

Framlingham & Wickham Market

County Electoral Division profile

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This division comprises parts of Framlingham and Wickham Market 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

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.

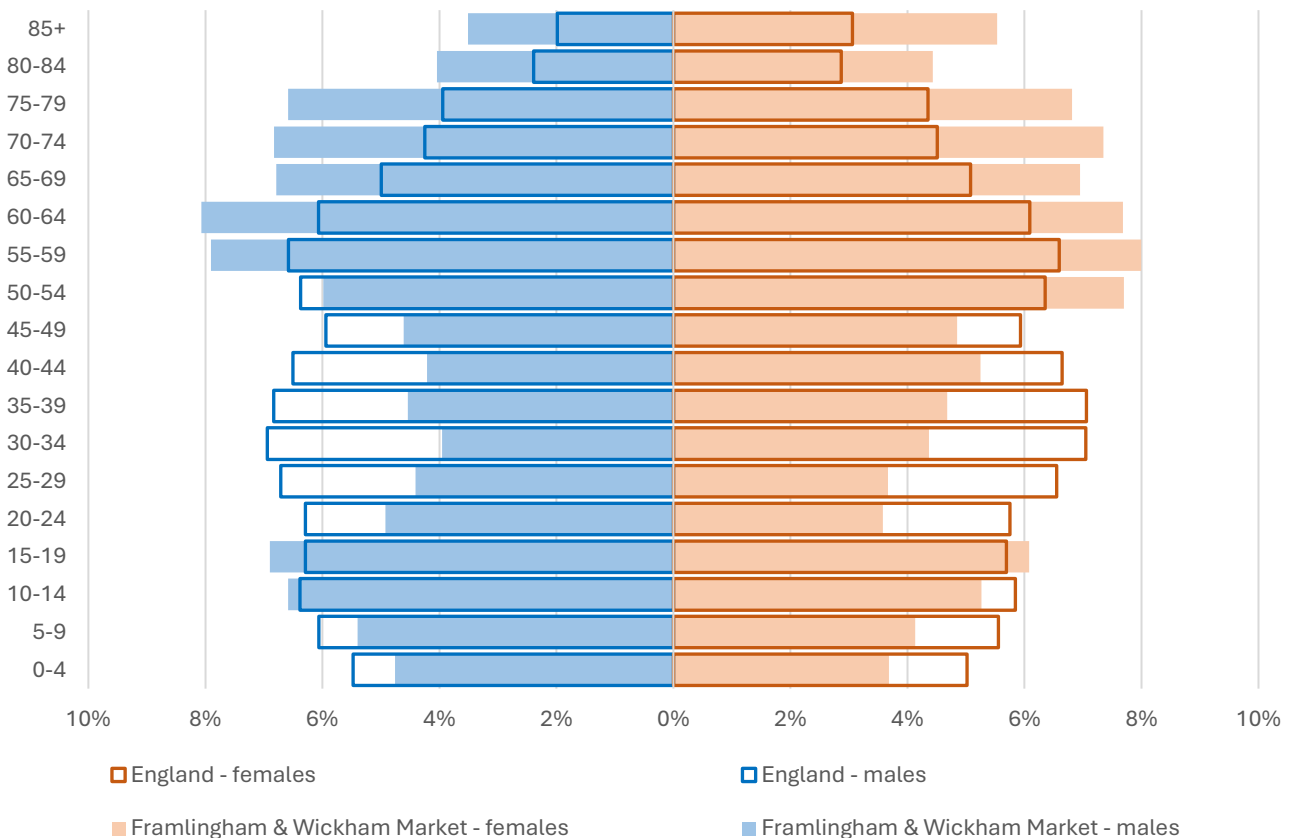
Technical Notes:

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

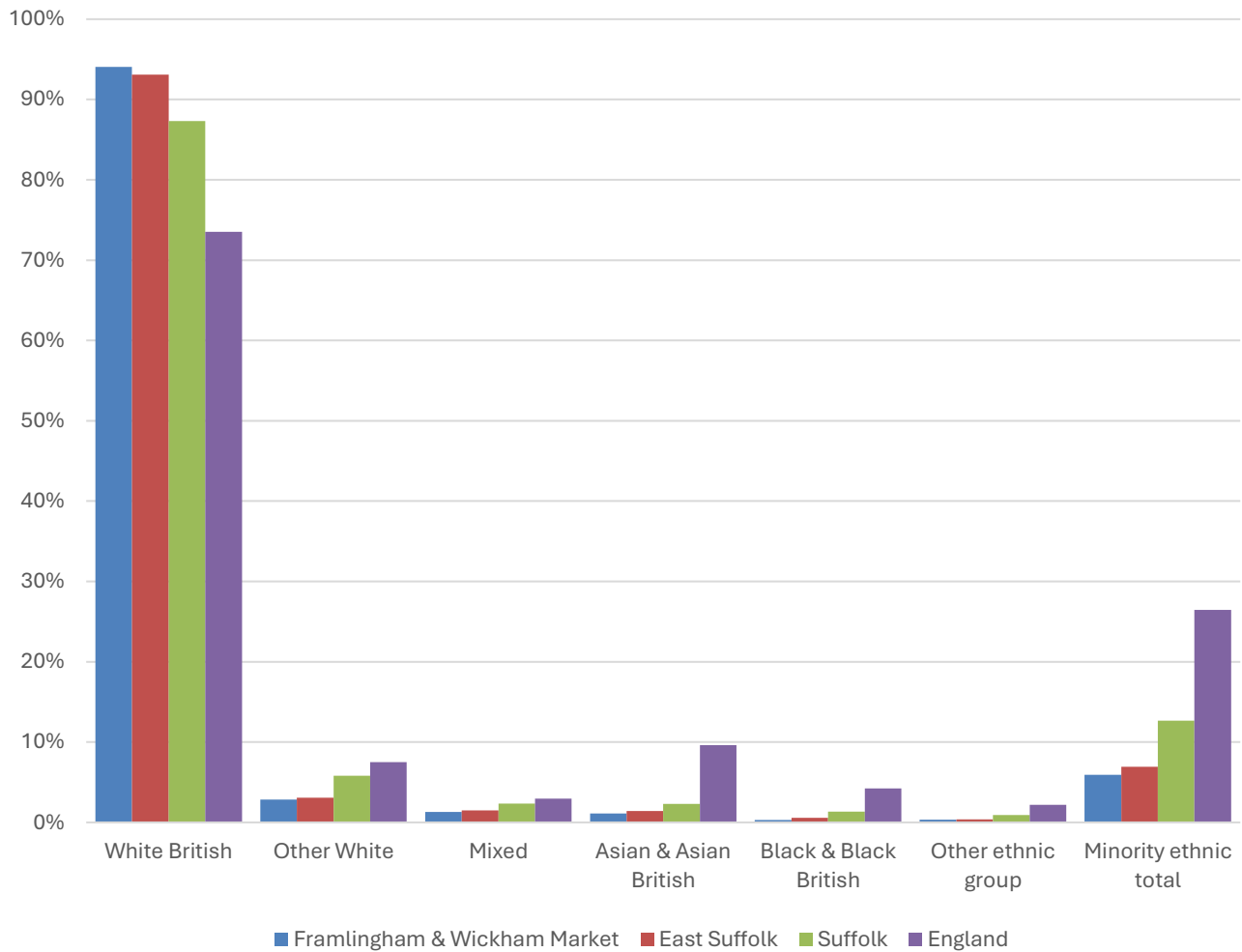
In mid-2024, the estimated population of Framlingham and Wickham Market stood at 11,467, an increase of 13% over the past decade. The age structure of the component wards and the division as a whole is set out below.

