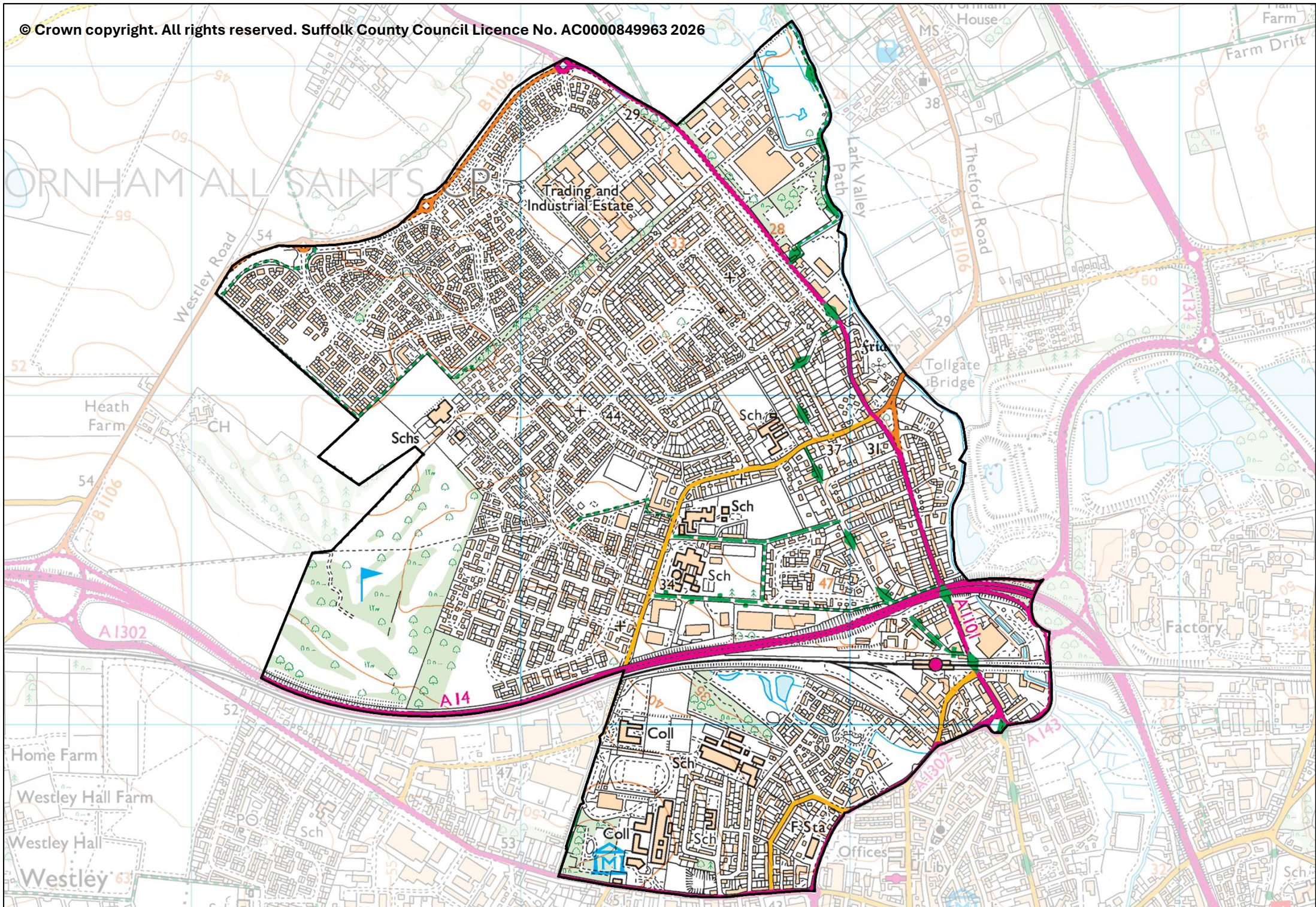


St Olaves & Tollgate

County Electoral Division profile
May 2026

This division comprises St Olaves and Tollgate Wards in their entirety





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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.

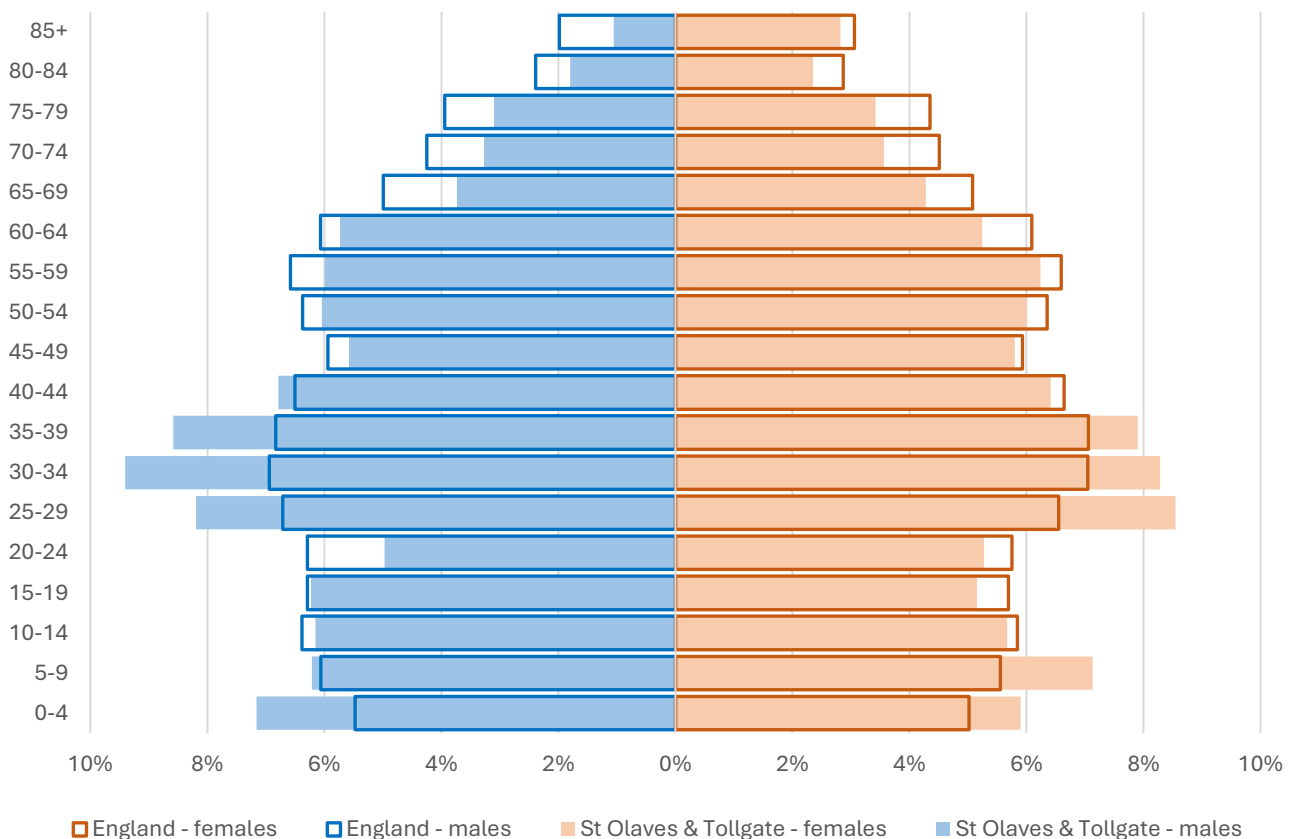
Technical Notes:

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

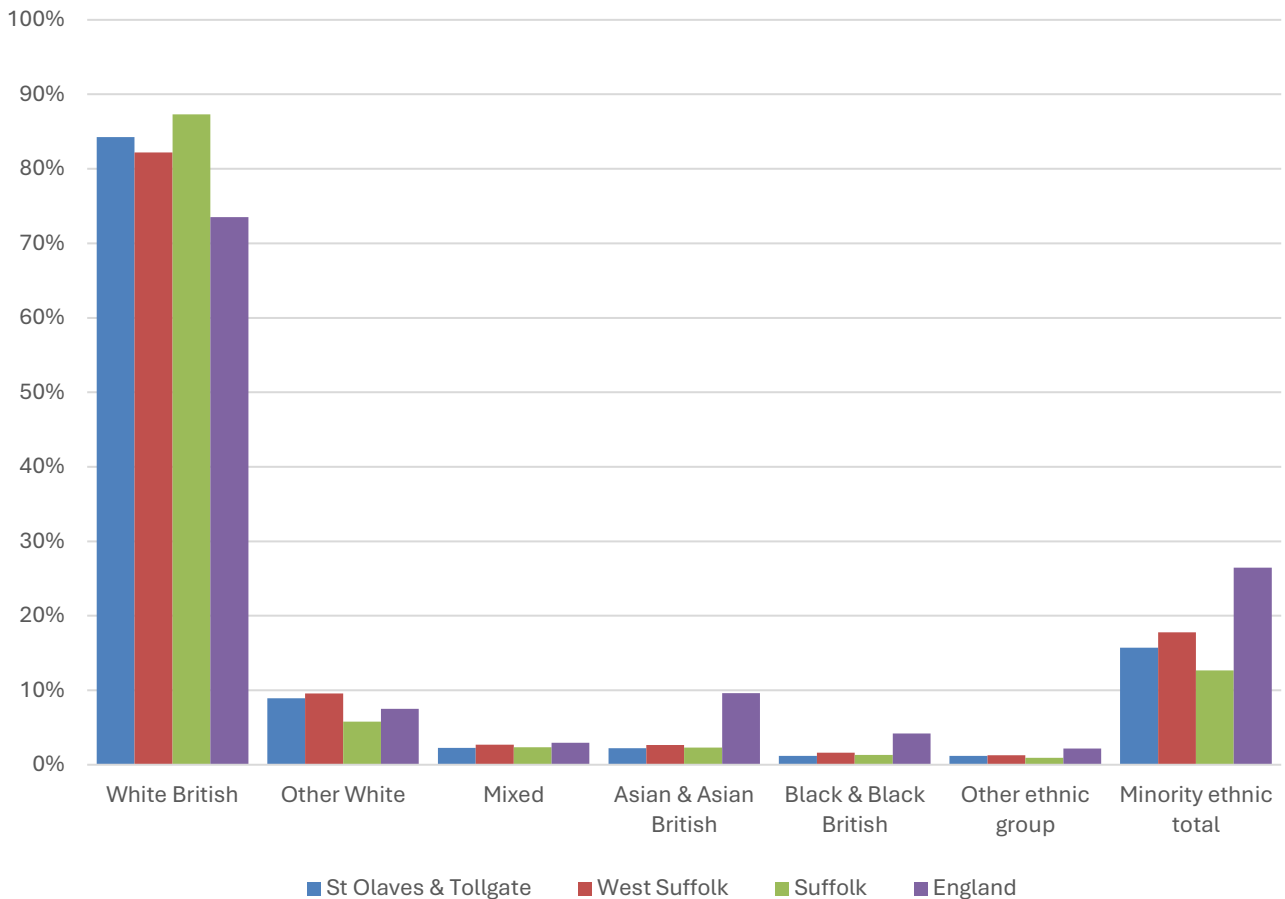
In mid-2024, the estimated population of St Olaves and Tollgate stood at 13,299, an increase of 27.6% over the past decade. The age structure of the component wards and the division as a whole is set out below.

| | St Olaves & Tollgate Division | St Olaves Ward | Tollgate Ward |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| All Ages | 13,299 | 6,723 | 6,576 |
| 0-4 | 866 | 491 | 375 |
| 5-9 | 889 | 522 | 367 |
| 10-14 | 785 | 438 | 347 |
| 15-19 | 755 | 350 | 405 |
| 20-24 | 682 | 286 | 396 |
| 25-29 | 1,114 | 573 | 541 |
| 30-34 | 1,174 | 627 | 547 |
| 35-39 | 1,095 | 629 | 466 |
| 40-44 | 877 | 487 | 390 |
| 45-49 | 757 | 372 | 385 |
| 50-54 | 801 | 381 | 420 |
| 55-59 | 814 | 407 | 407 |
| 60-64 | 729 | 330 | 399 |
| 65-69 | 534 | 201 | 333 |
| 70-74 | 455 | 188 | 267 |
| 75-79 | 434 | 208 | 226 |
| 80-84 | 277 | 110 | 167 |
| 85+ | 261 | 123 | 138 |



- The age pyramid for St Olaves and Tollgate division is relatively young.
- It shows a much larger proportion of people aged 25-39 and over and children under 10 than in England as a whole.
- Around one seventh (14.7%) of the population of Hardwick is of retirement age. The England figure is 18.7%.
- The most common age group in the division is 30-34-year-olds (8.8% of the local population), followed by 25-29-year-olds (8.4%), and 35-39-year-olds (8.2%).

