



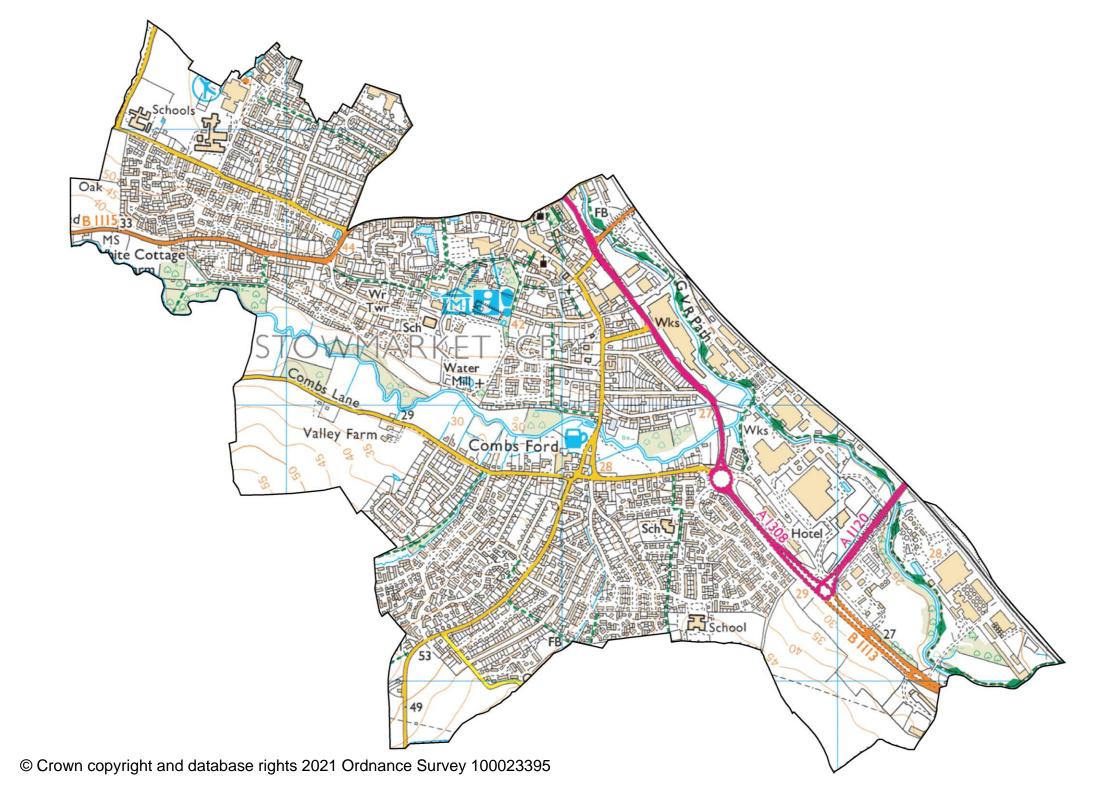


STOWMARKET SOUTH

ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE 2021

This Division comprises part of St Peter's, Combs Ford and Chilton 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 maps, 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 population, children and young people, health and social care, housing, crime and community safety, deprivation, economy and employment and environment. All areas of the county are covered, right down to district, electoral division, ward and parish level, with information easily accessible in a variety of formats. You can also build your own reports for custom areas.

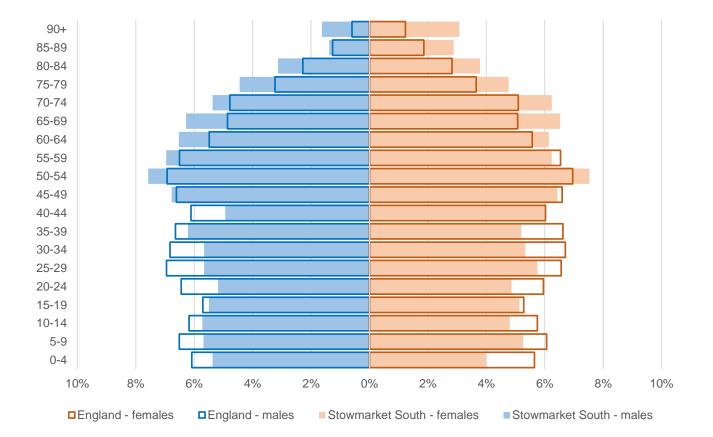
Technical Notes:

- 1. Where electoral divisions do not exactly match the boundaries at which the data is available (e.g. ward, Output Area or Lower Super Output Area), we have adopted a "best-fit" approach to produce a dataset.
- District, county and national level data is provided where possible to provide a context for comparisons. Where possible we have used the most recent district boundaries for comparison purposes, but in some cases it has been necessary to use the pre-2019 districts.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE - AGE

In mid 2019, the population of Stowmarket South stood at 9,956, an increase of 4.1% since the 2011 Census. The age structure of the component wards and the division as a whole is set out below.

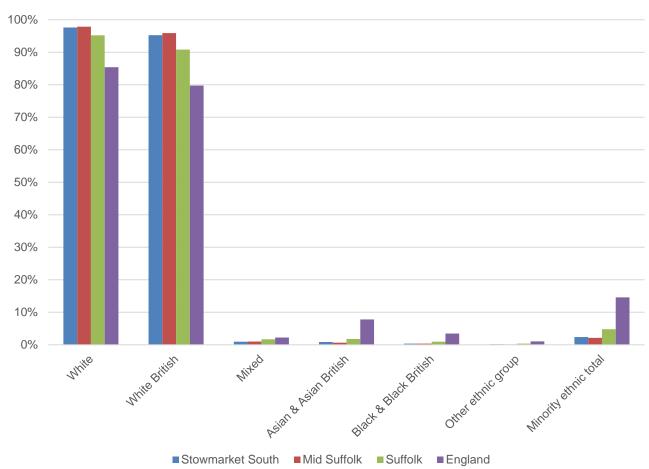
	Stowmarket South Division	Combs Ford	Chilton	St Peter's
All Ages	9,956	6,252	2,616	1,088
0-4	464	310	129	25
5-9	544	358	148	38
10-14	523	353	125	45
15-19	529	374	124	31
20-24	500	340	121	39
25-29	568	343	138	87
30-34	547	370	125	52
35-39	567	370	144	53
40-44	548	341	136	71
45-49	657	445	172	40
50-54	752	495	189	68
55-59	656	440	161	55
60-64	630	411	144	75
65-69	638	336	176	126
70-74	579	343	143	93
75-79	459	265	117	77
80-84	345	178	121	46
85-89	214	88	87	39
90+	236	92	116	28



 The age pyramid for Stowmarket South shows a higher-than-average proportion of people over the age of 50.

- The most common age group in Stowmarket South is 50–54-year-olds but the relatively large proportion of people aged 85 or more is also very noticeable.
- There is a much lower-than-average proportion of people of younger working age, particularly 20-39-year-olds, and children and young people.