	Framlingham & Wickham Market Division	Framlingham Ward	Wickham Market Ward
All Ages	11,467	6,699	4,768
0-4	481	288	193
5-9	543	297	246
10-14	676	426	250
15-19	742	516	226
20-24	484	297	187
25-29	461	250	211
30-34	478	264	214
35-39	529	318	211
40-44	545	302	243
45-49	543	324	219
50-54	789	480	309
55-59	912	544	368
60-64	902	516	386
65-69	788	417	371
70-74	814	430	384
75-79	769	413	356
80-84	487	282	205
85+	524	335	189



- The age pyramid for Framlingham and Wickham Market division shows a higher proportion of people aged 55 and over than in England as a whole.
- The most common age group in the division is 55-59-year-olds (8% of the local population), followed by 60-64-year-olds (7.9%), and 70-74-year-olds (7.1%).
- Almost 30% of the population of Framlingham and Wickham Market is of retirement age.
- There is a lower-than-average proportion of young adults in the division, particularly between the ages of 25 and 39.

Demographic Profile - Ethnicity

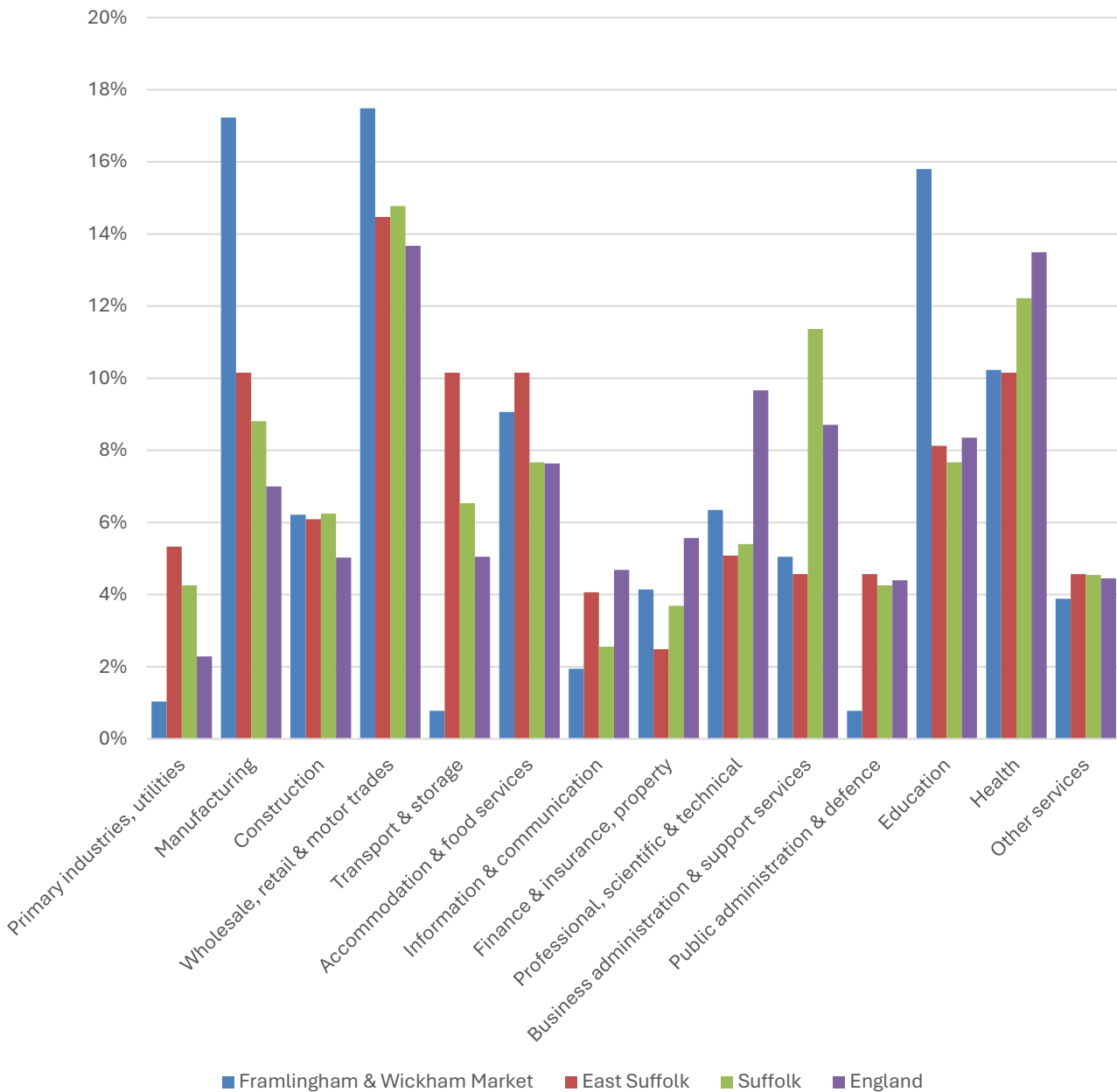


- According to the latest data (2021 Census), 94.1% of the population of Framlingham and Wickham Market are White British.
- There were 673 (5.9%) people of minority ethnic origin in the division, less than the proportion in Suffolk as a whole and around a third of the England average.
- Framlingham and Wickham Market has a similar ethnic diversity profile to East Suffolk district.