Demographic Profile - Ethnicity

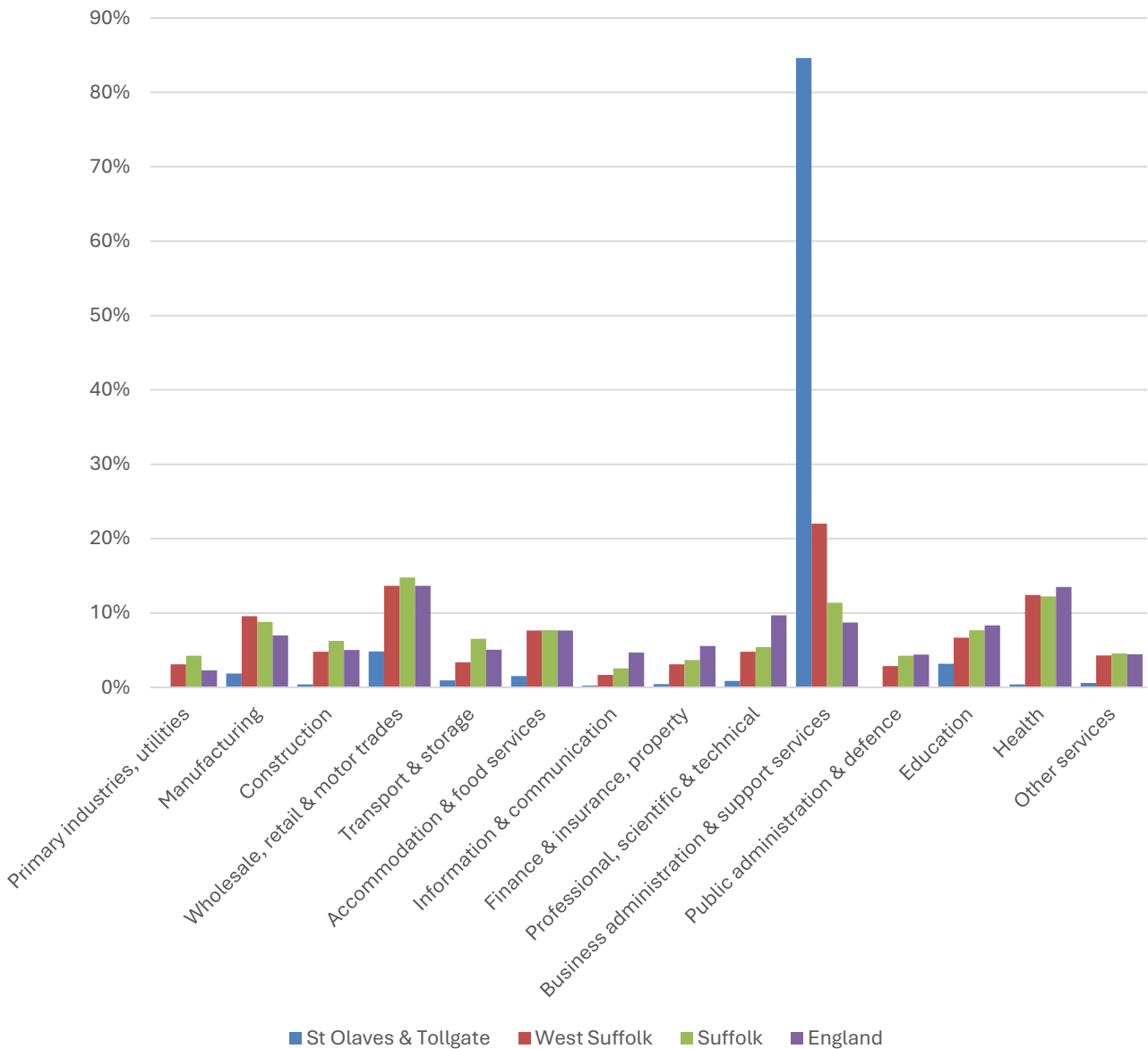


- According to the latest data (2021 Census), 84.3% of the population of St Olaves and Tollgate is White British.
- There were 1,785 (15.7%) residents from minority ethnic groups in the division, three percentage points larger than the proportion in Suffolk overall, and about two thirds of the England figure.

| | 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 | % |
| St Olaves & Tollgate | 11,348 | | 9,563 | 84.3 | 1,011 | 8.9 | 255 | 2.2 | 250 | 2.2 | 135 | 1.2 | 134 | 1.2 | 1,785 | 15.7 |
| West Suffolk | 179,948 | | 147,935 | 82.2 | 17,221 | 9.6 | 4,880 | 2.7 | 4,731 | 2.6 | 2,873 | 1.6 | 2,308 | 1.3 | 32,013 | 17.8 |
| 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

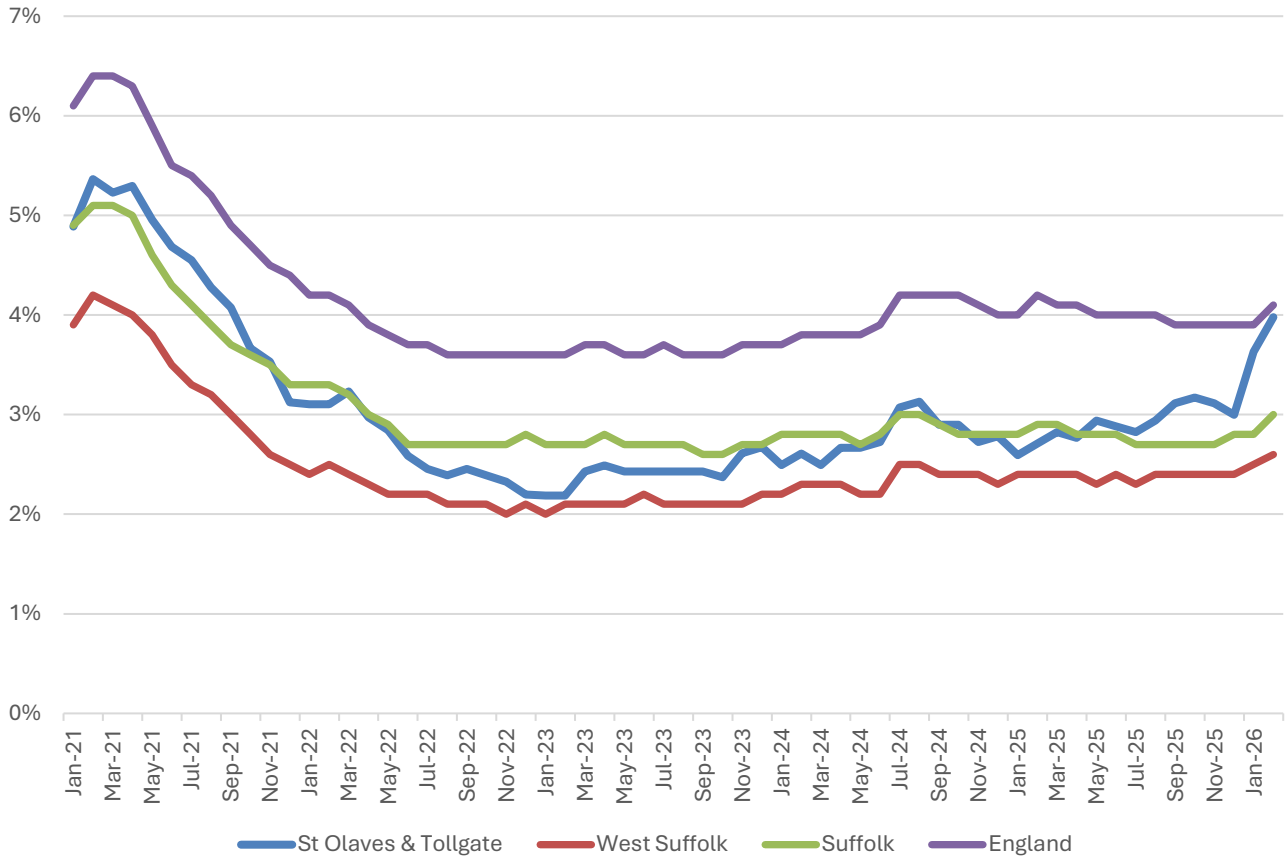
There are around reportedly 21,300 people employed in St Olaves and Tollgate.