ETHNICITY

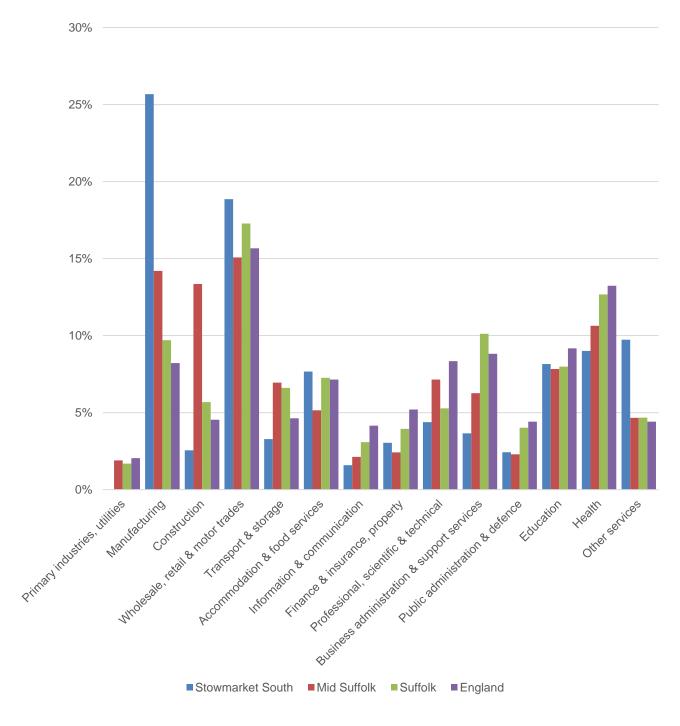


- According to the latest data (2011 Census), 97.6% (9,336) of the population of Stowmarket South are white.
- 2.4% of the population of minority ethnic origin, half the rate seen in the county overall.
- Stowmarket South has a similar diversity profile to Mid Suffolk district, and generally lower proportions 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		Total minority ethnic population	
	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			85.4	•	79.8		2.3		7.8		3.5		1.0		14.6

ECONOMY

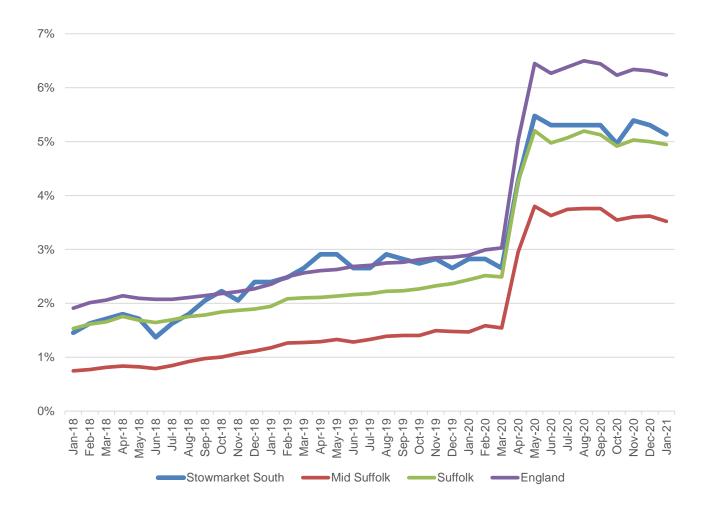
There are 4,100 people employed in Stowmarket South.



- The key employment sectors in Stowmarket South are manufacturing and wholesale, retail and motor trades.
- Almost half of jobs in Stowmarket South are provided by these two sectors.
- Manufacturing is particularly important as the proportion of these sectors in Stowmarket South is much higher than the national average.
- "Other services" also accounts for almost 1 in 10 jobs in the division specifically, the majority of jobs are in the "operation of sports facilities" sub-sector.

LABOUR MARKET

OUT-OF-WORK BENEFIT CLAIMANT RATE



- Stowmarket South saw a sharp increase in claimants of out-of-work benefits in the first half of 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as seen elsewhere in the county and England as a whole.
- In January 2021, 5.1% of the working age population in this division were claiming out-ofwork benefits; the proportion of claimants has been consistently above the Mid Suffolk rate, and similar to the Suffolk average.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Schools in the Division

	Avera	age co	hort siz	ze at:				
Name	Phase	Academy Status	Foundation Stage (age 5)	KS2 (age 11)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)	Latest Ofsted	Latest Ofsted Date
Abbot's Hall Community Primary School	Primary	AC	55	51			Good*	01/02/2018
Chilton Community Primary School	Primary	AC	19	27			Good*	13/12/2017
Combs Ford Primary School	Primary	AC	57	59			Good	05/07/2011
Trinity CEVAP School	Primary	LA	26				Good	04/06/2019
Stowmarket High School Secondary		AS			145	69	Requires improvement*	05/07/2018

