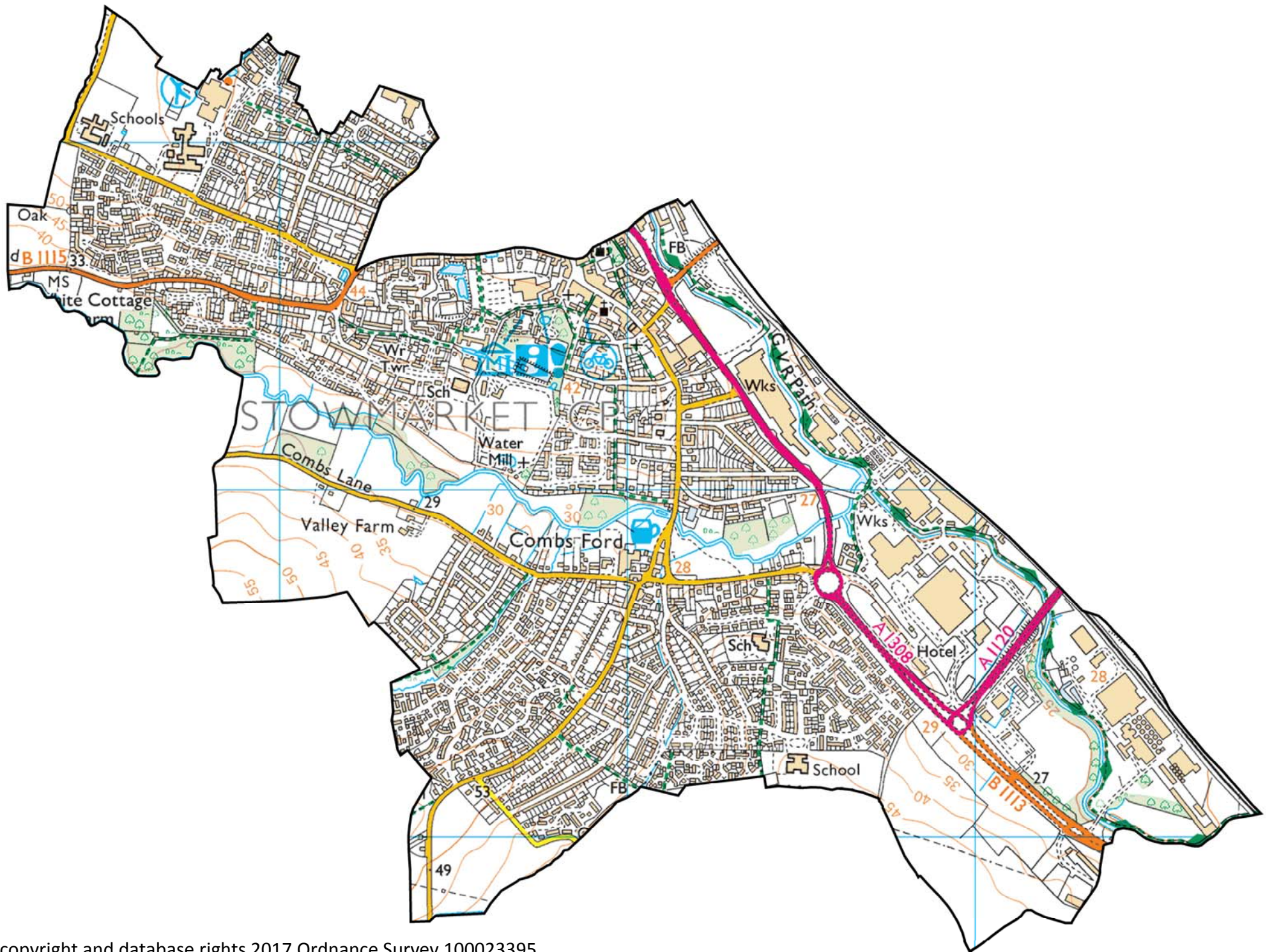


STOWMARKET SOUTH

ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE 2017

This Division comprises Stowmarket Central and Stowmarket South wards

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ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILES: AN INTRODUCTION

These profiles have been produced to support elected members, constituents and other interested parties in understanding the demographic, economic, social and educational profile of their neighbourhoods. We have used the latest data available at the time of publication.

Much more data is available from national and local sources than is captured here, but it is hoped that the profile will be a useful starting point for discussion, where local knowledge and experience can be used to flesh out and illuminate the information presented here.

The profile can be used to help look at some fundamental questions e.g.

- Does the age profile of the population match or differ from the national profile?
- Is there evidence of the ageing profile of the county in all the wards in the Division or just some?
- How diverse is the community in terms of ethnicity?
- What is the impact of deprivation on families and residents?
- Does there seem to be a link between deprivation and school performance?
- What is the breakdown of employment sectors in the area?
- Is it a relatively healthy area compared to the rest of the district or county?
- What sort of crime is prevalent in the community?

A vast amount of additional data is available on the **Suffolk Observatory**

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The Suffolk Observatory is a free online resource that contains all Suffolk's vital statistics; it is the one-stop-shop for information and intelligence about Suffolk. Through data, reports and profiles, the Suffolk Observatory provides a comprehensive picture of the County. It is a great source for useful facts and figures that can be used for writing reports and presentations, informing strategic and business planning, preparing funding applications or supporting academic research. Data is presented around the key themes of education and skills, economy and employment, health and care, population, deprivation, housing, environment, transport and travel and crime. All areas of the county are covered, right down to district, ward and parish level, with information easily accessible in a variety of formats. You can also build your own reports by different themes and topics.