- According to this source of data, business administration and support services is the dominant sector in St Olaves and Tollgate. These data are based on modelled estimates and can contain errors. It is possible that the dataset overstates the number of people employed in the business administration and support services sector in the division.
- Away from this sector, the largest employers in the division are wholesale, retail and motor trades, education, and manufacturing.

Labour Market

Out-of-work benefit claimant rate



- In February 2026 (the latest available data), 4% of 16-64-year-olds were claiming out-of-work benefits in the division.
- In common with West Suffolk, Suffolk and England as a whole, St Olaves and Tollgate 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 saw a steady increase from a low of 2.2% in early 2023 to 3% in December 2025, before a jump to 4% in the last two months of available data.
- The claimant rate in the division tends to be between the county and district figures, and 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) |
| Howard Community Academy | Primary | AS | 210 | 24 | 21 | | |
| St Edmundsbury CofE Primary Academy | Primary | AC | 168 | 27 | 32 | | |
| Tollgate Primary School | Primary | AS | 437 | 53 | 50 | | |
| Abbeygate Sixth Form College | Secondary | F | 1,163 | | | | 451 |
| Bury St Edmunds County High School | Secondary | AC | 657 | | | 189 | 37 |
| King Edward VI CEVC School | Secondary | LA | 1,189 | | | 234 | |
| St Benedict's Catholic School | Secondary | AC | 968 | | | 155 | 71 |

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

Ofsted information

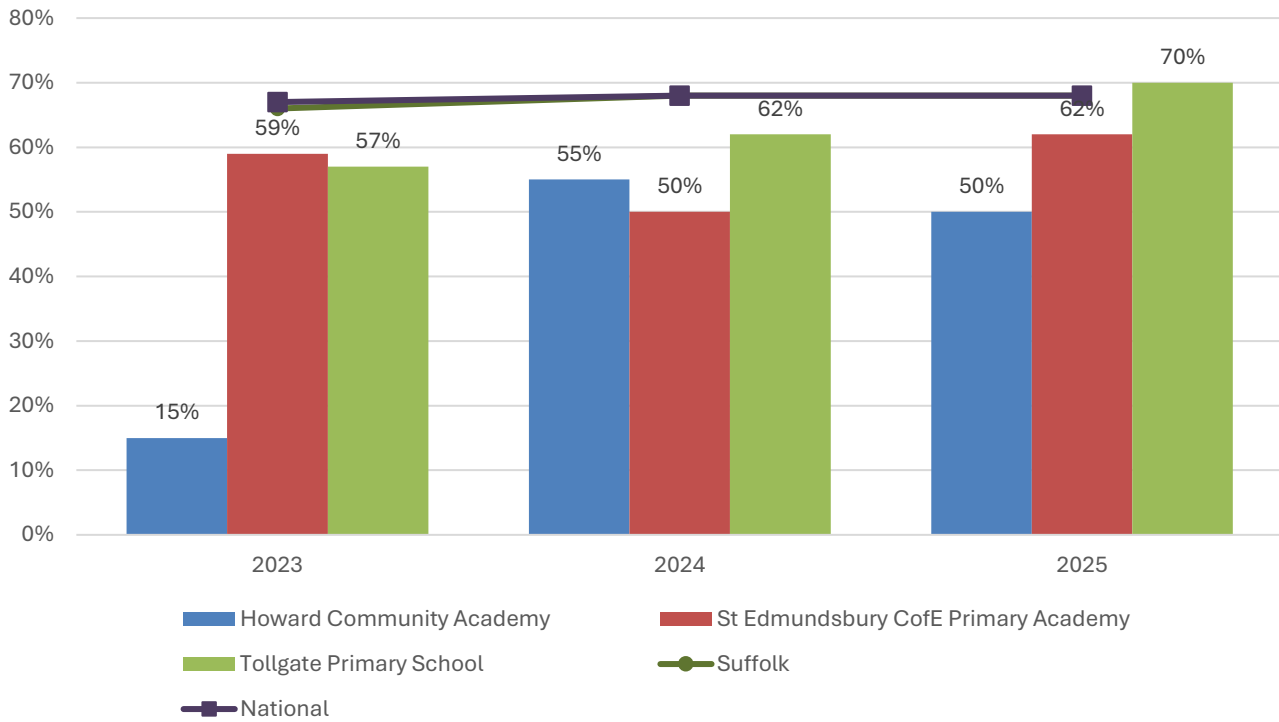
| Name | Overall effectiveness | Effectiveness of leadership and management | Behaviour and attitudes | Personal development | Early years provision (if applicable) | Quality of education | Last inspection date |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Howard Community Academy | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 01/07/2025 |
| St Edmundsbury CofE Primary Academy | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 27/03/2024 |
| Tollgate Primary School | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 03/10/2023 |
| Abbeygate Sixth Form College | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16/05/2023 |
| Bury St Edmunds County High School | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 15/03/2022 |
| King Edward VI CEVC School | 2 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 06/03/2019 |
| St Benedict's Catholic School | 2 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 29/09/2016 |

| 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)

