

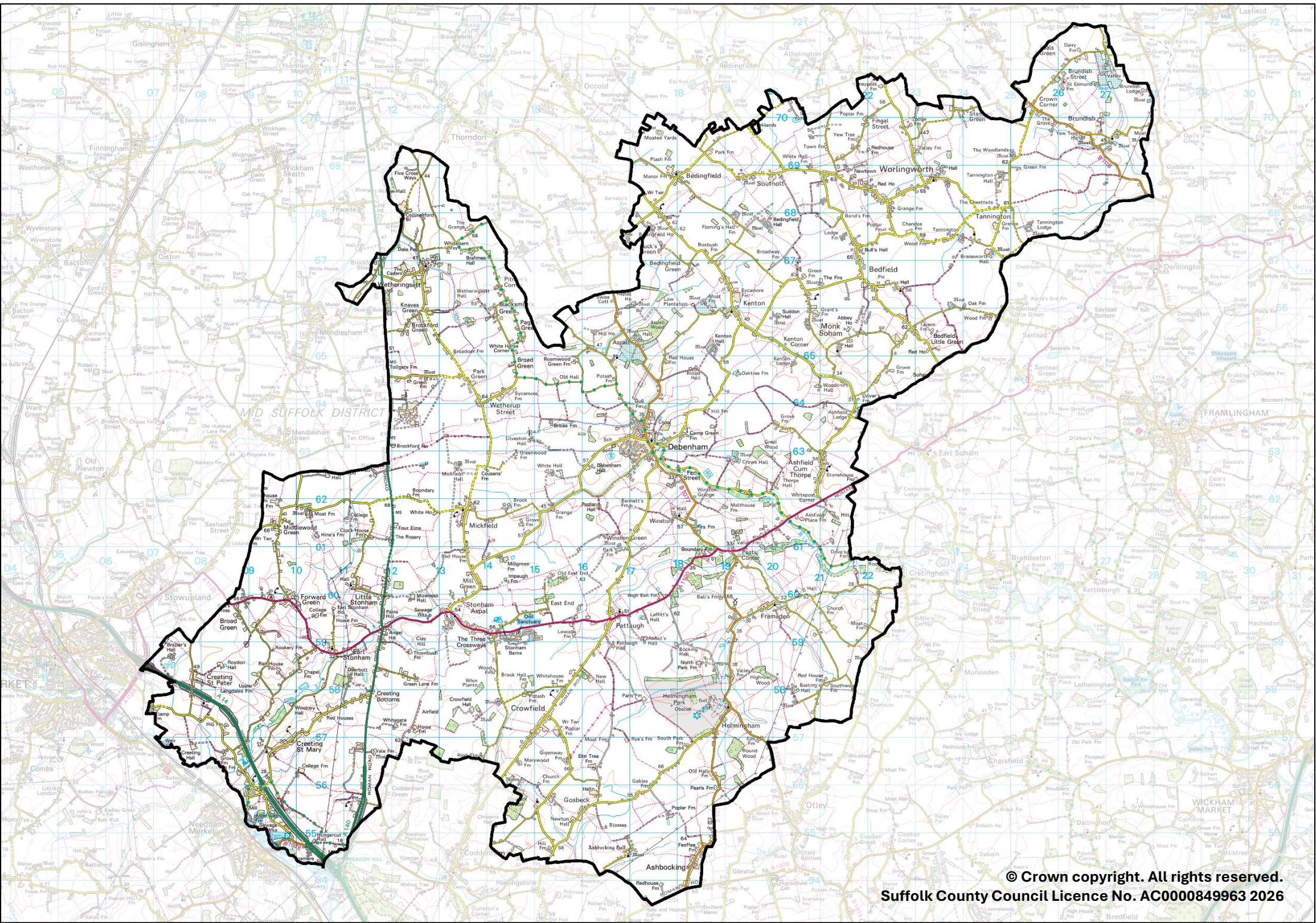
Thredling

County Electoral Division profile

May 2026

This division comprises Debenham and Stonham Wards in their entirety, and parts of Claydon & Barham, Hoxne & Worlingworth, Mendlesham, Needham Market, and Stradbroke & Laxfield 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.

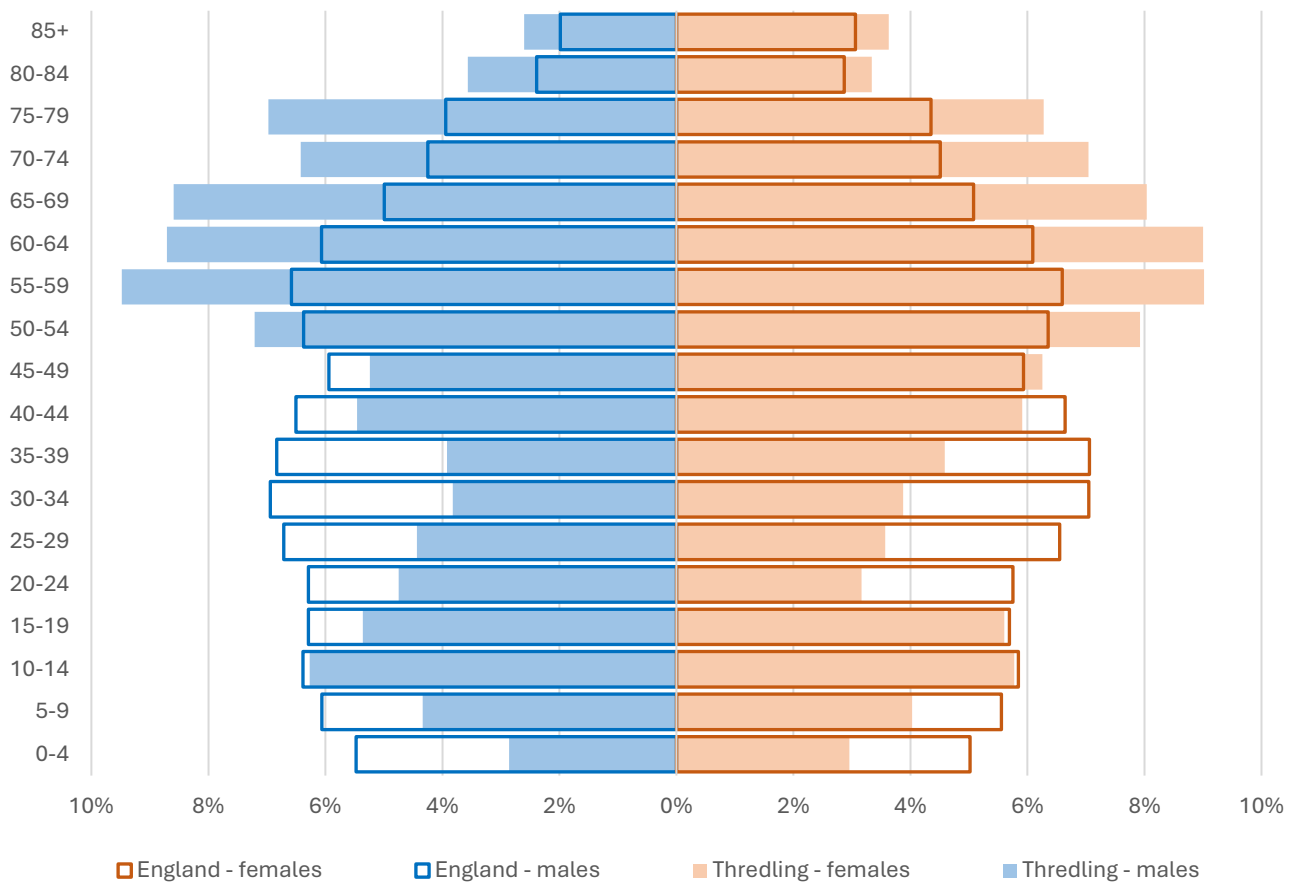
Technical Notes:

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

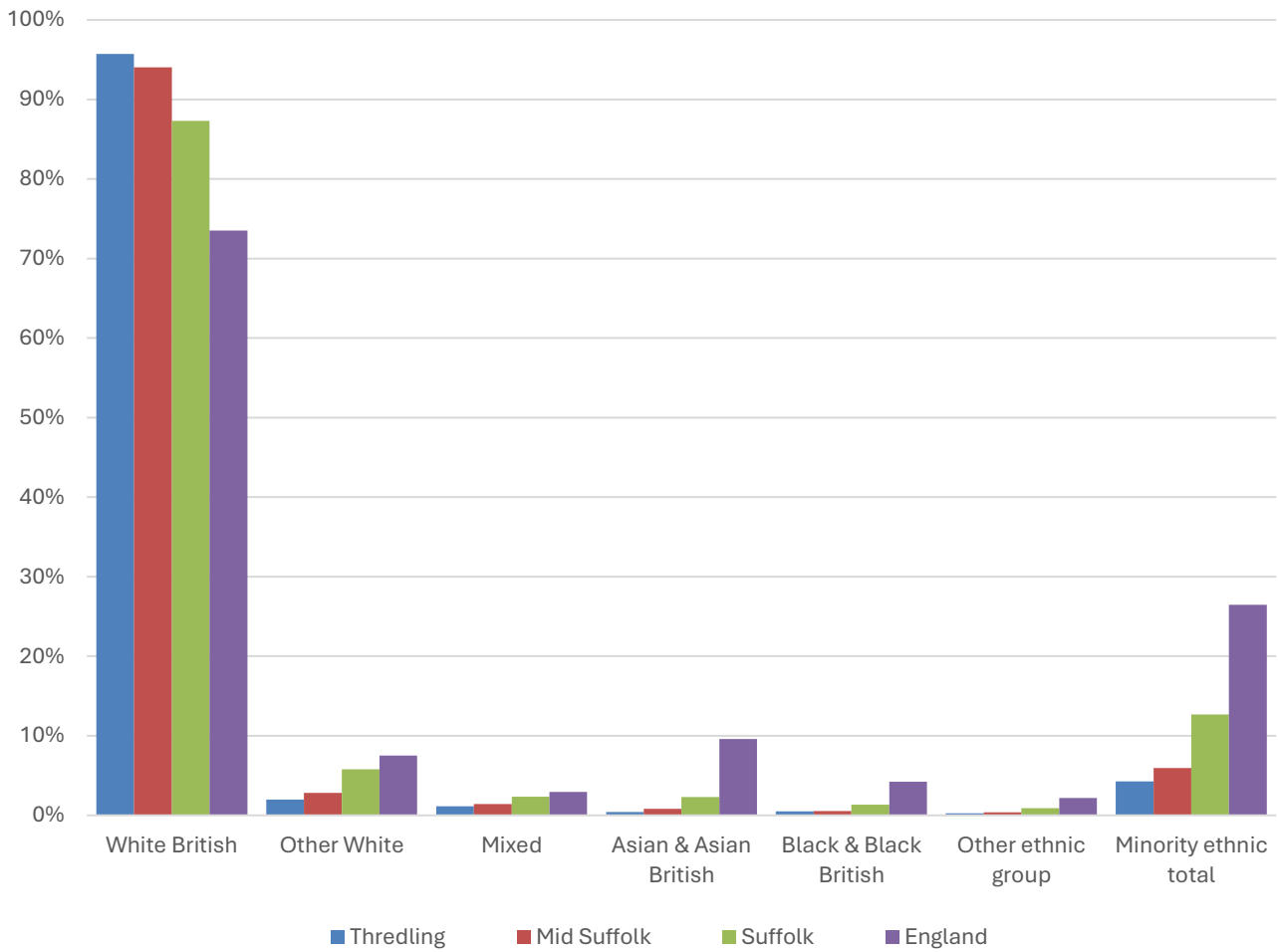
In mid-2024, the estimated population of Thredling stood at 10,286, an increase of 2% over the past decade. The age structure of the component wards and the division as a whole is set out below.

	Thredling Division	Debenham Ward	Stonham Ward	Hoxne & Worlingworth Ward	Needham Market Ward	Mendlesham Ward	Claydon & Barham Ward	Stradbroke & Laxfield Ward
All Ages	10,286	3,312	2,894	1,402	1,065	699	609	305
0-4	299	105	67	43	39	15	19	11
5-9	430	120	110	76	50	23	34	17
10-14	619	219	154	85	55	48	37	21
15-19	564	204	149	68	53	41	29	20
20-24	406	149	123	51	34	18	23	8
25-29	411	119	128	59	37	29	25	14
30-34	396	129	100	65	45	23	14	20
35-39	438	137	108	69	47	30	30	17
40-44	585	169	155	67	78	45	49	22
45-49	592	188	181	62	51	46	49	15
50-54	779	249	224	104	81	46	53	22
55-59	951	245	309	156	95	71	51	24
60-64	911	259	291	132	90	67	47	25
65-69	855	280	273	89	82	65	47	19
70-74	693	237	198	74	74	48	41	21
75-79	681	245	159	102	81	49	29	16
80-84	355	124	95	54	33	24	17	8
85+	321	134	70	46	40	11	15	5



- The age pyramid for Thredling division shows a considerably higher proportion of people aged 50 and over than seen in England as a whole.
- The most common age group in the division is 55-59-year-olds (9.3% of the local population), followed by 60-64-year-olds (8.9%), and 65-69-year-olds (8.3%).
- More than a quarter (28.2%) of the population of Thredling is of retirement age. The England figure is 18.7%.
- There is a particularly low proportion of adults aged between 25 and 39 in the division.

