

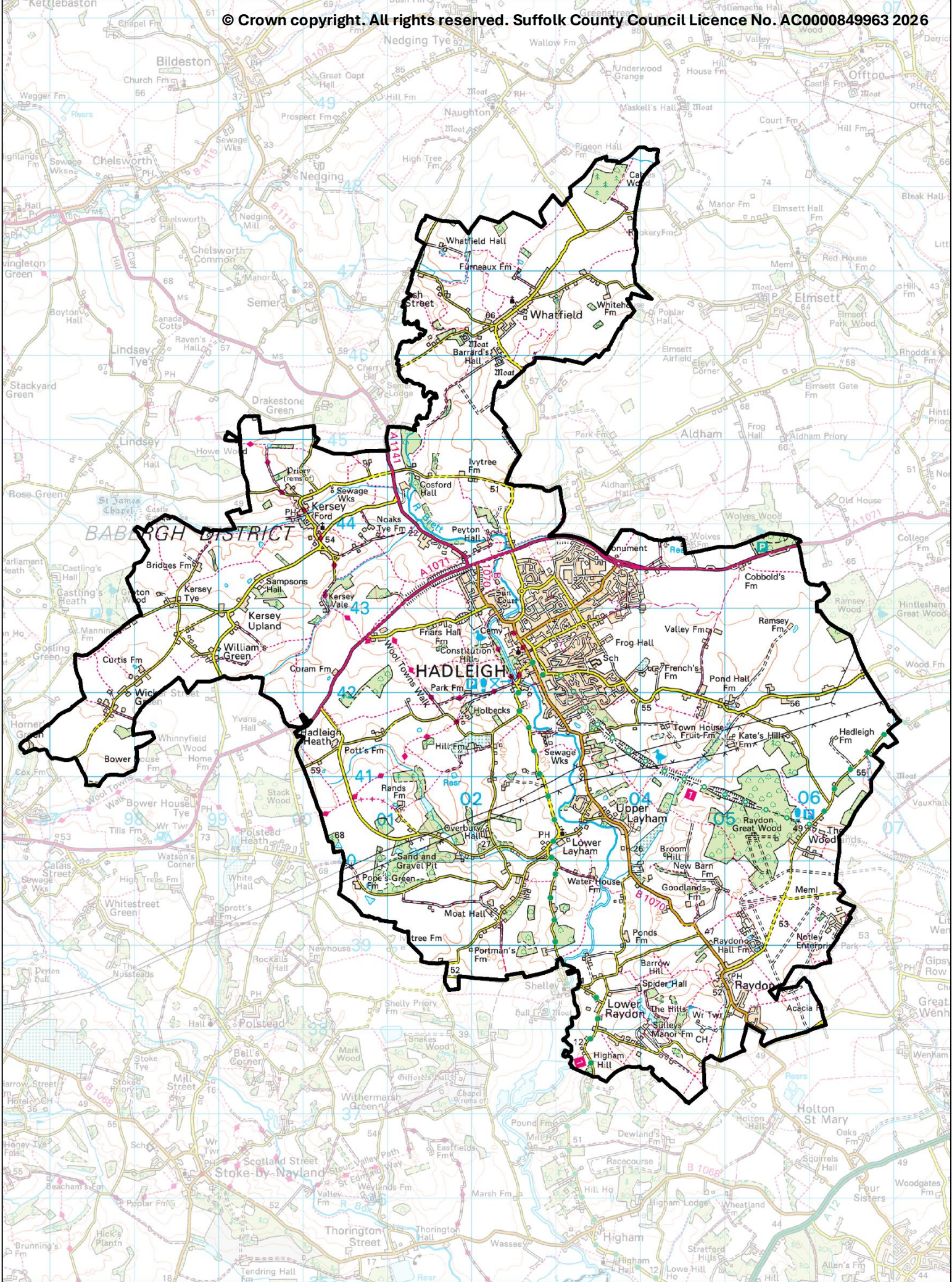
# Hadleigh

County Electoral Division profile

May 2026

This division comprises Hadleigh North and Hadleigh South Wards in their entirety, and parts of Brett Vale and South East Cosford 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**

[www.suffolkobservatory.info](http://www.suffolkobservatory.info)

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.

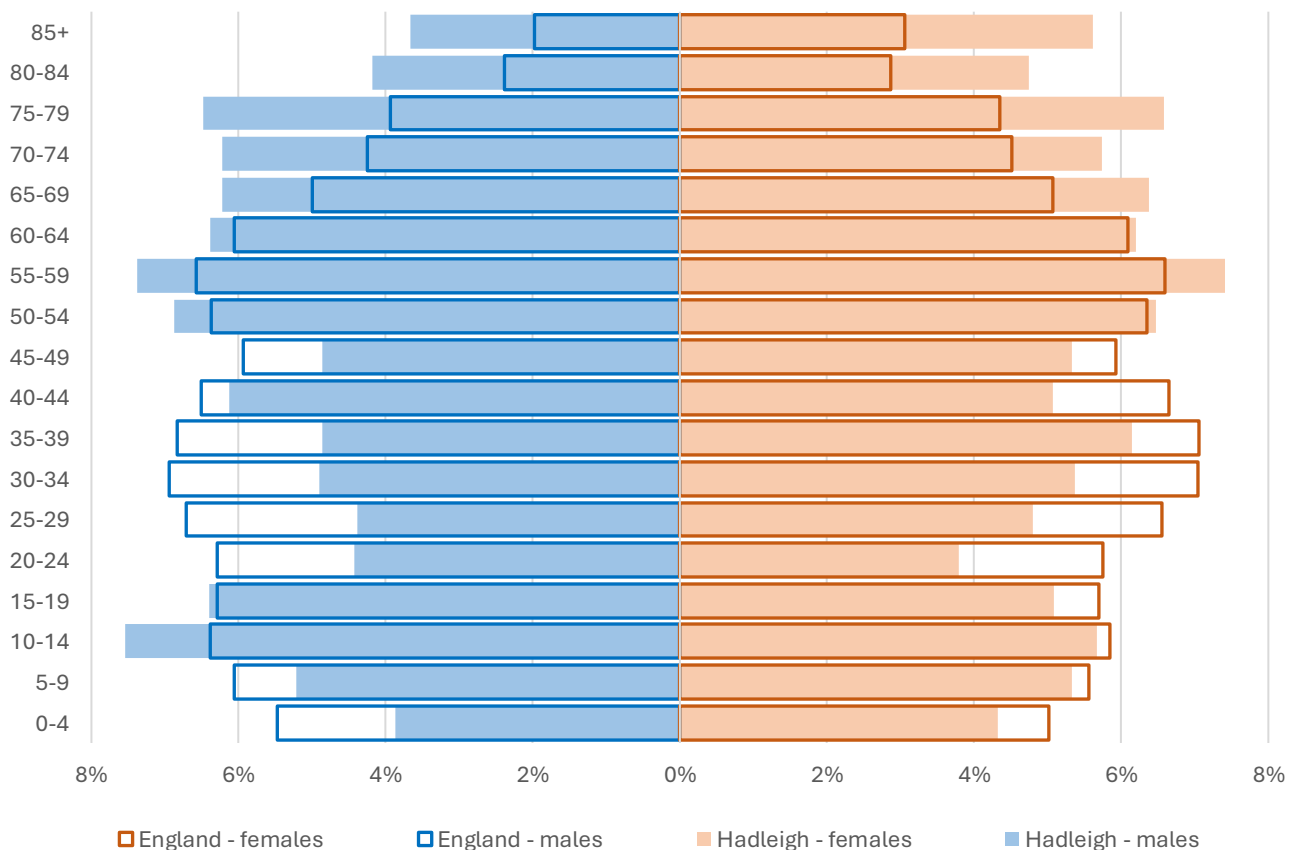
## Technical Notes:

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.