Schools with catchments that overlap with the <u>Division</u>

	Average cohort size at:							
Name	Phase	Academy Status	Foundation Stage (age 5)	KS2 (age 11)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)	Latest Ofsted	Latest Ofsted Date
Wood Ley Community Primary School	Primary	LA	44	38			Good	16/03/2011

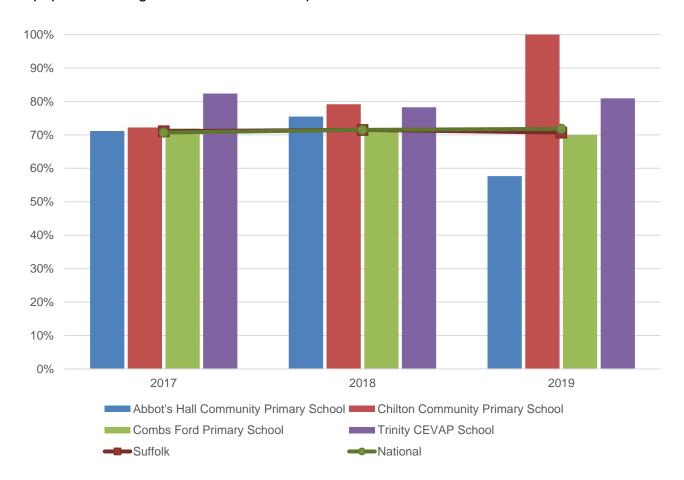
Academy Status key: AS = Academy Sponsored, AC = Academy Converter, LA = LA Maintained, F = Free

^{*}The latest full inspection judgement does not relate to the current school

SCHOOL ATTAINMENT

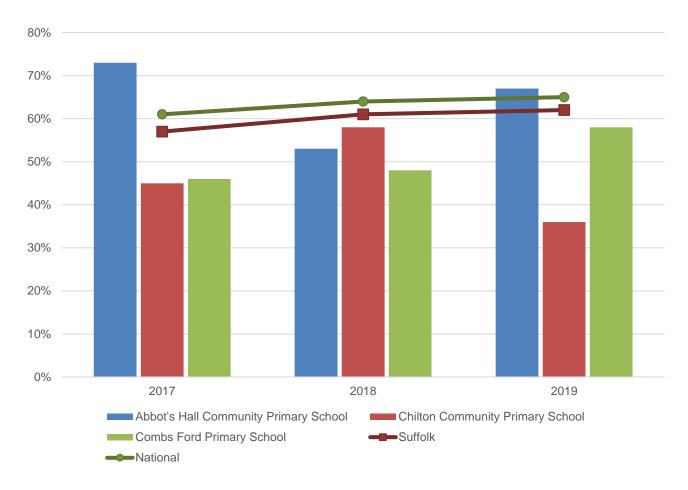
Foundation Stage Profile (reception)

% pupils achieving Good Level of Development



- Foundation Stage attainment in Stowmarket South over the last three years has generally been good. There was more variation in attainment between schools in 2019.
- Pupil attainment at Chilton Community Primary and Trinity CEVAP Schools was consistently above the county and national benchmarks during the three years from 2017 to 2019.
- Combs Ford Primary School has seen steady levels of Foundation Stage pupil attainment, following the county and national trend throughout this period.
- Attainment at Abbot's Hall Community Primary School was above the national benchmark in 2017 and 2018 but dipped below average in 2019.

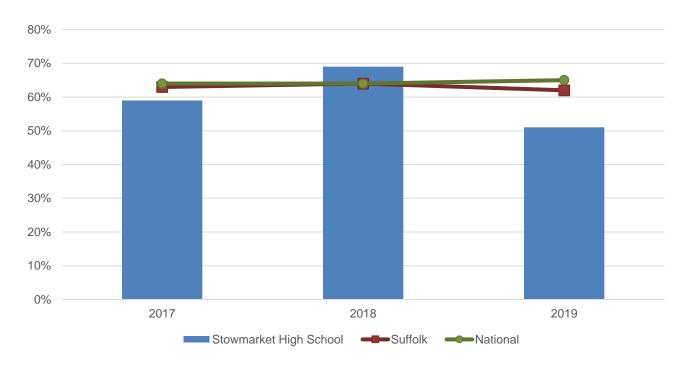
Key Stage 2 (age 11) % pupils achieving the Expected Level or better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics



- Key Stage 2 attainment at schools in Stowmarket South has been quite variable but generally below average over the last three years of available data.
- Abbot's Hall Community Primary has been the highest performing school during this period, with attainment at the school exceeding the national benchmark in 2017 and 2019.
- Pupil attainment at Chilton Community Primary and Combs Ford Primary Schools has been consistently below average during this period, albeit to varying degrees.

Key Stage 4 (GCSE) (age 16)

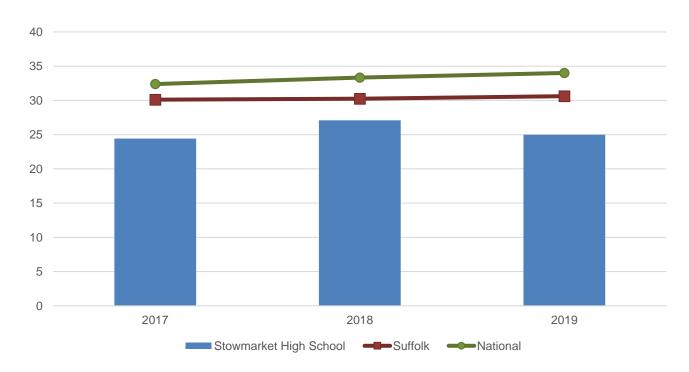
% pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and Mathematics



 GCSE attainment at Stowmarket High School was above the county and national averages in 2018, but lower in 2017 and 2019.

Key Stage 5 (A level) (age 18)

A Level Points entry



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

NEET % (NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING)

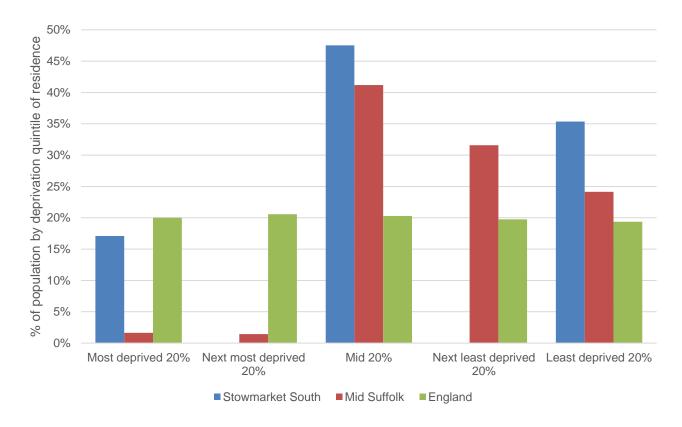


- In January 2021, 7.3% of 16-18 year olds were classified as NEET in Stowmarket South (where current activity is known), more than twice the rate for Mid Suffolk.
- NEET levels in Stowmarket South have been consistently above the district and county averages during the time period presented here (January 2017 to January 2021).