Demographic Profile – Ethnicity

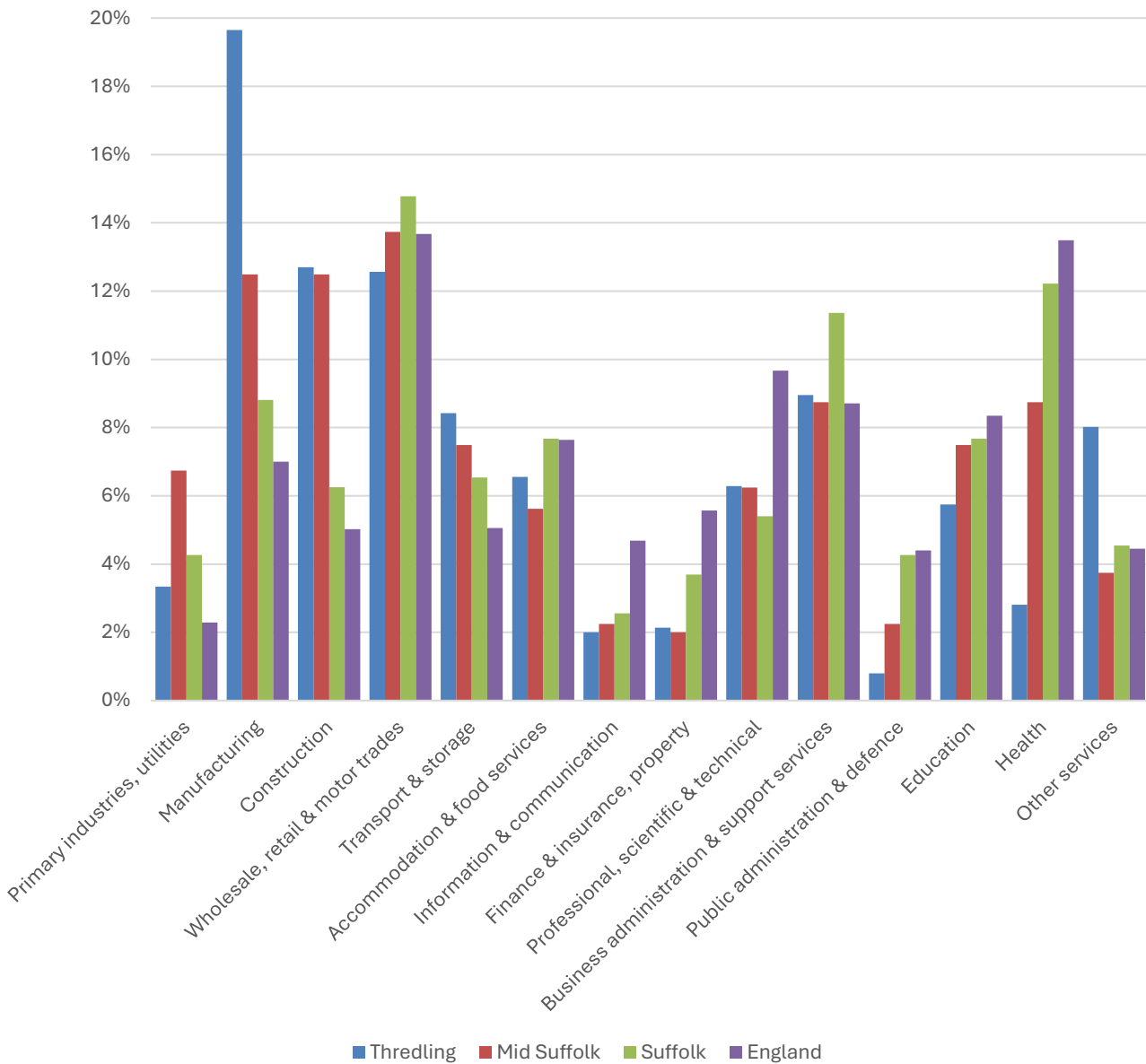


- According to the latest data (2021 Census), 95.7% of the population of Thredling is White British.
- There were 427 (4.3%) residents from minority ethnic groups in the division, around a third of the proportion in Suffolk overall, and a sixth of the England average.
- Thredling’s population is also less ethnically diverse than that of Mid Suffolk.

	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	%
Thredling	10,019		9,592	95.7	198	2.0	113	1.1	40	0.4	51	0.5	25	0.2	427	4.3
Mid Suffolk	102,701		96,581	94.0	2,882	2.8	1,463	1.4	821	0.8	553	0.5	401	0.4	6,120	6.0
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

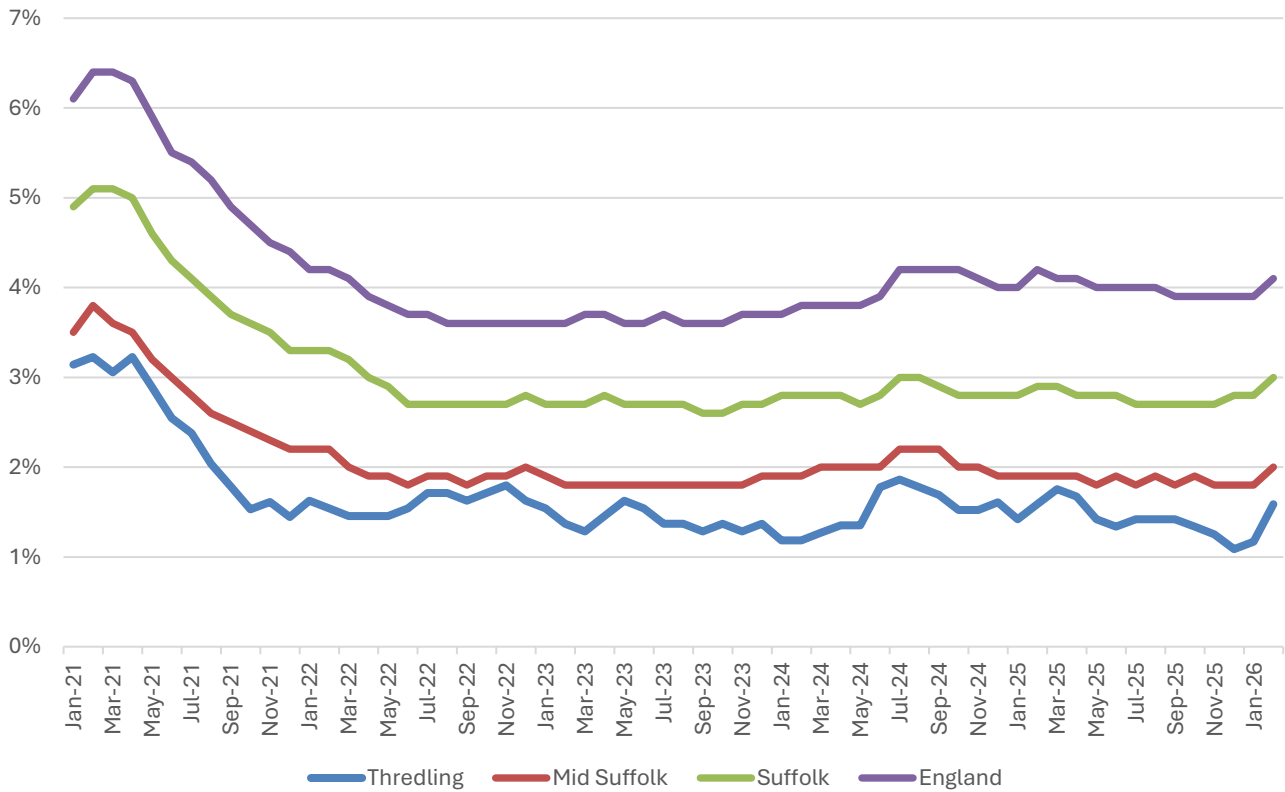
There are around 3,700 people employed in Thredling.