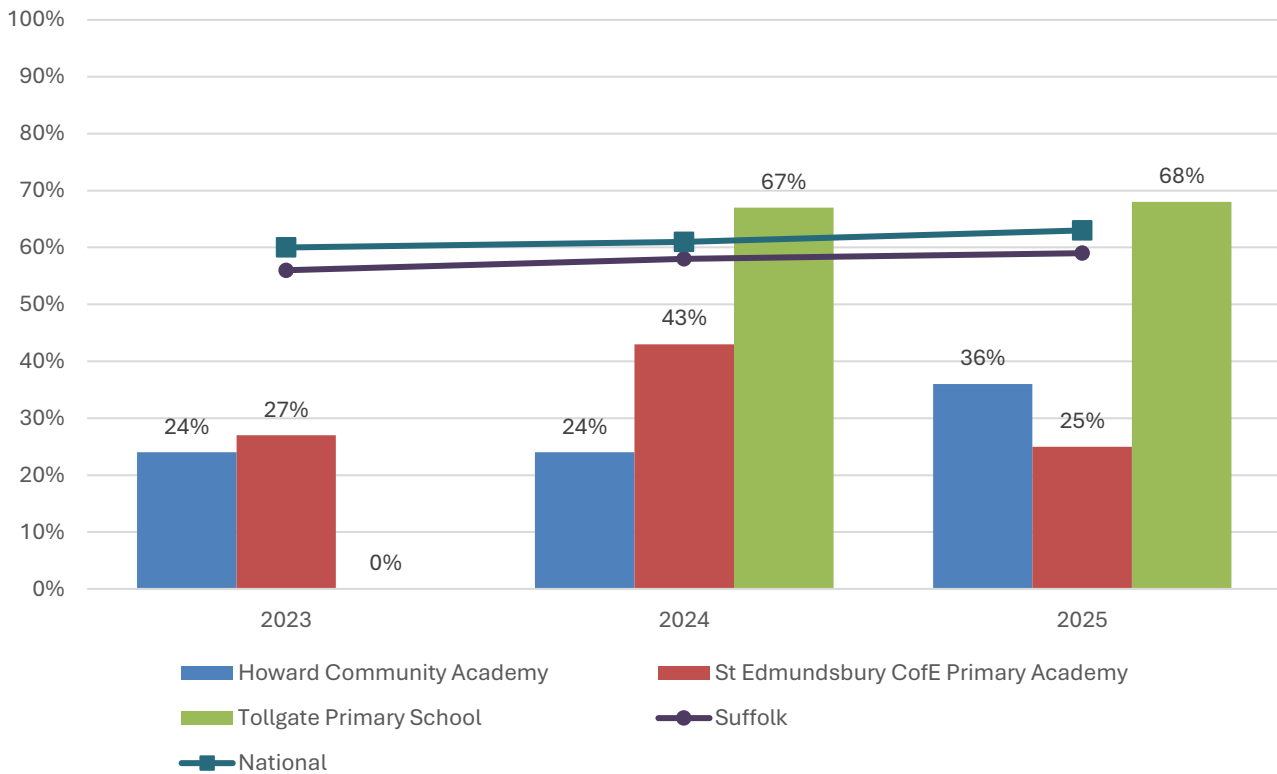
% pupils achieving Good Level of Development (GLD)



- In 2025, the percentage of pupils to achieve a Good Level of Development (GLD) at Foundation Stage (FS) was 50% at Howard Community Academy, 62% at St Edmundsbury CofE Primary Academy, 70% at Tollgate Primary School, and 68% nationally.
- Aside from Tollgate Primary in 2025, FS attainment at schools in the division as been consistently below the Suffolk and national figures.

Key Stage 2 (age 11)

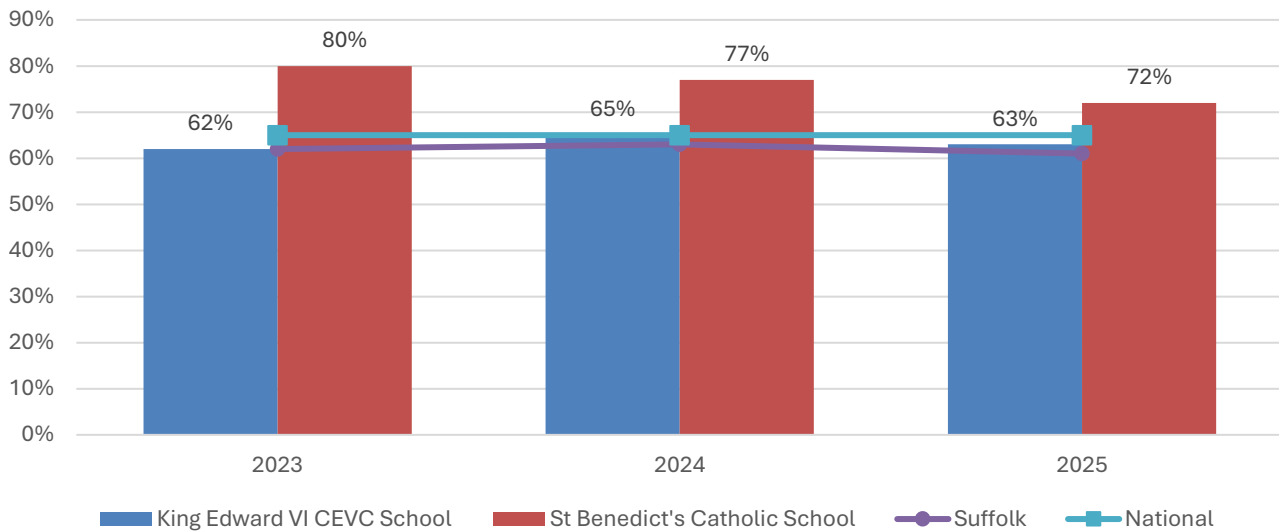
% pupils achieving the Expected Level or better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics



- In 2025, the percentage of pupils to achieve the expected level or better in reading, writing and mathematics at Key Stage 2 was 36% at Howard Community Academy, 25% at St Edmundsbury CofE Primary Academy, 68% at Tollgate Primary School and 68% nationally.
- Key stage 2 attainment at Howard Community Academy and St Edmundsbury Church of England Primary Academy has been consistently well below the county and national average over the past three years of data.

