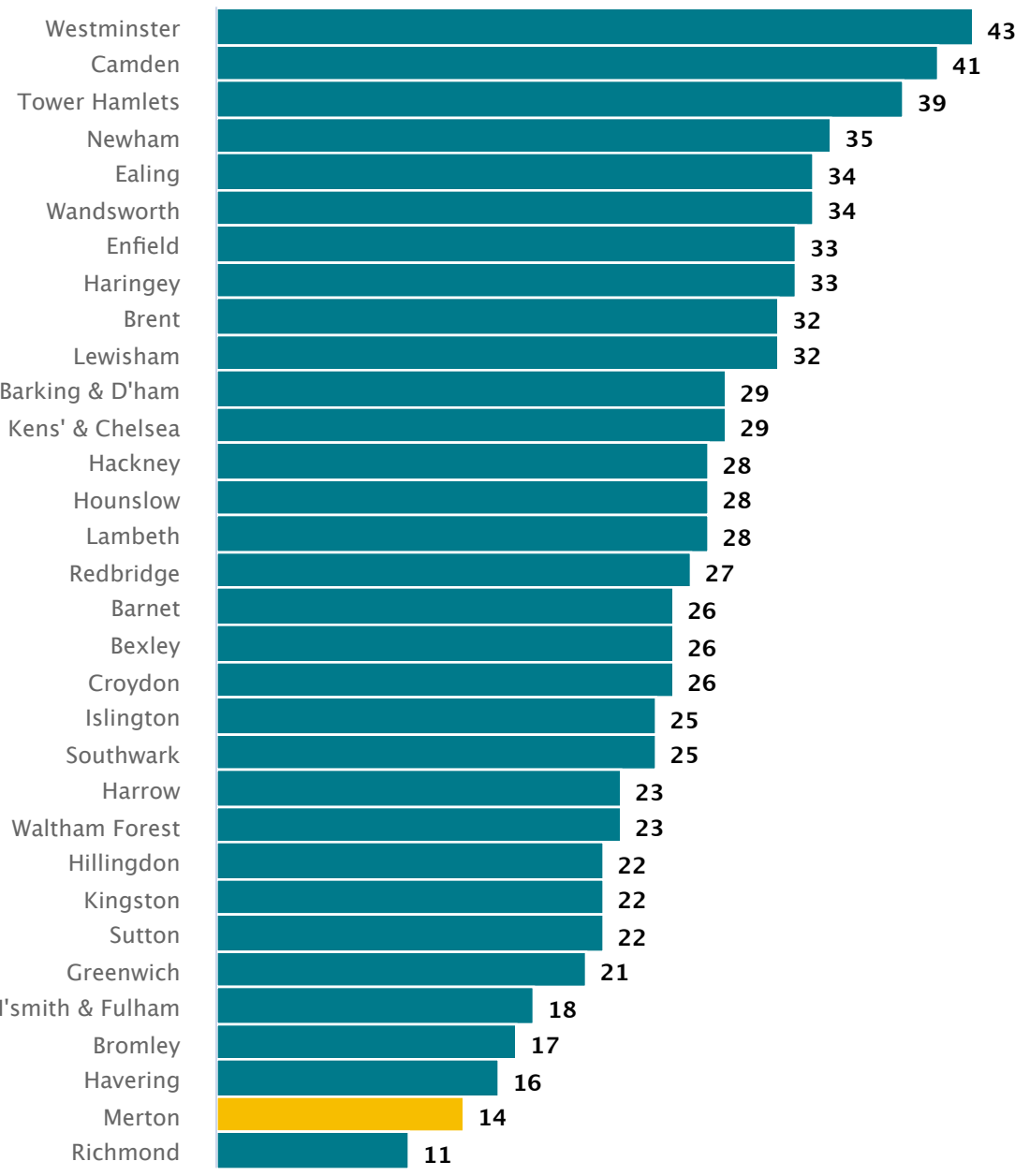
- In 2021/22, 14% of people in the borough lived in households with an income of less than 60% the UK median after housing costs have been subtracted. This was better than the average London Borough.
- 27% of children in the borough lived in households with an income of less than 60% the UK median after housing costs have been subtracted in 2021/22. This was around the same as the average London Borough.
- In Merton, 13.1% of residents were estimated to be earning below the Living Wage in 2023. This was around the same as the average London Borough.
- 2.3% of adults in the borough had no recognised qualifications in 2021. This was better than the average London Borough.
- Merton owed 0.15 per 1,000 households a main homelessness duty in 2023 Q1, better than the average London Borough.
- Unemployment change in 2023 Q3 at 1.3 percentage points from 3 years ago was worse than the average London Borough.
- Pay inequality as measured by the ratio of wages at the 80th percentile to the 20th percentile in 2023 was worse than the average London Borough at (2.65).