- Manufacturing stands out as the largest sector in Thredling, providing a fifth of all jobs in the division, more than double the proportion across Suffolk county.
- Construction is also of particular relative importance in the division, making up nearly 13% of jobs in Thredling, compared to just 5% nationally.
- Wholesale, retail and motor trades is the third largest sector in the division in terms of employment.

Labour Market

Out-of-work benefit claimant rate



- In common with Mid Suffolk, Suffolk and England as a whole, Thredling saw a steady decline in the proportion of the working age population claiming out-of-work benefits during 2021 and into 2022 following a peak during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Since then, the claimant rate has been fairly stable within half a percentage point of 1.5%.
- In February 2026 (the latest available data), 1.6% of 16-64-year-olds were claiming out-of-work benefits in the division.
- The claimant unemployment rate in Thredling is consistently below the Mid Suffolk, county and national figures.

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)
Bedfield Church of England Primary School	Primary	AC	18	2	6		
Creeting St Mary Church of England Primary School	Primary	AC	89	14	14		
Helmingham Primary School & Nursery	Primary	AS	30	4	1		
Sir Robert Hitcham CEVA School	Primary	LA	169	19	29		
Stonham Aspal CEVAP School	Primary	LA	162	17	29		
Wetheringsett Church of England School	Primary	AC	40	4	4		
Worlingworth Church of England Primary School	Primary	AC	58	8	9		
Debenham High School	Secondary	AC	714			138	

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

Ofsted information

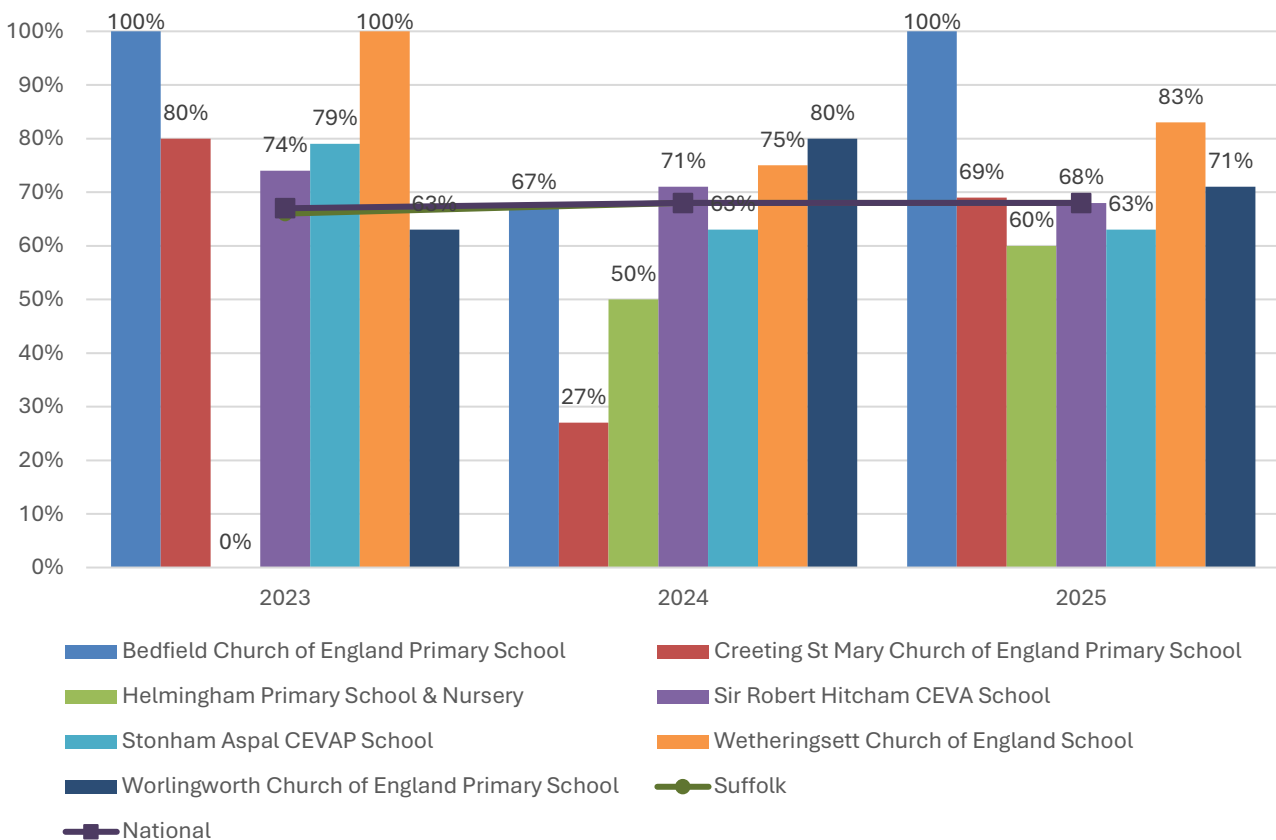
Name	Overall effectiveness	Effectiveness of leadership and management	Behaviour and attitudes	Personal development	Early years provision (if applicable)	Quality of education	Last inspection date
Bedfield Church of England Primary School	5	2	2	2	0	2	15/10/2024
Creeting St Mary Church of England Primary School	2	2	9	9	8	9	11/05/2012
Helmingham Primary School & Nursery	3	3	2	2	2	3	14/06/2023
Sir Robert Hitcham CEVA School	2	2	2	2	2	2	02/02/2023
Stonham Aspal CEVAP School	2	2	9	9	9	9	16/01/2013
Wetheringsett Church of England School	2	2	9	9	2	9	11/06/2019
Worlingworth Church of England Primary School	1	1	9	9	1	9	11/06/2019
Debenham High School	2	2	1	1	9	2	02/03/2023

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)

