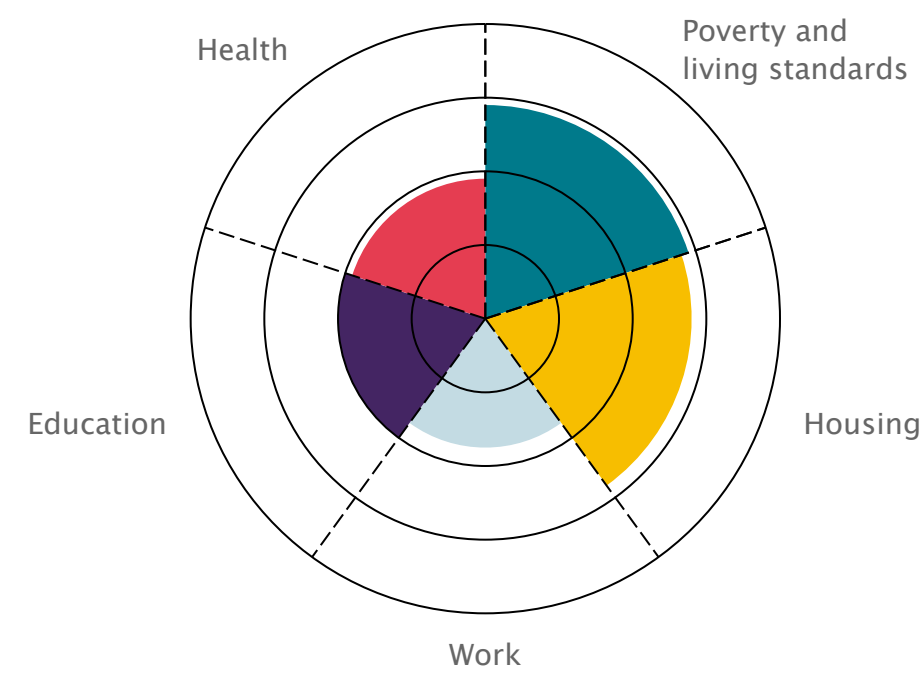


London's Poverty Profile provides evidence on and insight into poverty and inequality in London. It shines a light on these issues to prompt action from local and national government, the third sector, faith groups, practitioners, experts, businesses, the public and indeed anyone who cares about making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