Income estimates 2018



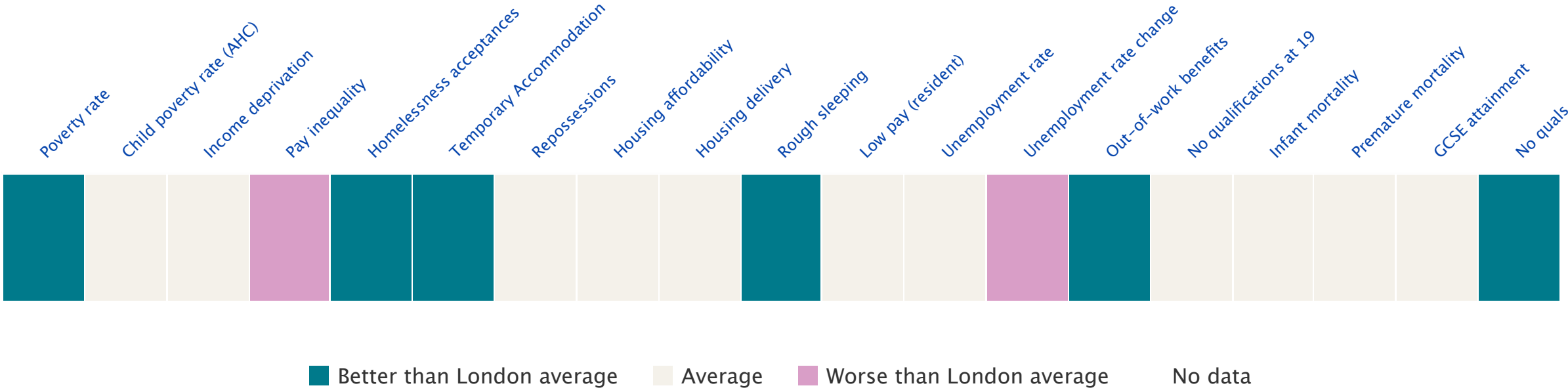
Source: MSOA Income estimates 2018, ONS

Poverty rate 2019/2020



Source: Households below average income 5 year averages to 2019/2020, DWP

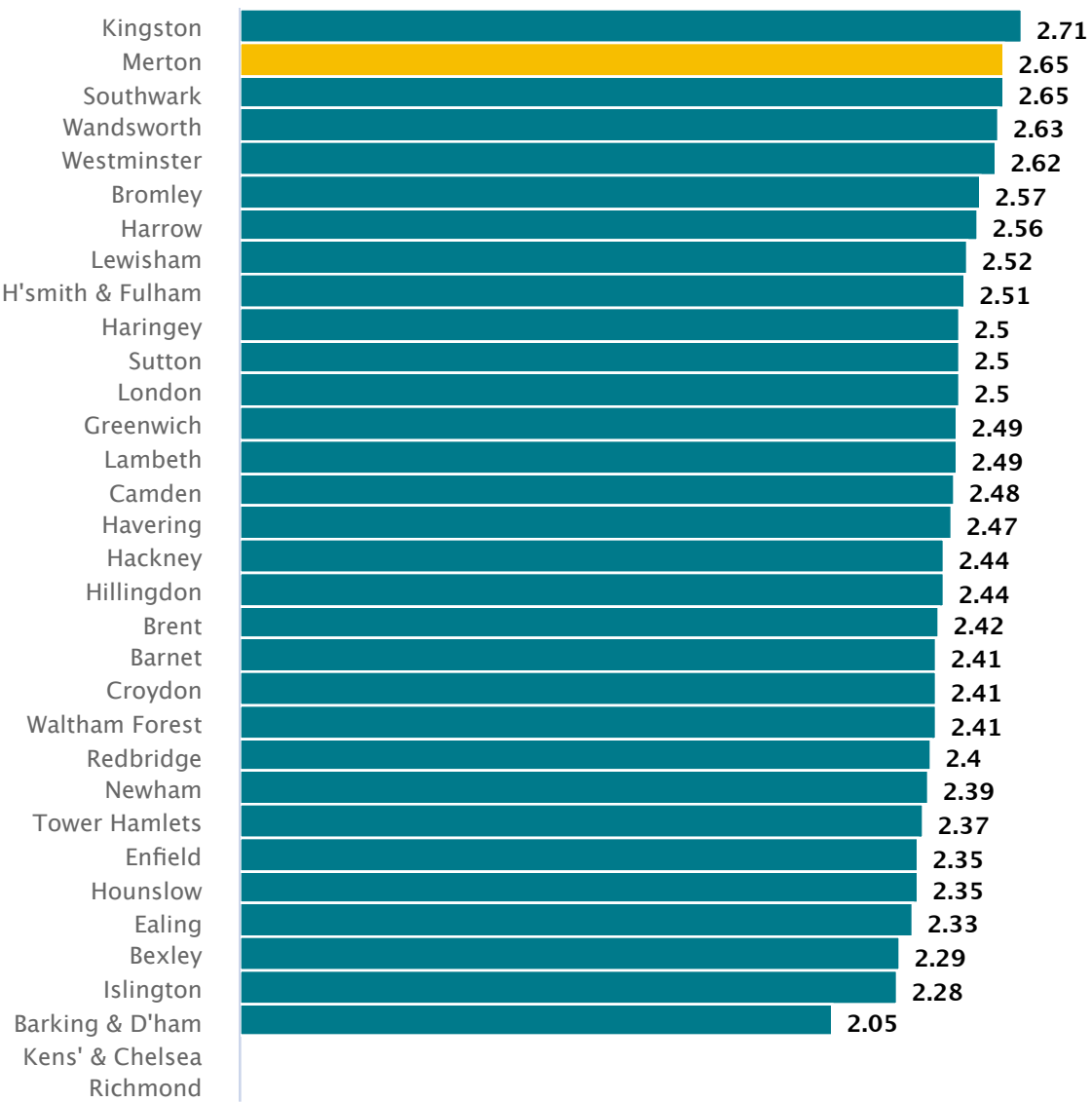
Merton ratings across key indicators



Looking across all the indicators collected at Borough level for the London Poverty Profile, Merton did worst for 