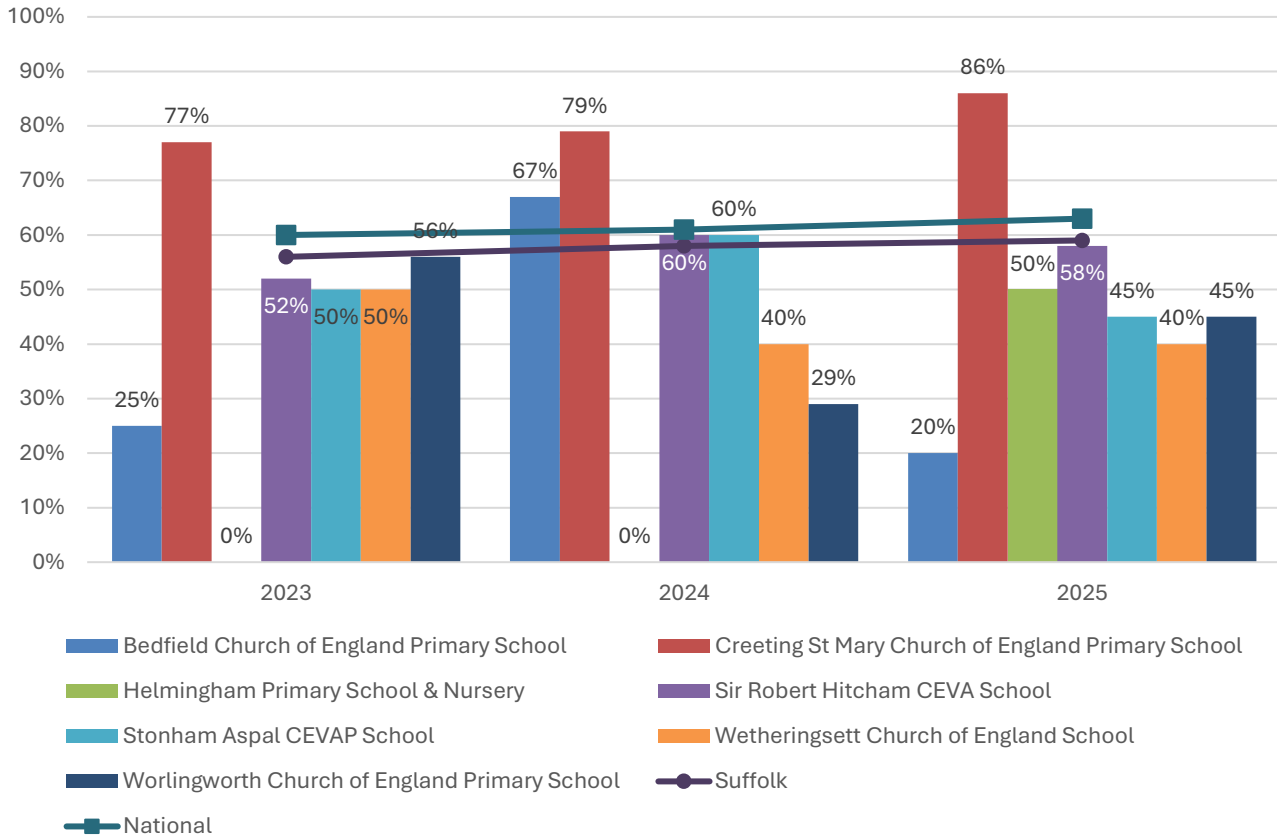
% pupils achieving Good Level of Development (GLD)



- In 2025, the percentage of pupils to achieve a Good Level of Development at Foundation Stage was at or above the national benchmark at five of the seven primary schools in Thredling.
- Only Helmingham Primary School and Nursery and Stonham Aspall CEVAP School saw below average attainment in 2025. Helmingham was also the only school to record below average attainment in each of the last three years.
- Wetheringsett Church of England School was the only school in the division where Foundation Stage attainment has been consistently above average over the last three years.
- It should be noted that cohort sizes at these schools are small and therefore subject to significant fluctuations from one year to the next.

Key Stage 2 (age 11)

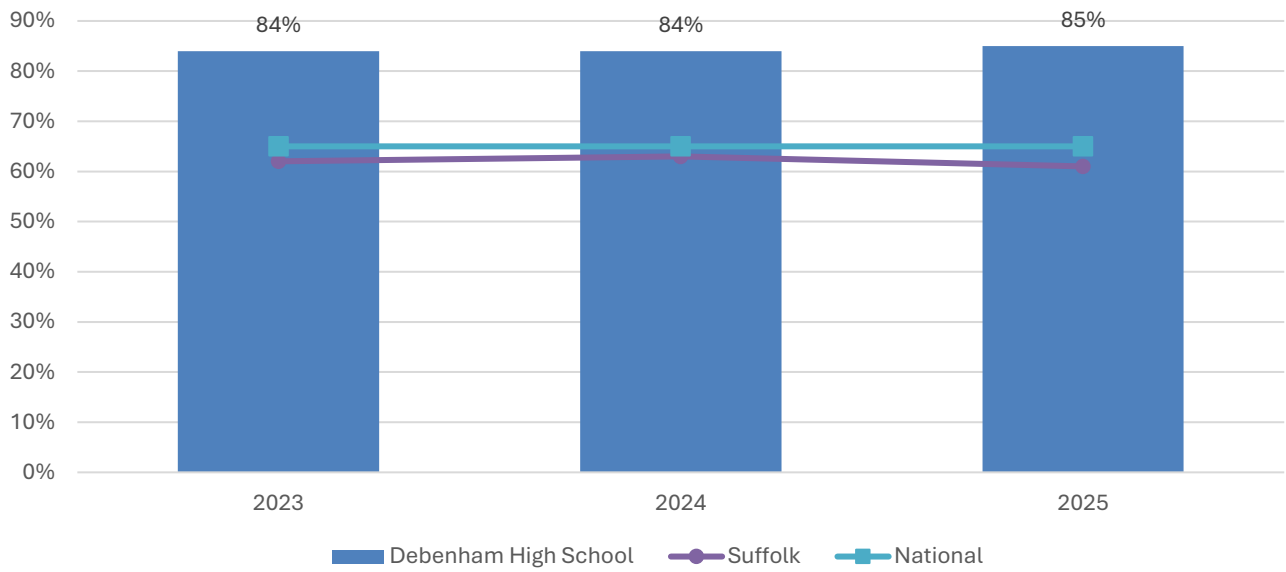
% pupils achieving the Expected Level or better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics



- In 2025, Creeting St Mary Church of England Primary School was the only school in Thredling where the percentage of pupils to achieve the expected level or better in reading, writing and mathematics at Key Stage 2 was above the national benchmark.
- KS2 attainment at Creeting St Mary Church of England Primary School has also been consistently high over the last three years.
- Sir Robert Hitcham CEVA School, Stonham Aspall CEVAP School, Wetheringsett Church of England School and Worlingworth Church of England Primary School all saw KS2 attainment levels that were below the national percentage in each of the last three years.
- Again, it's important to emphasise that cohort sizes at these schools are small and prone to large changes between years.