	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	%
Framlingham & Wickham Market	11,333		10,660	94.1	324	2.9	147	1.3	127	1.1	35	0.3	40	0.4	673	5.9
East Suffolk	246,060		229,063	93.1	7,564	3.1	3,707	1.5	3,447	1.4	1,357	0.6	922	0.4	16,997	6.9
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

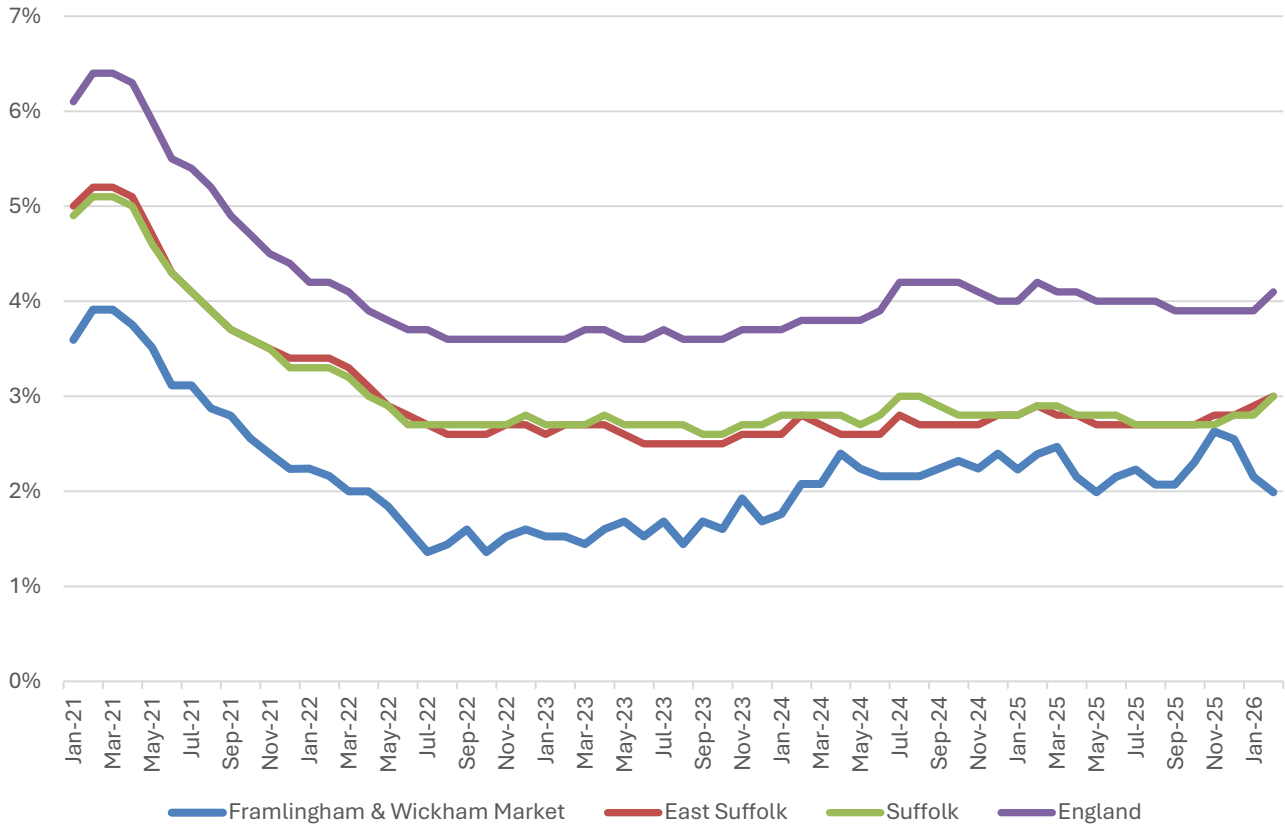
There are around 3,900 people employed in Framlingham and Wickham Market.



- There is a good mix of employment in Framlingham and Wickham Market. No single sector accounts for more than 18% of local jobs on its own.
- The most important sectors in the division in terms of employment are wholesale, retail and motor trades (17.5% of local jobs), manufacturing (17.2%) and education (15.8%).
- Manufacturing is a particular local specialism. The sector provides around double the proportion of jobs in the division than it does across Suffolk as a whole.
- Health and accommodation and food services also account for around a tenth of jobs in Framlingham and Wickham Market.

Labour Market

Out-of-work benefit claimant rate



- In common with East Suffolk, Suffolk and England as a whole, Framlingham and Wickham Market saw a sustained decline in the proportion of the working age population claiming of out-of-work benefits during 2021 and into 2022 following a peak during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Since then, the claimant rate in the division has climbed slightly from a low point of 1.4% in October 2022 to a high of 2.6% in November 2025. The rate has since returned to 2%.
- The claimant rate in Framlingham and Wickham Market is consistently below the district and county level, and around two percentage points below the national benchmark.

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)
Dennington CofE Primary School	Primary	AC	66	8	10		
Framlingham Sir Robert Hitcham's CEVAP School	Primary	LA	311	42	53		
Wickham Market Primary School	Primary	AC	163	20	22		
Thomas Mills High School & Sixth Form	Secondary	AC	1,056			179	113