# Demographic Profile - Age

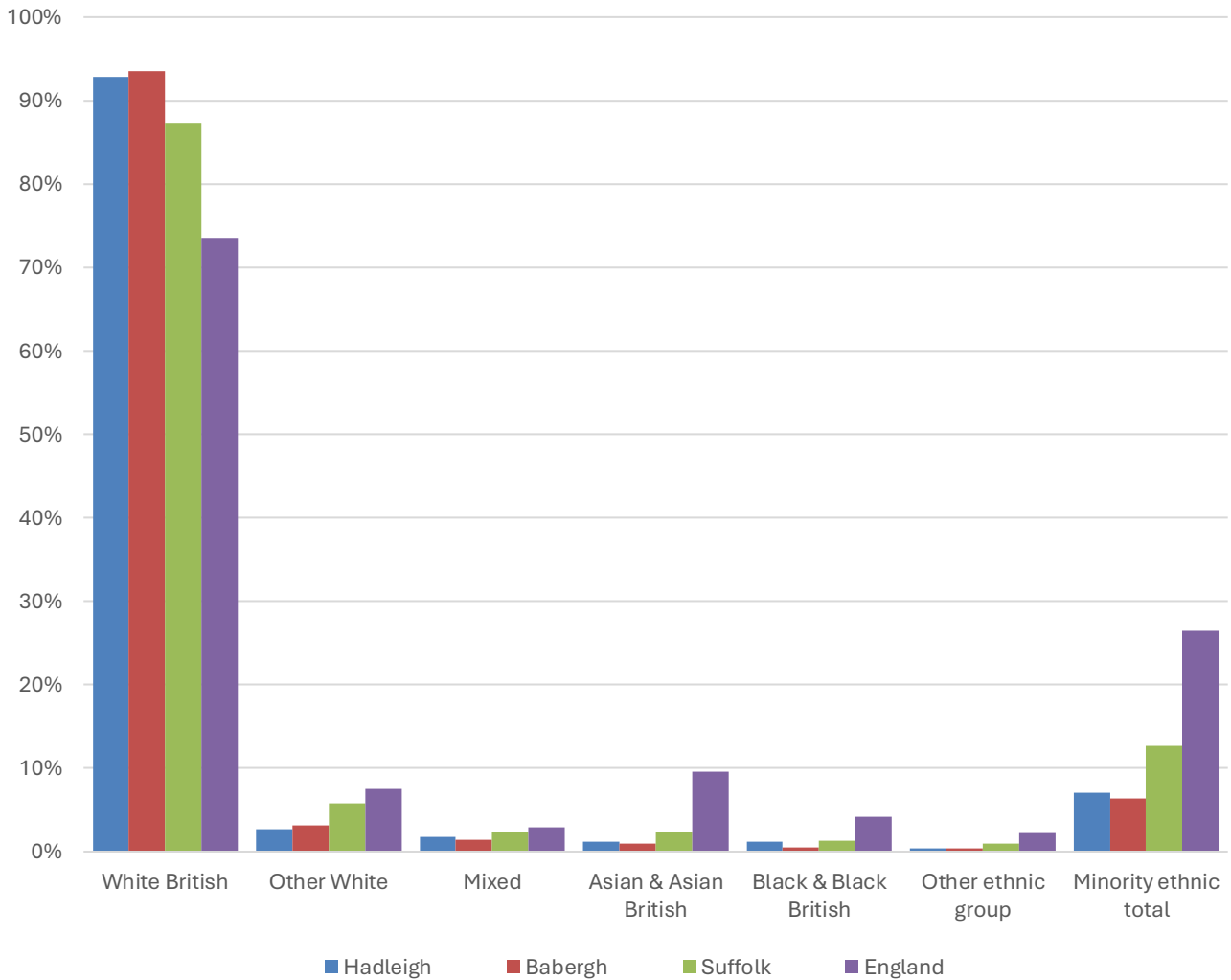
In mid-2024, the estimated population of Hadleigh stood at 11,081, an increase of 6.2% over the past decade. The age structure of the component wards and the division as a whole is set out below.

	Hadleigh Division	Hadleigh South Ward	Hadleigh North Ward	Brett Vale Ward	South East Cosford Ward
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>11,081</b>	6,015	3,200	1,167	699
<b>0-4</b>	<b>455</b>	203	197	34	21
<b>5-9</b>	<b>584</b>	290	224	43	27
<b>10-14</b>	<b>726</b>	379	256	55	36
<b>15-19</b>	<b>632</b>	350	167	58	57
<b>20-24</b>	<b>453</b>	273	119	43	18
<b>25-29</b>	<b>510</b>	223	221	48	18
<b>30-34</b>	<b>571</b>	287	217	44	23
<b>35-39</b>	<b>614</b>	306	223	55	30
<b>40-44</b>	<b>617</b>	341	188	44	44
<b>45-49</b>	<b>566</b>	312	149	74	31
<b>50-54</b>	<b>738</b>	437	162	82	57
<b>55-59</b>	<b>819</b>	469	175	115	60
<b>60-64</b>	<b>696</b>	382	149	99	66
<b>65-69</b>	<b>699</b>	408	121	115	55
<b>70-74</b>	<b>661</b>	371	164	87	39
<b>75-79</b>	<b>724</b>	443	156	73	52
<b>80-84</b>	<b>496</b>	271	123	63	39
<b>85+</b>	<b>520</b>	270	189	35	26



- The age pyramid for Hadleigh division shows a higher proportion of residents aged 50 and over than in England as a whole.
- The most common age group in the division is 55-59-year-olds (7.4% of the local population), followed by 50-54-year-olds (6.7%), and 10-14-year-olds (6.6%).
- Almost 30% of the population of Hadleigh is of retirement age.
- There is a particularly low proportion of younger adults aged between 20 and 40 in the division.

