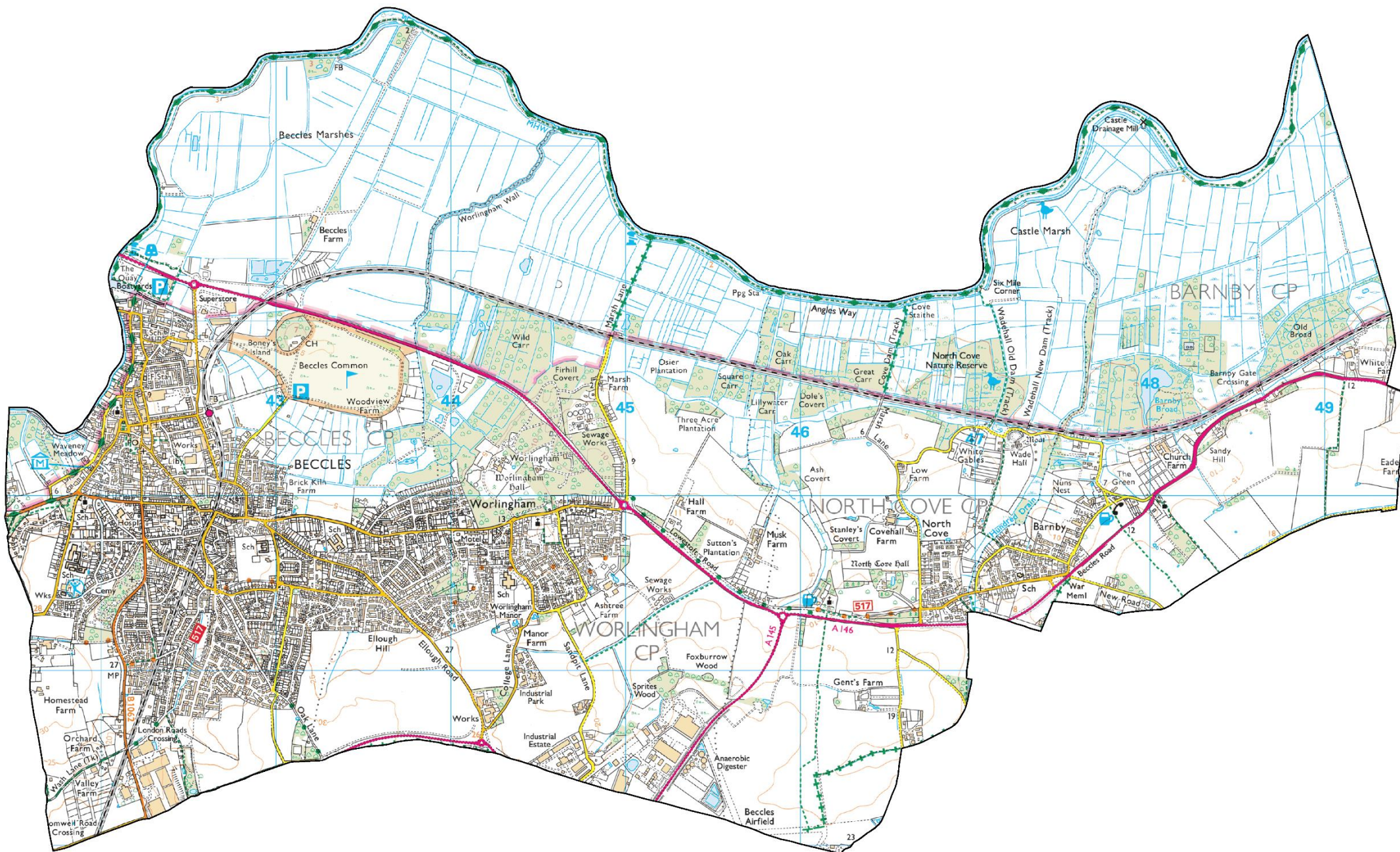


BECCLES

ELECTORAL DIVISION PROFILE 2022

This Division equates to Beccles & Worlingham Ward

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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.

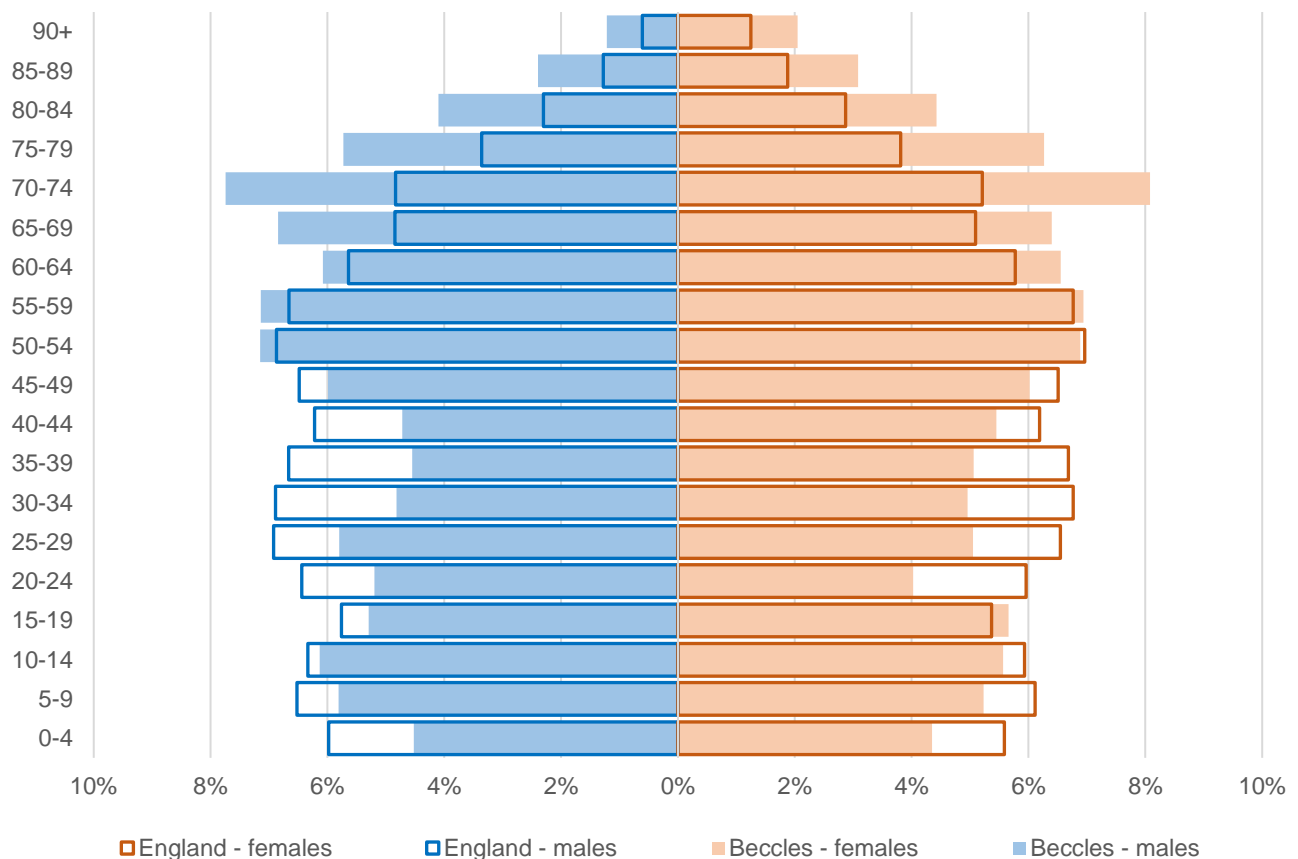
Technical Notes:

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.
2. 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

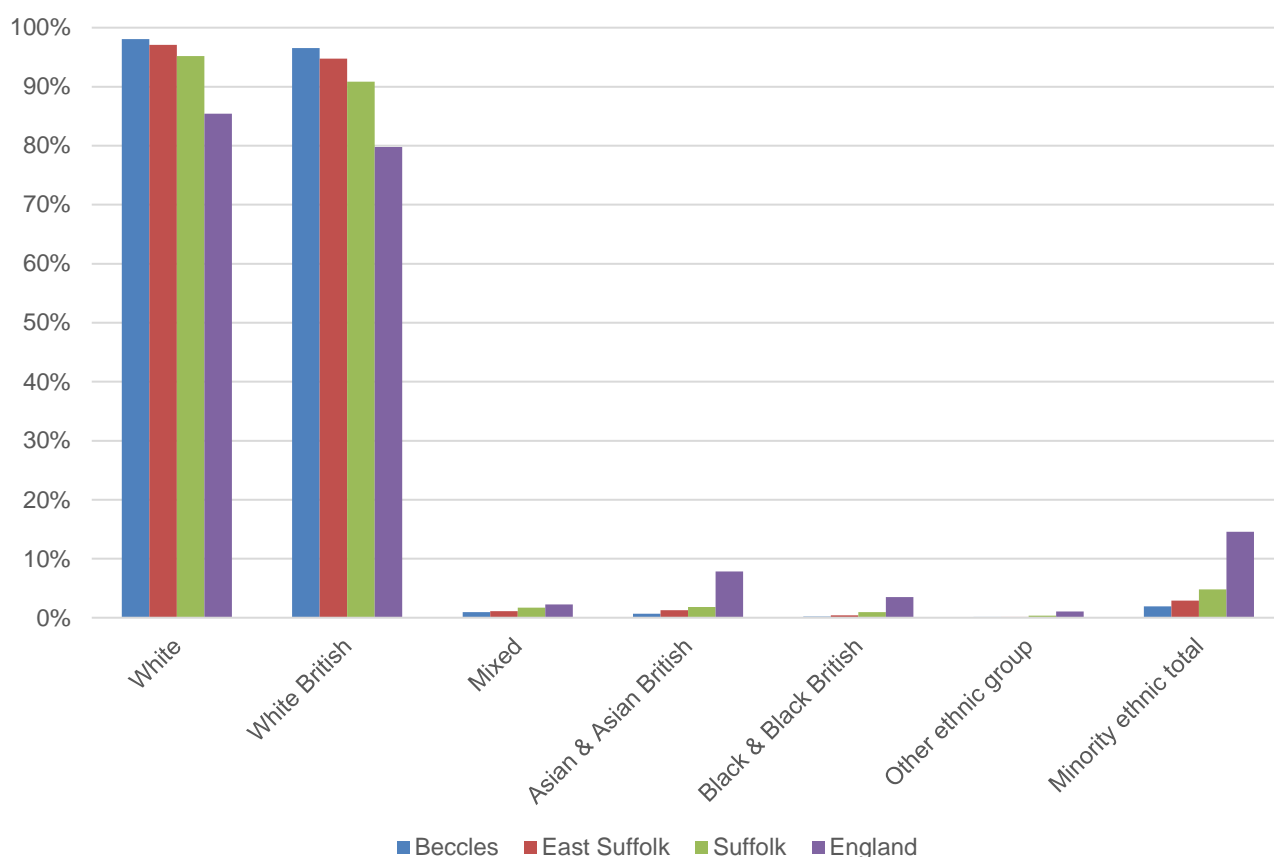
In mid-2020, the population of Beccles stood at 15,112, an increase of 2% since the 2011 Census. The age structure of the division is set out below. At the time of writing, 2021 Census data has not been released at a sufficiently granular geographical level/age breakdown to allow equivalent estimates for Beccles Division to be calculated.

Beccles Division	
All Ages	15,112
0-4	659
5-9	819
10-14	868
15-19	815
20-24	7,918
25-29	682
30-34	804
35-39	727
40-44	716
45-49	758
50-54	893
55-59	1,043
60-64	1,046
65-69	940
70-74	983
75-79	1,177
80-84	893
85-89	635
90+	409



- The age pyramid for Beccles shows a higher-than-average proportion of people over the age of 50.
- The most common age group in Beccles is 70-74, followed by 55-59.
- There is a lower than average number of people of working age in the division, particularly 20–39-year-olds.

ETHNICITY

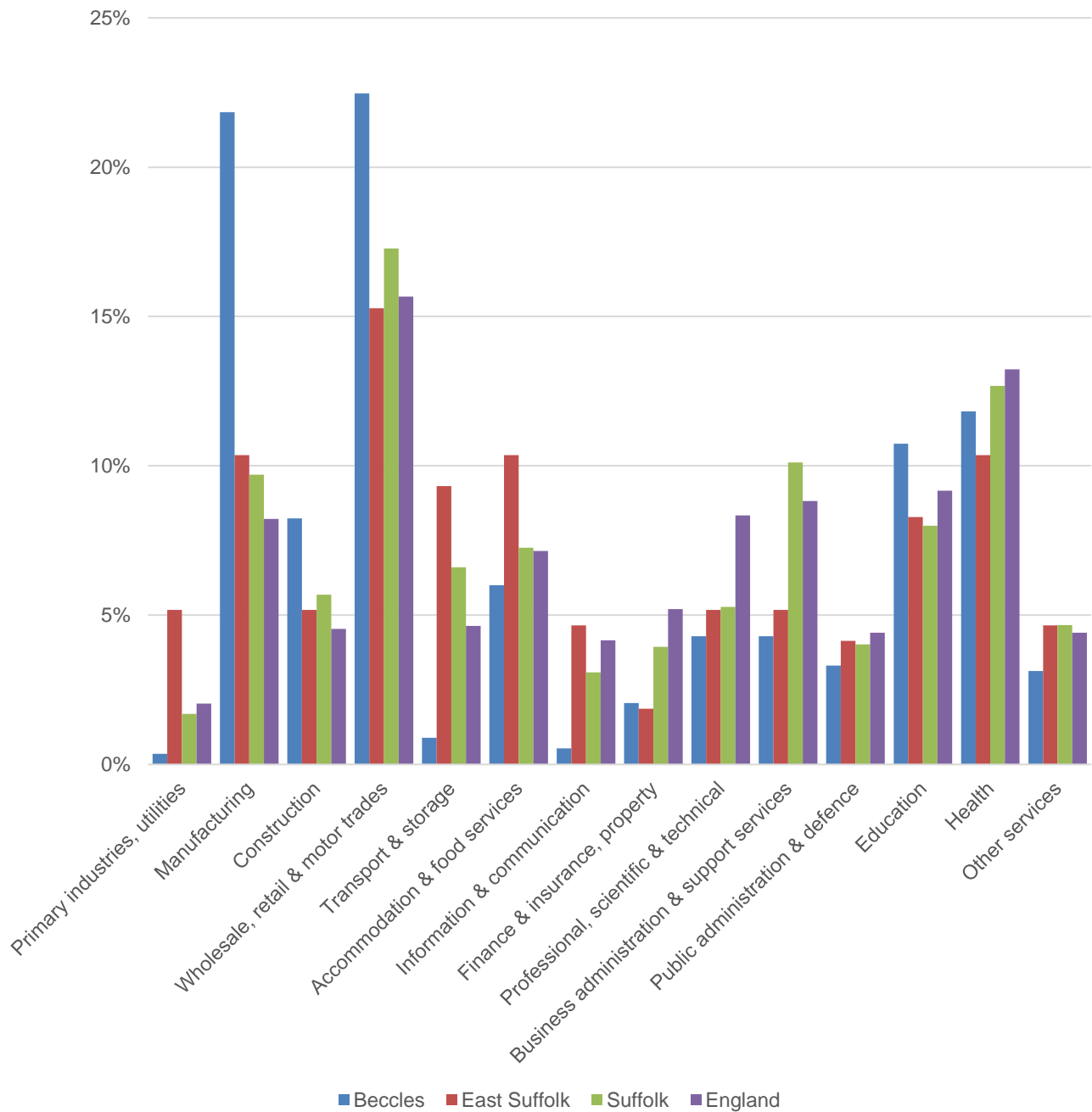


- According to the latest data (2011 Census), 98.1% (14,512) of the population of Beccles are white, one of the highest percentages for a division in Suffolk.
- There are 284 (1.9%) people of minority ethnic origin in the division.
- Beccles has lower proportions of minority ethnic groups than East Suffolk and Suffolk county as a whole
- Updated ethnicity data from the 2021 Census will be released in late 2022.

	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	%
Beccles	14,796	14,512	98.1	14,285	96.5	138	0.9	98	0.7	26	0.2	22	0.1	284	1.9
Waveney	239,552	232,565	97.1	227,040	94.8	2,728	1.1	2,991	1.2	925	0.4	343	0.1	6,987	2.9
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			85.4		79.8		2.3		7.8		3.5		1.0		14.6

ECONOMY

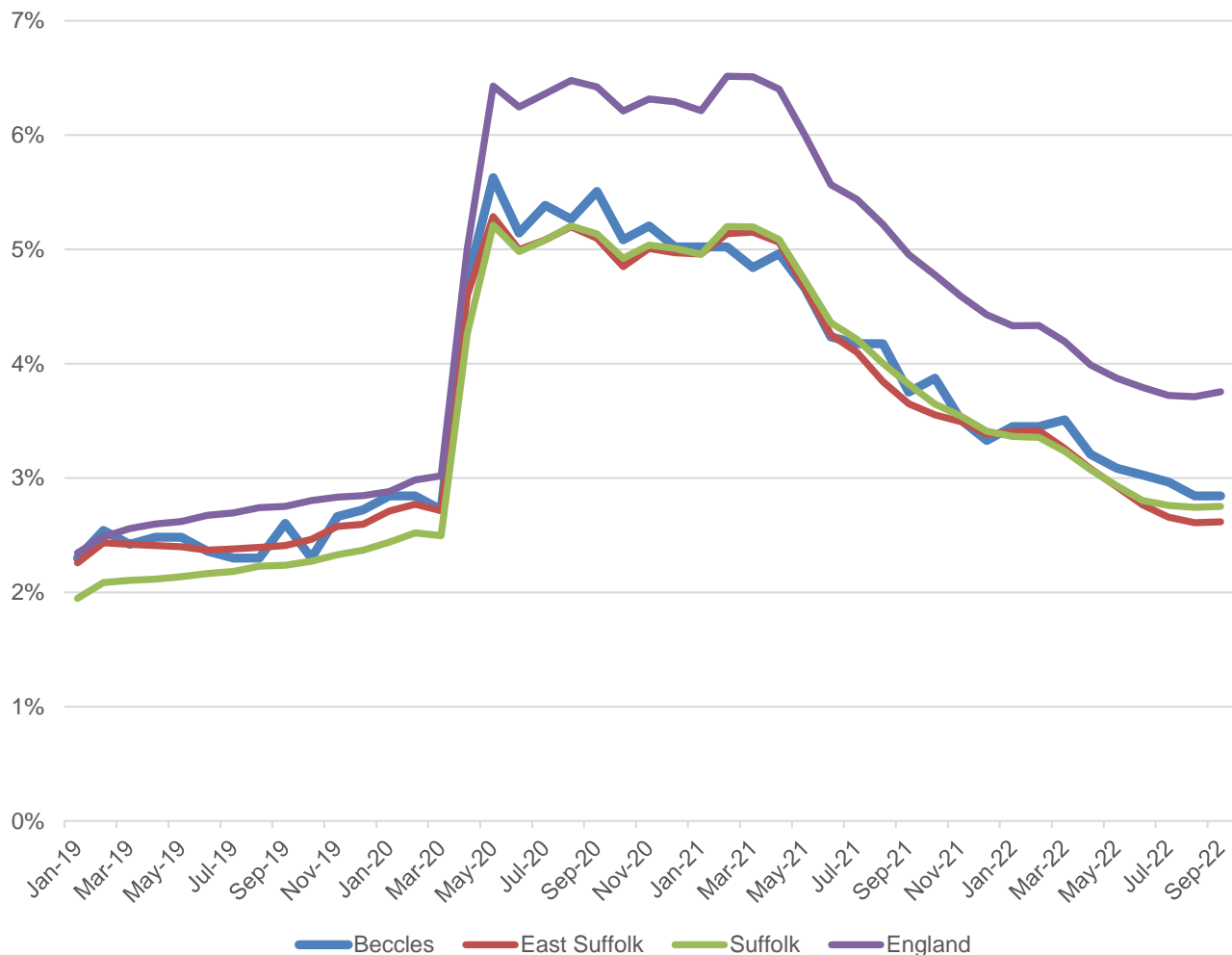
There are around 5,600 people employed in Beccles.



- The key employment sectors in Beccles are manufacturing, wholesale, retail and motor trades, health and education.
- Manufacturing and wholesale, retail and motor trades are particularly important. The proportion of these sectors in Beccles is much higher than the national average. Almost half of jobs in Beccles are accounted for by these two sectors.

LABOUR MARKET

OUT-OF-WORK BENEFIT CLAIMANT RATE



- Beccles 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. The claimant rate has steadily declined since late 2020 and returned to pre-pandemic levels in August 2022.
- Beccles tends to have very similar claimant levels to the East Suffolk and Suffolk County averages.
- In percentage terms, around 2.8% of the working age population (aged 16-64) are claiming out-of-work benefits in September 2022.

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Schools in the Division

School data has not been updated since the 2021 edition of this profile as no meaningful additional data has been made available due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on examination statistics.

Name	Phase	Academy Status	Average cohort size at:				Latest Ofsted	Latest Ofsted Date
			Foundation Stage (age 5)	KS2 (age 11)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)		
Barnby & North Cove Community Primary School	Primary	AS	10	12			Requires improvement*	05/02/2016
Beccles Primary Academy	Primary	AS	27	35			Requires improvement	14/06/2018
Ravensmere Infant School	Primary	AC	20				Outstanding*	08/07/2010
St Benet's Catholic Primary School	Primary	AS	10	11			Requires improvement	11/07/2018
The Albert Pye Community Primary School	Primary	AC	39	59			Good*	06/06/2013
Worlingham CEVCP School	Primary	LA	48	44			Outstanding	06/06/2018
Beccles Free School	Secondary	F			47		Good	22/05/2014
Sir John Leman High School	Secondary	AC			237	92	Good	13/10/2016

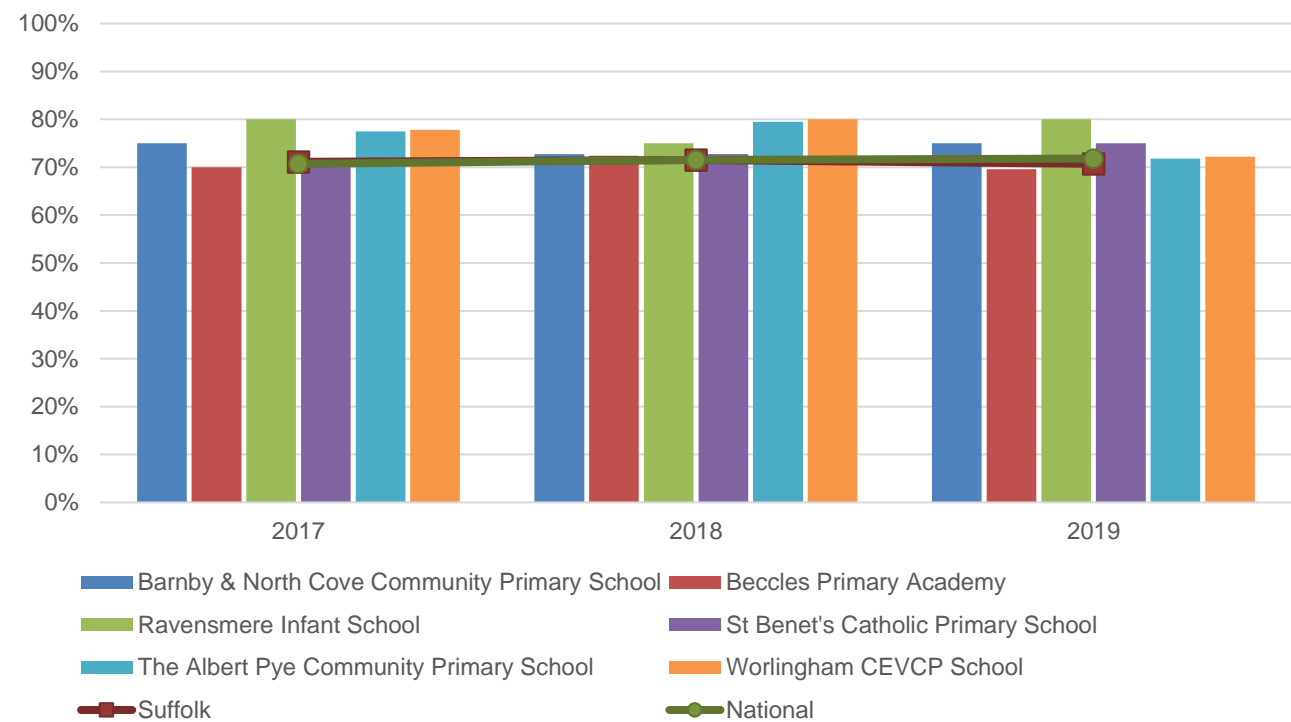
Academy Status key: AS = Academy Sponsored, AC = Academy Converter, LA = LA Maintained, F = Free

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

SCHOOL ATTAINMENT

Foundation Stage Profile (reception)