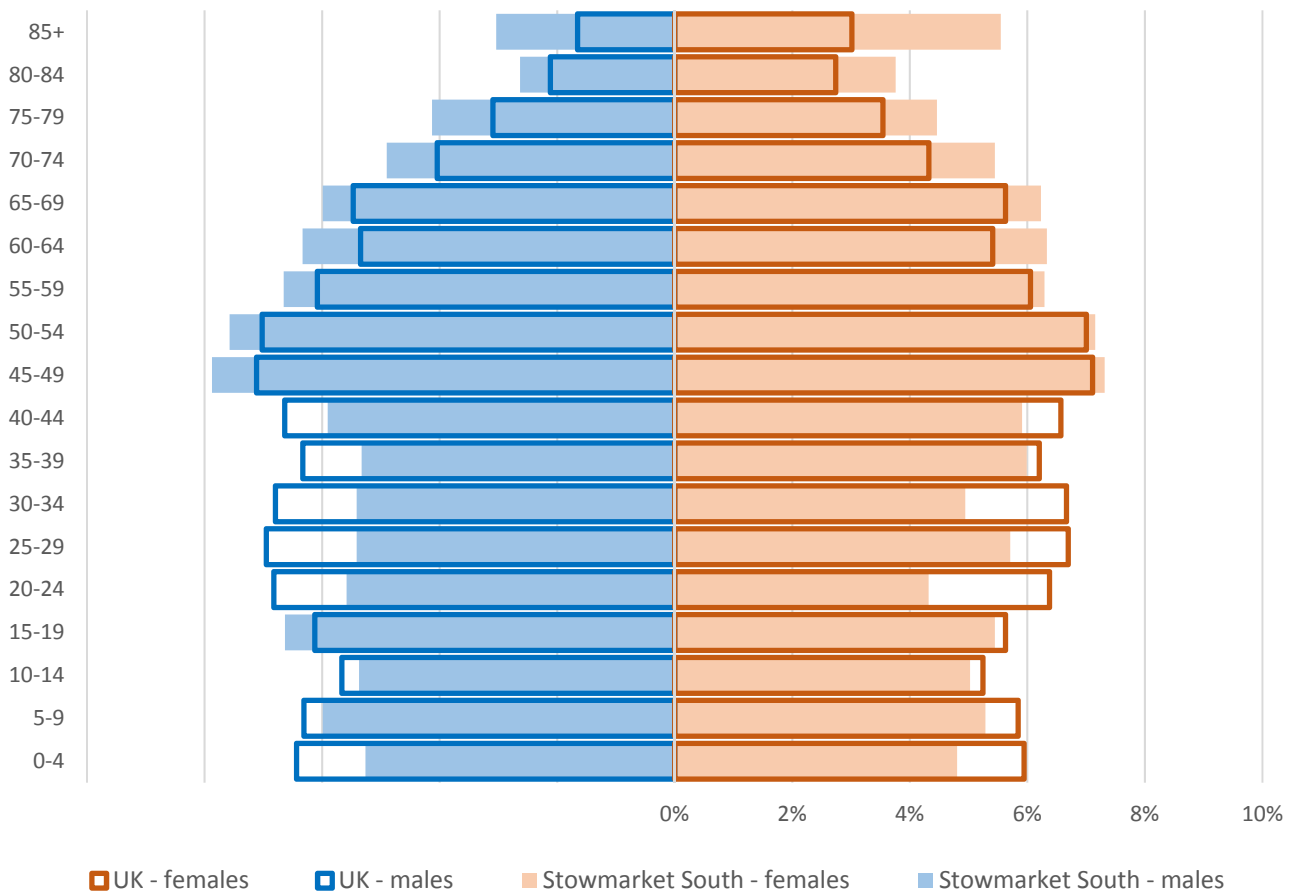
Technical Notes:

1. Where Electoral Divisions do not exactly match ward boundaries, we have adopted a "best fit" approach to produce a dataset.
2. District, county and national level data is provided where possible to provide a context for comparisons.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE - AGE

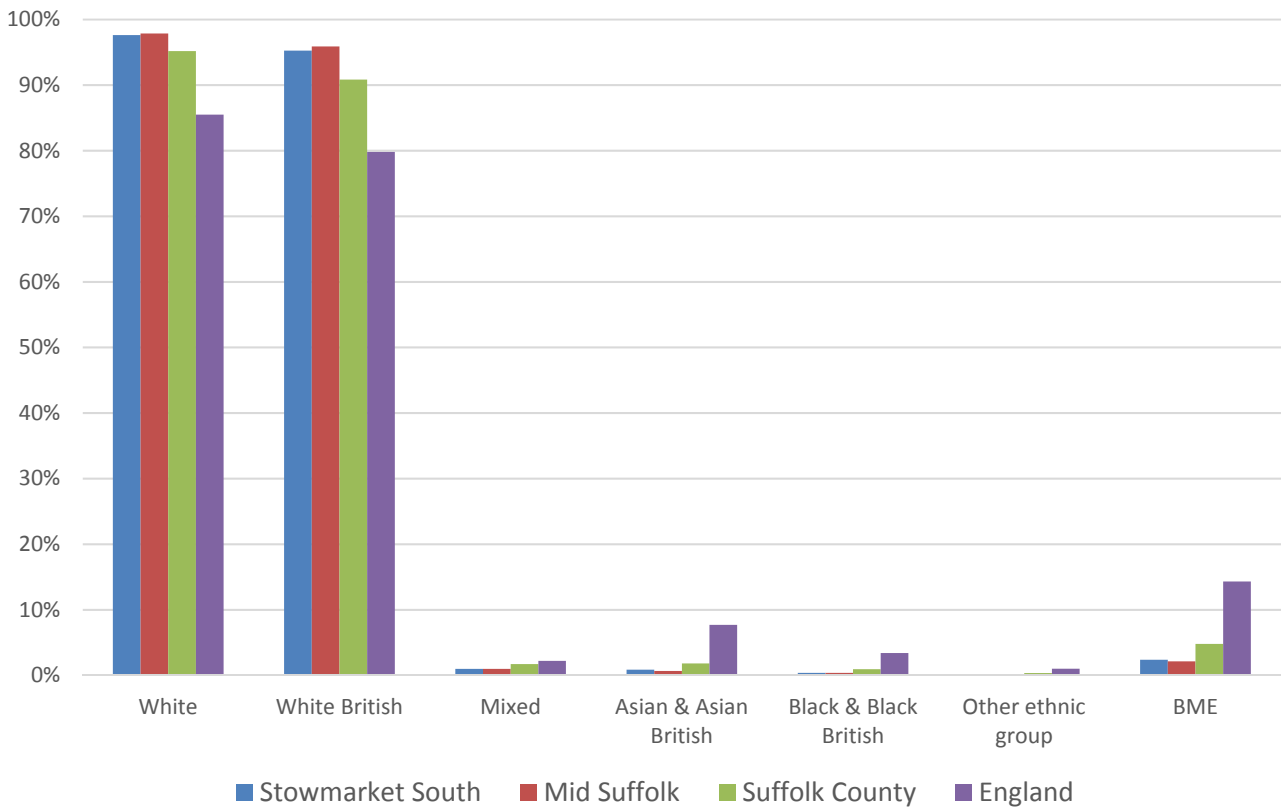
In mid 2015, the population of Stowmarket South stood at 9,649, an increase of 0.9% since the 2011 Census. The age structure of the component wards and the division as a whole is set out below.