80:20 hourly wage ratio by London borough, and best for Highest qualification levels obtained for working-age population by London borough.

Worse for:

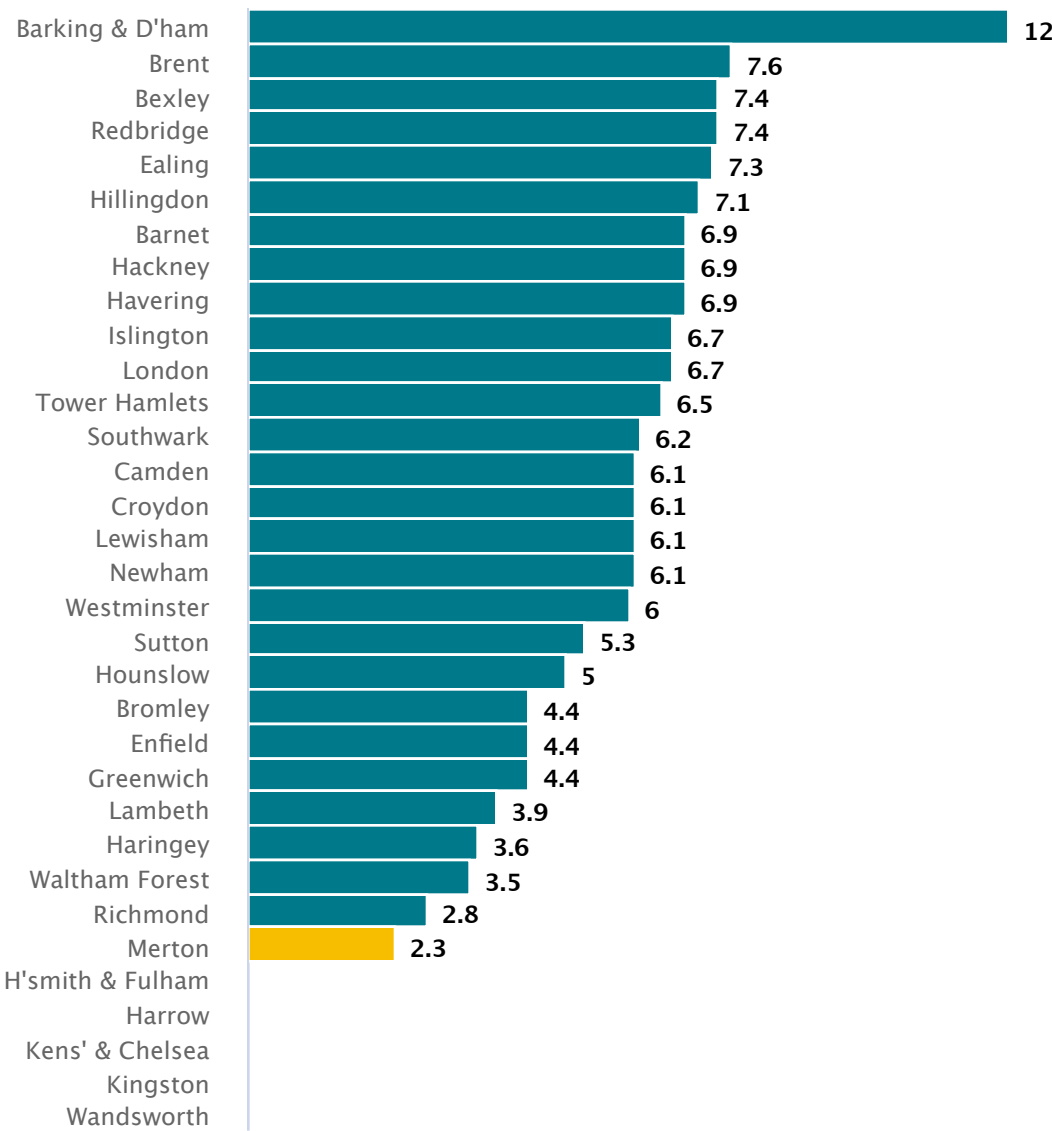
80:20 ratio of earnings
2023



Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings via NOMIS, ONS

Better for:

Proportion with no qualifications
2021



Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS