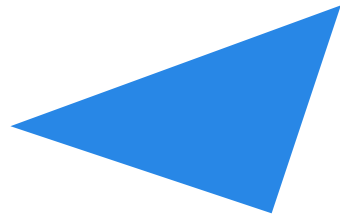




London Region of U3As

LONDON REGION MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS IN CONTEXT

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LONDON REGION - Summary

206 Status:

43 u3as

Folded:

- none

Started:

- None
- Newham was 2025

Total membership: 24,859*

Average u3a size: 578



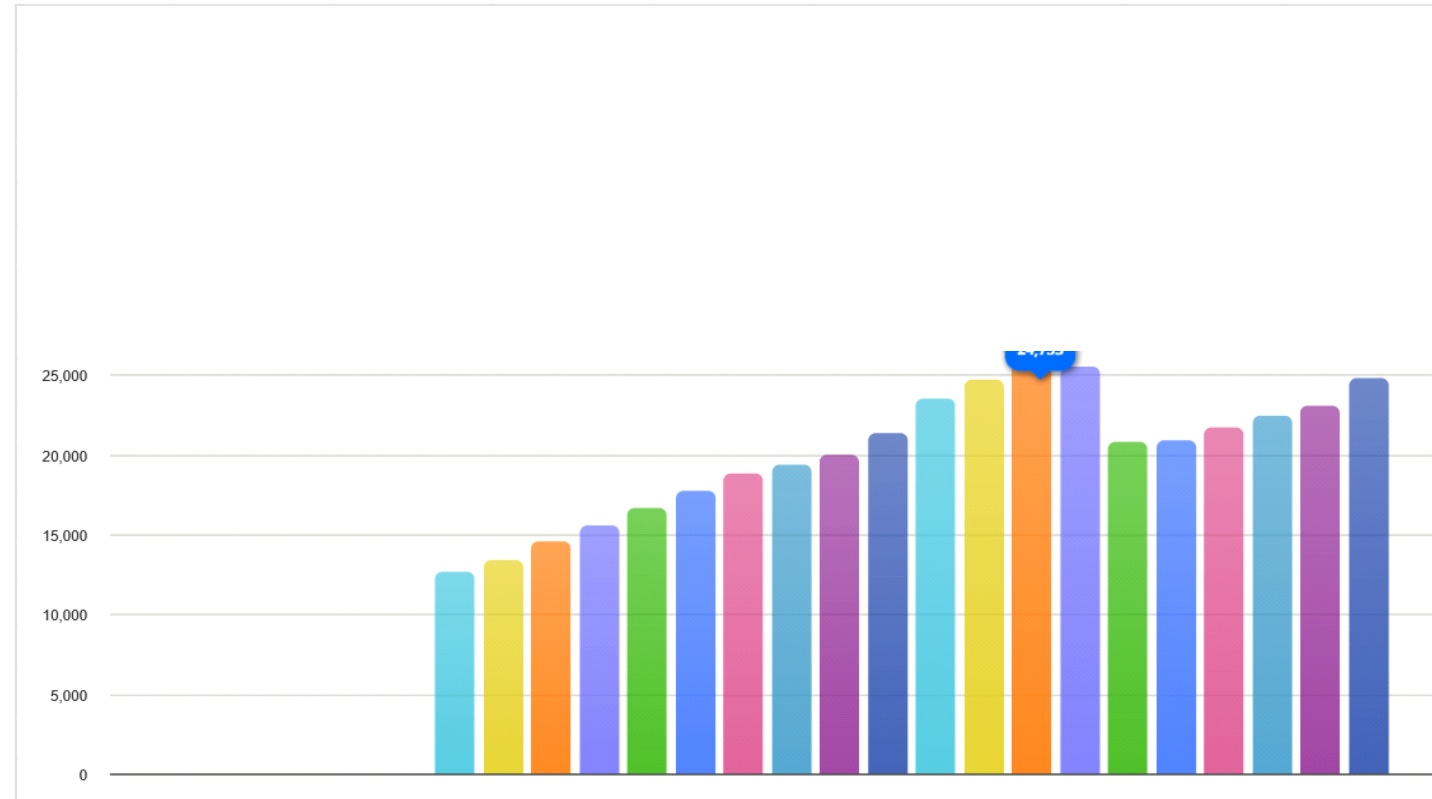
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The big picture:

**London membership is
(almost) back to the pre Covid
level (24,859):**

25,888 (2020) was our peak



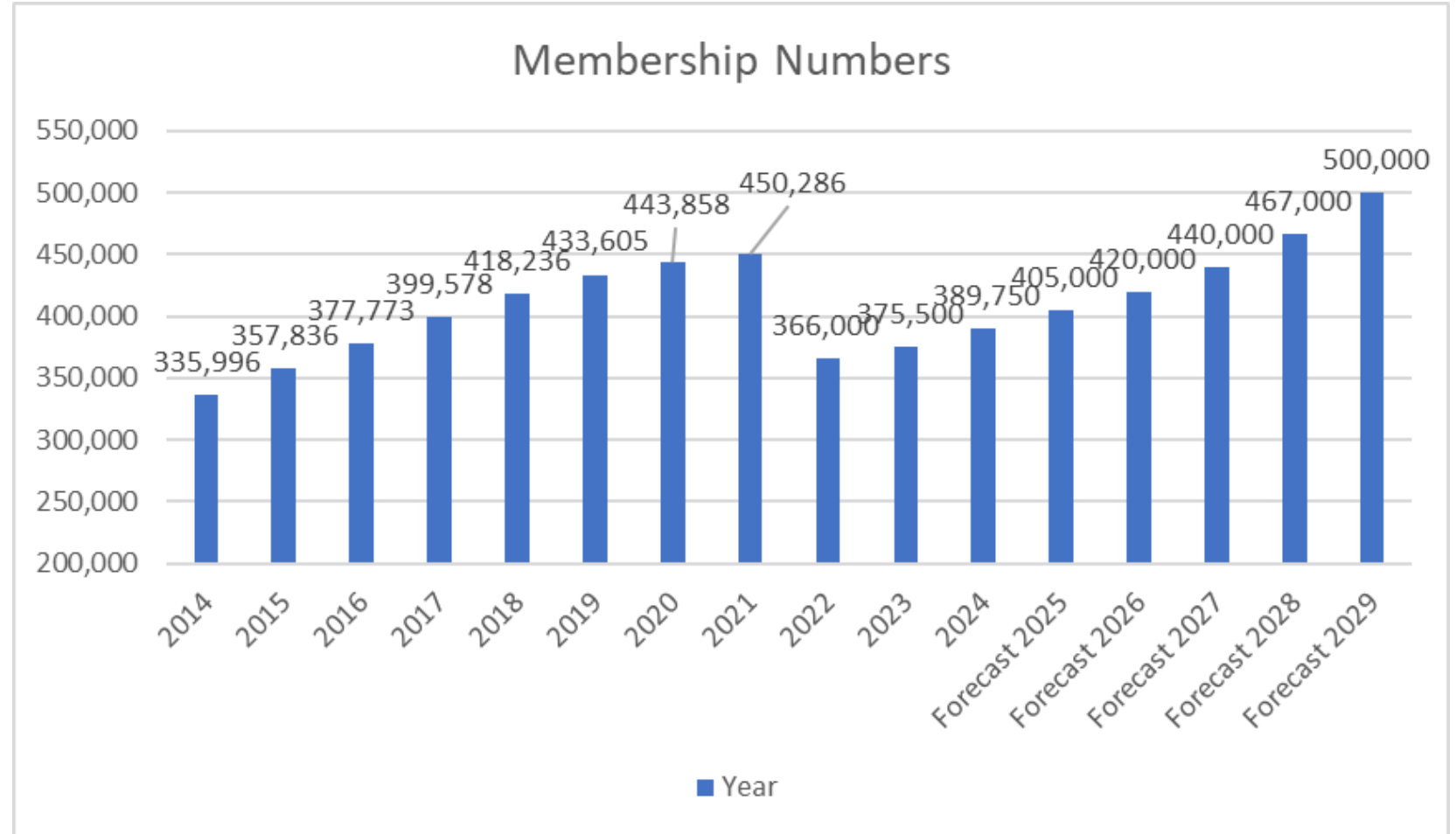
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NATIONAL PICTURE:

On track to achieve growth target of 500,000 (in April 2029).