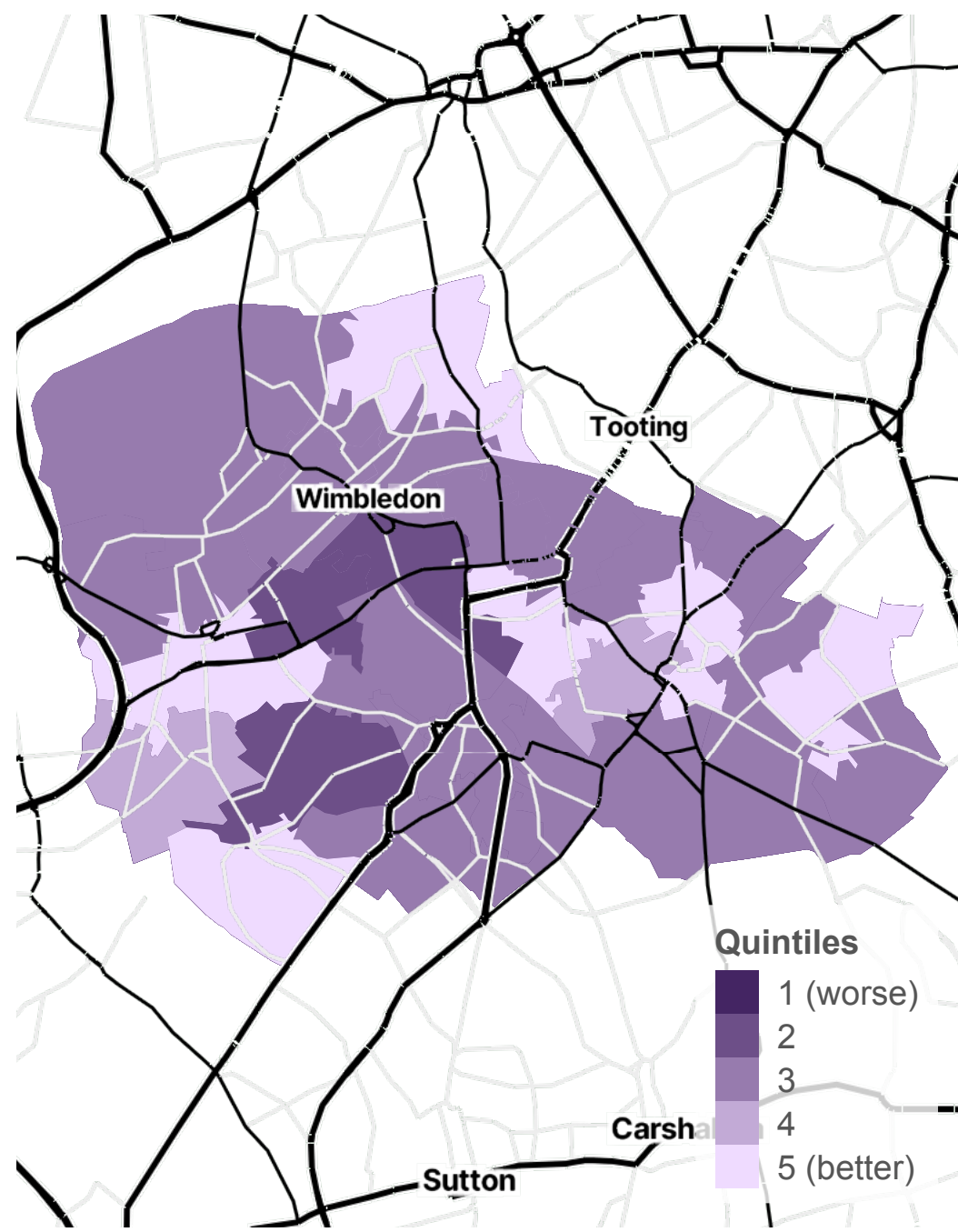


The chart above summarises the boroughs' indicators across each of our themes. The center represents worse performance, outer rings better

## Key Points

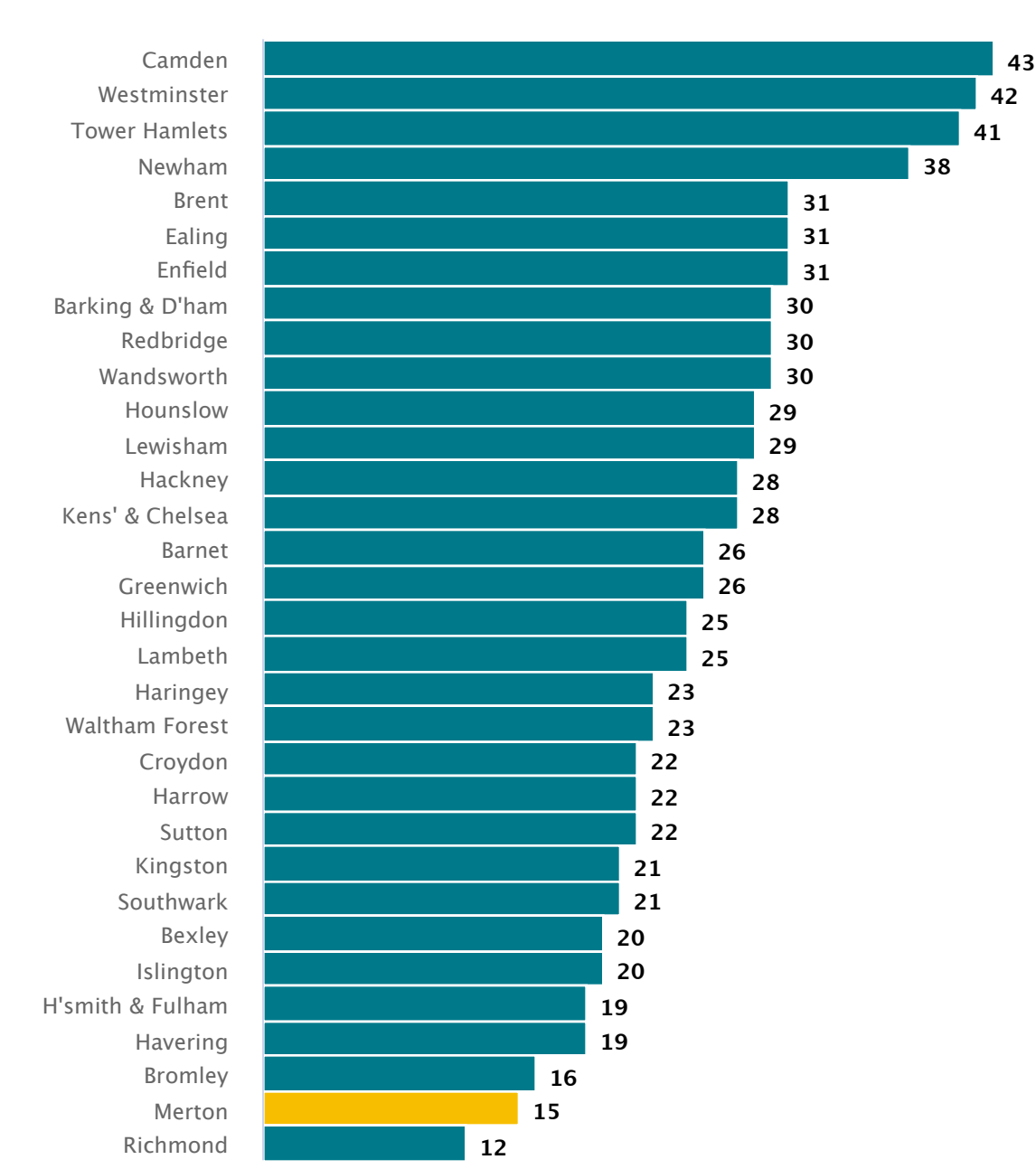
- In 2022/23, 15% of people in the borough lived in households with an income of less than 60% the UK median after housing costs have been subtracted. This was better than the average London Borough.
- 27% of children in the borough lived in households with an income of less than 60% the UK median after housing costs have been subtracted in 2022/23. This was around the same as the average London Borough.
- In Merton, 13% of residents were estimated to be earning below the Living Wage in 2024. 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.
- The unemployment rate for 2024 Q2 was 3.8% in Merton, better than the average London Borough.
- Affordable, social and other discounted housing completions were around the same as in Merton the average London Borough, with 174 delivered in 2020/21 - 2022/23.
- Infant mortality rates per 1,000 live births in Merton were around the same as the average London Borough at 4.4 in 2022