	Stowmarket South Division	Stowmarket Central	Stowmarket South
All Ages	9,649	4,655	4,994
0-4	485	221	264
5-9	543	210	333
10-14	501	198	303
15-19	581	232	349
20-24	476	204	272
25-29	537	276	261
30-34	499	225	274
35-39	547	257	290
40-44	570	234	336
45-49	732	331	401
50-54	710	318	392
55-59	624	294	330
60-64	611	317	294
65-69	590	331	259
70-74	500	258	242
75-79	415	240	175
80-84	310	210	100
85+	418	299	119



- The age pyramid for Stowmarket South shows a higher than average proportion of people over the age of 45
- The commonest age group in Stowmarket South is 45-49 year olds but the large proportion of people aged 85 or more is also very noticeable
- There is a much lower than average number of people of younger working age, particularly 20-39 year olds

ETHNICITY

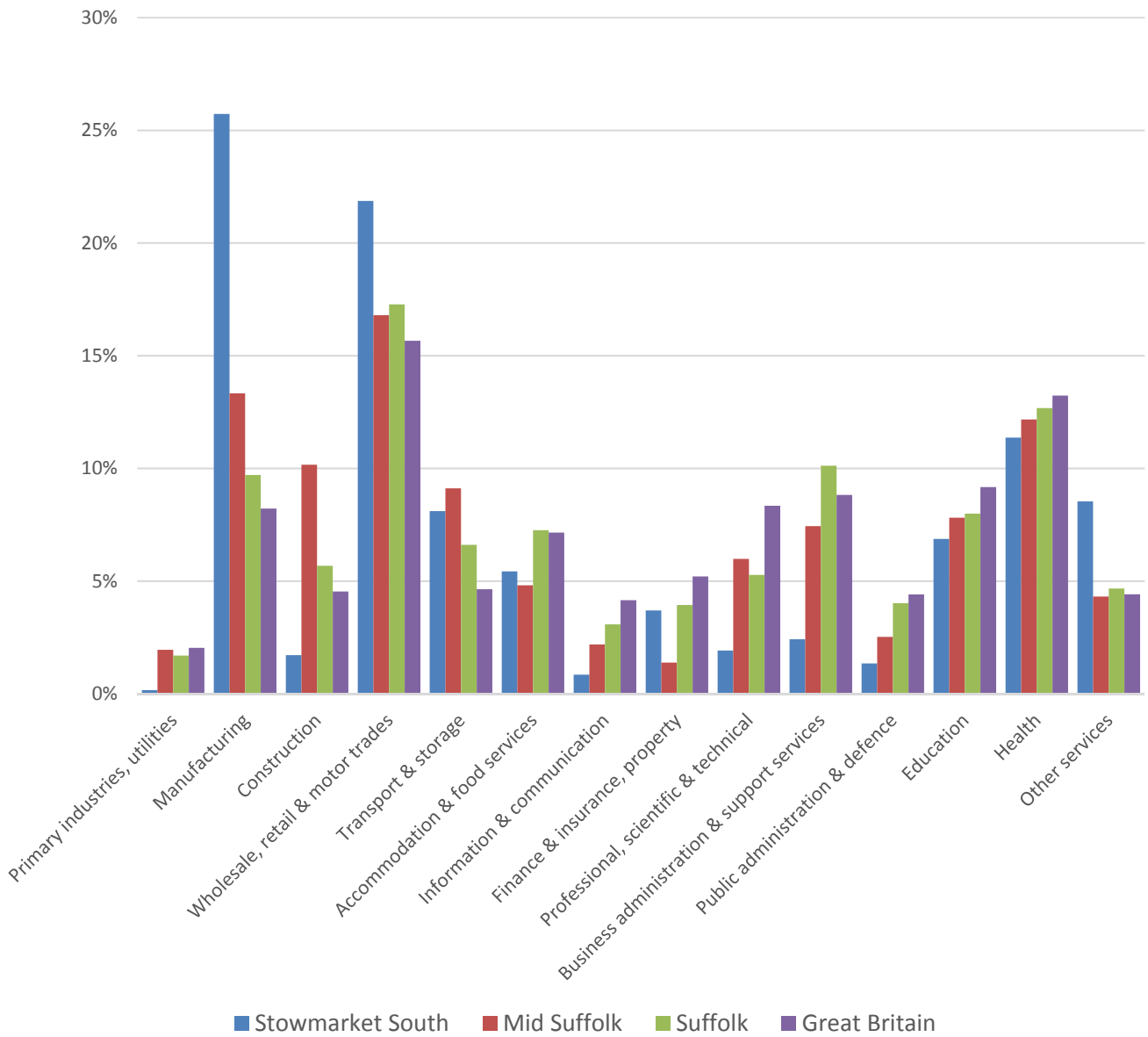


- According to the latest data (2011 Census), 97.61% (9,336) of the population of Stowmarket South are white
- 2.4% of the population of black or minority ethnic origin, half the rate seen in the county overall
- Stowmarket South has a similar diversity profile to Mid Suffolk district, and generally lower proportions of minority ethnic groups than Suffolk as a whole

	All people		White		White British		Mixed		Asian and Asian British		Black and Black British		Other Ethnic Group		Black or Minority Ethnic Total	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Stowmarket South	9,563		9,336	97.6	9,110	95.3	93	1.0	82	0.9	36	0.4	16	0.2	227	2.4
Mid Suffolk	96,731		94,667	97.9	92,747	95.9	953	1.0	647	0.7	371	0.4	93	0.1	2,064	2.1
Suffolk	728,163		693,195	95.2	661,458	90.8	12,472	1.7	13,131	1.8	6,854	0.9	2,511	0.3	34,968	4.8
England & Wales				86.0		80.5		2.2		6.7		2.8		0.4		12.1

ECONOMY

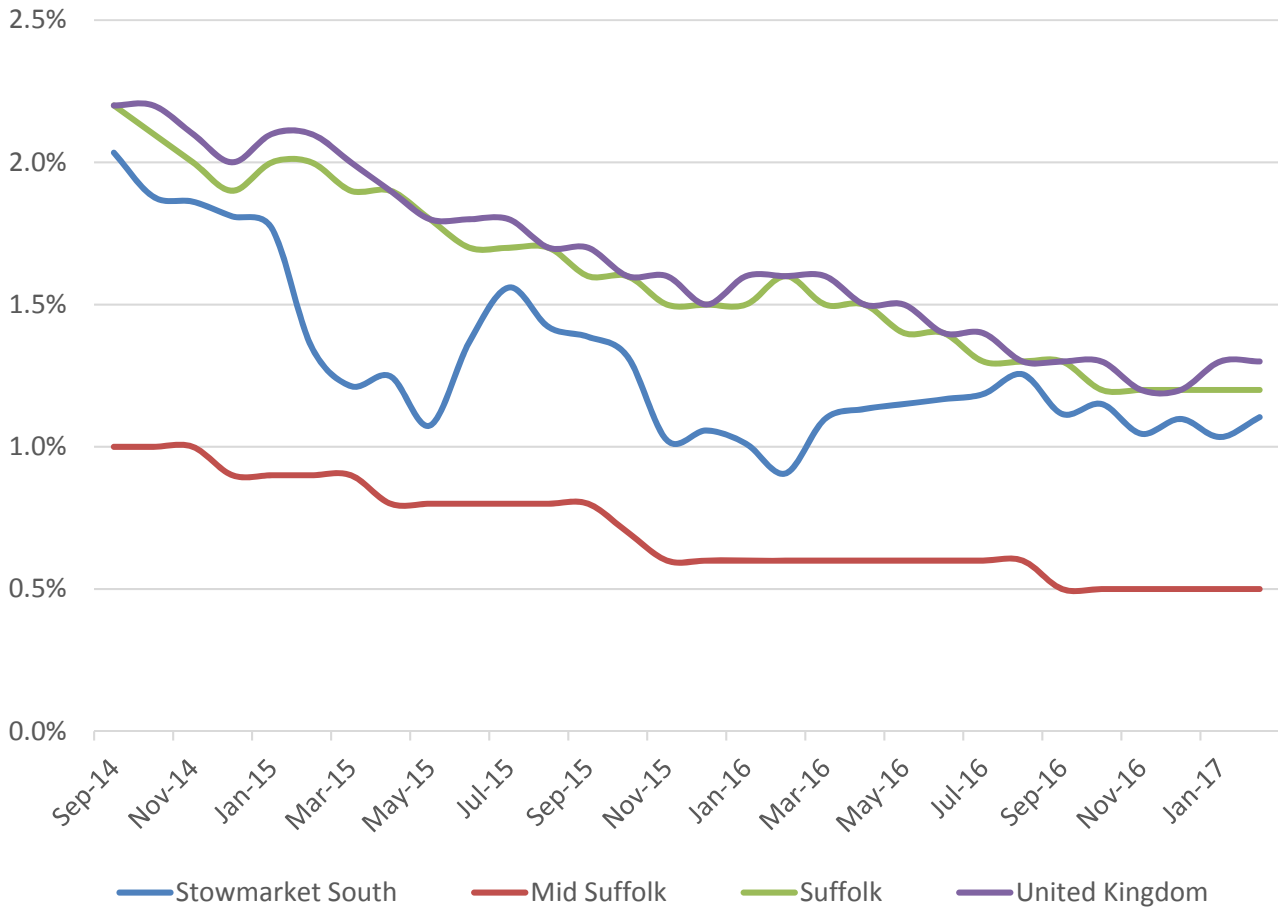
There are 4,400 people employed in Stowmarket South.



