

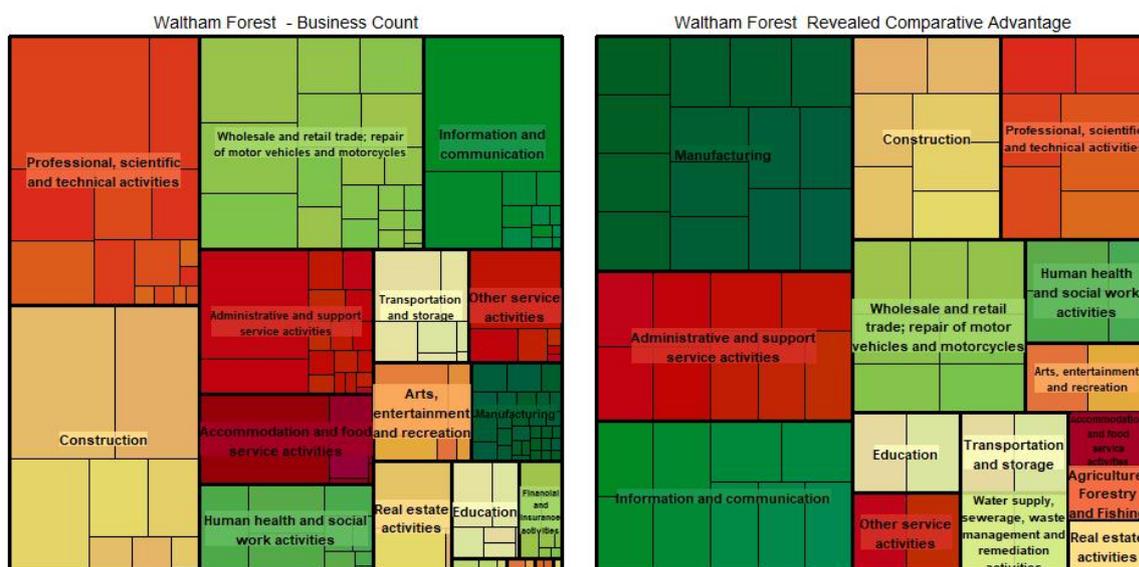
Borough Overview

Measure	Description	Borough	London
Business count	The number of registered business in the borough.	11,775	568,200
Business density	The number of registered businesses per resident employee. A score of 1 indicates an equal number of business and employees based in the borough. A low score suggests that resident employees are out-commuting or work for a few large companies, a high score indicates low levels of out-commuting and/or smaller businesses.	0.14	0.21
Micro-share	The share of registered business that are micro-businesses - defined as those businesses that have between 0-9 employees.	91%	87%
Rateable properties per business	The number of rateable properties per registered business. A low ratio indicates that there are more businesses than rateable properties in the borough suggesting smaller businesses in industries that may not have a fixed place of work e.g. consultancy or construction.	0.52	0.48
GVA per business (£m)	The borough's total economic output (Gross Value Added) per registered business.	0.41	0.75
Business diversity	A measure of the industry concentration of the total business count. Higher scores indicate the business population is more concentrated in a few industries.	0.25	0.32
Complexity	<p>The complexity score measures the number of industries in which the borough 'punches above its weight' i.e. where the share of businesses in that industry exceeds the borough's share of all businesses in the country. The borough holds a 'comparative advantage' in these industries.</p> <p>The final score is the count of industries in which the borough has a comparative advantage, scaled by how widespread the industry is nationally, as measured by the count of local authorities that also punch above their weight in that industry.</p> <p>A score of 0 indicates no industry specialism. Higher scores indicate more specialist and unique economic activity.</p>	0.54	0.90

Sources: ONS Interdepartmental Business Registry, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, Cebr calculations

Business count and areas of comparative advantage

The charts below illustrate the business count and relative comparative advantage of businesses in Waltham Forest by industry. The different colours represent the broad industry sectors whereas the smaller rectangles within each coloured rectangle reflect industries that make up each sector¹. The area of each rectangle represents the relative size of each element in the borough's business base.



The image to the left displays Waltham Forest's business count data. The image to the right highlights the comparative advantage of various sectors within the borough. The comparative advantage considers whether an industry business count is large relative to its own business base and the size of the industry nationally. Larger rectangles imply more of a sectoral strength and opportunities for future growth.

Sector Rank	Business count	Comparative advantage
1	Professional, scientific and technical	Manufacturing
2	Construction	Administrative and support services
3	Wholesale and retail trade	Information and communication
4	Administrative and support services	Construction
5	Administrative and support services	Wholesale and retail trade

The professional, scientific and technical sector is the most prominent in Waltham Forest when measured by total business count with strong representation from management consultancies, architectural and engineering firms. Construction and wholesale and retail firms are also well represented in Waltham Forest's business base.

Waltham Forest has 13 industries within manufacturing that hold a relative comparative advantage over local authorities nationally.