## Income estimates 2020



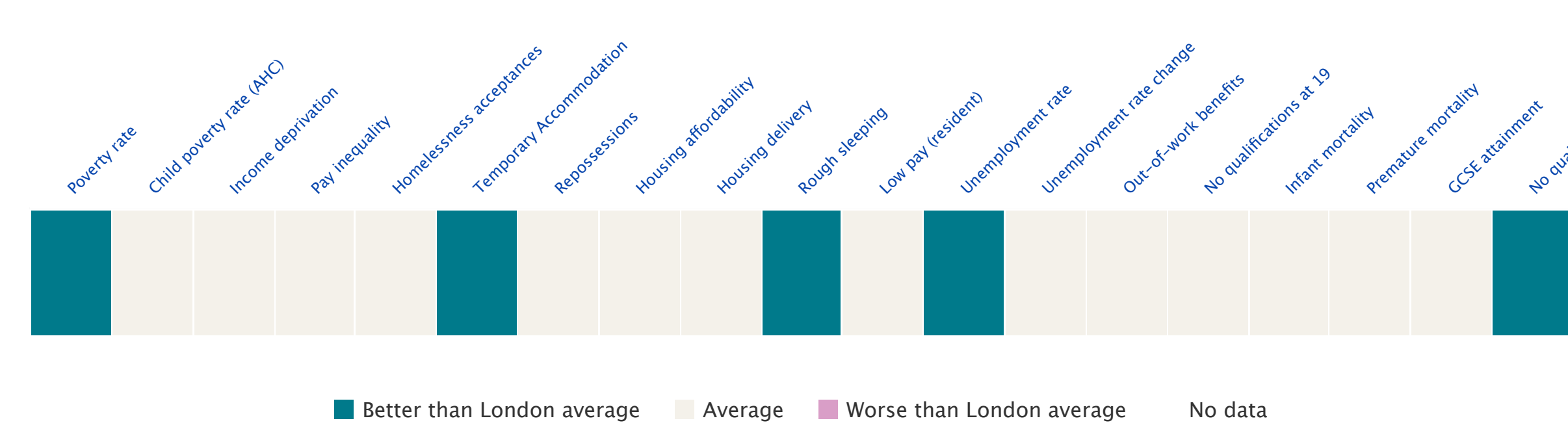
Source: MSAO Income estimates 2020, ONS

## Poverty rate 2022/23



Source: Households below average income 5 year averages to 2021/2022, DWP

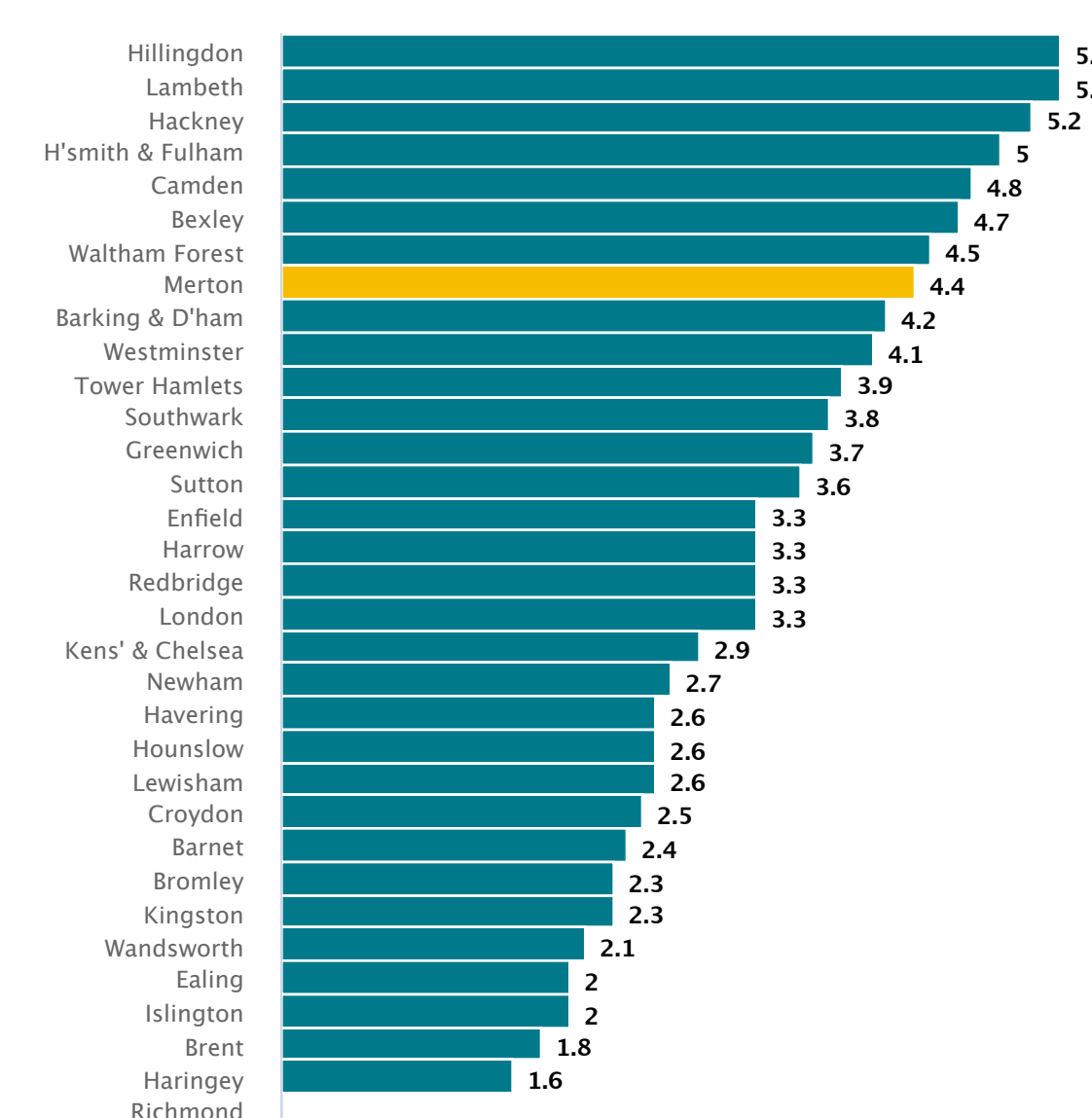
## Merton ratings across key indicators



Looking across all the indicators collected at Borough level for the London Poverty Profile, Merton did worst for Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births by London borough, and best for Highest qualification levels obtained for working-age population by London borough.