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

Ofsted information

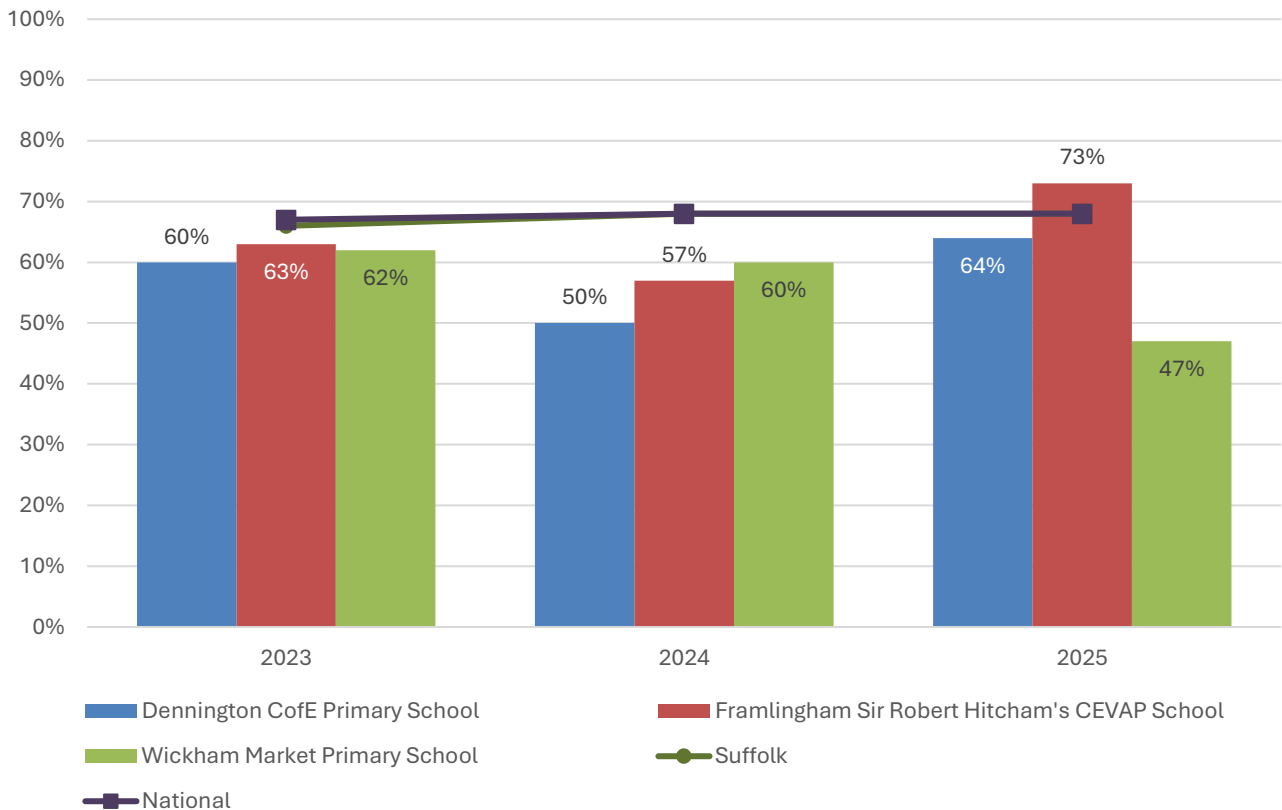
Name	Overall effectiveness	Effectiveness of leadership and management	Behaviour and attitudes	Personal development	Early years provision (if applicable)	Quality of education	Last inspection date
Dennington CofE Primary School	2	2	2	2	3	2	10/01/2023
Framlingham Sir Robert Hitcham's CEVAP School	2	2	2	2	2	2	20/06/2023
Wickham Market Primary School	2	2	9	9	9	9	06/02/2014
Thomas Mills High School & Sixth Form	2	2	2	2	9	2	24/01/2023

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)

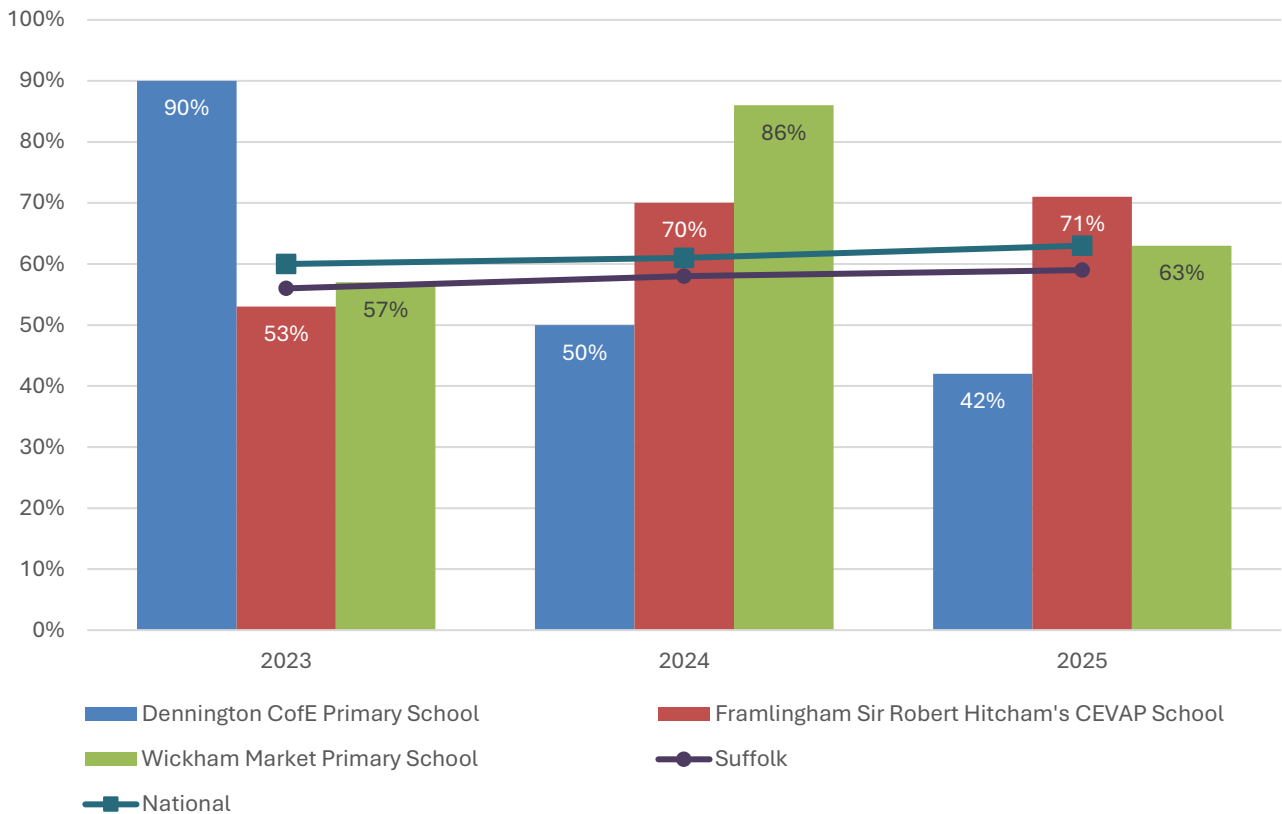
% pupils achieving Good Level of Development (GLD)



- The percentage of pupils who achieved a Good Level of Development at Foundation Stage at Dennington Church of England Primary School and Wickham Market Primary School has been consistently below the national benchmark during the last three years.
- Foundation Stage attainment was also below average at Framlingham Sir Robert Hitcham's CEVAP School in 2023 and 2024, before climbing to five percentage points above the national figure in 2025.
- It should be noted that cohort sizes at Dennington and Wickham Market in particular are small and therefore more subject to significant fluctuations from one year to the next.