- The key employment sectors in Stowmarket South are manufacturing and wholesale, retail and motor trades
- Almost half of the employees in Stowmarket South are employed in these two sectors
- Manufacturing is particularly important as the proportion of these sectors in Stowmarket South is much higher than the national average

LABOUR MARKET

JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE CLAIMANT RATE



- Stowmarket South’s rate of Job Seekers Allowance has shown more variation over recent years than local and national figures
- In spite of this variation, it has seen a downward trend, in line with the national picture
- In February 2017, 1.1% of the working age population in this Division were claiming Jobseekers Allowance; the proportion of claimants has been consistently above the Mid Suffolk rate, but below those for Suffolk and the United Kingdom

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL INFORMATION

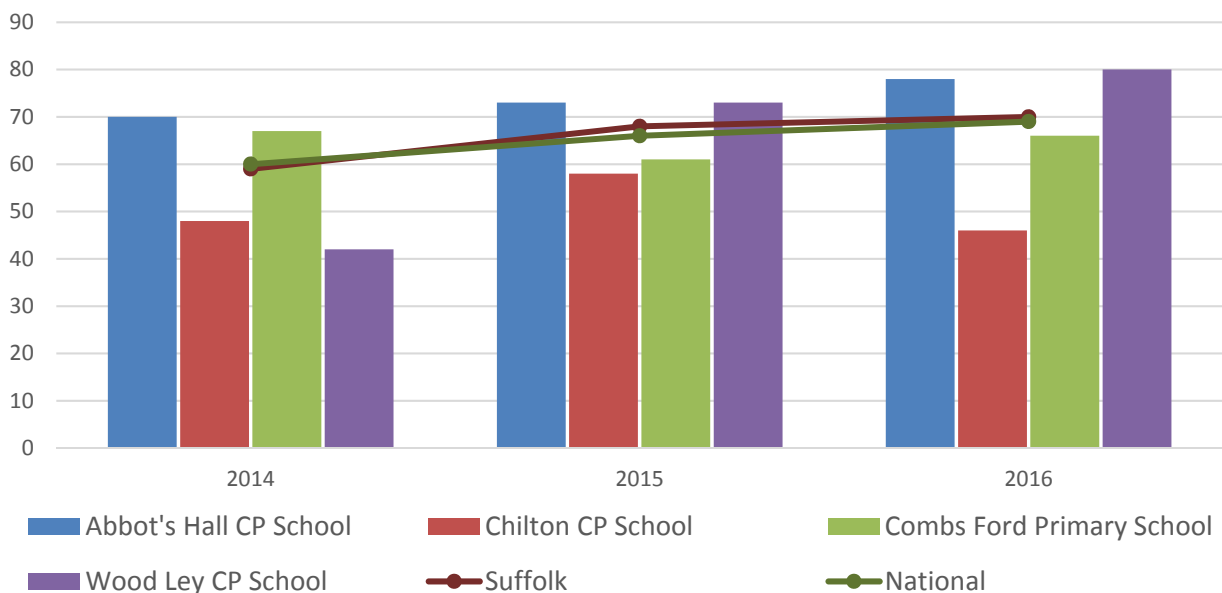
Schools in the Division

Name	Phase	Average cohort size at				Latest Ofsted	Latest Ofsted Date
		Foundati on Stage (age 5)	KS2 (age 11)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)		
Combs Ford Primary School	Primary	54	19			Good	20/04/2016
Abbot's Hall CP School	Primary	58	17			Good	18/09/2013
Wood Ley CP School	Primary	43	13			Good	11/02/2016
Chilton CP School	Primary	28	10			Good	28/11/2012
Stowmarket High School	Upper			208	82	Requires Improvement	23/09/2015

SCHOOL ATTAINMENT

Foundation Stage Profile (reception)