## Worse for:

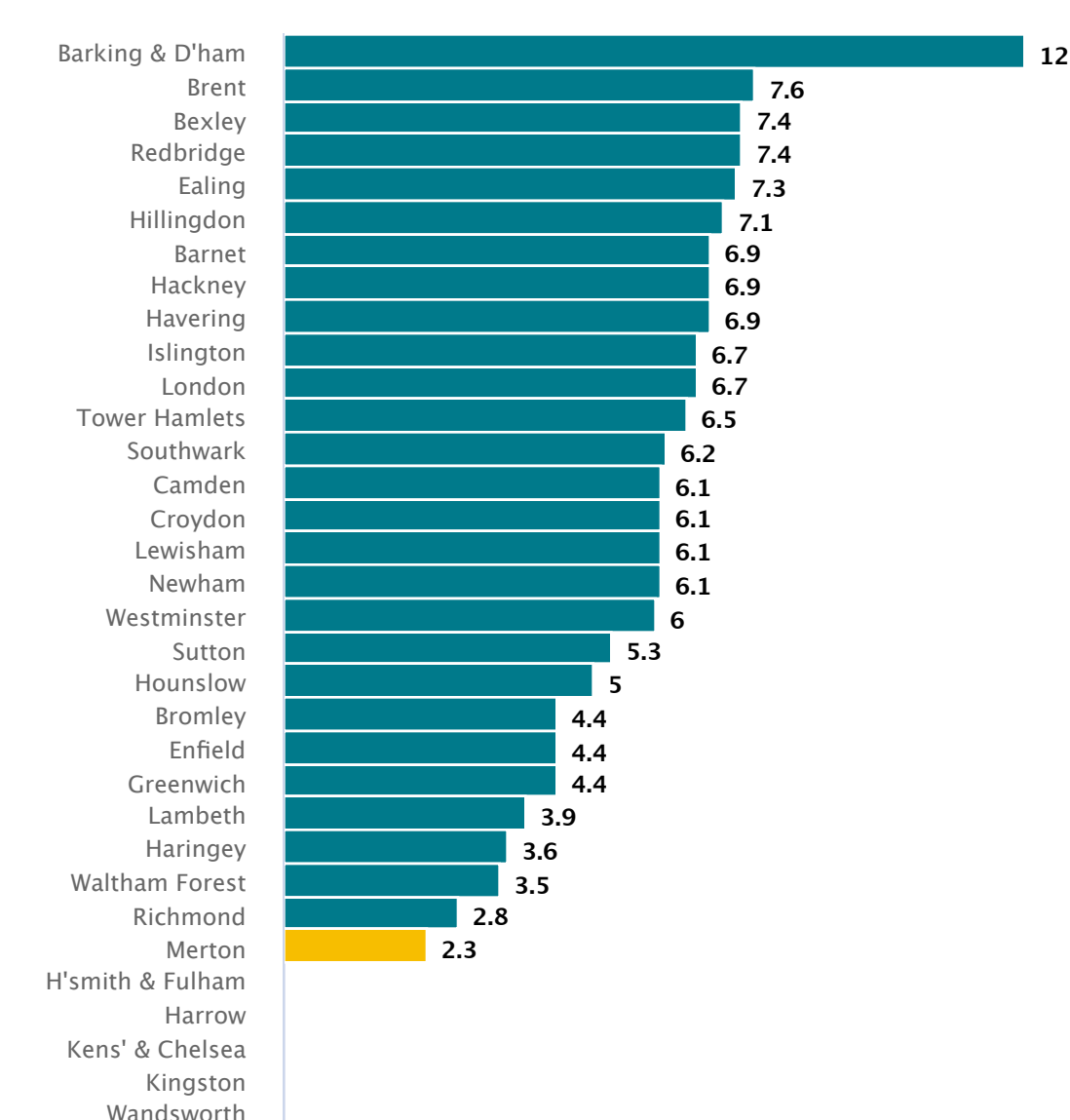
### Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 2022



Source: Office for National Statistics

## Better for:

### Proportion with no qualifications 2021



Source: Annual Population Survey, NOMIS