# Demographic Profile - Ethnicity

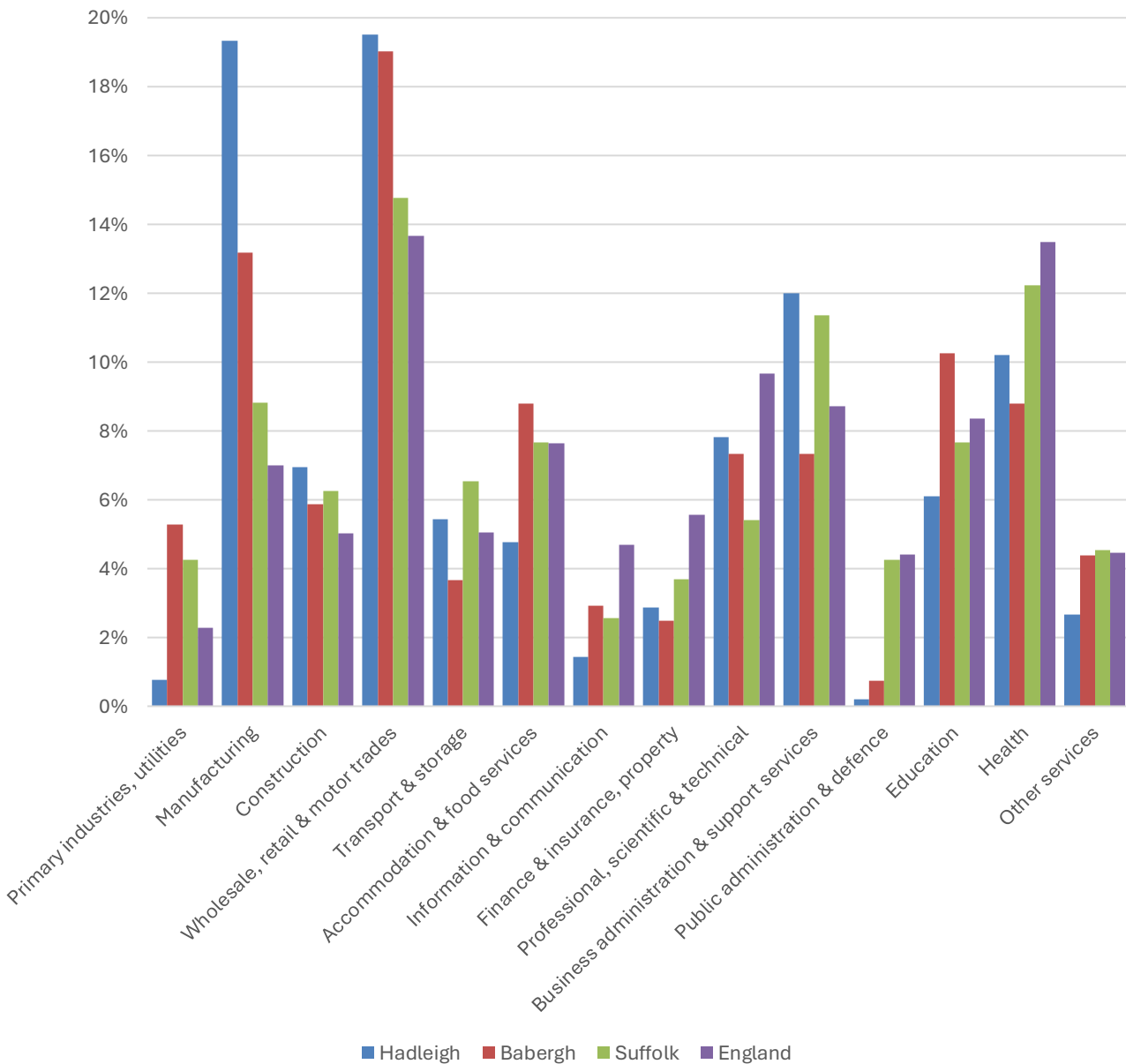


- According to the latest data (2021 Census), 92.9% of the population of Hadleigh are White British.
- There are 751 (7.1%) people of minority ethnic origin in the division, above the proportion in Babergh as a whole and just over a quarter of the England average.
- Hadleigh has a similar ethnic diversity profile to Babergh district, but lower proportions of all minority ethnic groups than Suffolk as a whole.

	All people		White British		Other White		Mixed		Asian and Asian British		Black and Black British		Other Ethnic Group		Total minority ethnic population	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Hadleigh	10,588		9,837	92.9	287	2.7	184	1.7	121	1.1	122	1.2	37	0.3	751	7.1
Babergh	92,342		86,418	93.6	2,851	3.1	1,351	1.5	875	0.9	503	0.5	344	0.4	5,924	6.4
Suffolk	760,687		664,205	87.3	44,066	5.8	17,807	2.3	17,483	2.3	10,168	1.3	6,958	0.9	96,482	12.7
England				73.5		7.5		3.0		9.6		4.2		2.2		26.5

# Economy

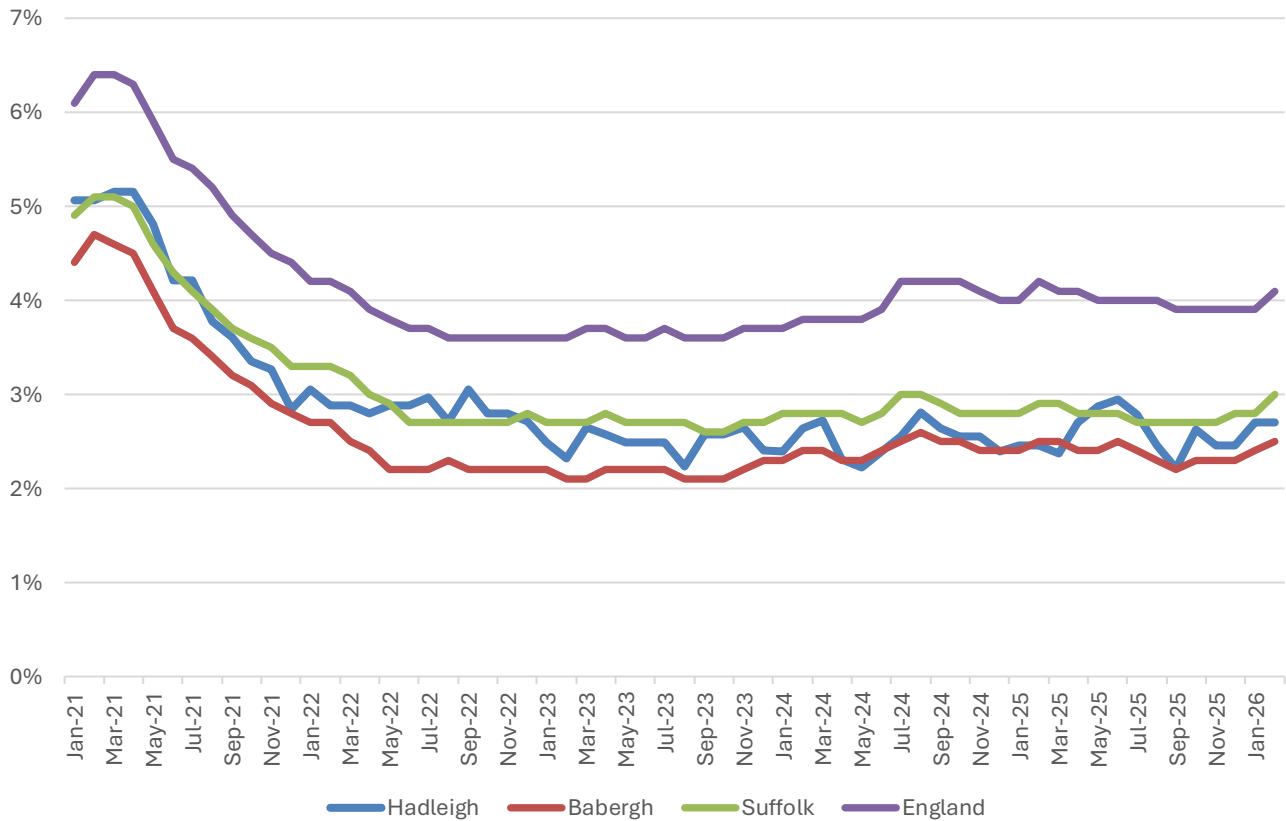
There are around 5,300 people employed in Hadleigh.