Key Stage 4 (GCSE) (age 16)

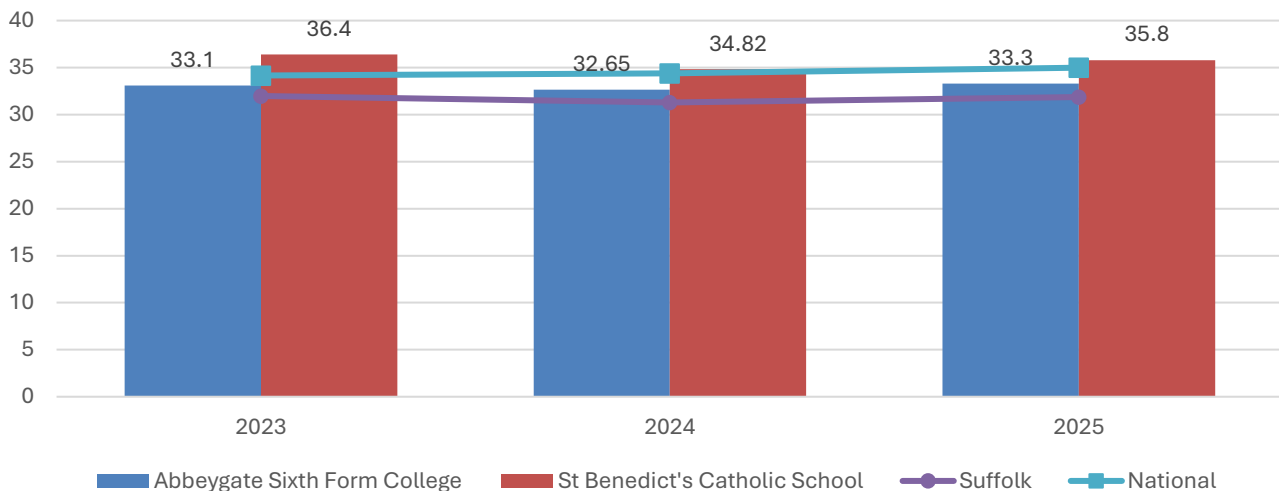
% pupils achieving level 4-9 in English and Mathematics



- In 2025, the percentage of pupils who achieved level 4-9 in English and mathematics at Key Stage 4 was 63% at King Edward VI CEVC School, 72% at St Benedict’s Catholic School, and 68% nationally.
- Key Stage 4 attainment at St Benedict’s Catholic School has remained consistently above the Suffolk and national figures, despite slight declines year on year.
- Attainment at King Edward VI CEVC School has been consistent, but marginally below the national benchmark in 2023 and 2025, and level with it in 2024.

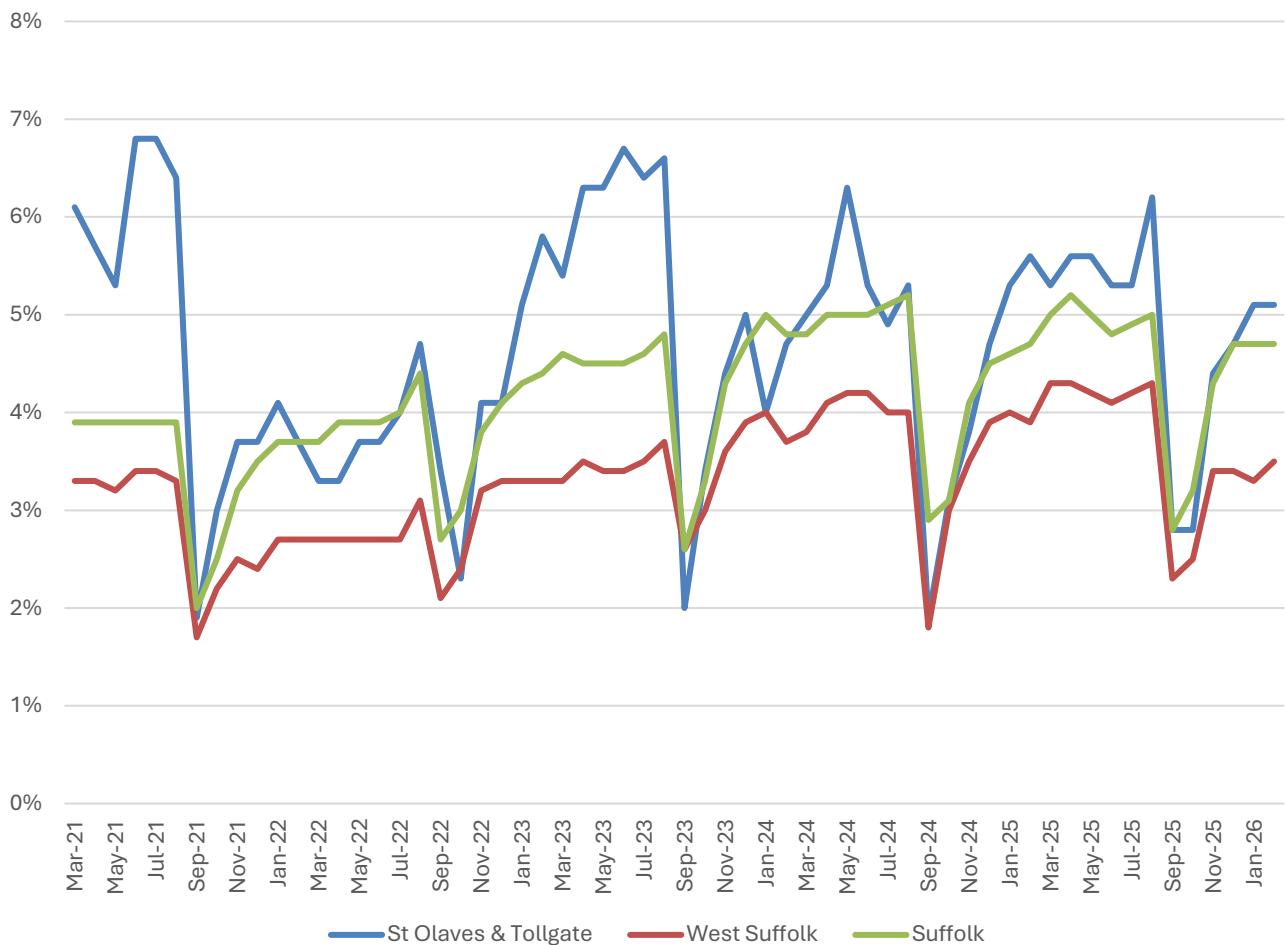
Key Stage 5 (A level) (age 18)

Average A Level Points per entry



- In 2025, the average A Level point score at was 35.8 at St Benedict’s Catholic School, 33.3 at Abbeygate Sixth Form College and 34.99 nationally.
- Average A Level points per entry at St Benedict’s Catholic School has been consistently above the county and national average over the last three years.
- KS5 attainment has also been consistent at Abbeygate Sixth Form College, albeit just below the national figure throughout the period from 2023 to 2025.