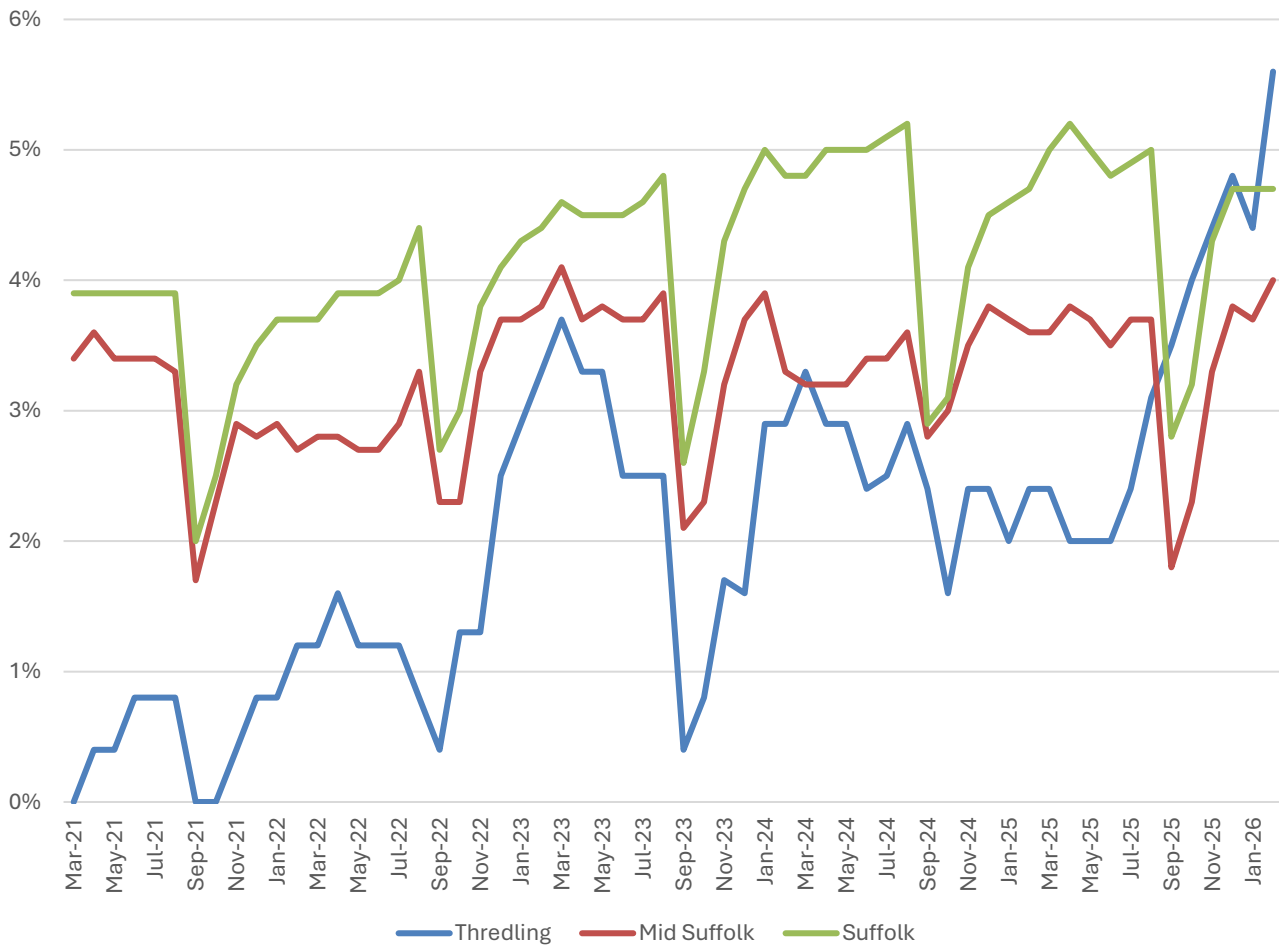
Key Stage 4 (GCSE) (age 16)

% pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and Mathematics



- Key Stage 4 attainment at Debenham High School has been very consistent and well above the county and national benchmarks over the last three years.

NEET % (Not in Education, Employment or Training)



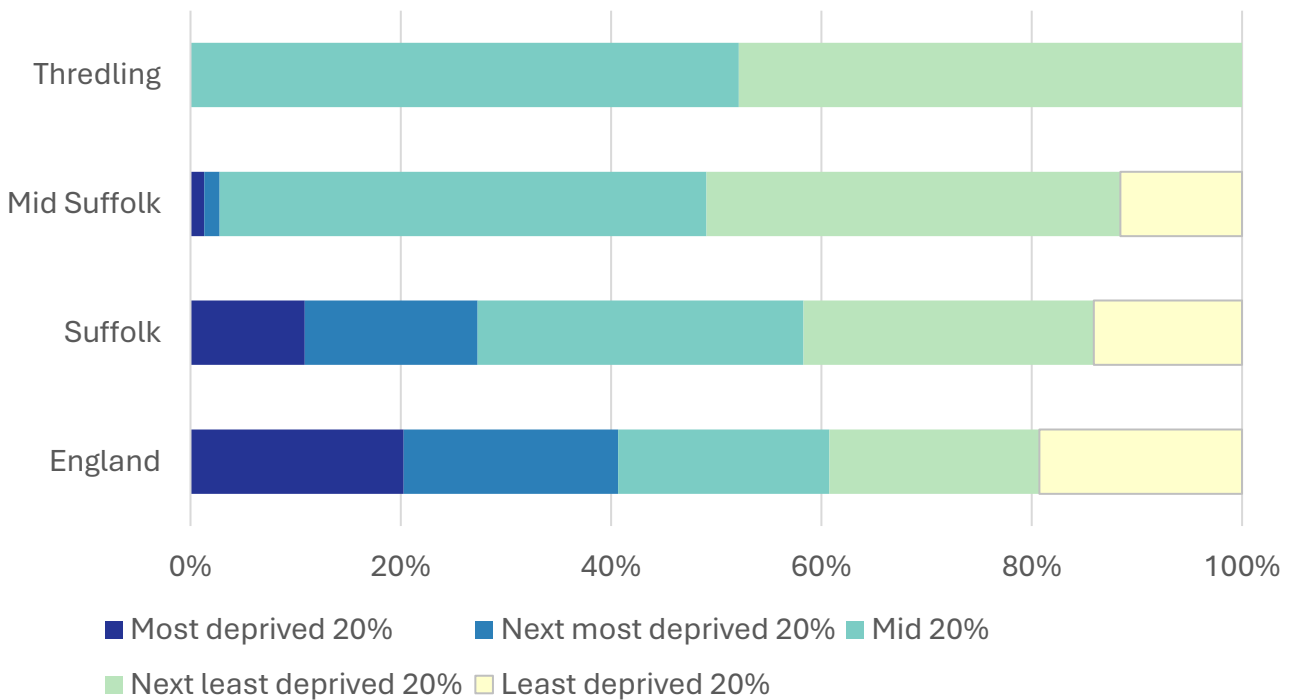
- In February 2026, 5.6% of 16-17-year-olds in Thredling were classified as NEET (not in education, employment or training).
- NEET levels fluctuate considerably according to the time of year and due to small numbers of 16-17-year-olds in the division, typically being at their lowest at the beginning of a new school year.
- In Thredling, the proportion of children who are NEET was almost invariably below the district and county figures prior to the beginning of the 2025/26 school year, but has peaked since then.