Key Stage 2 (age 11)

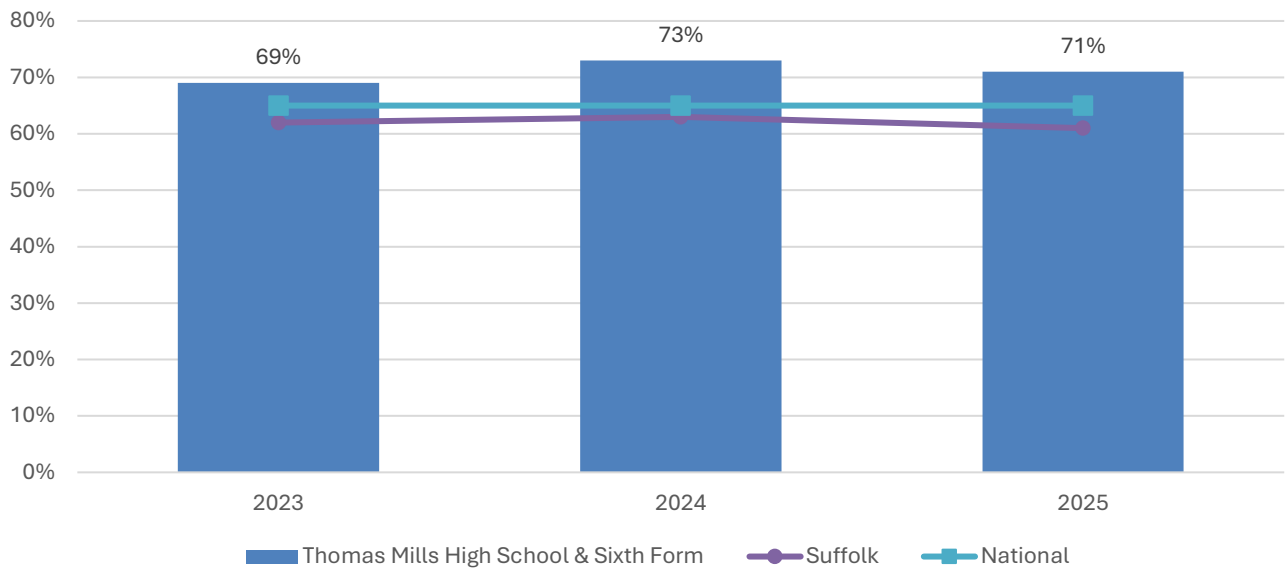
% pupils achieving the Expected Level or better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics



- Key stage 2 attainment at schools in Framlingham and Wickham Market has been inconsistent over the last three years.
- The percentage of pupils who achieved the expected level or better in reading, writing and mathematics was very high at Dennington Church of England Primary School in 2023, but significantly below the national benchmark in the following two years.
- KS2 attainment was also above the national figure at Framlingham Sir Robert Hitcham's CEVAP School in 2024 and 2025, and at Wickham Market Primary School in 2024.

Key Stage 4 (GCSE) (age 16)

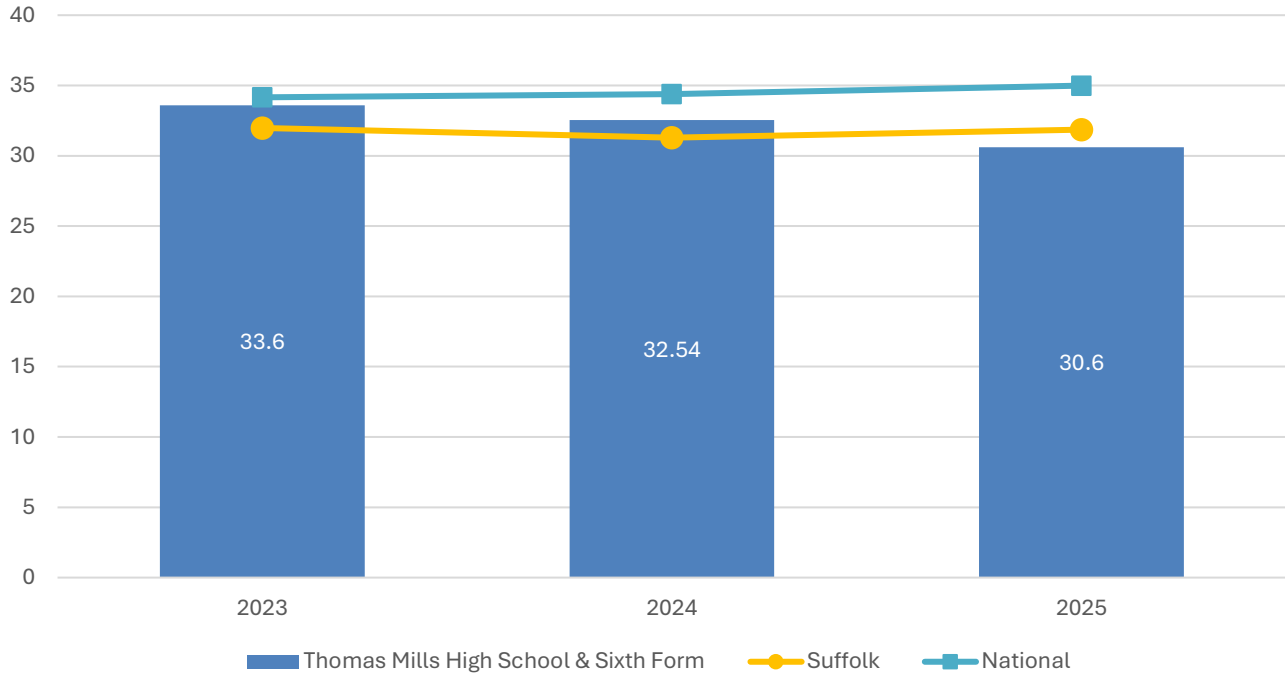
% pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and Mathematics



- Key Stage 4 attainment at Thomas Mills High School and Sixth Form has been consistently better than the national benchmark over the last three years.