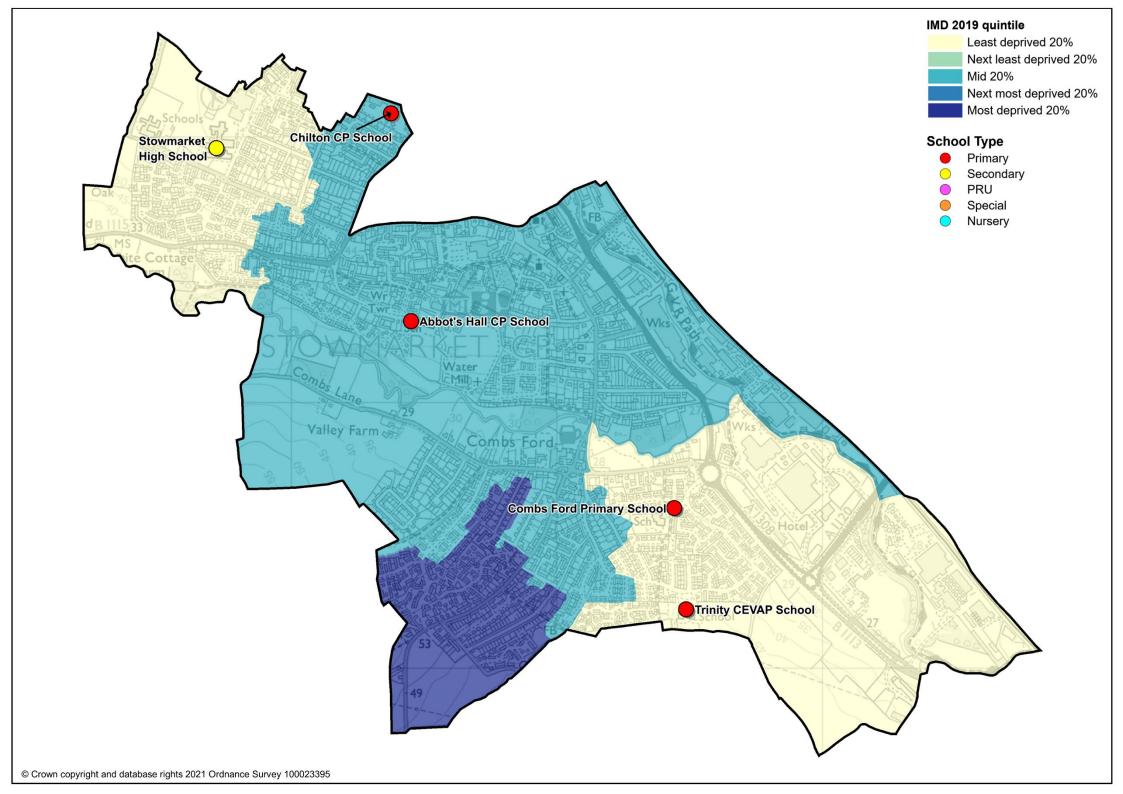
INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (IMD) 2019 (SEE MAP OVERLEAF)

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 1,700) are most commonly described as being in 1 of 5 quintile bands. The bottom quintile represents the 20% of areas that are the most deprived in England; these are shaded pale yellow on the map. The top quintile represents the least deprived areas in England and is shaded dark blue.

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.



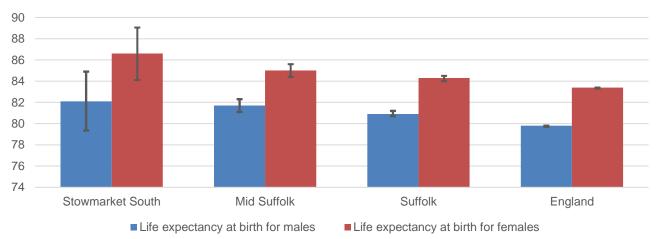
- The IMD 2019 shows that relative deprivation levels in Stowmarket South are quite varied, with parts of the division among the least deprived 20% of areas nationally and some also among the most deprived.
- Of the six Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in the division, two are ranked amongst the top 20% least deprived LSOAs in the country (home to 35% of the population of the division as shown in the chart above), three are in the mid quintile (48% of the population) and one is in the most deprived quintile (accounting for the remaining 17% of the population).



HEALTH

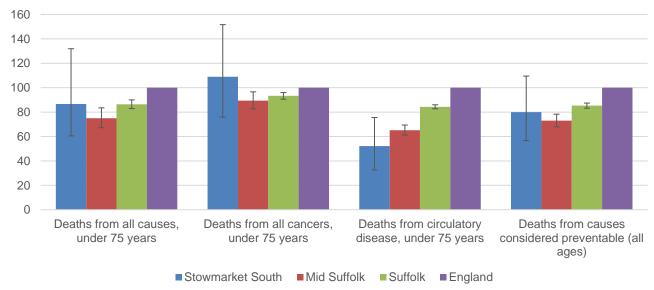
The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH



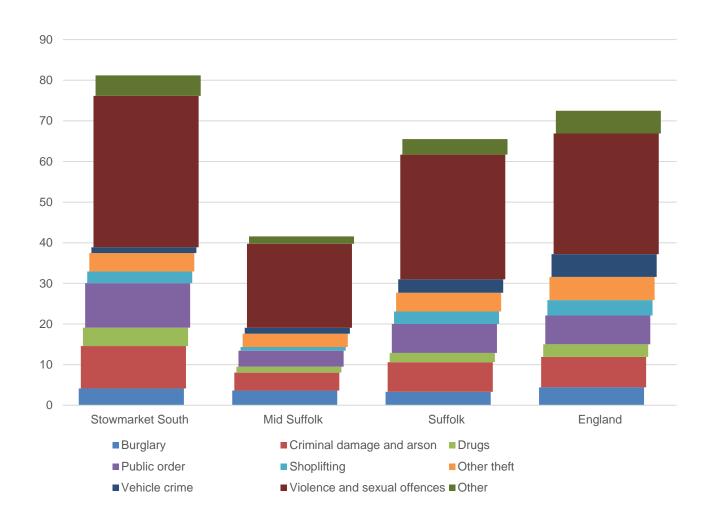
- Estimated life expectancy at birth for both females and males in Stowmarket South for is higher than in Mid Suffolk and the county as a whole.
- The estimated life expectancy at birth figure for males in Stowmarket South is 82.1 years (80.9 across Suffolk), while for females it is more than 4 years higher, at 86.6 (the county average is 84.3).

DEATHS, UNDER 75 YEARS, STANDARDISED MORTALITY RATIO



- The rate of deaths for all causes in those under 75 is slightly higher than in Mid Suffolk, similar to the Suffolk average, and below the England average.
- The standardised mortality ratio data shown here means that for every 100 early deaths from all causes across England as a whole, there are an estimated 87 comparable deaths in Stowmarket South.
- In Stowmarket South, the rate of deaths from cancer in under 75s is above the averages for Mid Suffolk, Suffolk and England.
- It should be noted that the confidence intervals around these data are very wide due to the small number of deaths at the local level.

CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY



- The crime rate for Stowmarket South is around double that for Mid Suffolk district and higher than the rate for the county.
- In the year to the end of January 2021, there were 81 recorded crimes per 1,000 residents in Stowmarket South, compared to 42 in Mid Suffolk and 66 countywide.
- In line with figures for Mid Suffolk and Suffolk, the most commonly recorded type of crime in Stowmarket South is violence and sexual offences, followed by criminal damage and arson and public order offences.
- All types of crime occur at a higher rate in Stowmarket South than the Mid Suffolk average, with the exception of vehicle crime.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parishes in Division

Stowmarket (part)

DATA SOURCES

Category	Indicator	Source				
	Quinary population table 2019	ONS 2019 mid-year population estimates				
Demographic Profile	Population pyramid 2019	ONS 2019 mid-year population estimates				
	Ethnicity 2011	ONS 2011 Census				
Economy	Employment by broad industrial sector 2019	ONS Business Register and Employment Survey via NOMIS				
Labour market	Claimant count: The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit who are out of work (% 16-64 population) January 2018- February 2021	DWP via NOMIS				
	School information and attainment 2017-2019	Suffolk County Council				
Education	% 16-18-year-olds NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) 2017-2021	Suffolk County Council via the Suffolk Observatory				
Deprivation	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019	Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government				
Health	Life expectancy at birth 2013-2017	Public Health England				
Health	Standardised mortality ratio for deaths from all causes, cancer and circulatory disease, (aged under 75), and death from causes considered preventable (all ages), 2013-2017. 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 February 2020 to January 2021	Data.police.uk via the Suffolk Observatory				

For more data and information about Stowmarket South Electoral Division, see the Suffolk Observatory $\underline{\text{www.suffolkobservatory.info}}$

