

2021 Census Topic Summary 1: Population and migration

A first look at the results for Suffolk County and our Districts and Boroughs, compared to England and Wales

	Table name	Minimum available geography
Population	Age by single year of age (SYOA)	MSOA
	Number of Households	OA
	Population density	OA
	Sex	OA
	Sex by SYOA	LTLA
	Household composition	OA
	Household size	OA
	Households by deprivation dimensions	OA
	Legal partnership status	OA
	Living arrangements	MSOA
	Number of usual residents in households and communal establishments	OA
Migration	Age of arrival in UK	OA
	Country of birth	OA
	Country of birth (detailed)	LTLA
	Length of residence	OA
	Migrant indicator	OA
	Non-UK short-term residents by sex	OA
	Passports held	OA
	Passports held (detailed)	MSOA
Year of arrival in UK	OA	

OA = Output Area. This is the smallest geography for which Census data is released. There are 2,527 OAs in Suffolk in 2021, with an average usual resident population of just over 300 people.

LSOA = Lower Super Output Area. All data available at OA level is also available for LSOAs.

There are 449 LSOAs in Suffolk, with an average usual resident population of just under 1,700 people.

MSOA = Middle Super Output Area. There are 90 MSOAs in Suffolk, with an average usual resident population of just under 8,500 people.

LTLA = Lower Tier Local Authority (District and Borough Council areas)

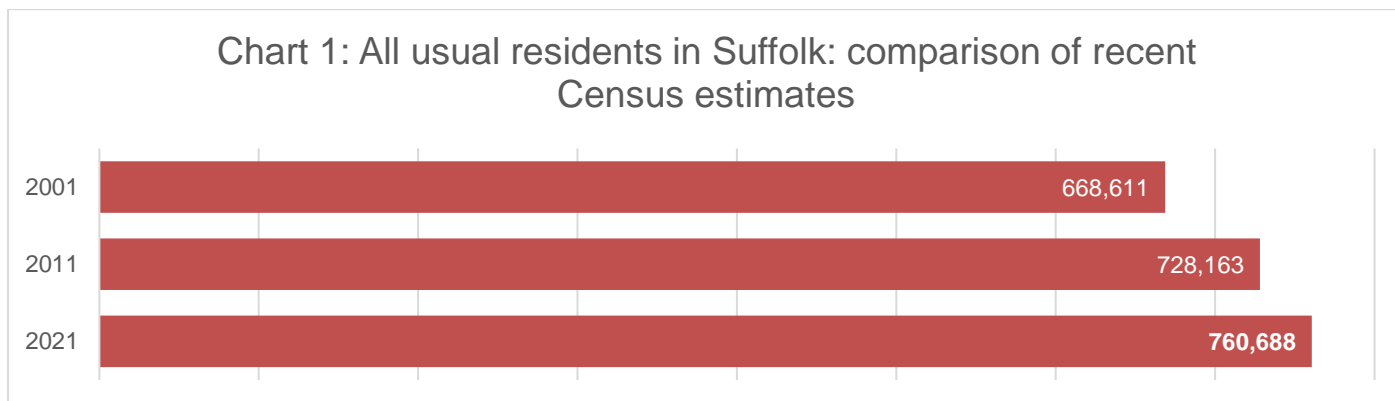
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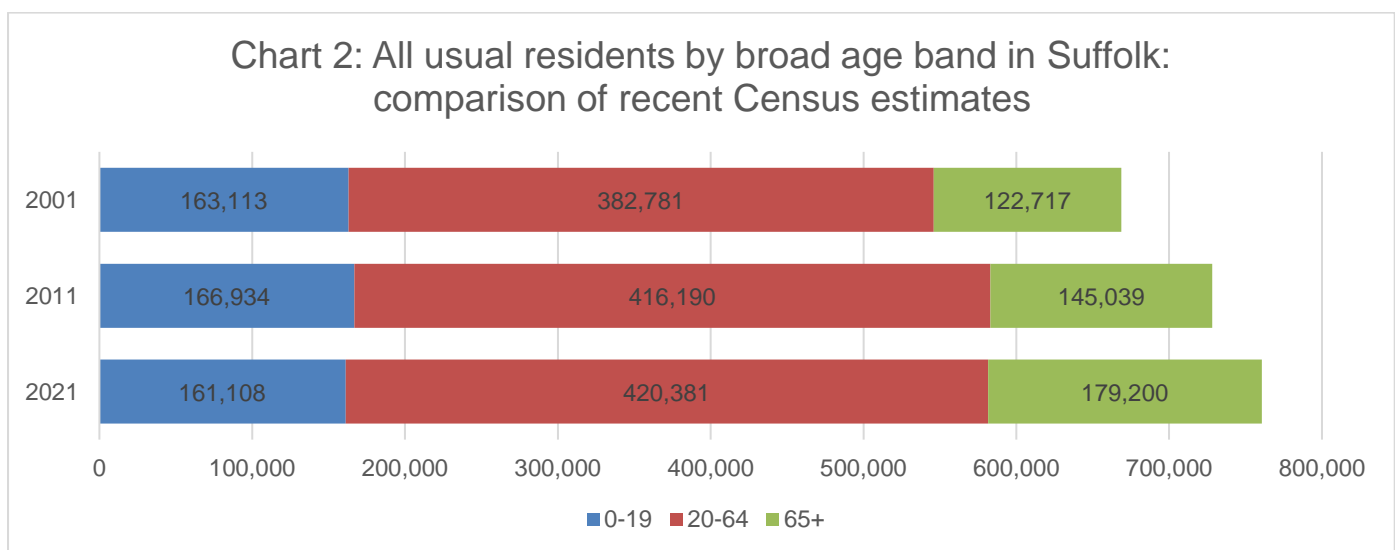
Unrounded population estimates