% pupils achieving Good Level of Development

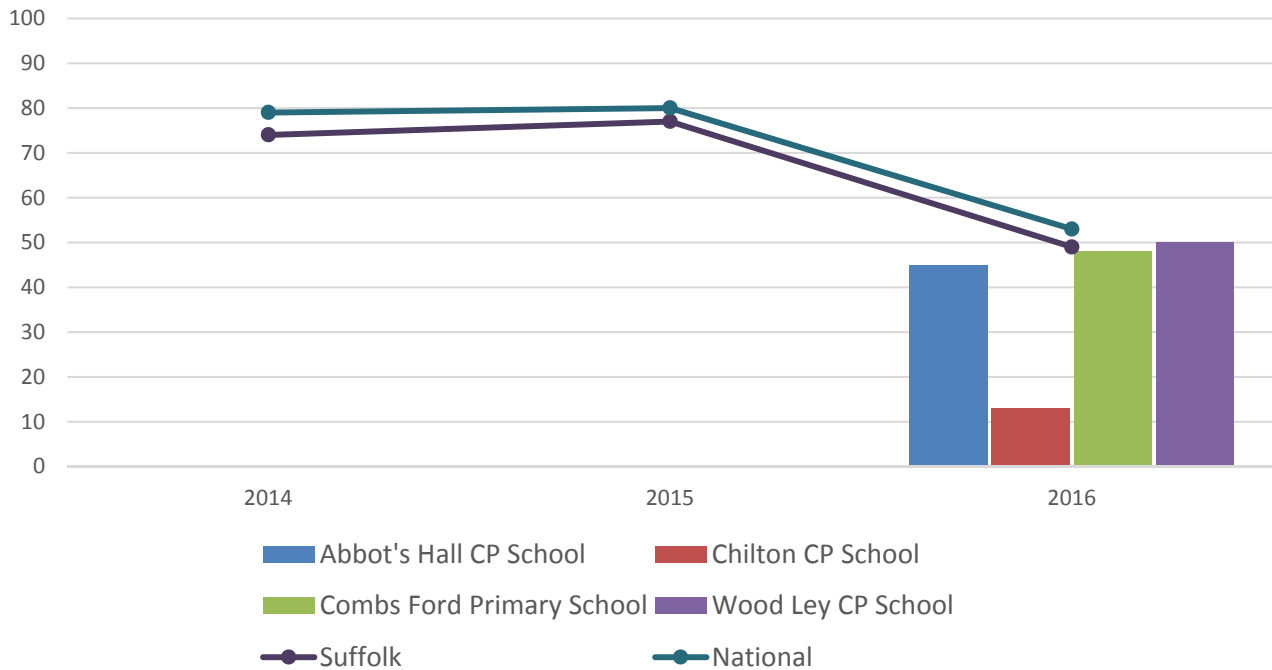


- Foundation Stage attainment at Abbot's Hall CP School has been steadily increasing and consistently above the Suffolk and national averages in each of the past three years
- Attainment has also been improving at Wood Ley CP School, which has also seen above average attainment in the two most recent years
- Combs Ford Primary School has seen mixed results, while attainment at Chilton CP School has been consistently below average from 2014 to 2016

Key Stage 2 (age 11)

Pupil Achievement in all three subjects, Reading, Writing and Mathematics
(2014–2015 as % Level 4 or better & 2016 % Expected Level or better)

In July 2016, there was a change in the way pupil achievement is measured at the end of KS2. Prior to 2016, pupils received National Curriculum Level grades for English and Maths, with L4 being the expected level at the end of Key Stage 2. In 2016 the measure scaled score and shows whether or not a pupil has achieved the national standard for that subject

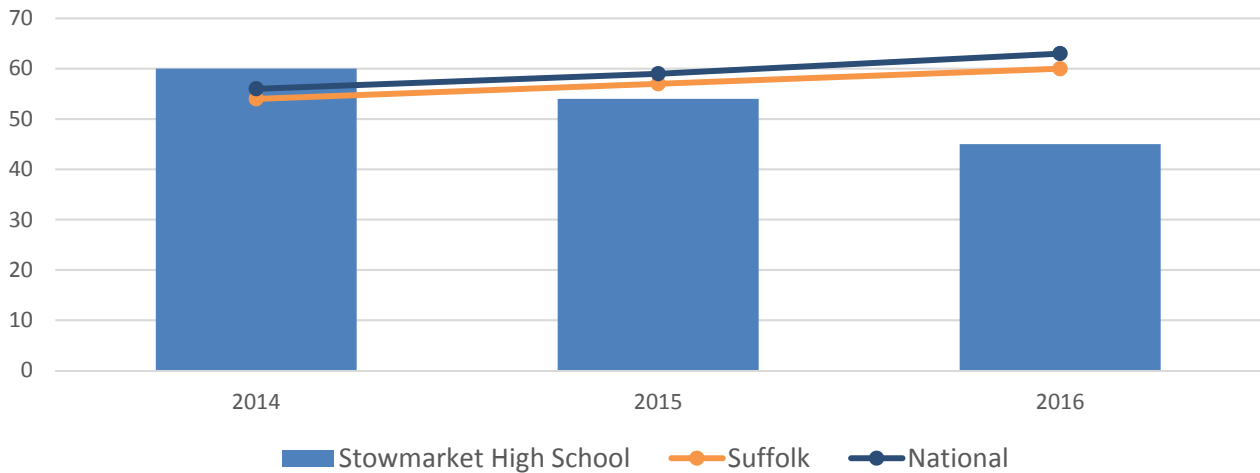


- No Key Stage 2 data is available for these schools prior to 2016 due to changes affected by the Schools Organisation Review
- Key Stage 2 attainment varies in schools in Stowmarket South and none matched the national benchmark in 2016

GCSE (Key Stage 4) (age 16)

% pupils achieving five or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at A*-C including English and Mathematics

In July 2016, an additional measure of pupil achievement at Key Stage 4 was introduced but for the purposes of this profile and to demonstrate change over time, we have presented consistent data for the period 2014-2016 using the % pupils achieving five or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at A*-C including English and Mathematics.

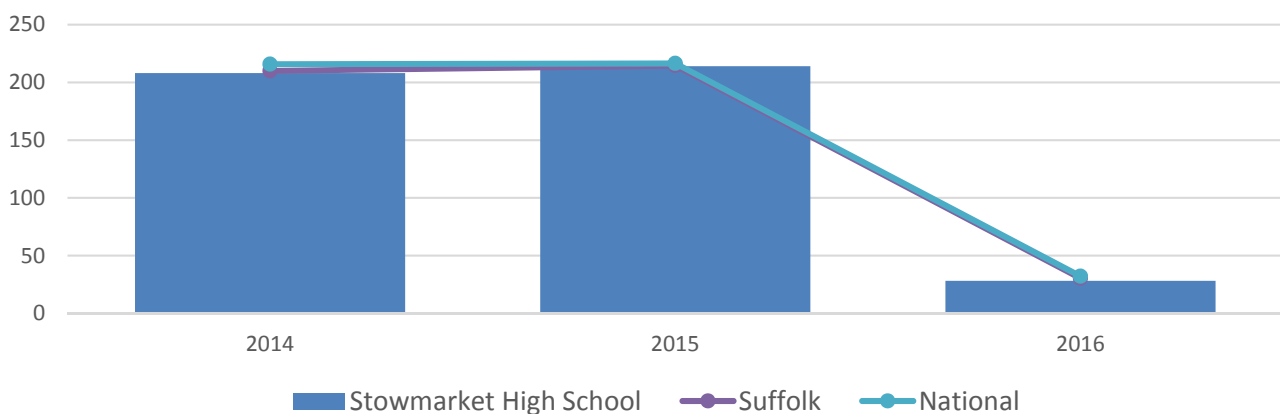


- GCSE attainment at Stowmarket High School was above county and national averages in 2014, but since then has declined
- While county and national figures have improved over the last three years, Stowmarket High School's progress does not mirror this

A Level (Key Stage 5) (age 18)