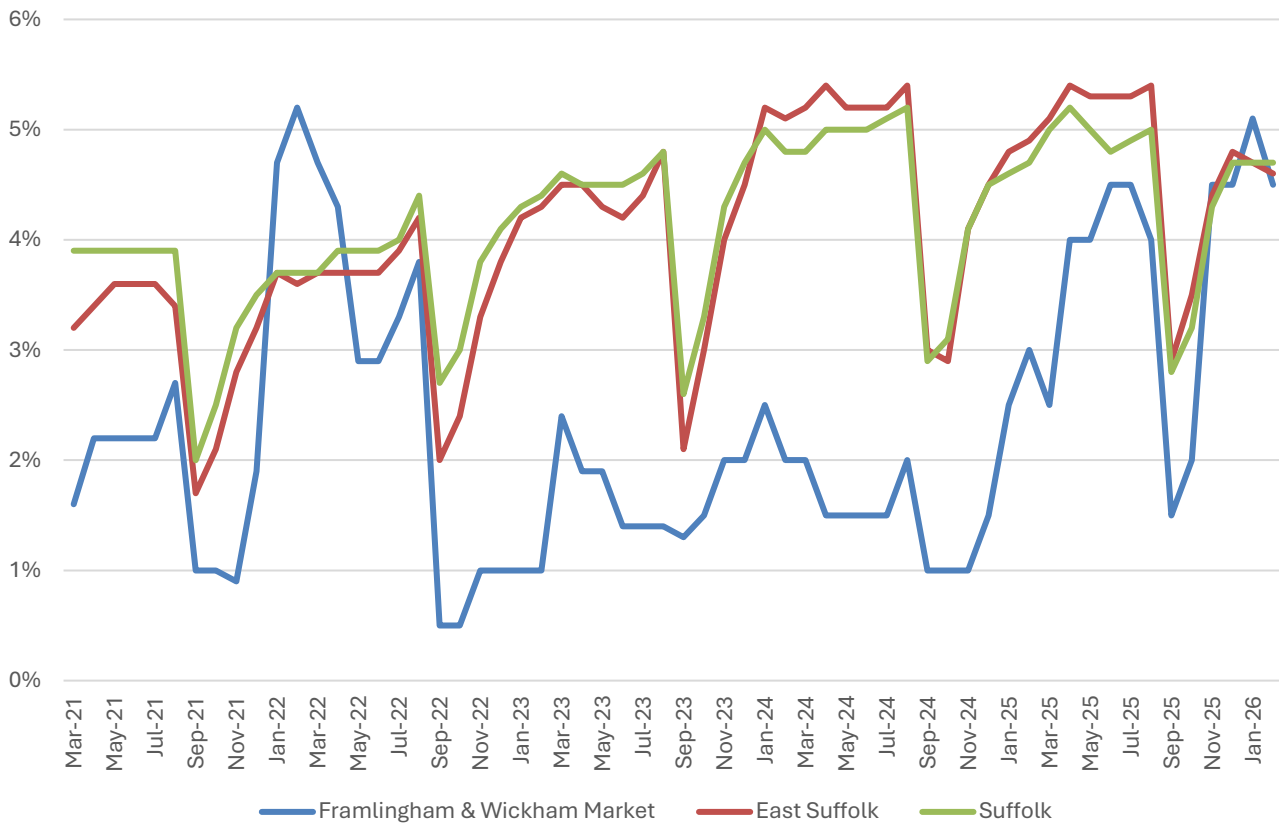
Key Stage 5 (A level) (age 18)

Average A Level Points per entry



- Key Stage 5 attainment at Thomas Mills High School and Sixth Form has been consistently marginally below the national benchmark over the last three years, and has declined slightly year on year.
- In 2025, the average A Level points per entry at the school was 30.6, compared to 34.99 in England and 31.86 in Suffolk.

NEET % (Not in Education, Employment or Training)



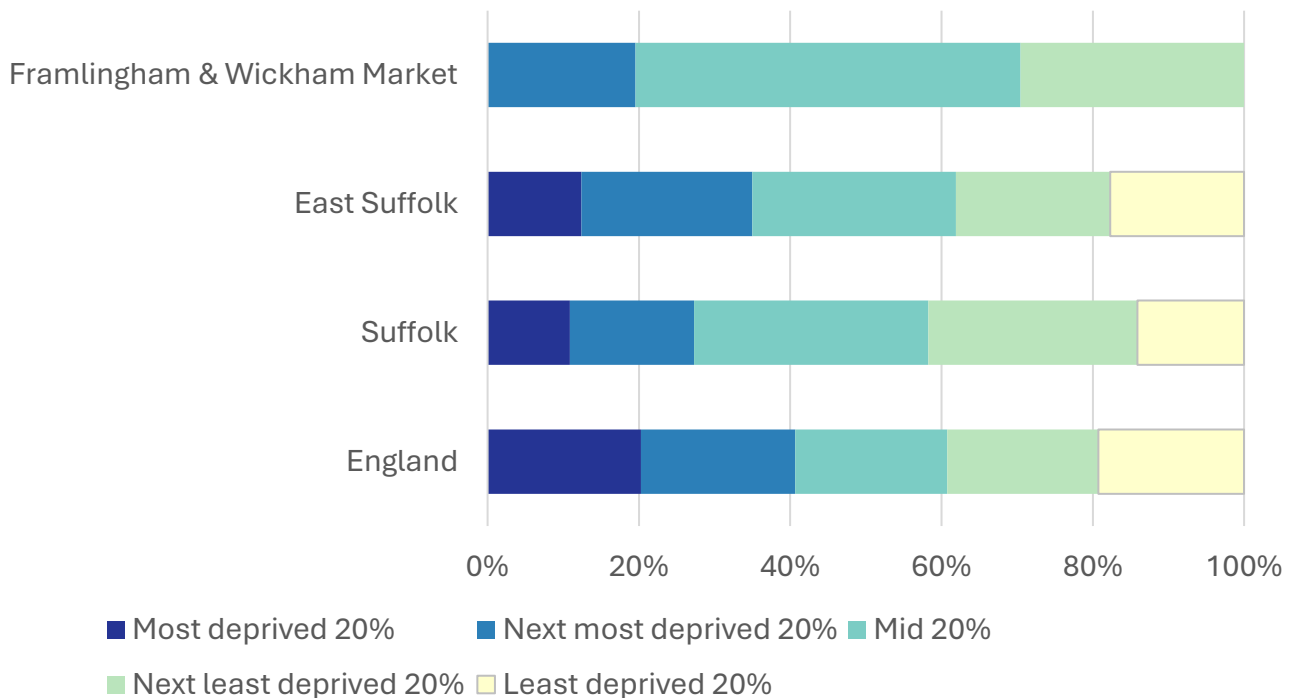
- In February 2026, 4.5% of 16–17-year-olds in Framlingham and Wickham Market were classified as NEET (not in education, employment or training).
- NEET levels fluctuate considerably according to the time of year and due to small numbers of 16-17-year-olds in the division, typically being at their lowest at the beginning of a new school year.
- In Framlingham and Wickahm Market, NEET levels are usually below the district and county figures.