NEET % (Not in Education, Employment or Training)



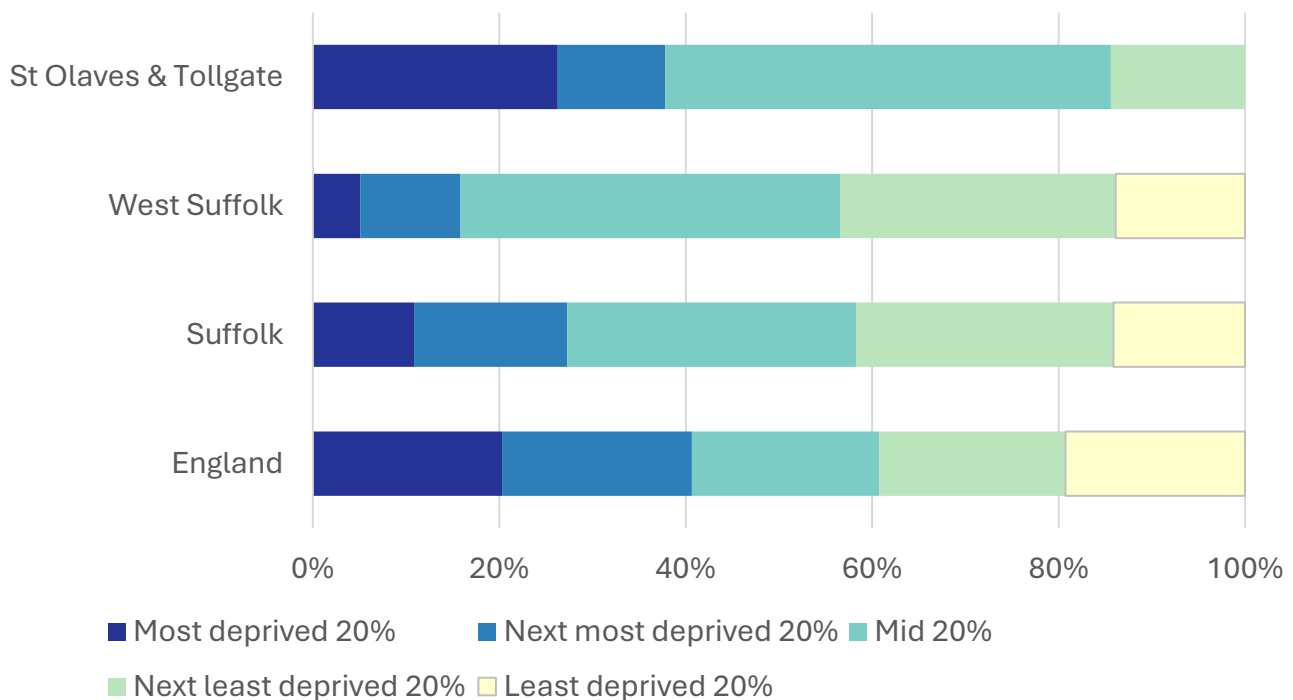
- In February 2026, 5.1% of 16-17-year-olds in St Olaves and Tollgate were classified as NEET (not in education, employment or training).
- NEET levels fluctuate considerably according to the time of year and due to small numbers of 16-17-year-olds in the division, typically being at their lowest at the beginning of a new school year.
- In St Olaves and Tollgate, the proportion of children who are NEET is consistently above the West Suffolk figure and generally similar to or above the county average.

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

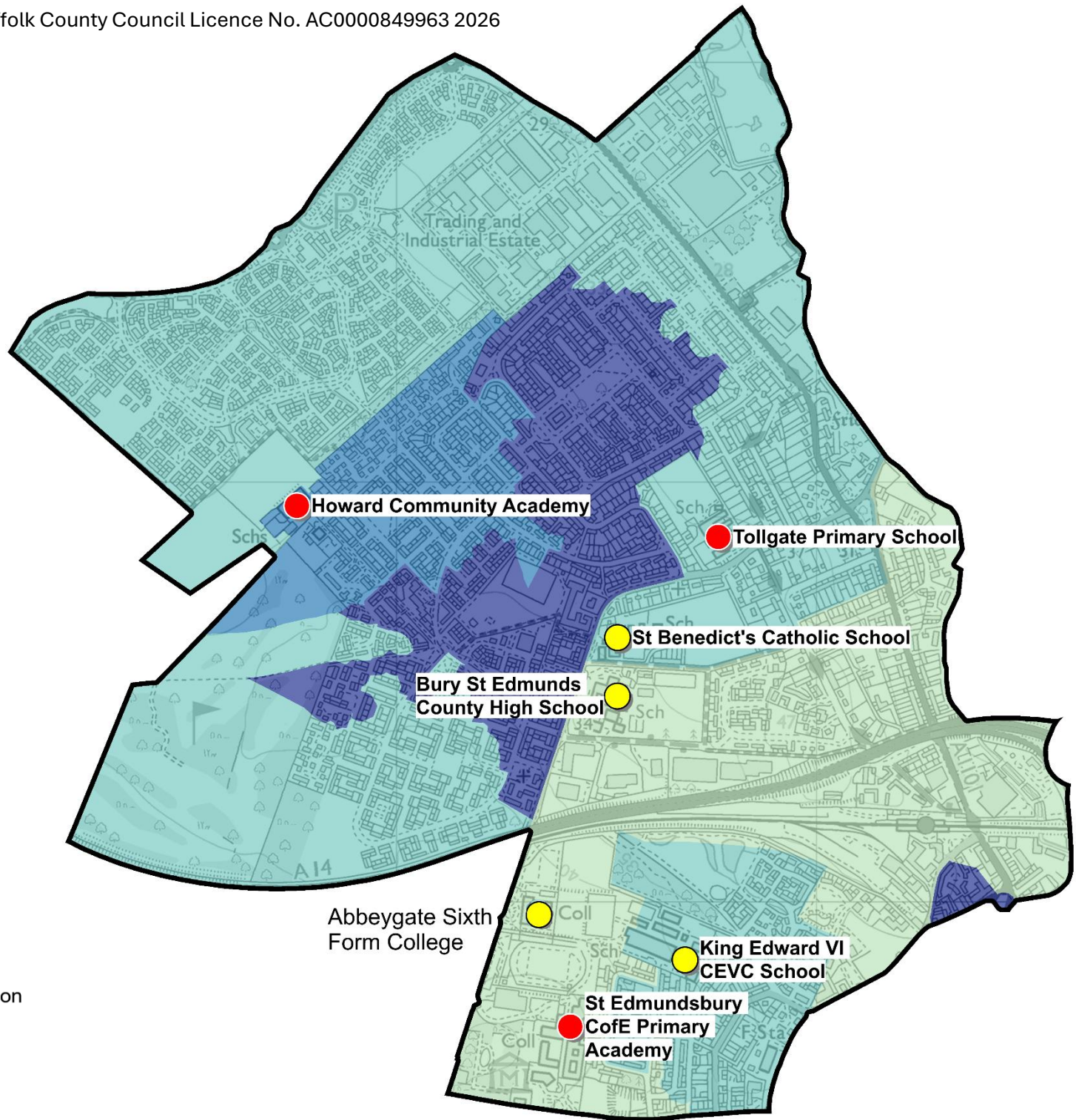
The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (Lower Super Output 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 St Olaves and Tollgate are varied, with parts of the division falling in four of the five quintile in England.
- Just under two fifths of the population of the division live in areas with relatively high deprivation levels, split between the most deprived quintile nationally (26% of the division's population) and the second most deprived quintile (12%).
- The rest of St Olaves and Tollgate is ranked in middle quintile (home to 48% of the division's population) and the second least deprived quintile (14%).
- 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%