¹ Industries defined according to their 3-digit Standard Industrial Classification code

Top industries

Industry	Total borough business count	Total share of borough business count
70229 : Management consultancy activities	665	7%
62020 : Computer consultancy activities	535	6%
41202 : Construction of domestic buildings	480	5%
82990 : Other business support service activities	480	5%
47110 : Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	280	3%

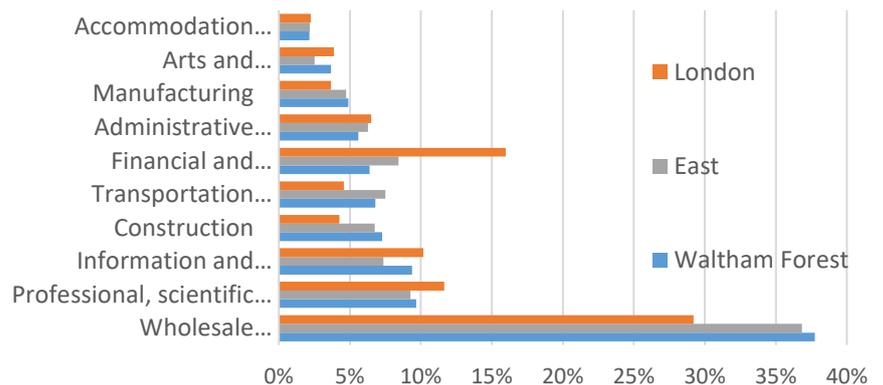
Management consultancy activities followed by computer consultancy activities have the highest number of businesses in terms of local units in Waltham Forest. Together the top five industry groupings account for 26% of all registered businesses in the borough.

Turnover

Total business turnover in Waltham Forest is dominated by the wholesale and retail sector which accounts for 38% of the total (39% of turnover among micro-businesses).

This compares to 37% of turnover across the East London subregion and 29% across London.

Top 10 sectors by % of total turnover



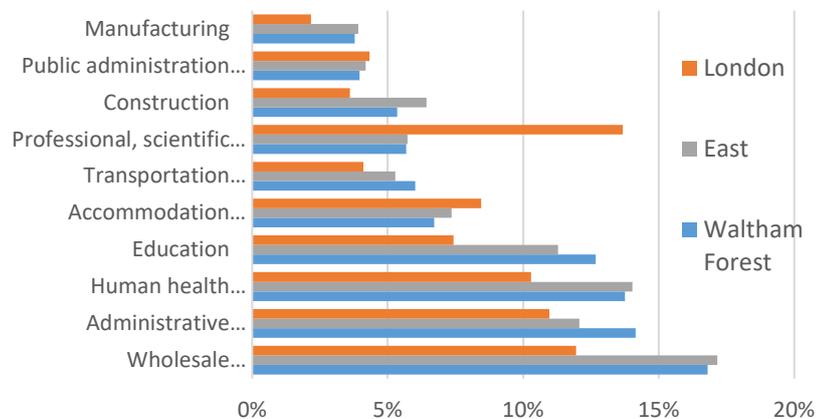
Employment

The top ten sectors by employment account for 89% of total employment in Waltham Forest.

The equivalent sectors account for 87% of employment across the East London sub-region and 77% of employment in London.

The wholesale and retail sector is the largest, accounting for 17% of all employment in the borough.

Top 10 sectors by % of total employment



Clustering

Sector	Industry	Cluster score	Business count across borough	MSOA Dominance ²	Dominant MSOA name	Knowledge Intensive industry	Share of micro-business
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Wholesale of fruit and vegetables	0.594	90	78%	Waltham Forest 026	No	74%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	Management consultancy activities (other than financial management)	0.249	665	21%	Waltham Forest 026	Yes	99%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Non-specialised wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	0.137	35	57%	Waltham Forest 022	No	67%
Manufacturing	Manufacture of other furniture	0.108	10	99%	Waltham Forest 022	No	100%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail sale of clothing in specialised stores	0.102	50	40%	Waltham Forest 017	No	77%

A business cluster can be defined as a geographic concentration of related businesses in a particular field. Business clusters are known to increase competition and productivity. There are numerous famous business clusters around London such as the tailors situated on Saville Row to the jewellery shops in Hatton Gardens. The table above is a snapshot of the geographical clusters³ present in Waltham Forest.

The most geographically clustered industries in Waltham Forest are outlined in the table above. The industry with the highest cluster score of 0.594 is the wholesale of fruit and vegetables. More specifically, of the 90 local business units, 70 of them (78%) are located in the same MSOA indicating that there exists a cluster of fruit and vegetable wholesalers in Waltham Forest 026. Additionally, despite a relatively low business count, there is a concentrated geographical cluster of manufacture of other furniture located in the same MSOA namely Waltham Forest 022.

The clustering table also identifies whether the industry is classified as Knowledge Intensive⁴ and the share of businesses in the industry operating in the borough that are defined as micro-businesses (fewer than 10 employees).