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

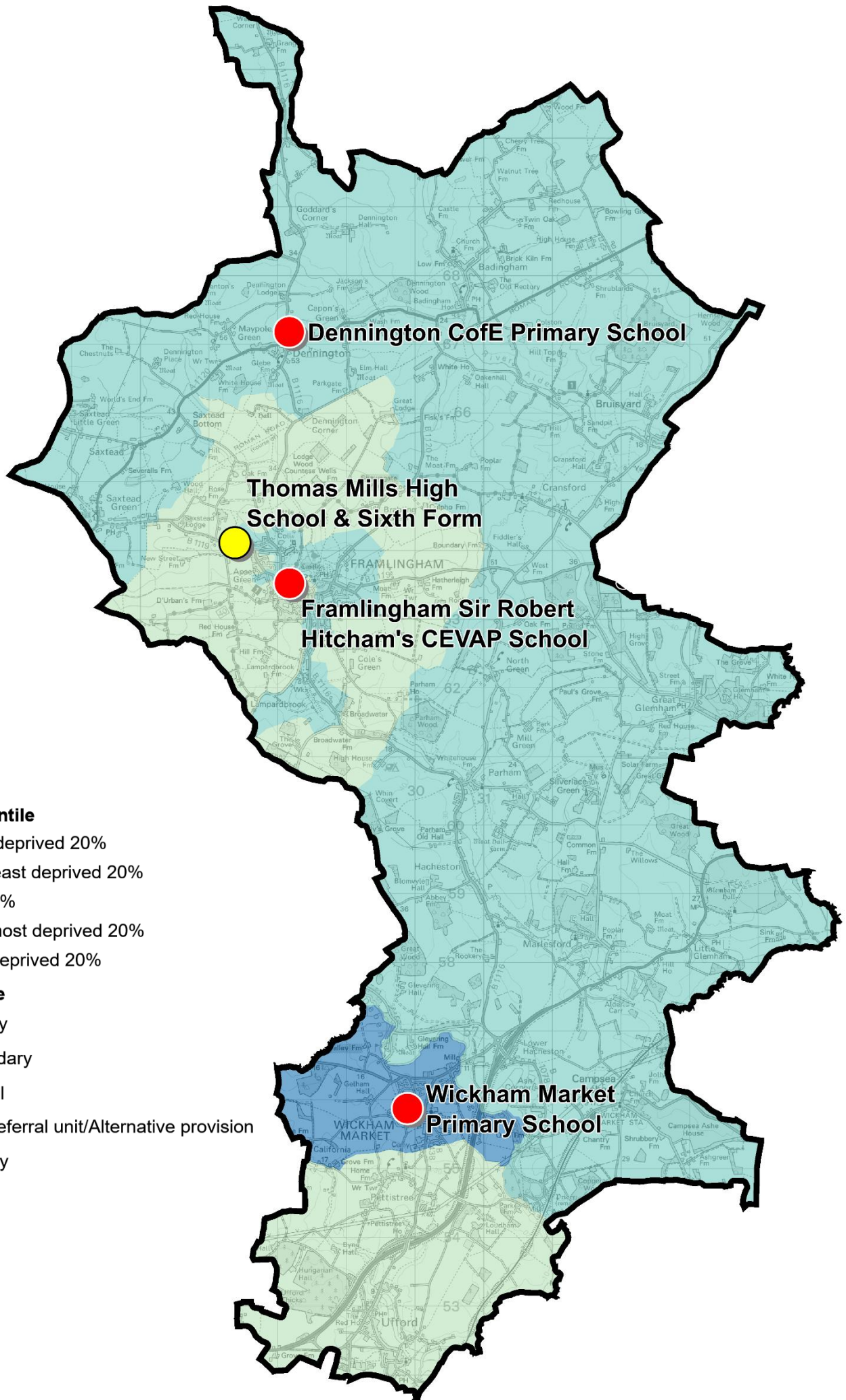
The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (Lower Super Output 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 Framlingham and Wickham Market are quite varied, but all of the division is ranked in the middle three IMD quintiles.
- Half of the population of Framlingham and Wickham Market live in areas that are ranked in the middle quintile of deprivation.
- The remaining population of the division is split between the second most deprived (i.e. 20-40% most deprived) (a fifth of the local population) and second least deprived quintiles (the remaining 30% of the population of the division).
- No part of Framlingham and Wickham Market is ranked in the most deprived or least deprived quintiles.
- 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%

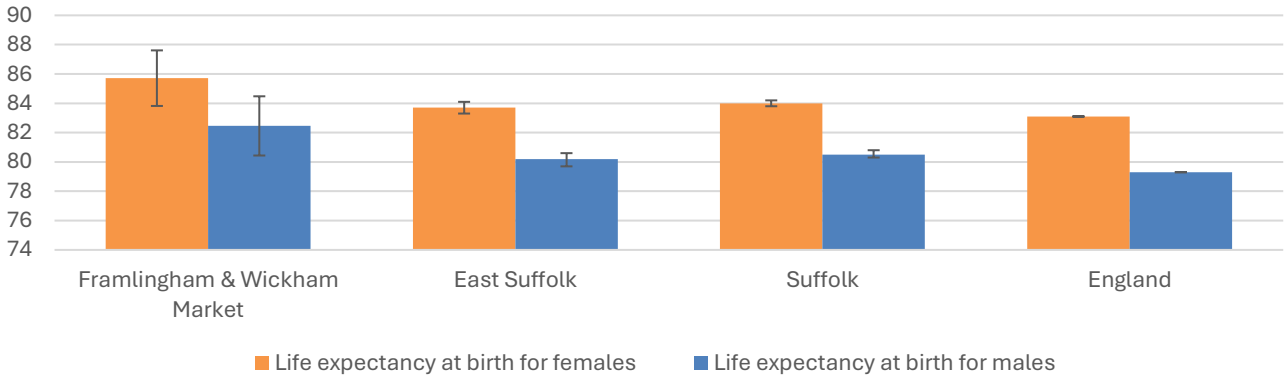
School Phase

- Primary
- Secondary
- Special
- Pupil referral unit/Alternative provision
- Nursery