Summary

- On the day of the 2021 Census, the usual resident population of Suffolk is estimated at 760,688.
- This is an increase of just over 32,525 (4.5%) since the 2011 Census; the equivalent of the current population of the towns of Stowmarket and Beccles combined.
- Since the 2001 Census, the population of the county has increased by just over 92,000 people (13.8%), approximately the current population of Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds combined.



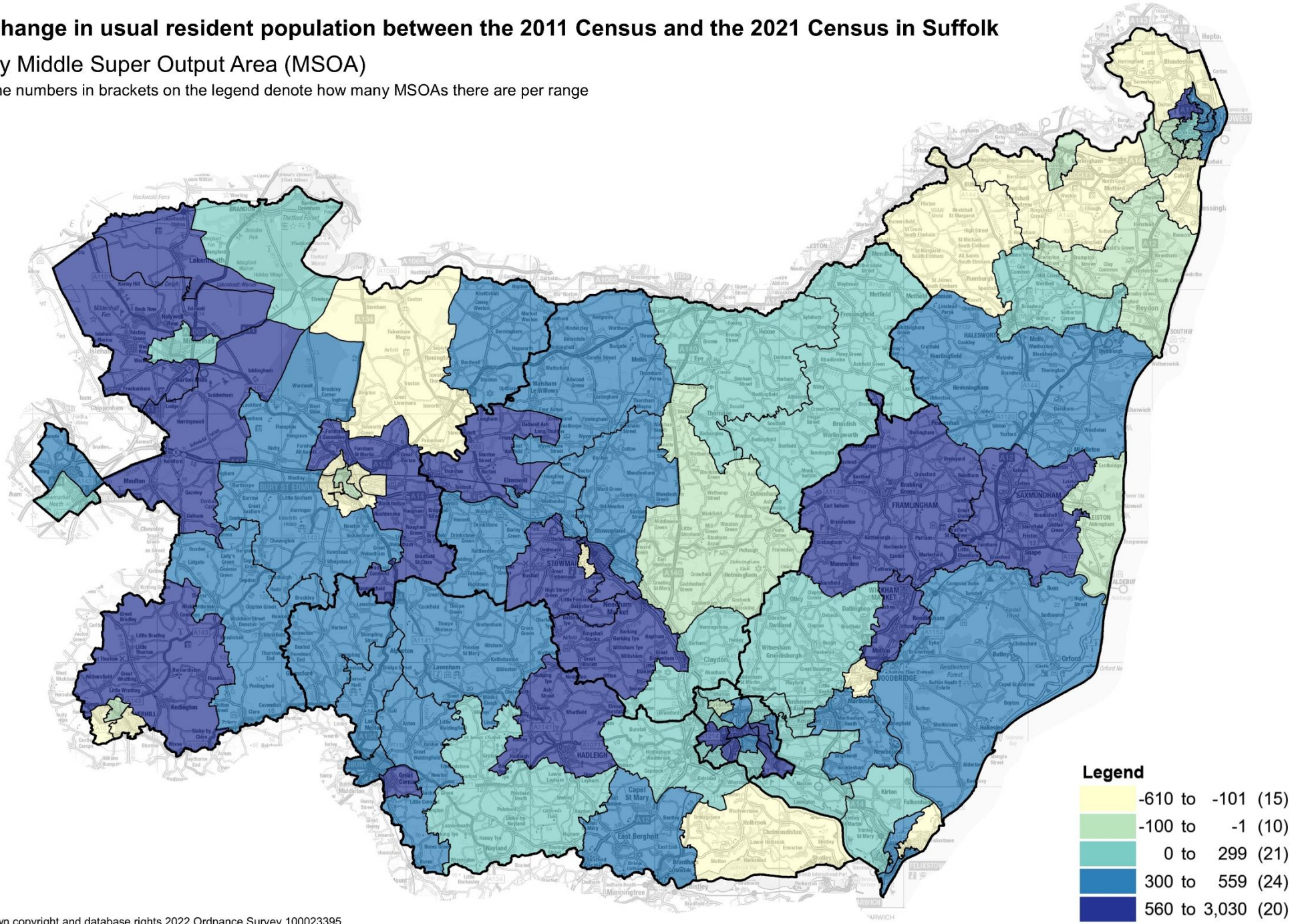
- The 2021 Census shows that the population of children and young people below the age of 20 in the county has fallen by around 5,800 since 2011, a 3.5% decrease. The under 20 population of Suffolk is now lower than it was in 2001.
- The working age population (20 to 64 in this case) has increased slightly (1.0%), with just over 4,000 more people in this age group compared to ten years ago.
- The Suffolk population aged 65 and over has risen considerably over the past decade. There are now 34,000 more residents in the county aged 65+, an increase of 23.6%. This is roughly equivalent to the combined current population of Felixstowe and Hadleigh. The 65+ population of Suffolk is 46% higher in 2021 than it was in 2001.



Change in usual resident population between the 2011 Census and the 2021 Census in Suffolk

By Middle Super Output Area (MSOA)