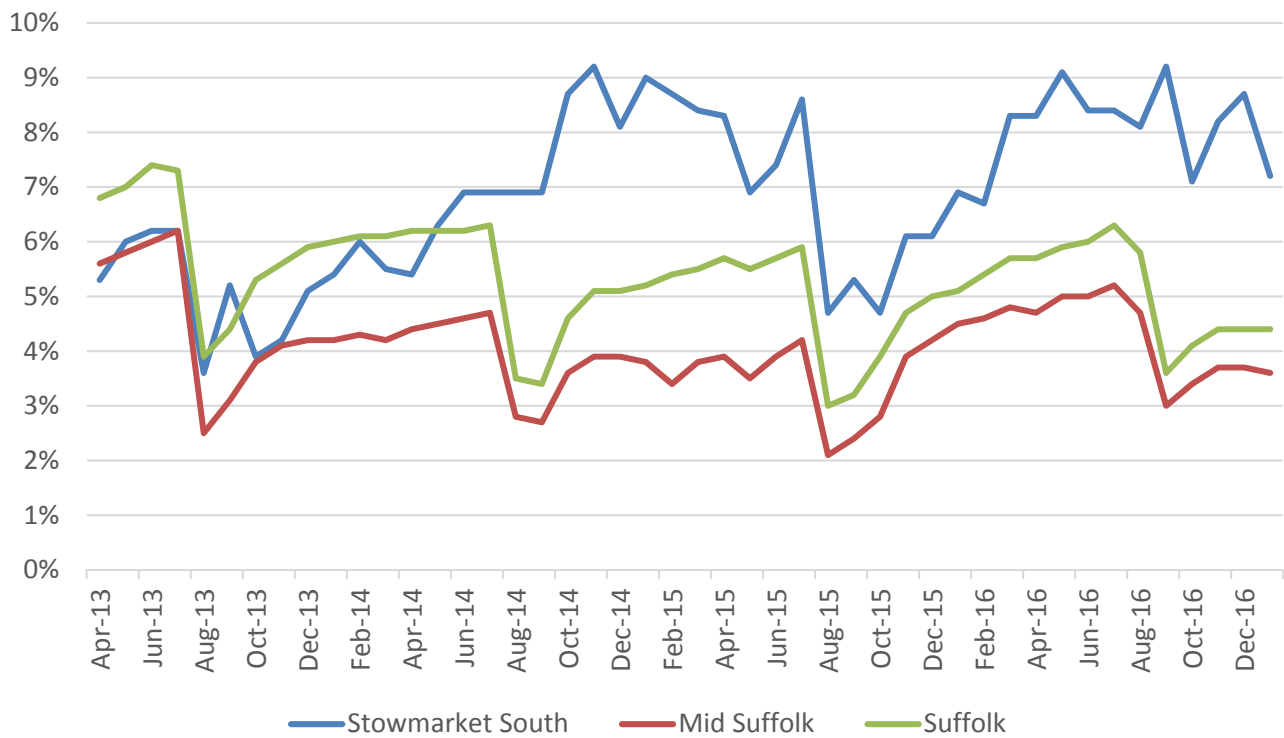
Average point score per student

In 2016 there was a change in the way pupil achievement is measured at the end of KS5 and so the trend over time should not therefore be considered. The relative level of attainment at schools in the Electoral Division versus the Suffolk and National averages can still be seen.



- A level attainment at Stowmarket High School has been consistently just below the county and national averages in each of the past three years

NEET % (NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING)

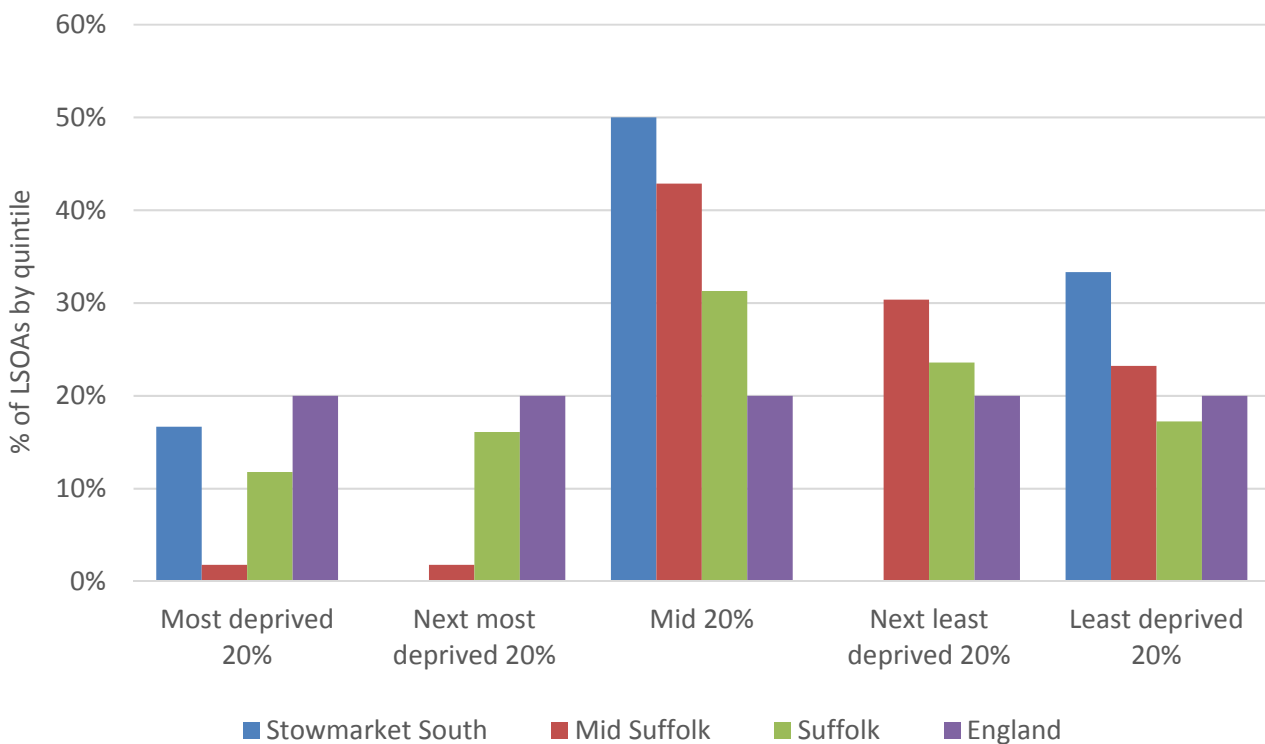


- In January 2017, 7.2% of 16-18 year olds were classified as NEET in Stowmarket South (where current activity is known), around twice the rate for Mid Suffolk
- NEET levels in Stowmarket South have been consistently above district and county levels since the middle of 2014