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

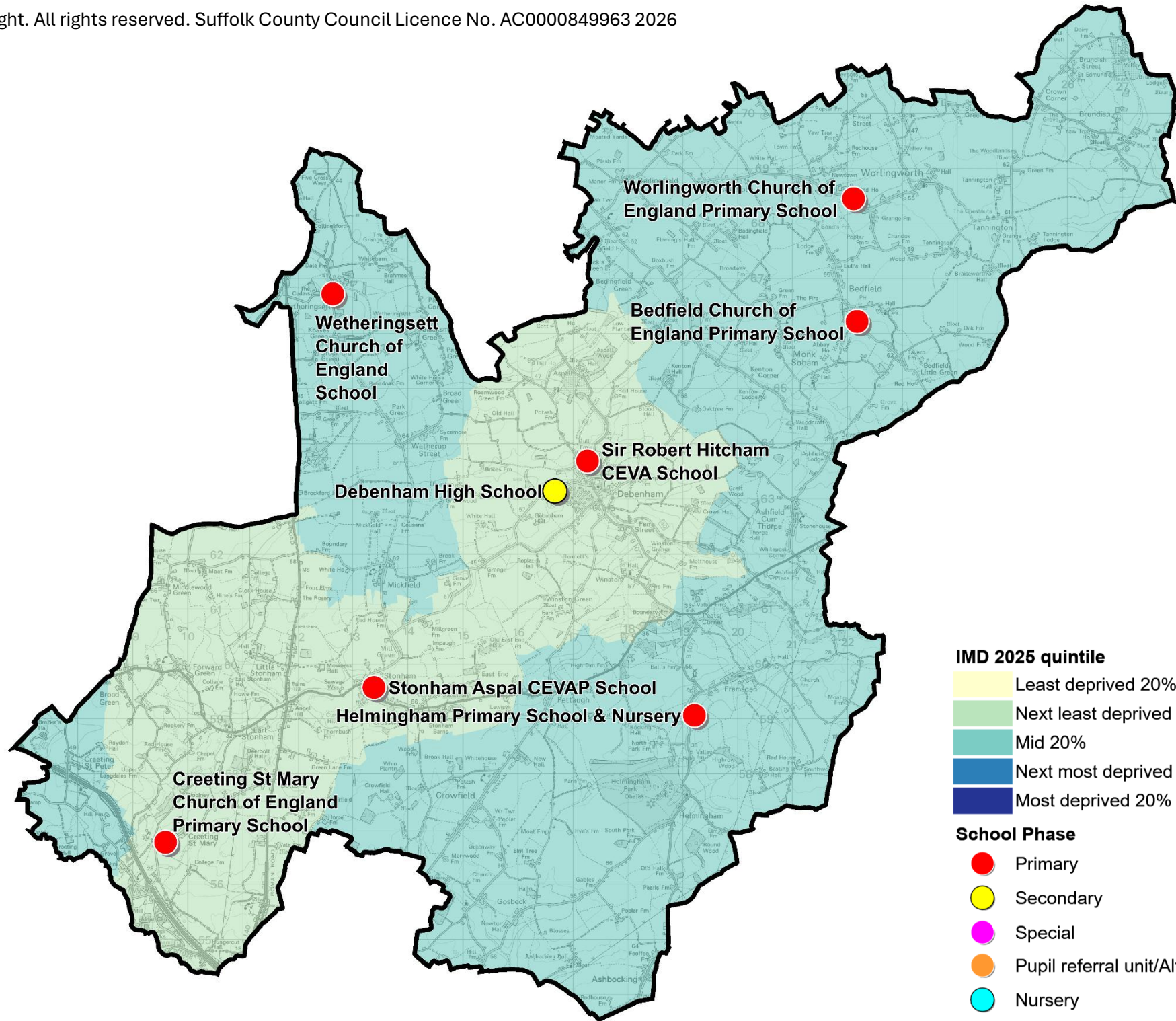
The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (Lower Super Output 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 Thredling are largely uniform, and are moderate to low
- The division's population is split evenly between the middle quintile of deprivation, and the second least deprived quintile in England (i.e. the 20-40% least deprived).
- 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%