The numbers in brackets on the legend denote how many MSOAs there are per range



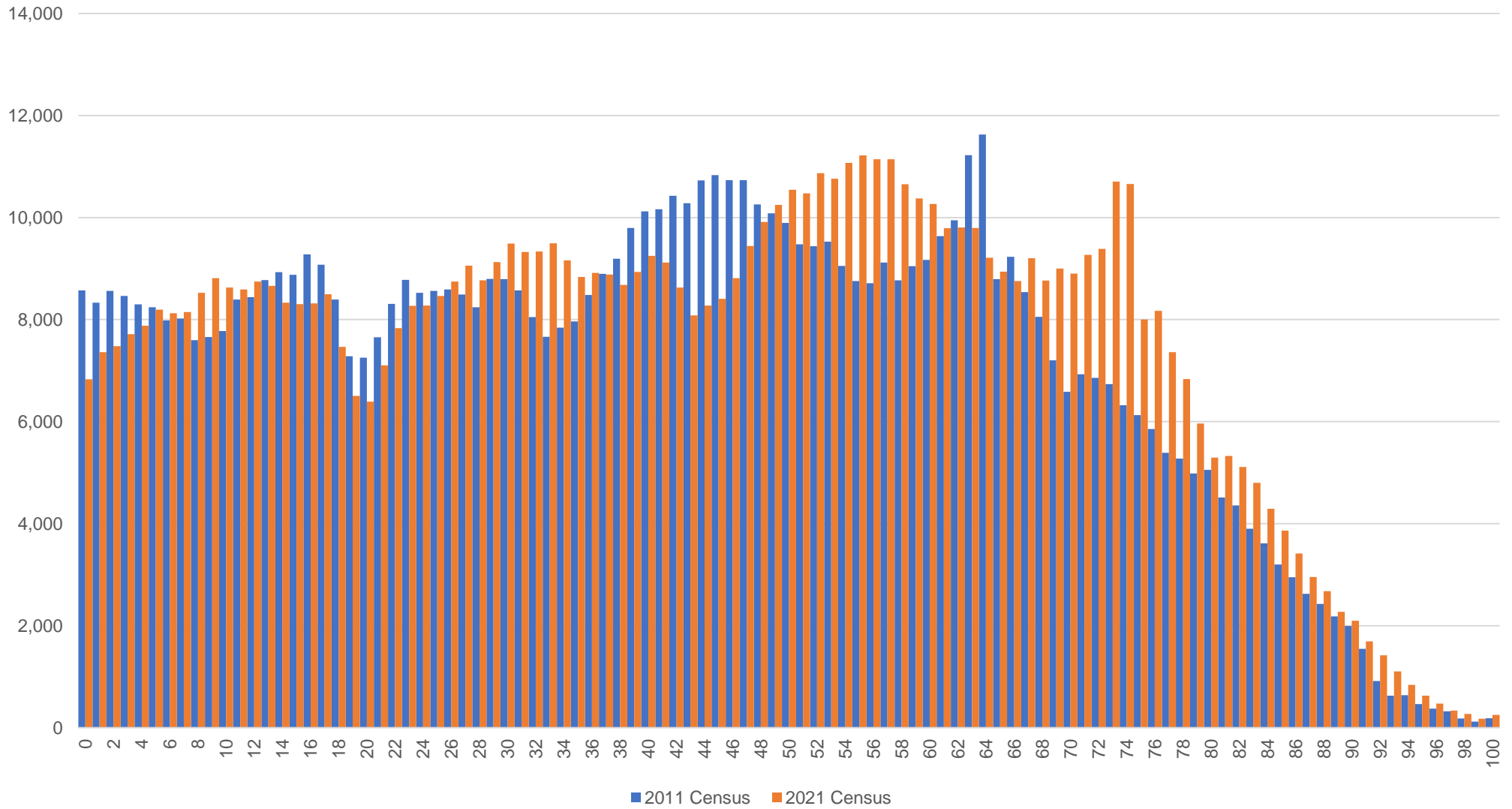
All usual residents by single year of age (SYOA)

Table 1: All usual residents by single year of age in Suffolk: 2011 and 2021 Censuses