2026 figure: 440,000*

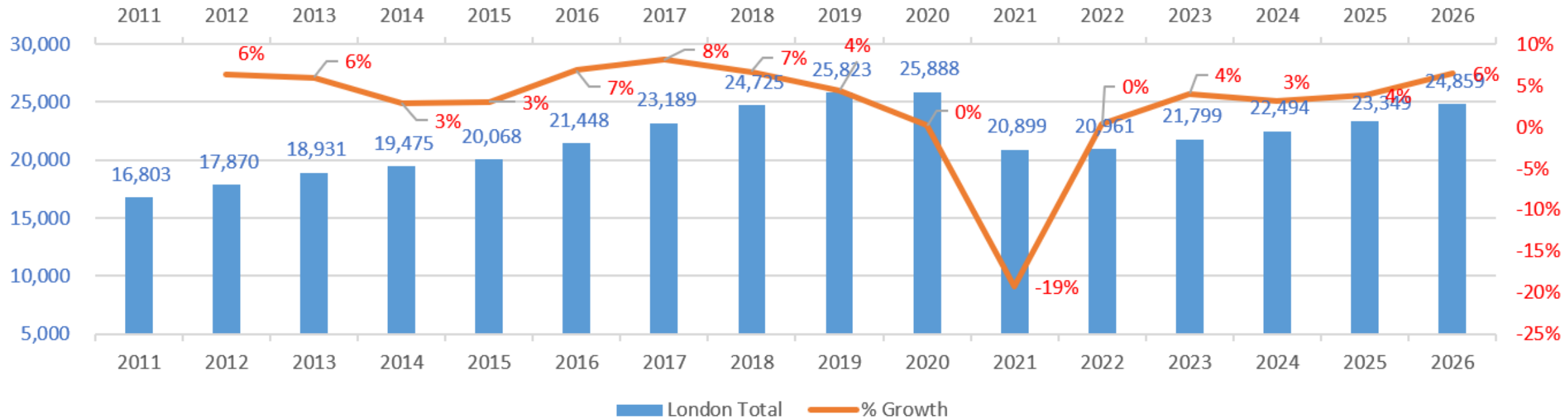
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London u3as Total Membership 2011-2026