- Manufacturing and wholesale, retail and motor trades are the two key employment sectors in Hadleigh.
- Combined, these two sectors account for almost 2 in every 5 jobs in the division. A much larger proportion of jobs in the division are in manufacturing compared to the county and national averages.
- Business administration and support services and health activities are also important employers in Hadleigh, each providing 10% to 12% of local jobs.

# Labour Market

## Out-of-work Benefit Claimant Rate



- In common with Babergh, Suffolk and England as a whole, Hadleigh saw a steady decline in the proportion of the working age population claiming of out-of-work benefits during 2021 following a peak during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Since then, the claimant rate in Hadleigh has been fairly stable, generally at around 2.5%.
- The claimant rate in Hadleigh is consistently similar to the district and county levels, but below the England figure.

# Schools

## School Information

### Schools in the Division

Name	Phase	Academy Status	No. pupils	Average cohort size at:			
				Foundation Stage (age 4-7)	KS2 (age 7-11)	KS4 (age 14-16)	KS5 (age 16-18)
Beaumont Community Primary School	Primary	LA	101	12	12		
Hadleigh Community Primary School	Primary	LA	525	70	78		
Kersey Church of England Primary School	Primary	AC	40	8	6		
St Mary's CofE Primary School, Hadleigh	Primary	AC	122	15	26		
Whatfield CEVCP School	Primary	LA	44	5	5		
Hadleigh High School	Secondary	AC	712			153	

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

### Ofsted information

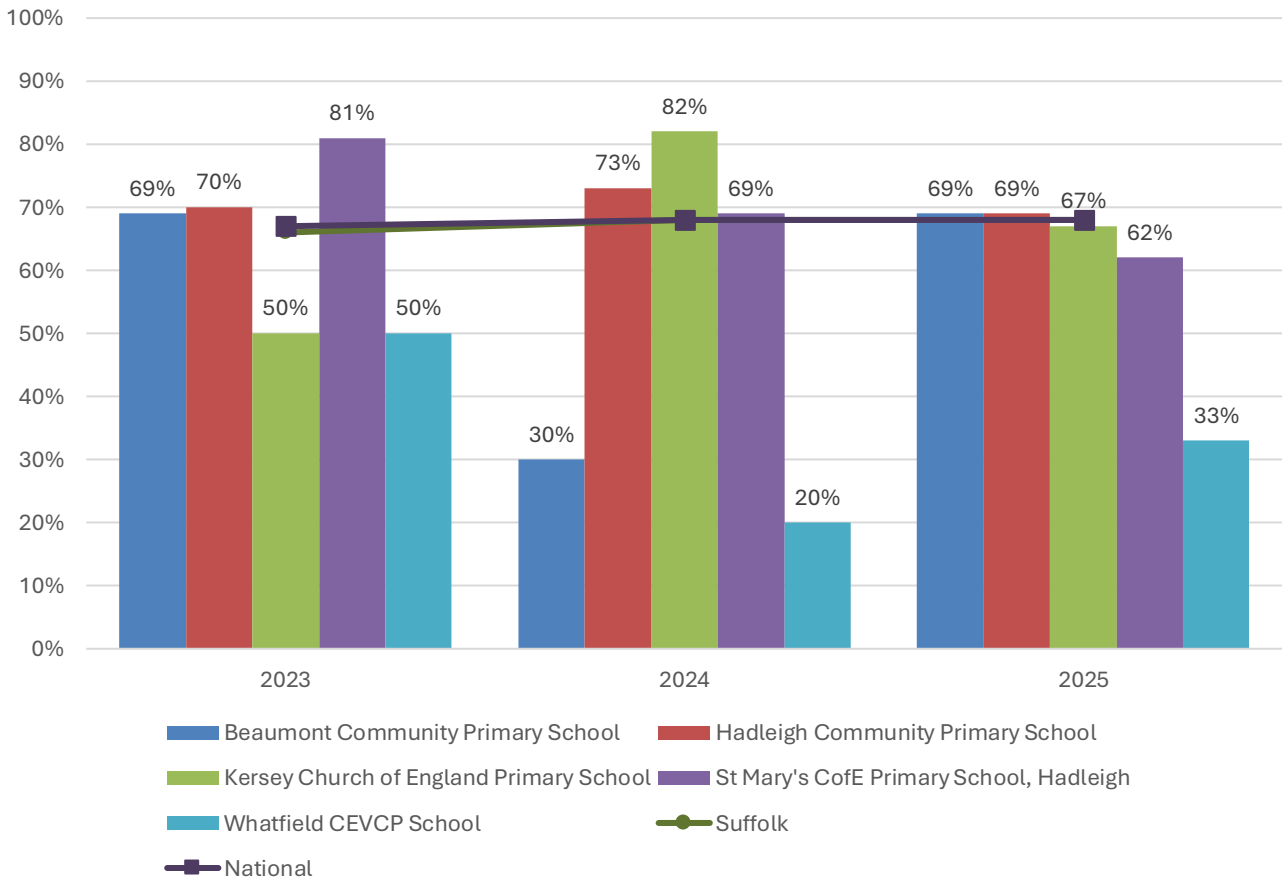
Name	Overall effectiveness	Effectiveness of leadership and management	Behaviour and attitudes	Personal development	Early years provision (if applicable)	Quality of education	Last inspection date
Beaumont Community Primary School	2	2	2	2	1	2	26/03/2024
Hadleigh Community Primary School	2	2	9	9	2	9	26/05/2016
Kersey Church of England Primary School	2	2	1	1	2	2	25/06/2024
St Mary's CofE Primary School, Hadleigh	2	2	2	2	1	2	11/02/2020
Whatfield CEVCP School	2	2	2	2	2	2	19/09/2023
Hadleigh High School	2	2	9	9	9	9	21/10/2015

Code	Judgement	Code	Judgement
0	Insufficient evidence	SM	Special measures
1	Outstanding	8	Does not apply
2	Good	9	No judgement
3	Requires improvement	Null	No data available
4	Inadequate	Not judged	Not judged
SWK	Serious weaknesses	5	No overall grade