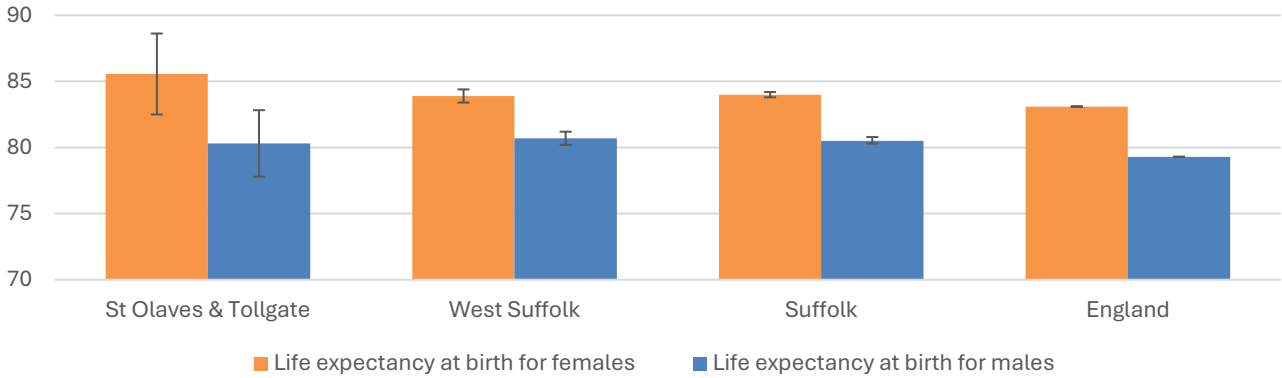
School Phase

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

Health

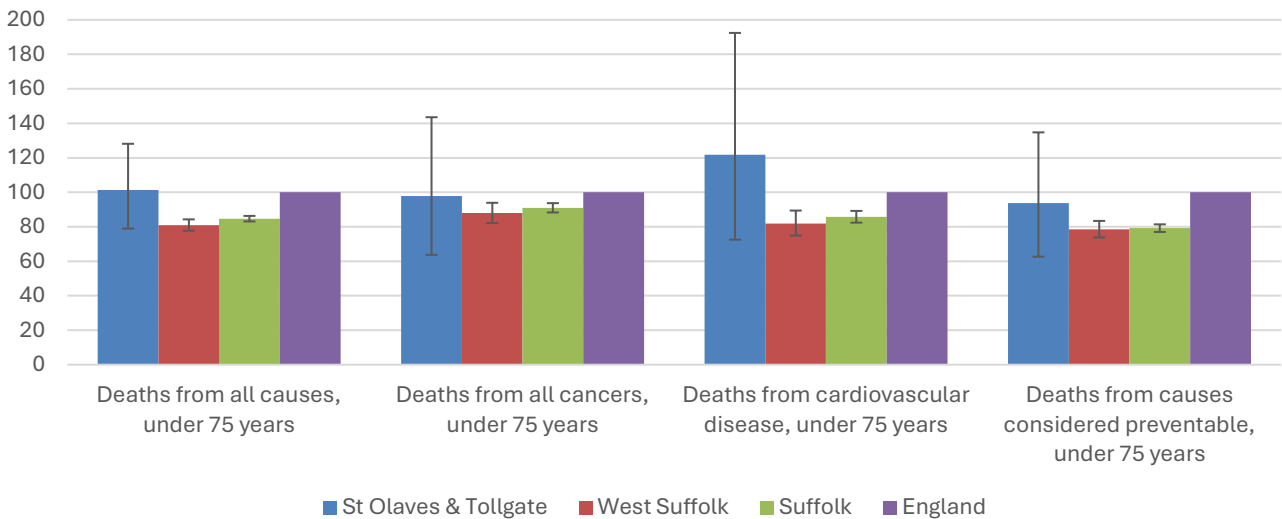
The local data used here is based on relatively small numbers. The confidence limits provide an indication of the reliability of the data. The 95% confidence intervals utilised on the chart provide a range within which there is 95% chance of the true result lying.

Life expectancy at birth



- The latest life expectancy at birth estimates for St Olaves and Tollgate are 85.6 for females (the England figure is 83.1), and 80.3 for males (compared to 79.3 nationally).
- Life expectancy for both males and females in the division are statistically similar to the England figures.

Deaths, under 75 years, standardised mortality ratio



- Estimated standardised mortality ratios for early deaths from all cancers, circulatory and causes considered preventable in St Olaves and Tollgate are below 100, indicating that deaths in under 75s due to these causes are lower than in England. Estimated early deaths from all causes and cardiovascular disease are above the national average.
- Confidence intervals around these estimates are wide for local data, however, and early deaths from all of the causes shown here are statistically similar in the division to West Suffolk, Suffolk, and 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 101 comparable deaths in St Olaves and Tollgate.

Crime & Community Safety



- The overall crime rate in Newmarket and Red Lodge is above that of West Suffolk and the county as a whole.
- In the year to the end of January 2026, there were 73 recorded crimes per 1,000 residents in the division, compared to 59 in West Suffolk, and 57 countywide.
- By far the most common type of crime recorded during this period was violence and sexual offences, which accounted for half of all recorded crimes in the division.
- All types of crime were recorded more frequently in Newmarket and Red Lodge than in Suffolk as a whole, with the exception of burglary and other theft offences.

Additional Information

Parishes in Division

Bury St Edmunds (part)

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 St Olaves and Tollgate Electoral Division, see the Suffolk Observatory www.suffolkobservatory.info