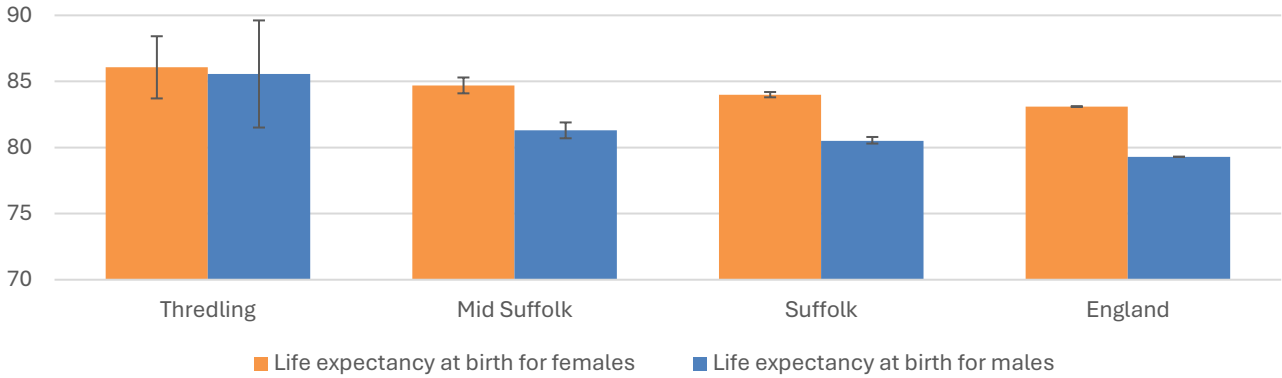
School Phase

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

Health

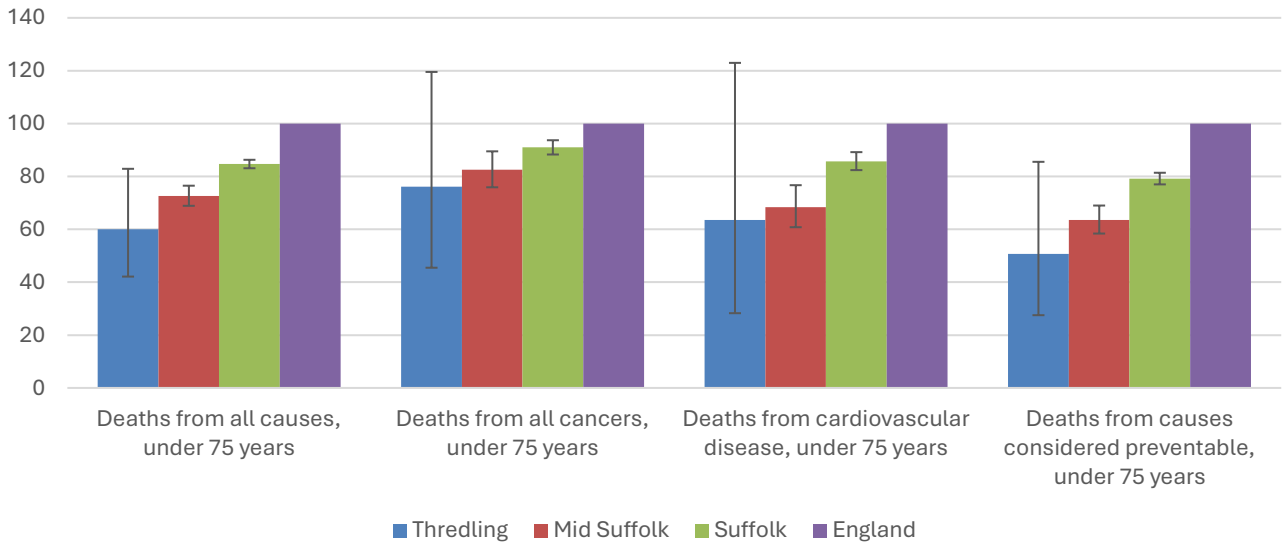
The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

Life expectancy at birth



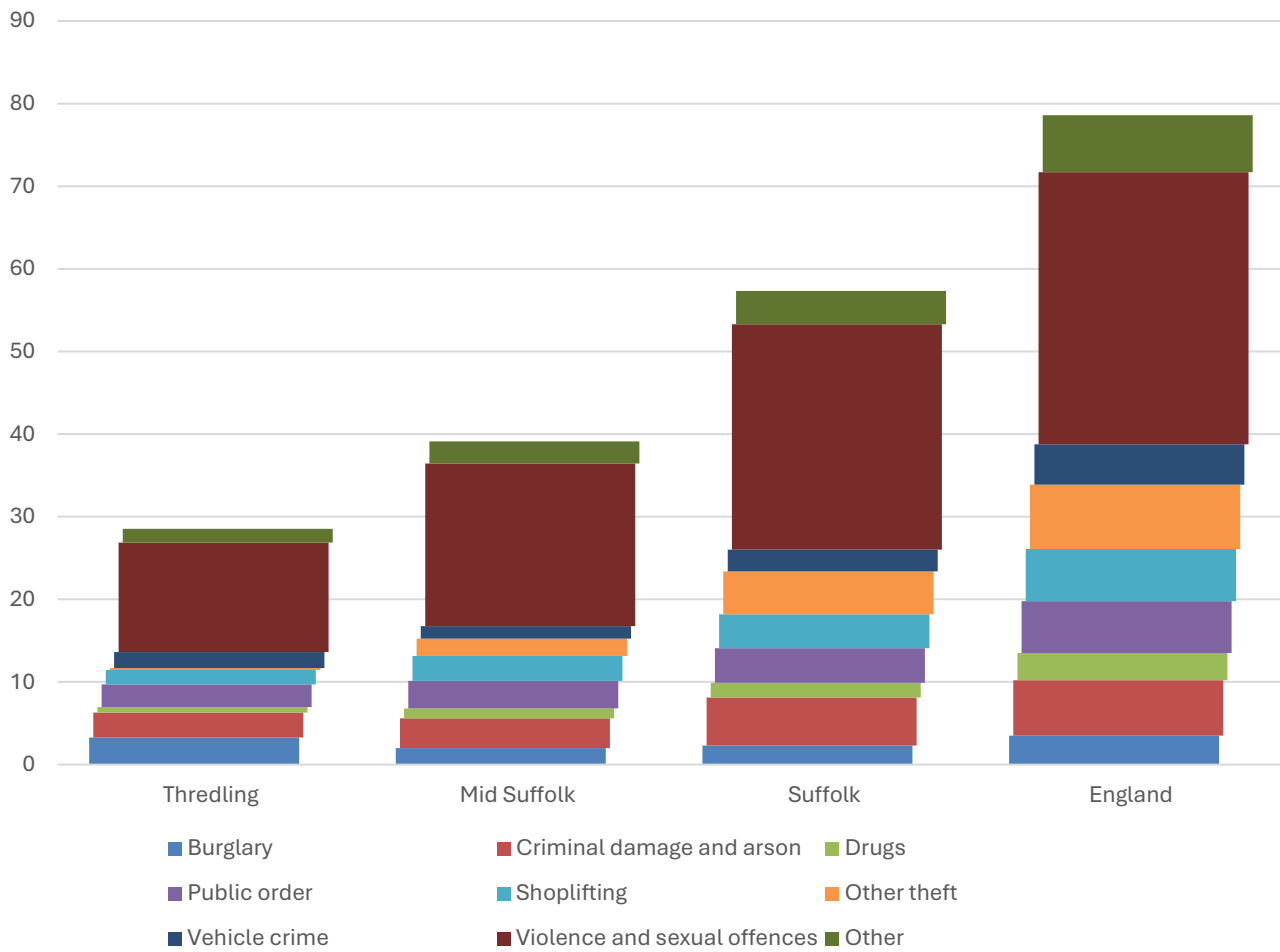
- The latest life expectancy at birth estimates for Thredling are 86.1 for females (the England figure is 83.1), and 85.6 for males (compared to 79.3 nationally).
- Life expectancy for both males and females in the division are statistically significantly higher than the England figures.

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 Thredling 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 SMRs for deaths from all causes and from causes considered preventable are statistically significantly lower than England.
- 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 60 comparable deaths in Thredling.

Crime & Community Safety



- Crime levels in Thredling are relatively low compared to the county and Mid Suffolk rates.
- In the year to the end of January 2026, there were 29 recorded crimes per 1,000 residents in the division, compared to 39 in Mid 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 (3.3 per 1,000 population in Thredling compared to 2.3 across Suffolk).
- 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

Ashbocking	Helmingham
Ashfield cum Thorpe	Kenton
Aspall	Mickfield
Bedfield	Monk Soham
Bedingfield	Pettaugh
Brundish	Southolt
Creeting St. Mary	Stonham Aspal
Creeting St. Peter or West Creeting	Stonham Parva
Crowfield	Tannington
Debenham	Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford
Earl Stonham	Winston
Framsden	Worlingworth
Gosbeck	

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 Thredling Electoral Division, see the Suffolk Observatory www.suffolkobservatory.info