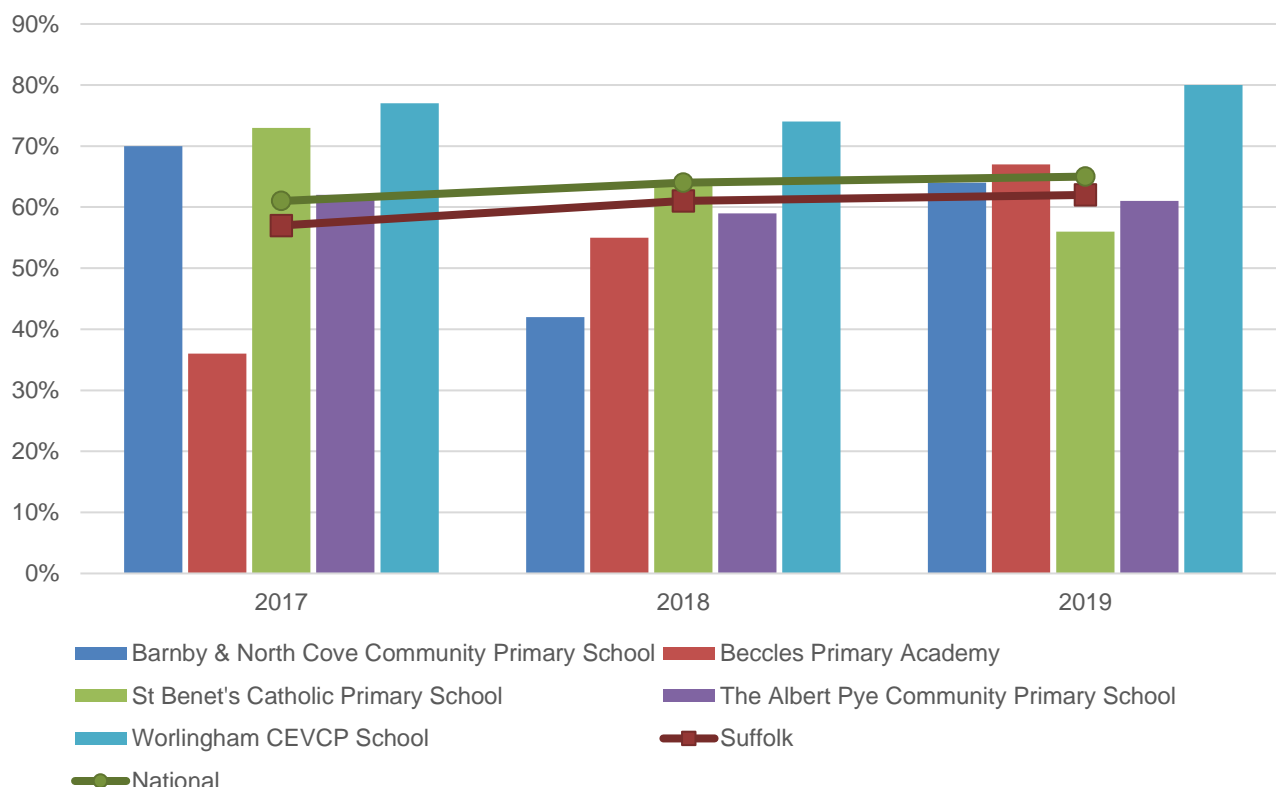
% pupils achieving Good Level of Development (GLD)



- Foundation Stage attainment at schools in Beccles has been consistently similar to or above the county and national average over the last three years of available data.
- In 2019, Foundation Stage attainment at all six schools in Beccles was at or above the county and national average, with the exception of Beccles Primary Academy, where 69.6% of pupils achieved a Good Level of Development, compared to 71% across Suffolk and 72% nationwide.

Key Stage 2 (age 11)

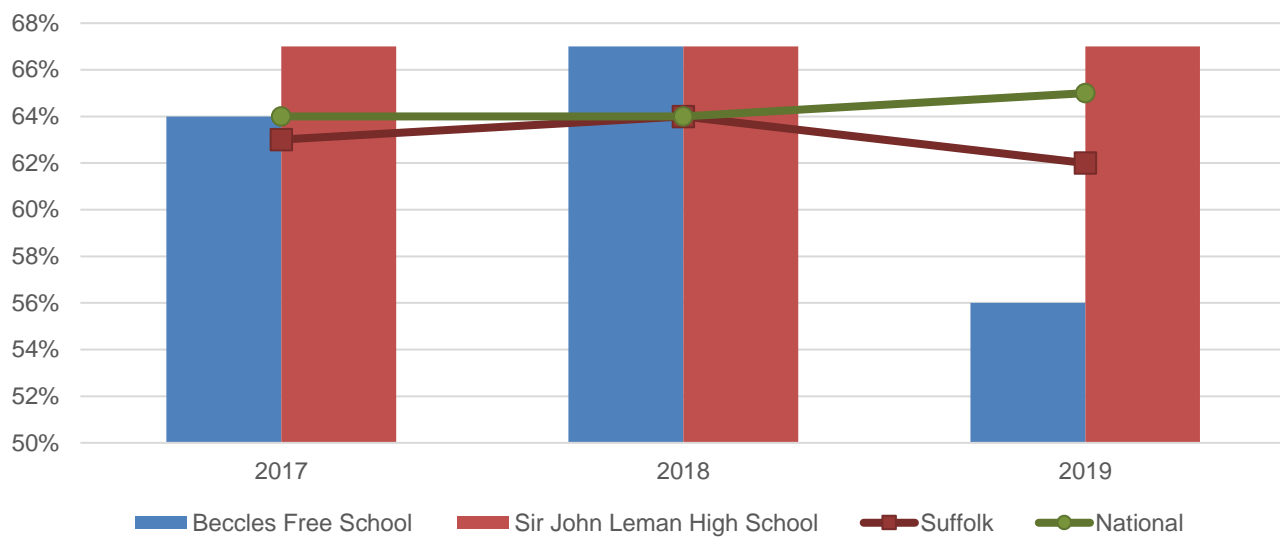
% pupils achieving the Expected Level or better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics



- Key stage 2 attainment at schools in Beccles has fluctuated across the last three years.
- Attainment at Worlingham CEVCP School has been consistently above the county and national average in each of the last three years.
- Beccles Primary Academy has seen improved attainment in each of the last three years, culminating in above average results in 2019.
- Attainment at St Benet's Catholic Primary School has declined during this time, though the school has very small average cohort (year group) sizes and therefore fluctuating results should be expected.
- Pupil attainment at The Albert Pye Community Primary School has been fairly stable during this period, but just below the county and national average in 2018 and 2019.

Key Stage 4 (GCSE) (age 16)

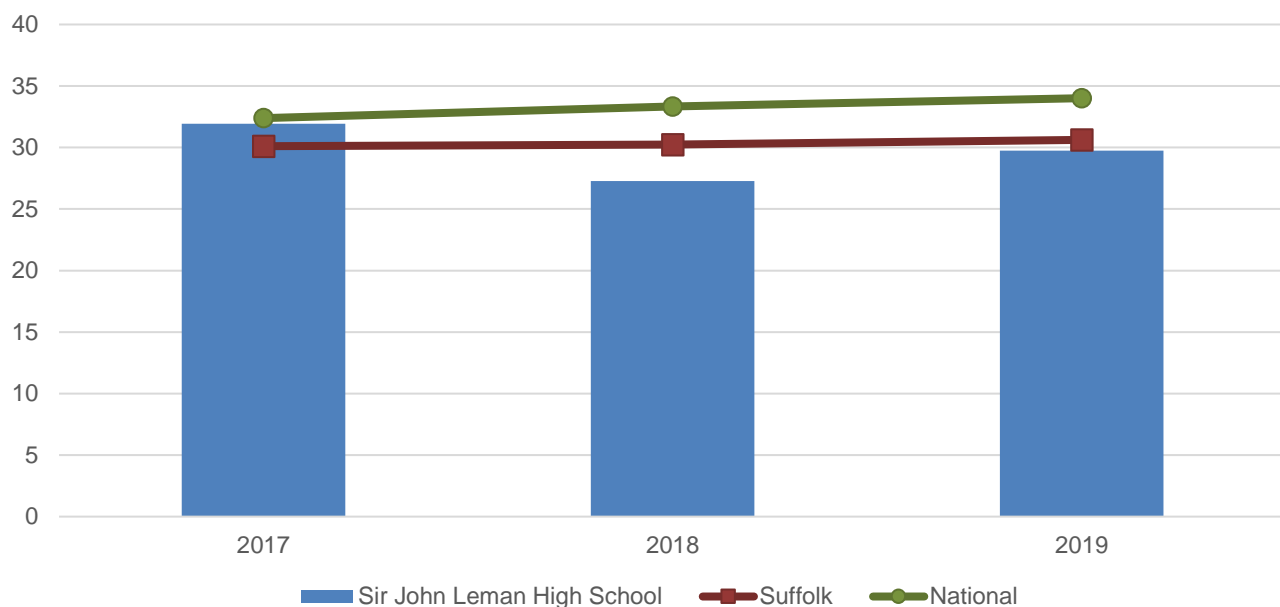
% pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and Mathematics