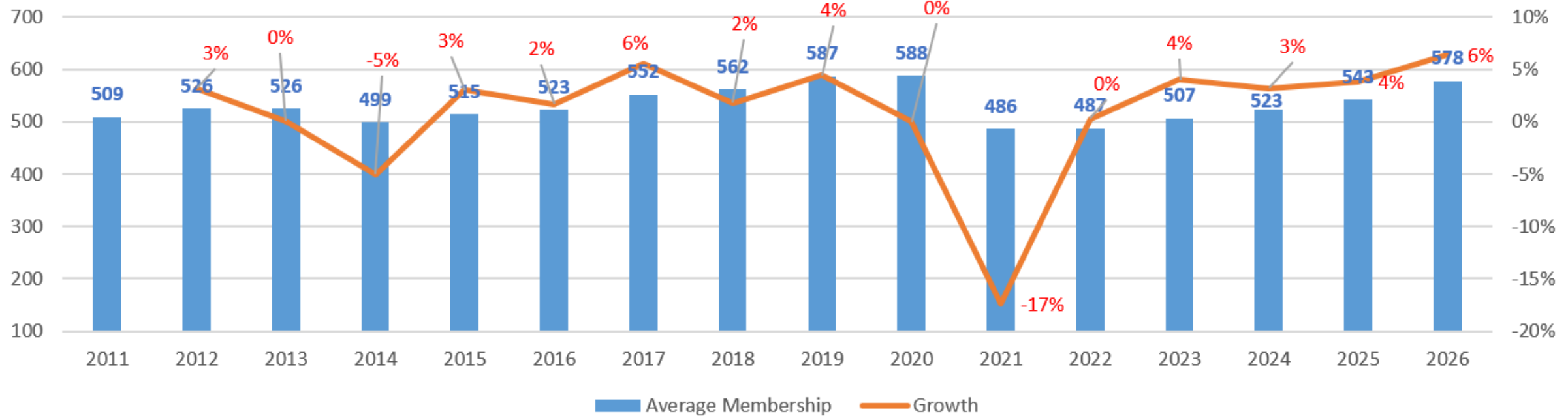


The plunge in membership over the Covid period is very evident - and then, now, (slow) growth. We need to see further growth of over 26,000 in London just to get to where we were before Covid hit.

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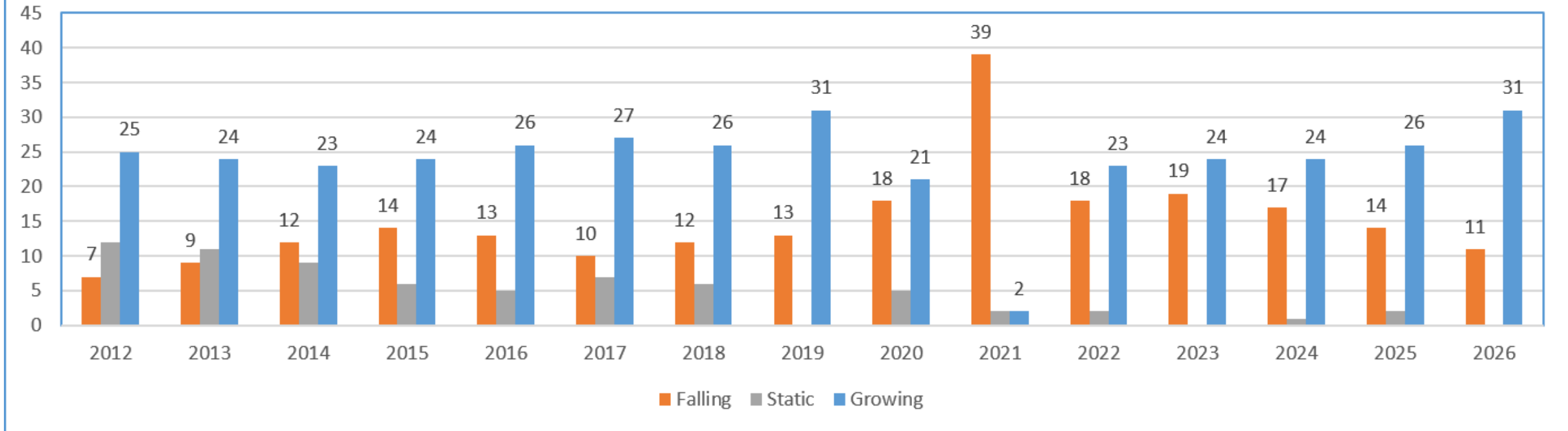
London u3as Average Membership 2011-2026



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London u3as - Growing or Falling Membership 2011-2026



There are currently 11 London u3as that are seeing a falling membership. So any good work done by some u3as in growing their membership is being almost wiped out by the falling numbers in the others.

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The 7 London u3as with a falling membership number (greater than 5%):

Abbey Wood & Thamesmead
Brent
Hillingdon
Northwood & District
Norwood
Upminster
Welling

The 4 other London u3as with a falling membership number (less than 5%):

Harrow
Redbridge
Sidcup
SE London

& one with static:
South Hillingdon (does this one still exist??)

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Location of the 11:

Should they join with a
neighbour?



LONDON REGION – Low Membership

The London u3as with membership
under 100:

***Abbey Wood & Thamesmead (39)**

***Brent (50)**

Hounslow (93)

Newham (77)

***Norwood (39)**

***South Hillingdon (56)**

***& a falling membership**

- Are you one of the 11 u3as with a falling membership?
- Do you know if your u3a is growing or falling?
- If falling, is it sustainable or will it fold like Haringey and Dagenham?
- What can you do to reverse the trend?