# School Attainment

## Foundation Stage Profile (reception)

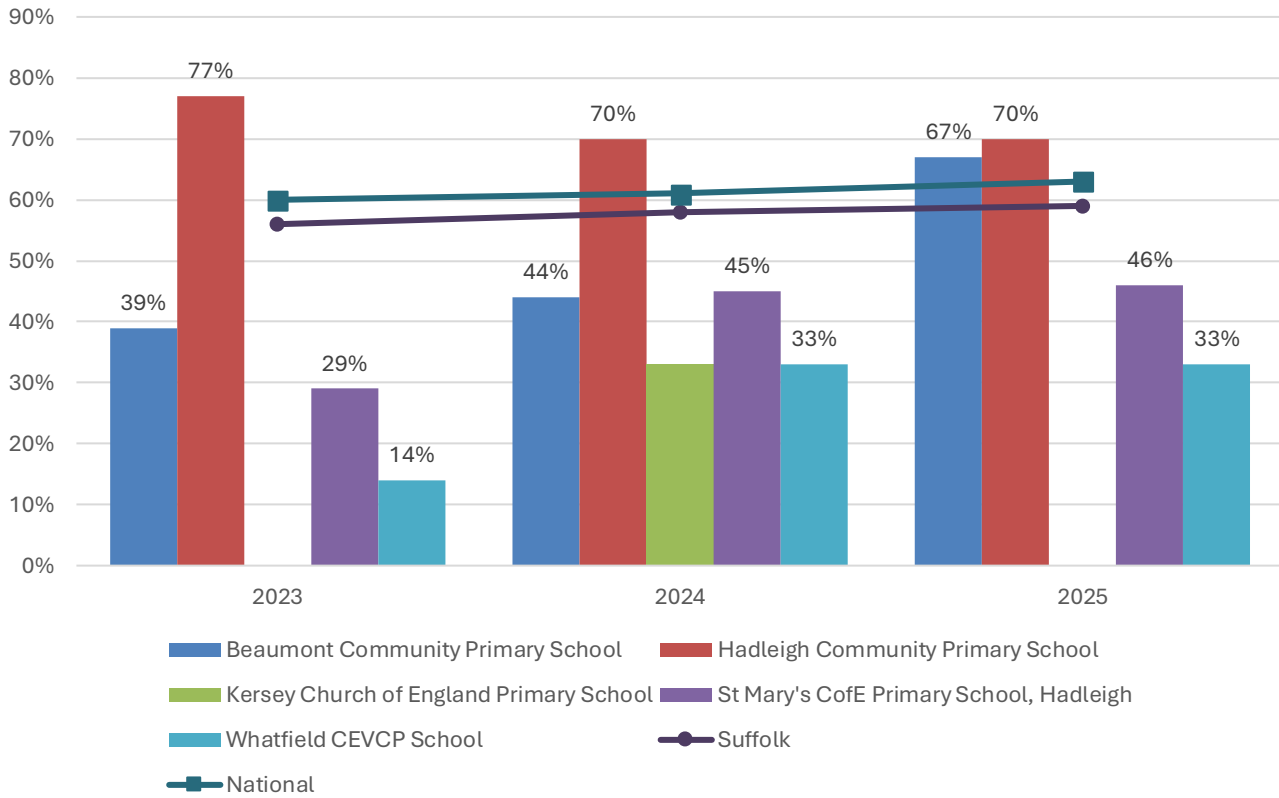
% pupils achieving Good Level of Development (GLD)



- Foundation Stage attainment at primary schools in Hadleigh has been inconsistent, but mostly similar to or above the county and national benchmarks.
- Hadleigh Community Primary is the only school in the division where the percentage of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development at Foundation Stage (FS) was above the county and national averages in each of the last three years.
- FS attainment was also above average at Beaumont Community Primary School in 2023 and 2025, at St Mary’s Church of England Primary School in 2023 and 2024, and at Kersey Church of England Primary School in 2024.
- The percentage of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development at Whatfield CEVCP School has been consistently below average throughout this three-year period.
- It should be noted that cohort sizes at most of these schools are small and therefore more subject to significant fluctuations from one year to the next.

## Key Stage 2 (age 11)

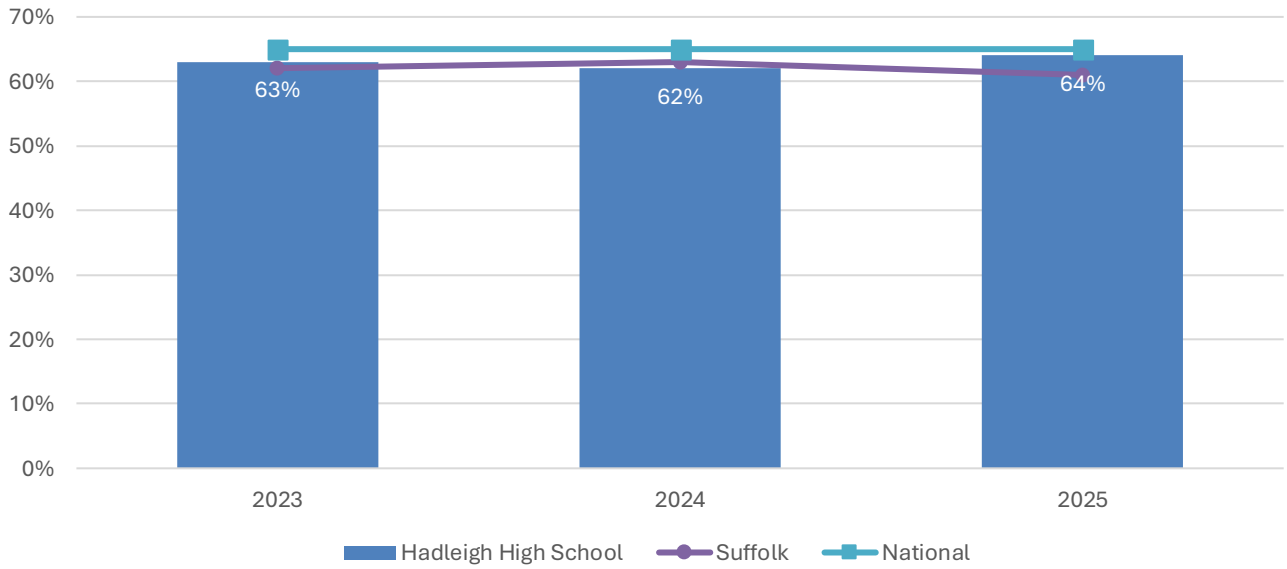
% pupils achieving the Expected Level or better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics



- Key stage 2 attainment at Hadleigh Community Primary School has been consistently well above the county and national average over the past three years.
- Elsewhere, KS2 attainment at school level has been generally below average, with only Beaumont Community Primary School in 2025 seeing a larger than average proportion of pupils achieving the expected level or better in reading, writing and mathematics.
- At the remaining three primary schools in the division; Kersey Church of England Primary, St Mary’s Church of England Primary and Whatfield CEVCP Schools, KS2 attainment has been below the county and national benchmarks in each of the last three years.