- GCSE attainment at Sir John Leman High school has been consistently above the county and national average in each of the past three years of available results.
- Attainment at Beccles Free School was level with the national average in 2017 and above it in 2018 but dipped in 2019.

Key Stage 5 (A level) (age 18)

A Level Points entry



- A Level attainment at Sir John Leman High School has been consistently below the national average over the last three years.
- In 2019, the average point score per student at the school was 29.75, just below the county average of 30.62 but some way off the national level of 34.01.

NEET % (NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING)

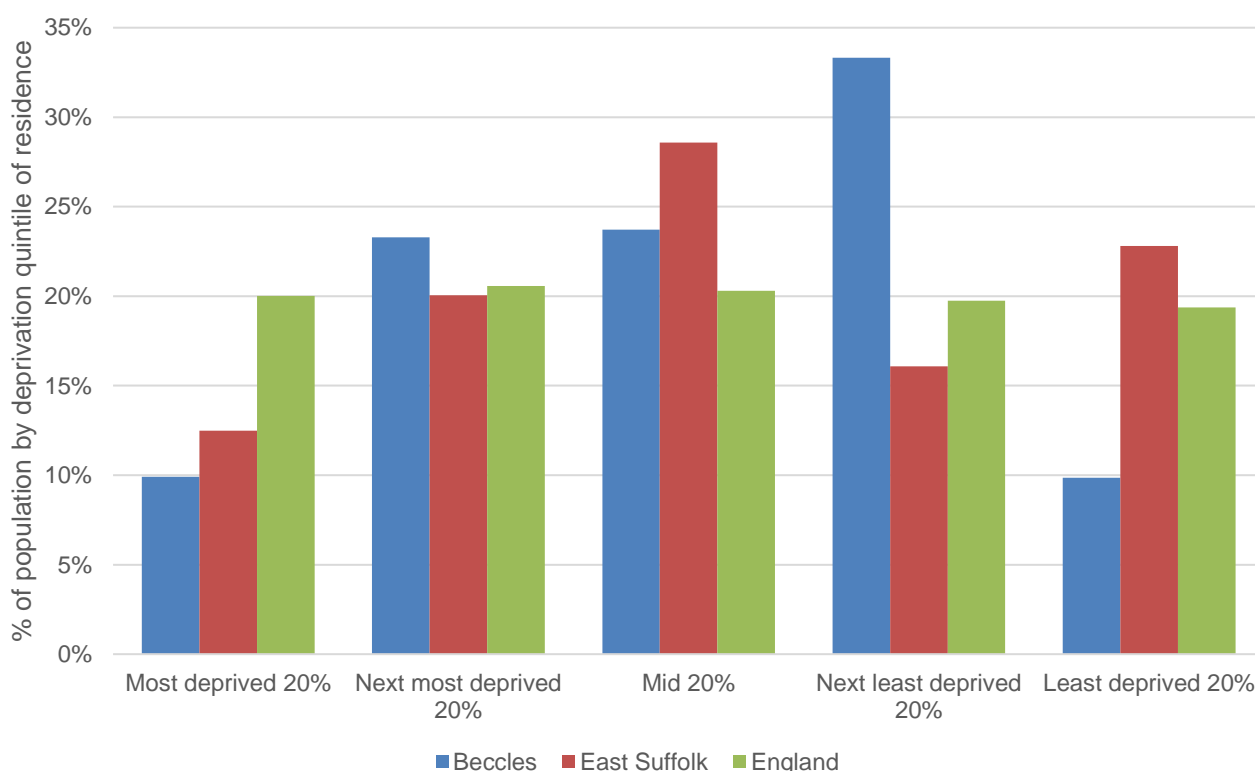


- In August 2022, 3.6% of 16–18-year-olds in Beccles were classified as NEET (where current activity is known), significantly below the district and county average.
- NEET levels in Beccles have been similar to the district and county average over the past 7 months. Prior to this, local NEET levels were consistently below average for the period October 2018 to January 2022

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.