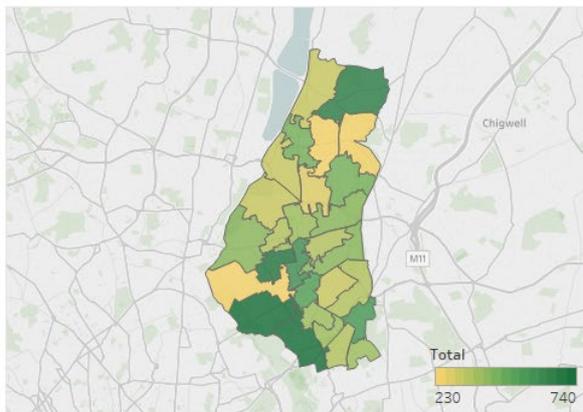
² Proportion of industry local units found in the dominant MSOA.

³ The cluster score is calculated as the proportion of businesses with the same 5-digit SIC code operating in the same MSOA divided by the sum of all the businesses with the same 5-digit SIC code in the borough. The higher the score the more geographically clustered the industry.

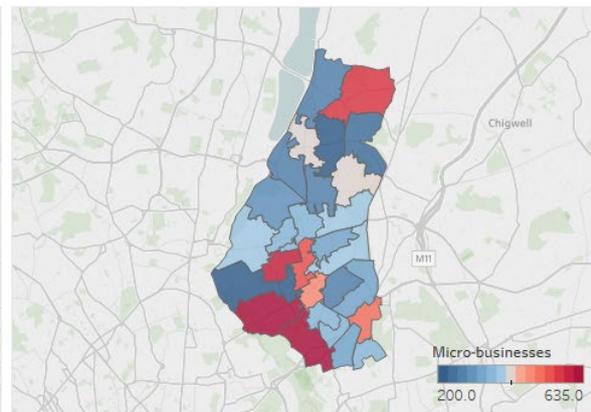
⁴ The Office for National Statistics has categorised certain Standard Industry Classification (SIC) codes as Knowledge Intensive service industries. This categorisation is based on the proportion of tertiary-educated people employed in the industry.

Mapping the business base

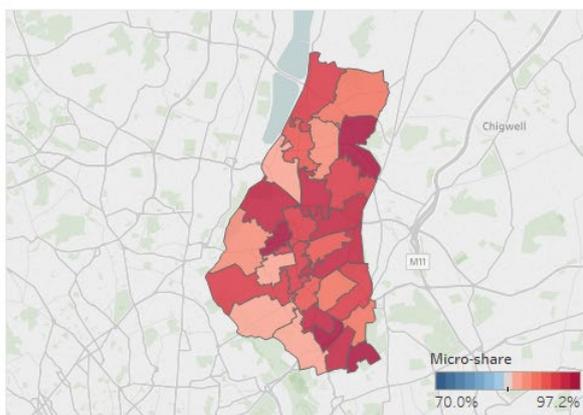
Local Units



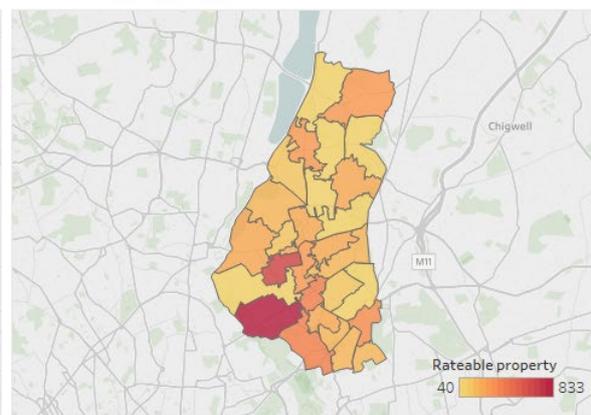
Micro-businesses



Micro-share



Rateable property



Local units: There are 11,775 businesses (in local units) across Waltham Forest. As illustrated on the map in the left corner, the businesses are relatively evenly spread out across the borough with a higher density of businesses located along the north and south edges of the borough. The MSOA with the highest concentration of businesses are Waltham Forest 026 and 022 which contain 13% (1,475 local units) of all local units in Waltham Forest.

Micro-businesses: Of the 11,775 businesses located in Waltham Forest, 10,690 are microbusinesses with 0-9 employees. Unsurprisingly, the MSOA with the highest number of microbusinesses are Waltham Forest 026 and 022 with 635 and 630 local units respectively. The map in the top right corner displays the distribution of micro-businesses across Waltham Forest. Similar to the local units map to the left, there is a high concentration of micro-businesses located in the outer MSOAs.

Micro-share: The average share of microbusinesses across MSOAs in Waltham Forest is 91%. Waltham Forest 012 has the highest share of microbusinesses at 97%. In contrast, Waltham Forest 026 who have the highest number of microbusinesses in local units only have an 86% share of microbusinesses because most of the larger businesses are also located in this MSOA.

Rateable property: Waltham Forest has 6,155 rateable properties the majority of these properties are located in Waltham Forest 022. This aligns with other results as Waltham Forest also has the second highest number of businesses local units.

MSOA reference map

The map below indicates the three-digit reference number for each of Waltham Forest's MSOAs.