Health

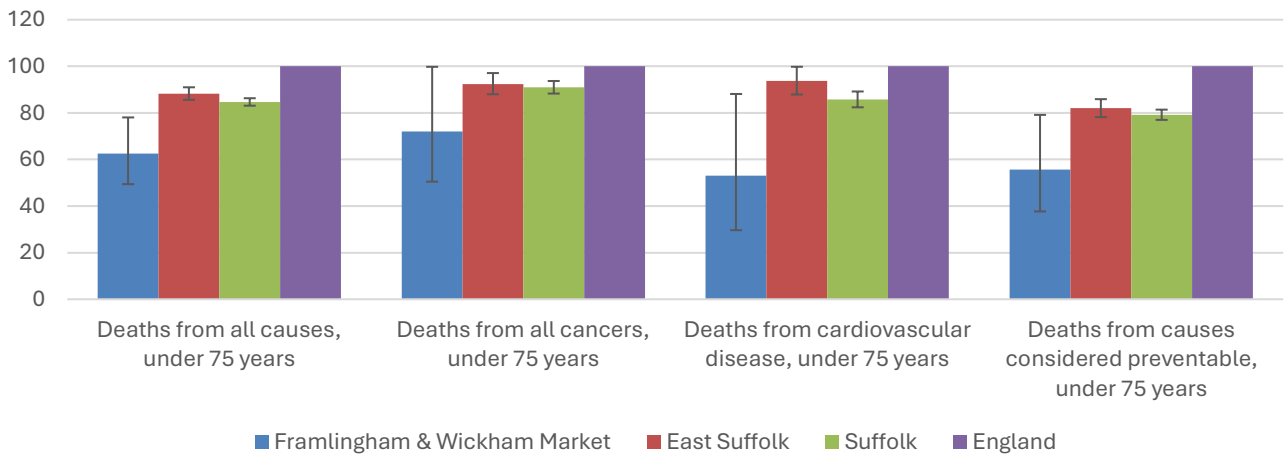
The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

Life expectancy at birth



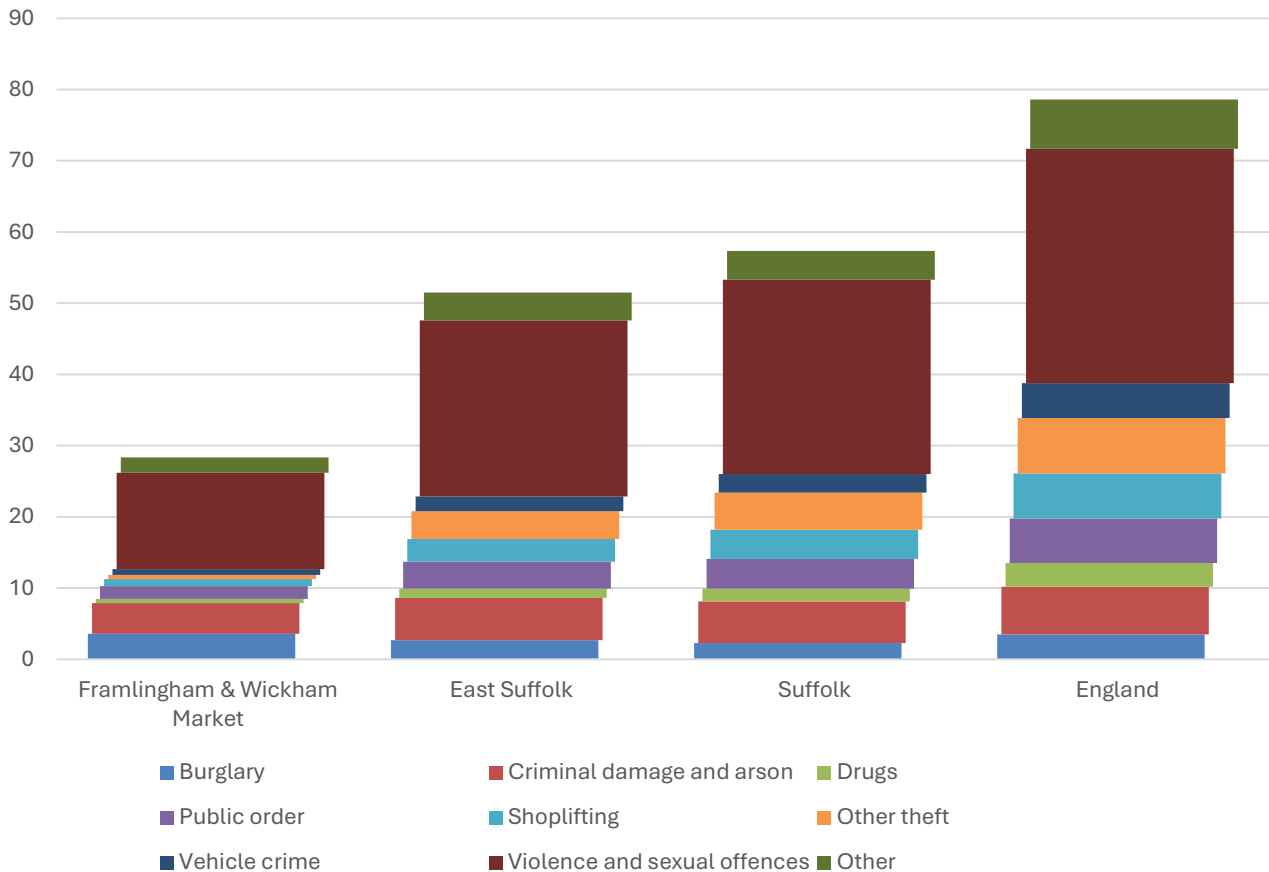
- Estimated life expectancy at birth for both females and males in Framlingham and Wickham Market is statistically similar to the East Suffolk and Suffolk averages and higher than the national average.
- The latest life expectancy at birth estimates for the division are 85.7 for females (more than two years above the England average of 83.1), and 82.5 for males (comparing favourably to the figure of 79.3 nationally).

Deaths, under 75 years, standardised mortality ratio



- Estimated standardised mortality ratios for early deaths from all causes, all causes, cardiovascular disease, and causes considered preventable in Framlingham and Wickham Market are below 100, indicating that deaths in under 75s due to these causes are lower than in England.
- Confidence intervals around these estimates are wide for local data, but the estimates for this division for each of these measures are statistically significantly lower than those for England, and lower than the county figure in the case of deaths from all causes.
- 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 63 comparable deaths in Framlingham and Wickham Market.

Crime & Community Safety



- Crime levels in Framlingham and Wickham Market are low compared to both the district and county averages, with 28 crimes per 1,000 residents in the division in the 12 months to the end of January 2026, compared to 51 in East Suffolk and 57 countywide.
- All types of crime occur at a lower rate in the division than the district and county average with the exception of burglaries. In Framlingham and Wickham Market, there were 3.6 burglaries during this period for every 1,000 residents, compared to 2.7 across East Suffolk, 2.3 in Suffolk and 3.5 nationally.
- By far the most common type of crime recorded during this period was violence and sexual offences, which accounted for almost half of all recorded crimes in the division.

Additional Information

Parishes in Division

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| Badingham | Little Glemham |
| Bruisyard | Marlesford |
| Campsey Ash | Parham |
| Cransford | Pettistree |
| Dennington | Saxtead |
| Framlingham | Ufford |
| Great Glemham | Wickham Market |
| Hacheston | |

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 Framlingham and Wickham Market Electoral Division, see the Suffolk Observatory www.suffolkobservatory.info