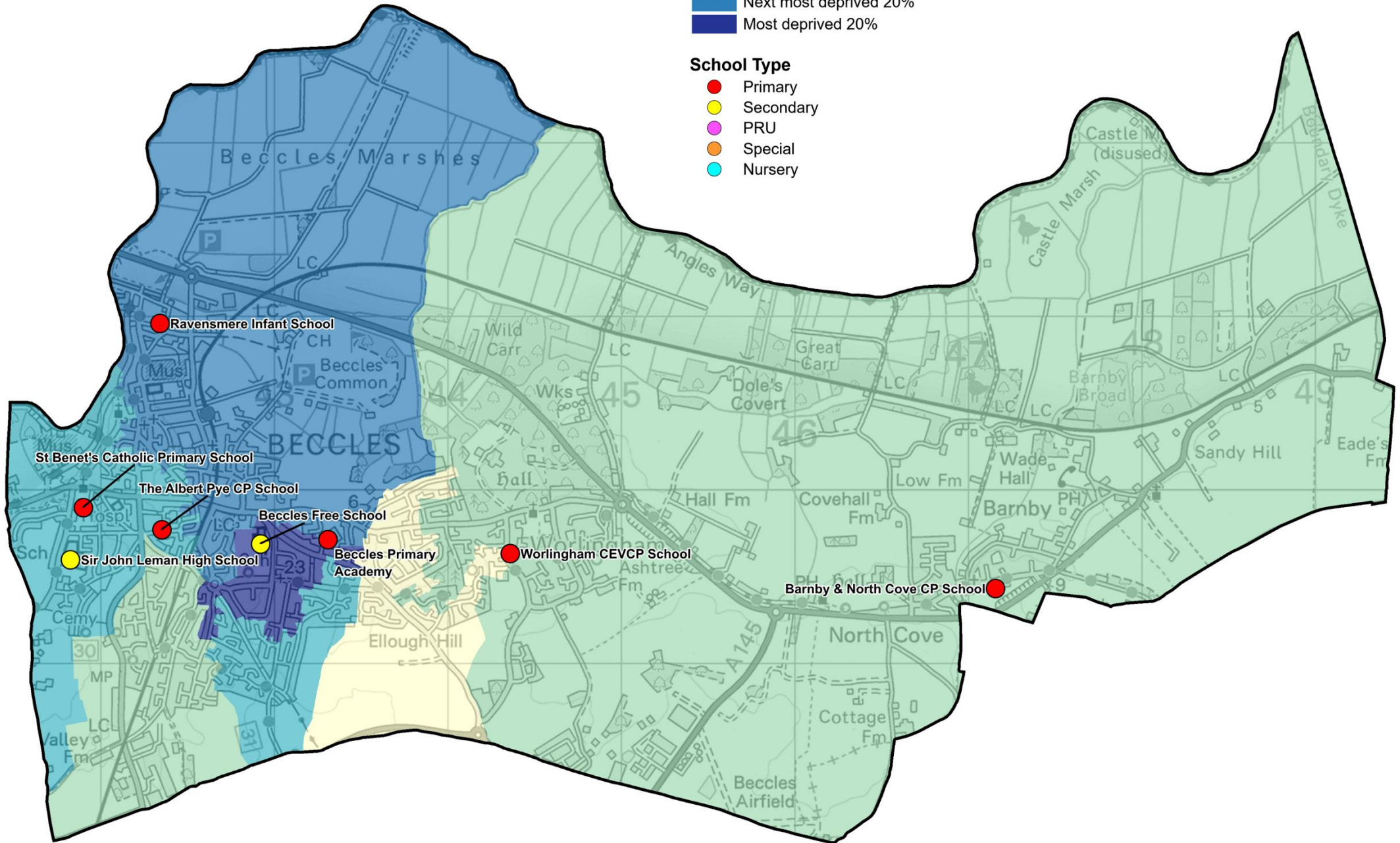
- The IMD 2019 shows that deprivation levels in Beccles are extremely varied, with parts of the division distributed across all five deprivation quintiles.
- A third of the population of the division lives in neighbourhoods that are among the second least deprived 20% in England, with a further 10% of the population in areas among the least deprived 20% in England.
- Around a third of the population lives in LSOAs that are ranked in the most deprived 40% in England.
- Of the nine Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) comprising the division, one is ranked in the top 20% most deprived LSOAs in the country, two are in the next worst quintile, two are in the mid quintile, three are in the second-best quintile and one is in the least deprived quintile.

IMD 2019 quintile

- Least deprived 20%
- Next least deprived 20%
- Mid 20%
- Next most deprived 20%
- Most deprived 20%

School Type

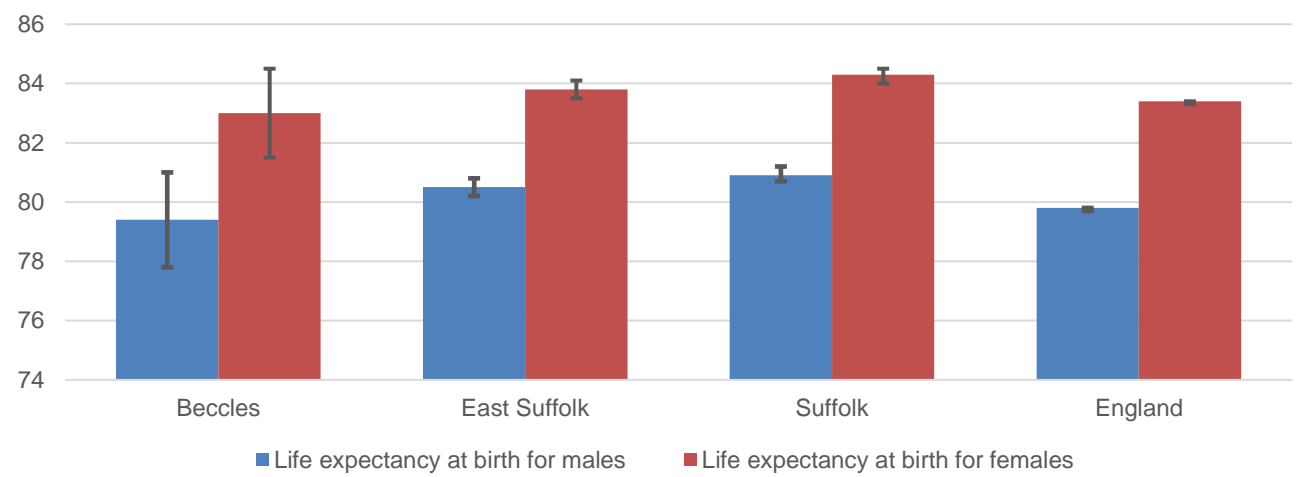
- Primary
- Secondary
- PRU
- Special
- Nursery



HEALTH

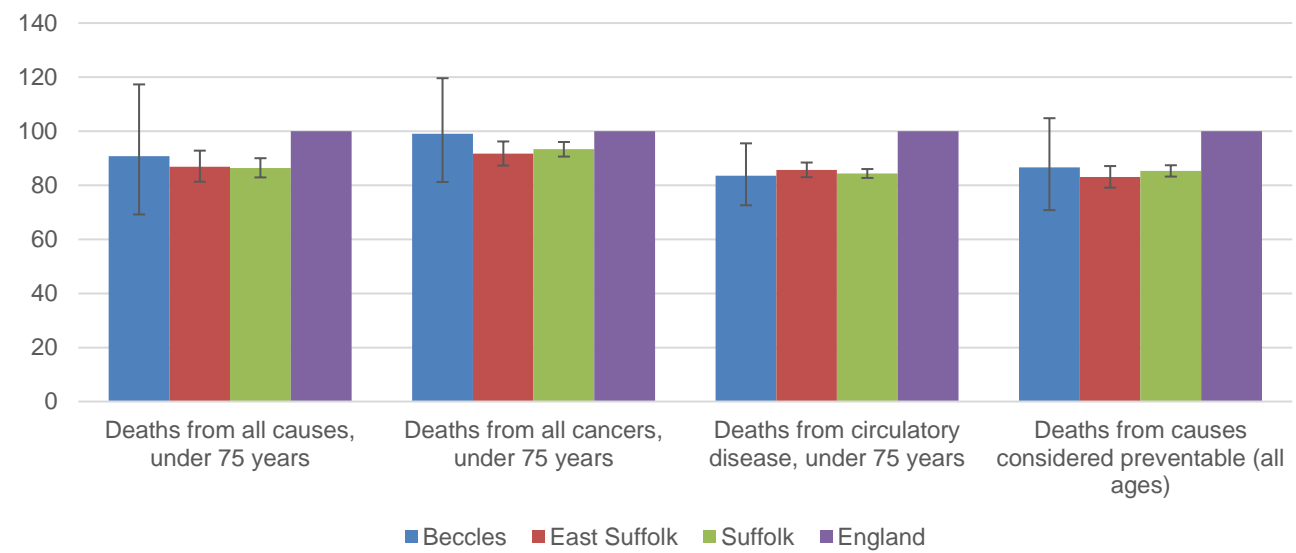
The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH



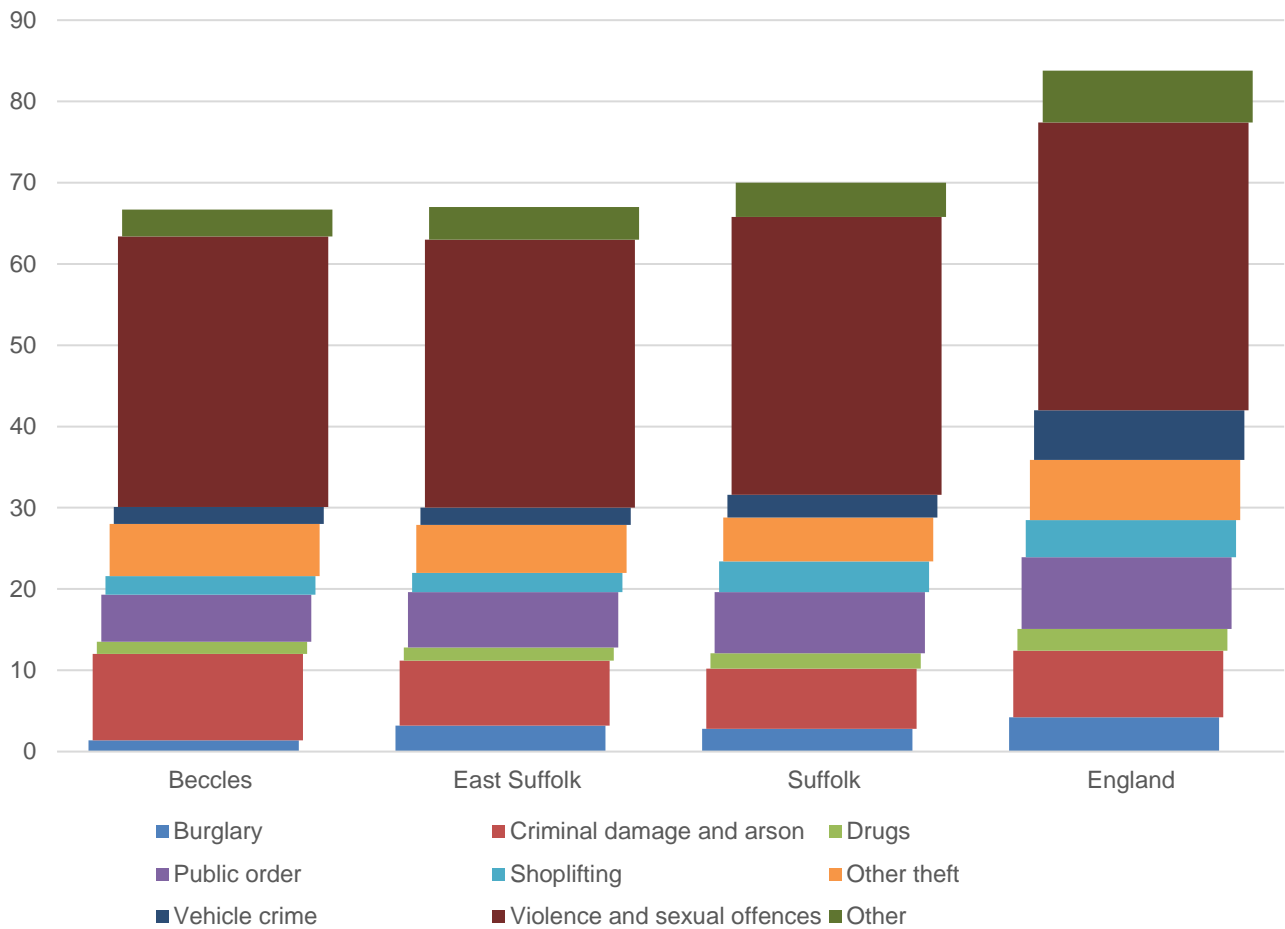
- Estimates suggest that life expectancy in Beccles is similar to the East Suffolk and county average for men, but higher than the average for women.
- Life expectancy for females is estimated at 85.7 (84.3 in Suffolk) while for males the figure is 80.8 (the county figure is 80.9).

DEATHS, UNDER 75 YEARS, STANDARDISED MORTALITY RATIO



- Estimates indicate that rates for deaths from all causes, circulatory disease and those considered preventable are below the national average in Beccles. Confidence intervals around these data are very wide, however.
- 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 91 comparable deaths in Beccles.
- Deaths from cancer are estimated to be slightly higher than the district and county averages, and similar to the England average.

CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY



- Crime levels in Beccles are similar to the East Suffolk average. Around 67 crimes per 1,000 residents were recorded in the division during the year to the end of August 2022, compared to 67 in East Suffolk and 70 countywide.
- Violence and sexual offences and criminal damage and arson were the two most commonly recorded crimes in the division during this period.
- From this data, no type of crime stands out as being a particular problem in the division compared to rates seen across the county as a whole.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parishes in Division

Barnby
Beccles
North Cove
Worlingham

DATA SOURCES

Category	Indicator	Source
Demographic Profile	Quinary population table 2020	ONS 2020 mid-year population estimates
	Population pyramid 2020	ONS 2020 mid-year population estimates
	Ethnicity 2011	ONS 2011 Census
Economy	Employment by broad industrial sector 2021	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 2019-September 2022	DWP via NOMIS
Education	School information and attainment 2017-2019	Suffolk County Council
	% 16-18-year-olds NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) 2018-2022	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 2016-2020 (for Wards, Districts and Suffolk) and 2018-20 (for England)	Public Health England
Health	Standardised mortality ratio for deaths from all causes, cancer and circulatory disease and death from causes considered preventable (aged under 75, 2016-2020. 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 September 2021 to August 2022	Data.police.uk via the Suffolk Observatory

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

