

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Review: data and analysis, March to October 2020

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# Natural environment

This section includes analysis on access to green spaces during the pandemic and how this varied for certain populations in our society.

# One in eight British households had no access to a garden during the COVID-19 lockdown

## Private gardens

- In England, Black people are nearly four times as likely as White people to have no access to outdoor space at home, whether it be a private or shared garden, a patio or a balcony (37% compared with 10%).
- Even when comparing people of similar age, social grade and living situation, those of Black ethnicity are 2.4 times less likely than those of White ethnicity to have a private garden ([further analysis](#)).
- People in semi-skilled and unskilled manual occupations, casual workers, and those who are unemployed are almost three times as likely as those in managerial, administrative or professional occupations to be without a garden (20% compared with 7%).
- Older people – those at greater risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and advised to stay at home as much as possible – are among those most likely to have access to a garden.

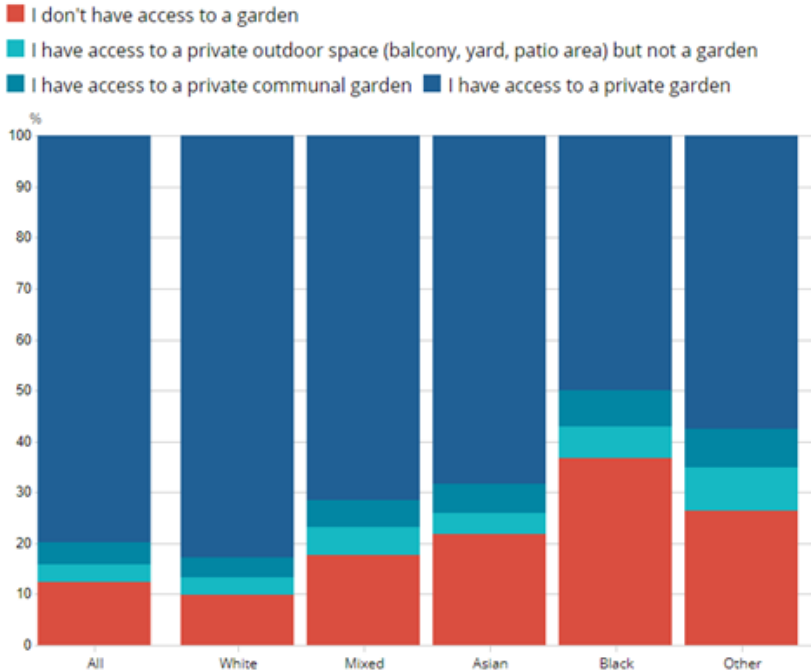
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## Parks

- People living in areas least likely to have a private garden are most likely to live close to a public park.
- Using Ordnance Survey (OS) data, we estimate that more than a quarter of people (28%) in Great Britain live within a five-minute walk of a public park (based on an approximate crow flies distance metric), while 72% live less than 15 minutes away.
- London has the highest percentage of its population living within five minutes of a public park (44%).
- The average park in Great Britain serves just under 2,000 people, although some parks in densely populated areas cater for many more; around 46,000 people have Clapham Common as their nearest park, more than 20 times the average.

# People from minority ethnic group are less likely to have access to a private garden

Percentage of people with access to a private garden, by ethnic group, England, 2014 to 2019



Source: [One in eight British households has no garden](#)

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