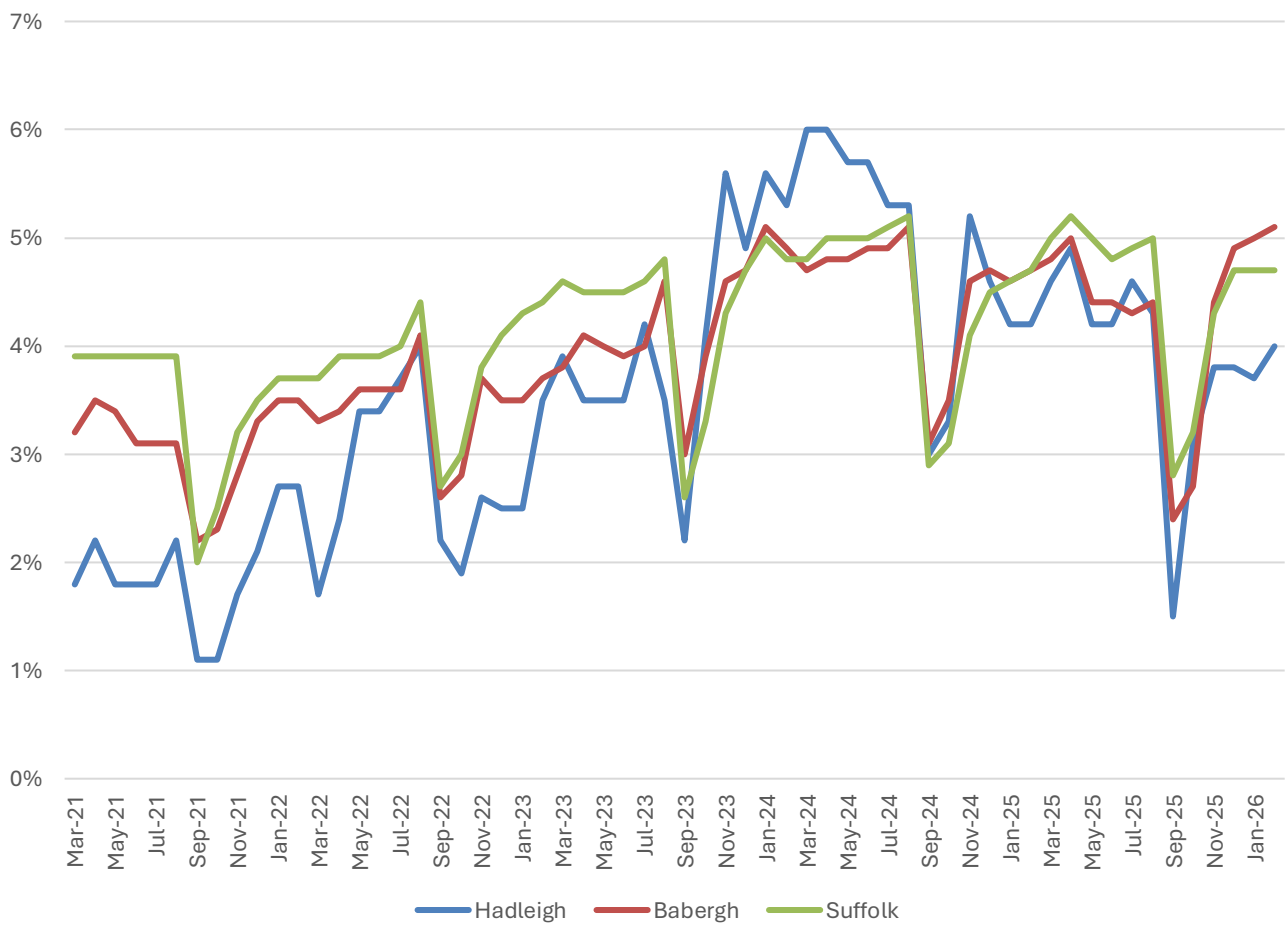
### Key Stage 4 (GCSE) (age 16)

% pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and Mathematics



- Key Stage 4 attainment at Hadleigh High School has been very consistent over the last three years, with 62-64% of pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and mathematics in 2023, 2024 and 2025.
- This puts attainment at the school just below the national benchmark of 65% throughout this period, but above the county figure of 61% in 2025.

## NEET % (Not in Education, Employment or Training)



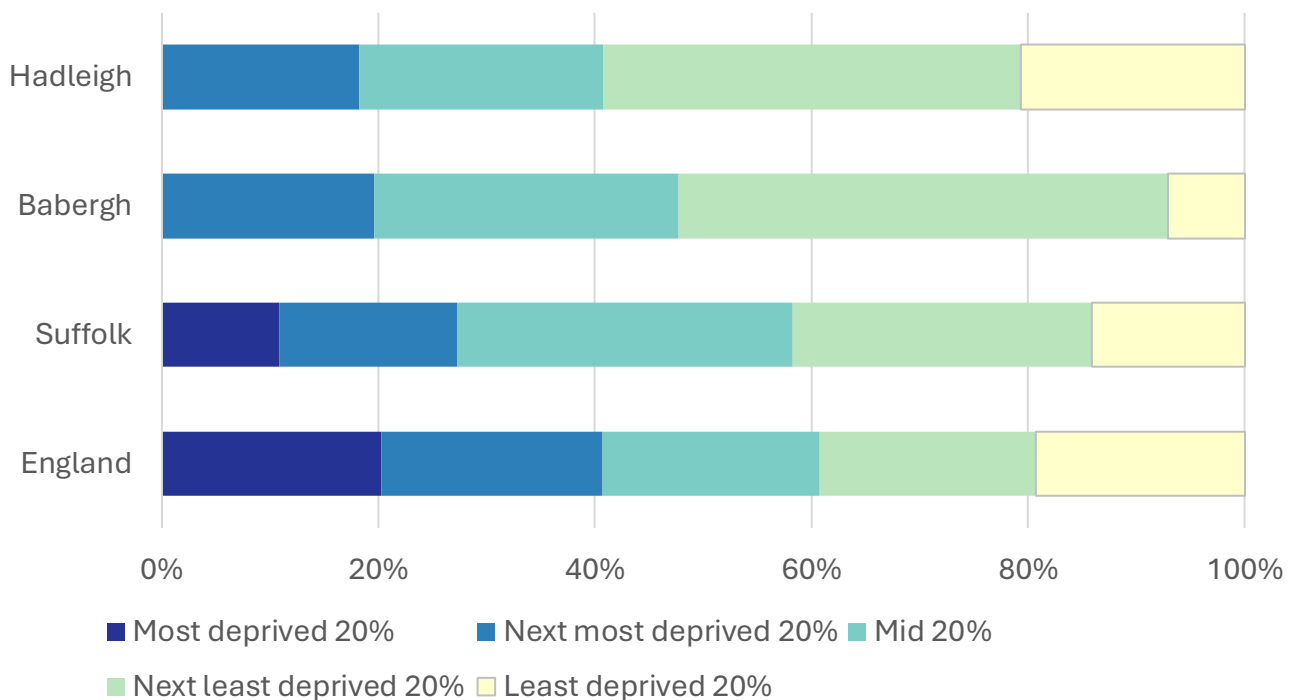
- In February 2026 around 4% of 16–17-year-olds in Hadleigh were classified as NEET (not in education, employment or training).
- NEET levels fluctuate considerably according to the time of year, typically being at their lowest at the beginning of a new school year.
- In Hadleigh, NEET levels are usually close to the district and county averages.

## Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2025 (see map overleaf)

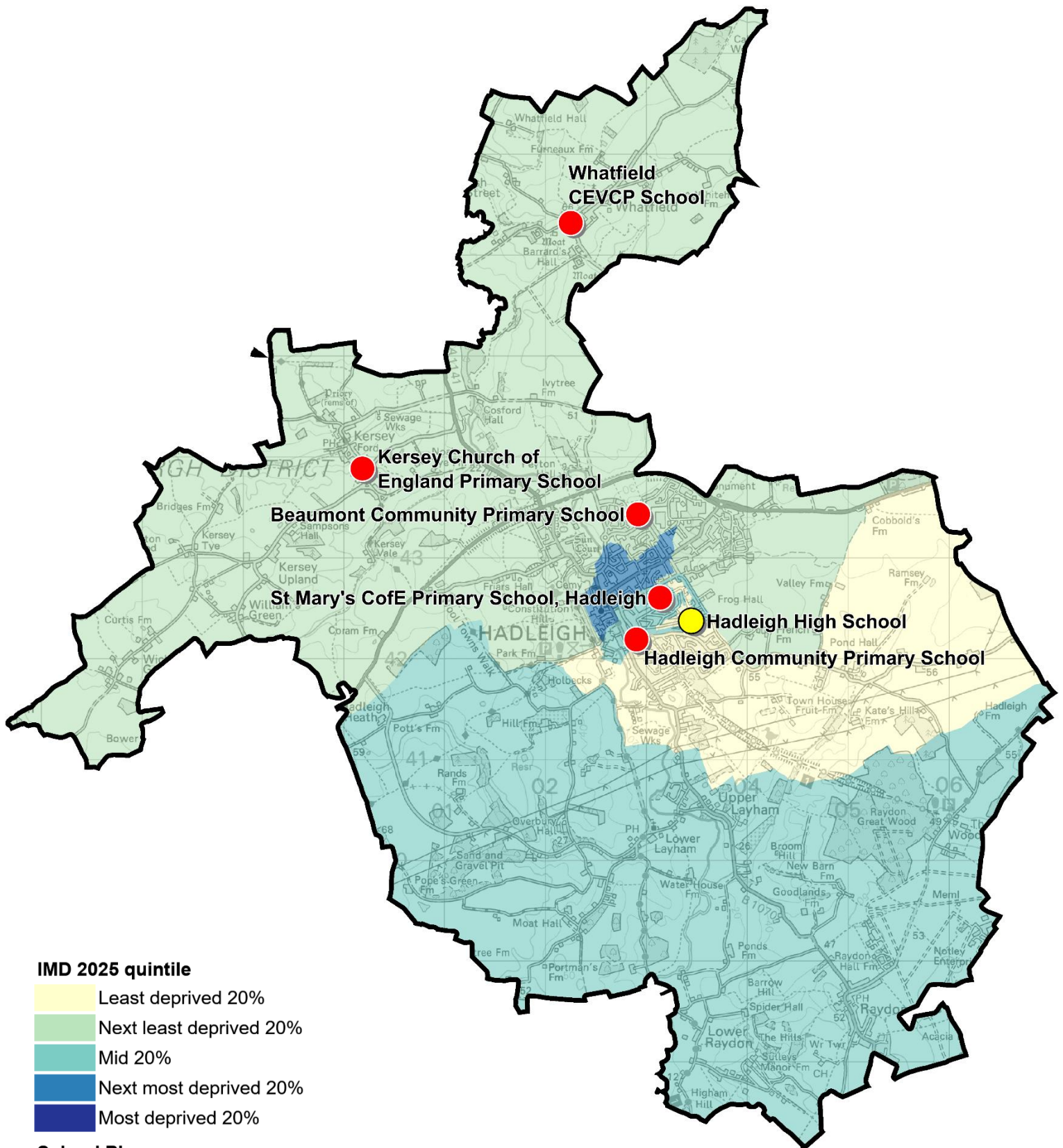
The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (Lower Super Output 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 chart below shows the percentage of the population of the division that live in areas ranked among each of the five quintiles of deprivation, alongside the district, county and England comparators.



- The 2025 IMD shows that deprivation levels in Hadleigh are varied, with parts of the division in four of the five deprivation quintiles.
- Around a fifth of the population of Hadleigh division live in areas that are ranked among the least deprived 20% of areas in England.
- A similar proportion of the local population live in areas among the second most deprived quintile, but no part of Hadleigh is ranked in the top fifth of most deprived areas in the country.
- The remaining 60% of Hadleigh is ranked in the middle quintile (23%) and second least deprived quintile (39%), reflecting moderate to low levels of relative deprivation.
- See the map overleaf for the distribution of IMD 2025 results across the division.



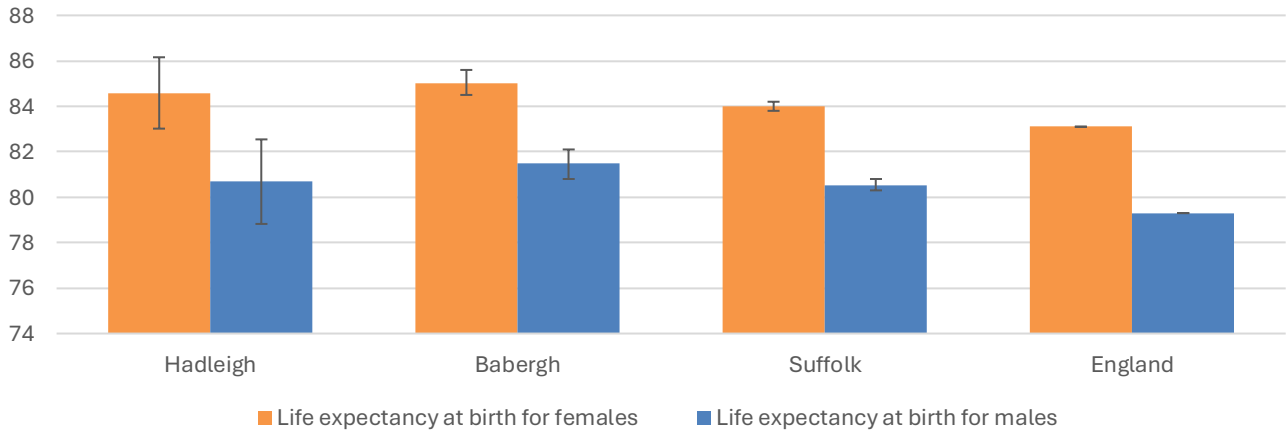
- IMD 2025 quintile**
- Least deprived 20%
  - Next least deprived 20%
  - Mid 20%
  - Next most deprived 20%
  - Most deprived 20%

- School Phase**
- Primary
  - Secondary
  - Special
  - Pupil referral unit/Alternative provision
  - Nursery

# Health

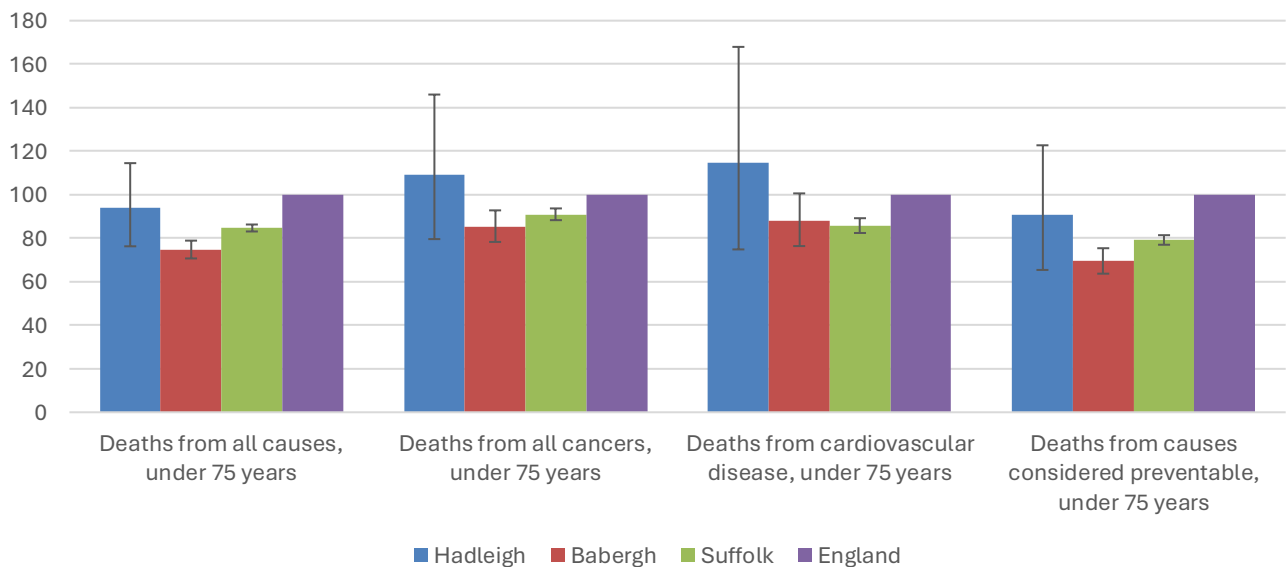
The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