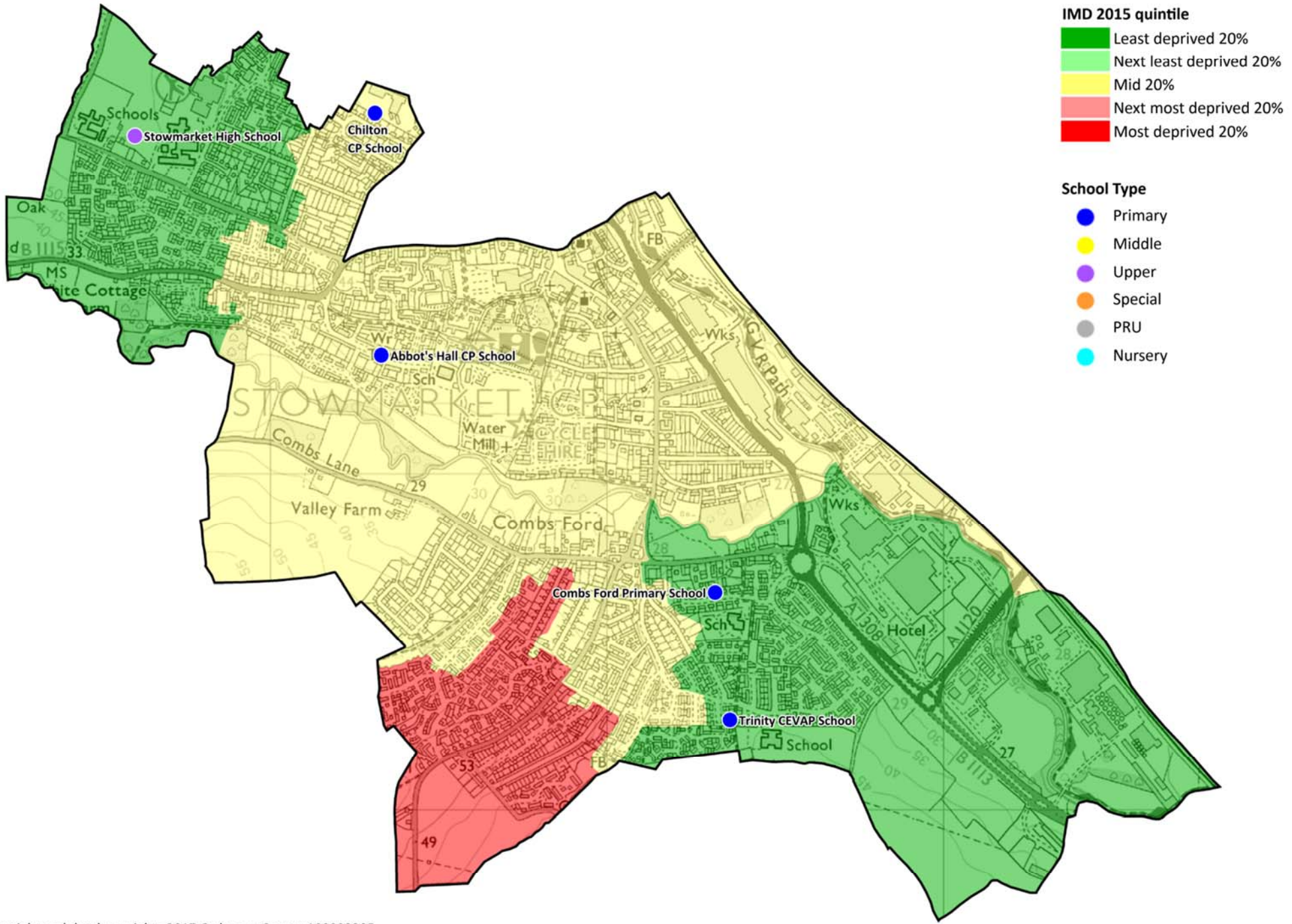
INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (IMD) 2015 (SEE MAP OVERLEAF)

The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (Lower Super Output Areas, average population 1,500) are most usually described as being in 1 of 5 quintile bands. The bottom quintile represents the 20% of areas that are the most deprived in the country; these are shaded red on the map. The top quintile represents the least deprived areas in the country, and is shaded green.

The Index is widely used to analyse patterns of deprivation, identify areas that would benefit from special initiatives or programmes and as a tool to determine eligibility for specific funding streams.



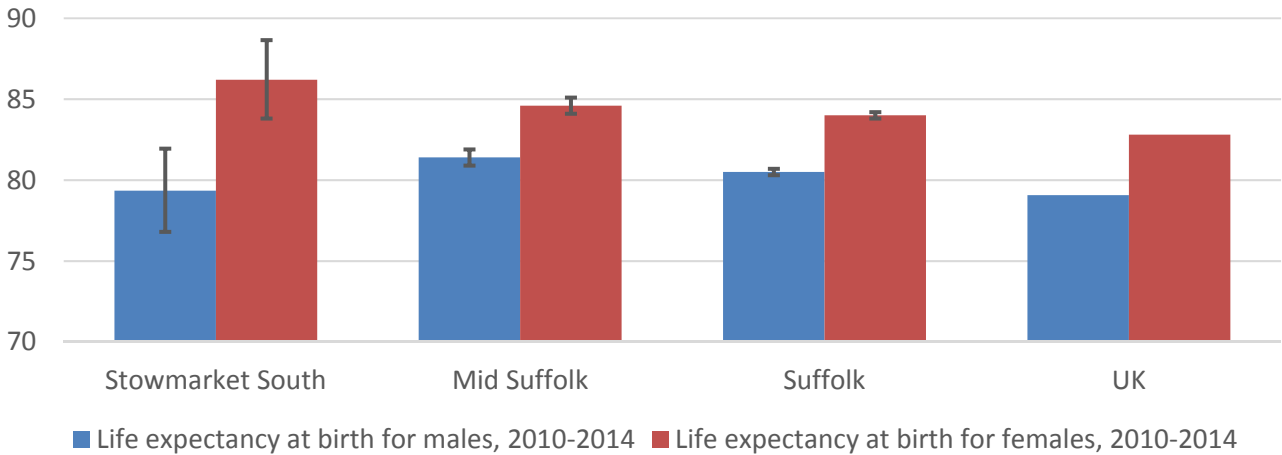
- The IMD 2015 shows that relative deprivation levels in Stowmarket South are quite varied, with parts of the division among the least deprived 20% nationally and some among the most deprived
- Of the six Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in the division, two are ranked amongst the top 20% least deprived LSOAs in the country, three are in the next best quintile and one is in the most deprived quintile



HEALTH

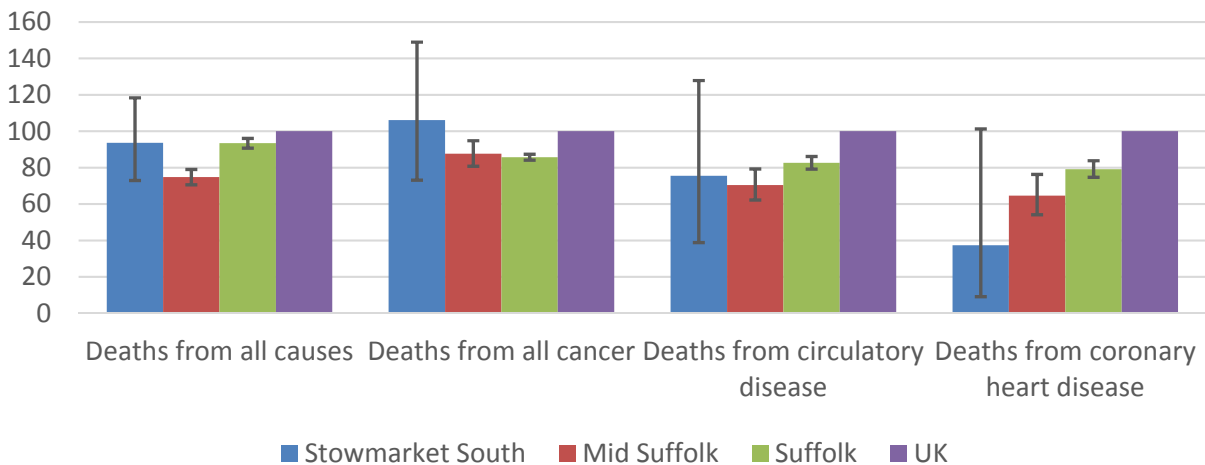
The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH



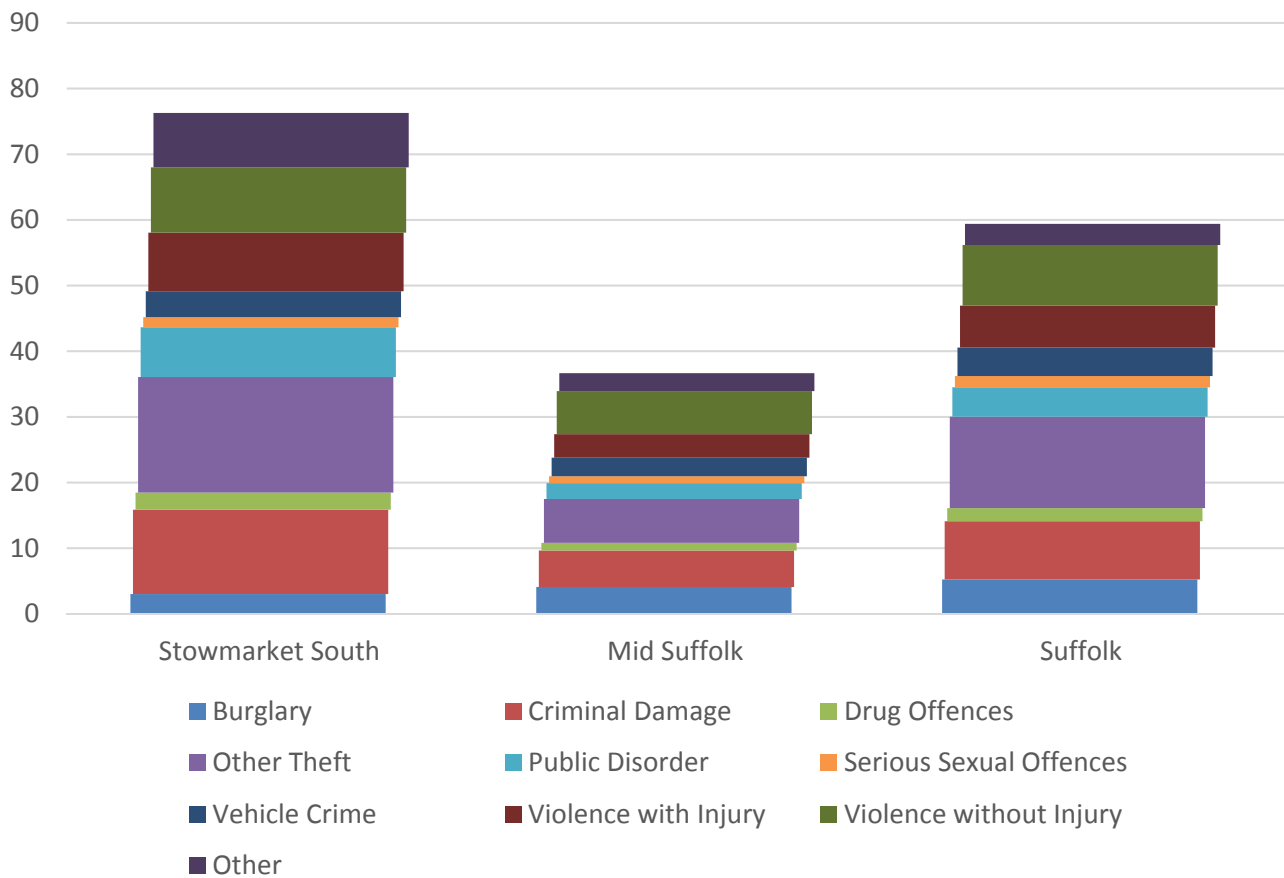
- Estimated life expectancy at birth in Stowmarket South for males is lower than in Mid Suffolk and the county as a whole, but similar to the national average
- Life expectancy at birth for females is higher than district, county and national levels
- The estimated life expectancy at birth figure for males in Stowmarket South is 79.4 years, while for females it is around seven years higher, at 86.2

DEATHS, UNDER 75 YEARS, STANDARDISED MORTALITY RATIO



- The rate of deaths for all cause in those under 75 is slightly higher than that for Mid Suffolk, but similar to Suffolk and the UK as a whole
- The standardised mortality ratio data shown here means that for every 100 early deaths from all causes across the UK as a whole, there are an estimated 94 comparable deaths in Stowmarket South
- In Stowmarket South, the rate of deaths from cancer in under 75s is above the rates for Mid Suffolk, Suffolk and England

CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY



- The crime rate for Stowmarket South is around double that for the Mid Suffolk district and higher than the rate for the county
- In 2015, there were around 76 recorded crimes per 1,000 residents in Stowmarket South, compared to 37 in Mid Suffolk and 59 countywide
- In line with figures for Mid Suffolk and Suffolk, the most commonly recorded type of crime in Stowmarket South is “other theft”, followed by criminal damage and violence without injury
- Stowmarket South has a higher rate of “other” crime than either the district or county as a whole

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parishes in Division

Stowmarket

DATA SOURCES

Category	Indicator	Source
Demographic Profile	Quinary population table 2015	ONS 2015 mid-year population estimates
	Population pyramid 2015	ONS 2015 mid-year population estimates
	Ethnicity 2011	ONS 2011 Census
Economy	Employment by broad industrial sector 2015	ONS Business Register and Employment Survey via NOMIS
Labour market	Job Seekers Allowance Claimant Rate (% 16-64 population) 2014-2017	DWP via NOMIS
Education	School information and attainment 2014-2016	Suffolk County Council
	% 16-18 year olds NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) 2013-2017	Suffolk County Council
Deprivation	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015	Department for Communities and Local Government
Health	Life expectancy at birth 2010-2014	Public Health England
Health	Standardised mortality ratio for deaths from all causes, cancer, circulatory disease and coronary heart disease, aged under 75 2010-2014. The standardised mortality ratio is the ratio of observed deaths in the study group to expected deaths in the general population.	Public Health England
Community Safety	Recorded crime rate per 1,000 resident population 2015	Suffolk Police

For more data and information about Stowmarket South Electoral Division, see the Suffolk Observatory www.suffolkobservatory.info