## Life expectancy at birth



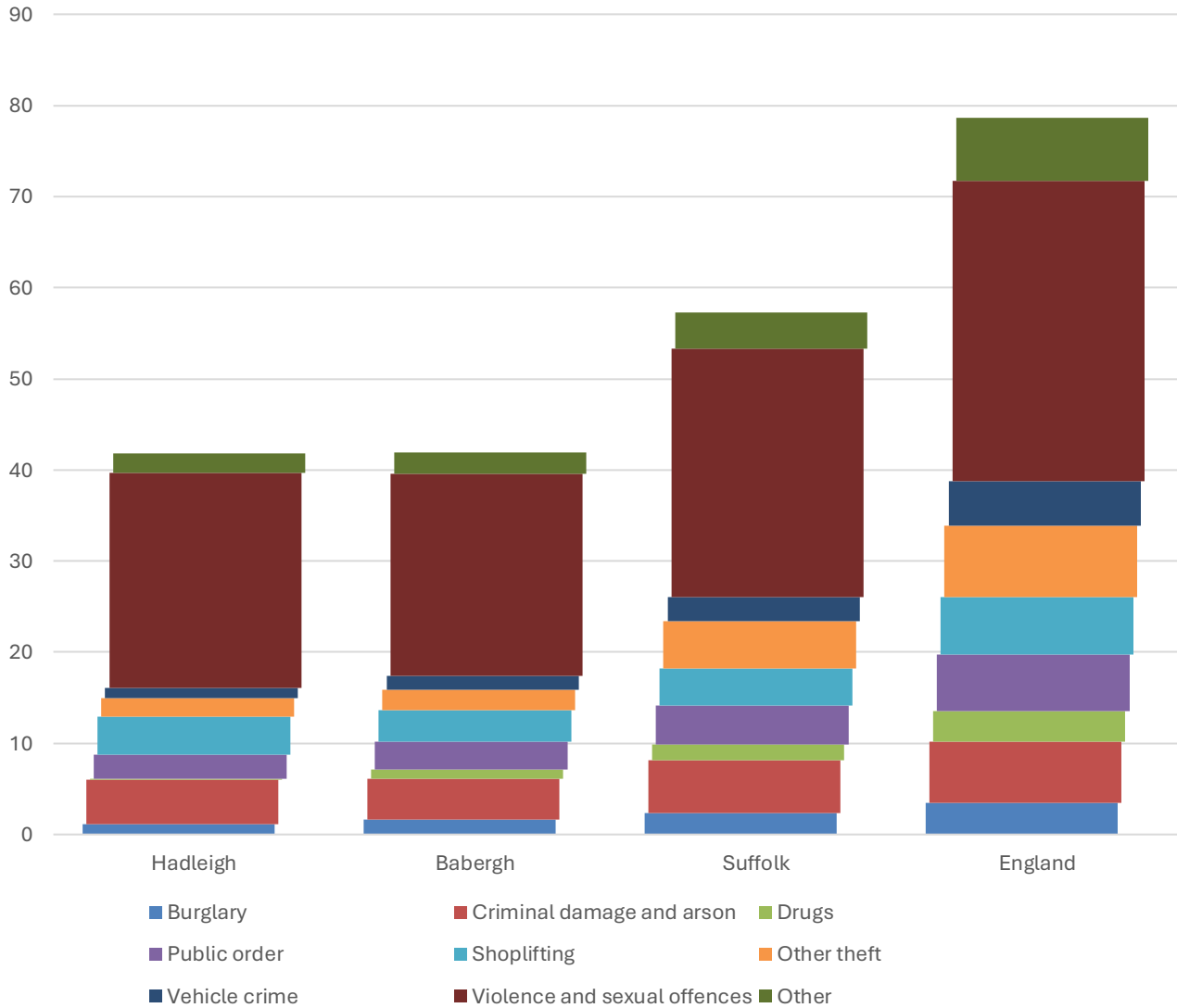
- Estimated life expectancy at birth for both women and men in Hadleigh are statistically similar to the East Suffolk, Suffolk and England averages.
- Current life expectancy at birth for females in Hadleigh is 84.6 (the England average is 83.1), and 80.7 for males (compared to 79.3 nationally).

## Deaths, under 75 years, standardised mortality ratio



- Estimated standardised mortality ratios for early deaths from all causes, cancers, cardiovascular disease and causes considered preventable in Hadleigh are statistically similar to the district, county and national levels.
- Confidence intervals around these estimates are wide for local data.
- 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 94 comparable deaths in Hadleigh.

# Crime & Community Safety



- Crime levels in Hadleigh are very similar to the Babergh average and below the county and national levels, with 42 crimes per 1,000 residents in the division in the 12 months to the end of January 2026. In Suffolk, the rate is 57 crimes per 1,000 residents, and in England it is 79 crimes per 1,000 residents.
- The profile of types of crime is also similar in Hadleigh to the Babergh average, though shoplifting crimes are recorded at a slightly elevated rate in the division, 4.2 per 1,000 residents in Hadleigh compared to 3.4 in Babergh.
- By far the most common type of crime recorded during this period was violence and sexual offences, which accounted for more than half of all recorded crimes in the division.

## Additional Information

### Parishes in Division

Hadleigh  
Kersey  
Layham

Raydon  
Whatfield

## Data sources

Category	Indicator	Source
Demographic Profile	Quinary population table 2024	ONS 2024 mid-year population estimates
	Population pyramid 2024	ONS 2024 mid-year population estimates
	Ethnicity 2021	ONS 2021 Census
Economy	Employment by broad industrial sector 2024	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 2021-February 2026	DWP via NOMIS
Education	School information and attainment 2023-2025	Suffolk County Council CYP iHub
	% 16-17-year-olds NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) March 2021 to February 2026	Suffolk County Council CYP iHub via the Suffolk Observatory
Deprivation	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2025	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Health	Life expectancy at birth 2016-2020 (2018-2020 for comparator areas)	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
Health	Standardised mortality ratio for deaths from all causes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, and from causes considered preventable (under 75 years), 2016-2020 (2019-2023 for comparator areas). The standardised mortality ratio is the ratio of observed deaths in the study group to expected deaths in the general population	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
Community Safety	Recorded crime rate per 1,000 resident population February 2025 to January 2026	Data.police.uk via the Suffolk Observatory

For more data and information about Hadleigh Electoral Division, see the Suffolk Observatory [www.suffolkobservatory.info](http://www.suffolkobservatory.info)