Age	2011 Census	2021 Census	Change	% change
0	8,571	6,827	-1,744	-20.3%
1	8,332	7,363	-969	-11.6%
2	8,561	7,479	-1,082	-12.6%
3	8,462	7,714	-748	-8.8%
4	8,300	7,879	-421	-5.1%
5	8,240	8,197	-43	-0.5%
6	7,981	8,123	142	1.8%
7	8,020	8,147	127	1.6%
8	7,598	8,523	925	12.2%
9	7,657	8,812	1,155	15.1%
10	7,774	8,630	856	11.0%
11	8,392	8,589	197	2.3%
12	8,438	8,745	307	3.6%
13	8,772	8,663	-109	-1.2%
14	8,928	8,333	-595	-6.7%
15	8,876	8,303	-573	-6.5%
16	9,278	8,317	-961	-10.4%
17	9,076	8,494	-582	-6.4%
18	8,395	7,465	-930	-11.1%
19	7,283	6,505	-778	-10.7%
20	7,252	6,390	-862	-11.9%
21	7,652	7,101	-551	-7.2%
22	8,307	7,832	-475	-5.7%
23	8,778	8,268	-510	-5.8%
24	8,524	8,273	-251	-2.9%
25	8,560	8,463	-97	-1.1%
26	8,590	8,747	157	1.8%
27	8,491	9,056	565	6.7%
28	8,244	8,768	524	6.4%
29	8,797	9,126	329	3.7%
30	8,792	9,489	697	7.9%
31	8,570	9,326	756	8.8%
32	8,050	9,333	1,283	15.9%
33	7,662	9,494	1,832	23.9%
34	7,840	9,160	1,320	16.8%
35	7,962	8,836	874	11.0%
36	8,481	8,914	433	5.1%
37	8,897	8,884	-13	-0.1%
38	9,191	8,681	-510	-5.5%
39	9,798	8,935	-863	-8.8%
40	10,119	9,249	-870	-8.6%
41	10,163	9,120	-1,043	-10.3%
42	10,429	8,626	-1,803	-17.3%
43	10,281	8,083	-2,198	-21.4%
44	10,728	8,277	-2,451	-22.8%
45	10,834	8,405	-2,429	-22.4%
46	10,731	8,813	-1,918	-17.9%
47	10,731	9,444	-1,287	-12.0%
48	10,257	9,913	-344	-3.4%
49	10,085	10,247	162	1.6%
50	9,893	10,546	653	6.6%

Age	2011 Census	2021 Census	Change	% change
51	9,474	10,473	999	10.5%
52	9,440	10,868	1,428	15.1%
53	9,527	10,762	1,235	13.0%
54	9,050	11,072	2,022	22.3%
55	8,756	11,218	2,462	28.1%
56	8,711	11,145	2,434	27.9%
57	9,120	11,145	2,025	22.2%
58	8,771	10,653	1,882	21.5%
59	9,046	10,377	1,331	14.7%
60	9,170	10,266	1,096	12.0%
61	9,637	9,793	156	1.6%
62	9,948	9,804	-144	-1.4%
63	11,224	9,794	-1,430	-12.7%
64	11,627	9,212	-2,415	-20.8%
65	8,792	8,941	149	1.7%
66	9,231	8,753	-478	-5.2%
67	8,539	9,203	664	7.8%
68	8,056	8,766	710	8.8%
69	7,202	8,998	1,796	24.9%
70	6,583	8,899	2,316	35.2%
71	6,929	9,269	2,340	33.8%
72	6,857	9,388	2,531	36.9%
73	6,733	10,707	3,974	59.0%
74	6,319	10,658	4,339	68.7%
75	6,126	8,002	1,876	30.6%
76	5,856	8,170	2,314	39.5%
77	5,390	7,363	1,973	36.6%
78	5,276	6,835	1,559	29.5%
79	4,982	5,962	980	19.7%
80	5,055	5,295	240	4.7%
81	4,514	5,329	815	18.1%
82	4,357	5,112	755	17.3%
83	3,899	4,799	900	23.1%
84	3,615	4,290	675	18.7%
85	3,198	3,864	666	20.8%
86	2,948	3,416	468	15.9%
87	2,622	2,955	333	12.7%
88	2,426	2,674	248	10.2%
89	2,180	2,272	92	4.2%
90	1,992	2,098	106	5.3%
91	1,546	1,693	147	9.5%
92	913	1,418	505	55.3%
93	628	1,102	474	75.5%
94	639	837	198	31.0%
95	461	626	165	35.8%
96	373	473	100	26.8%
97	319	337	18	5.6%
98	179	270	91	50.8%
99	119	175	56	47.1%
100+	185	251	66	35.7%
Total	728,163	760,686	32,523	4.5%

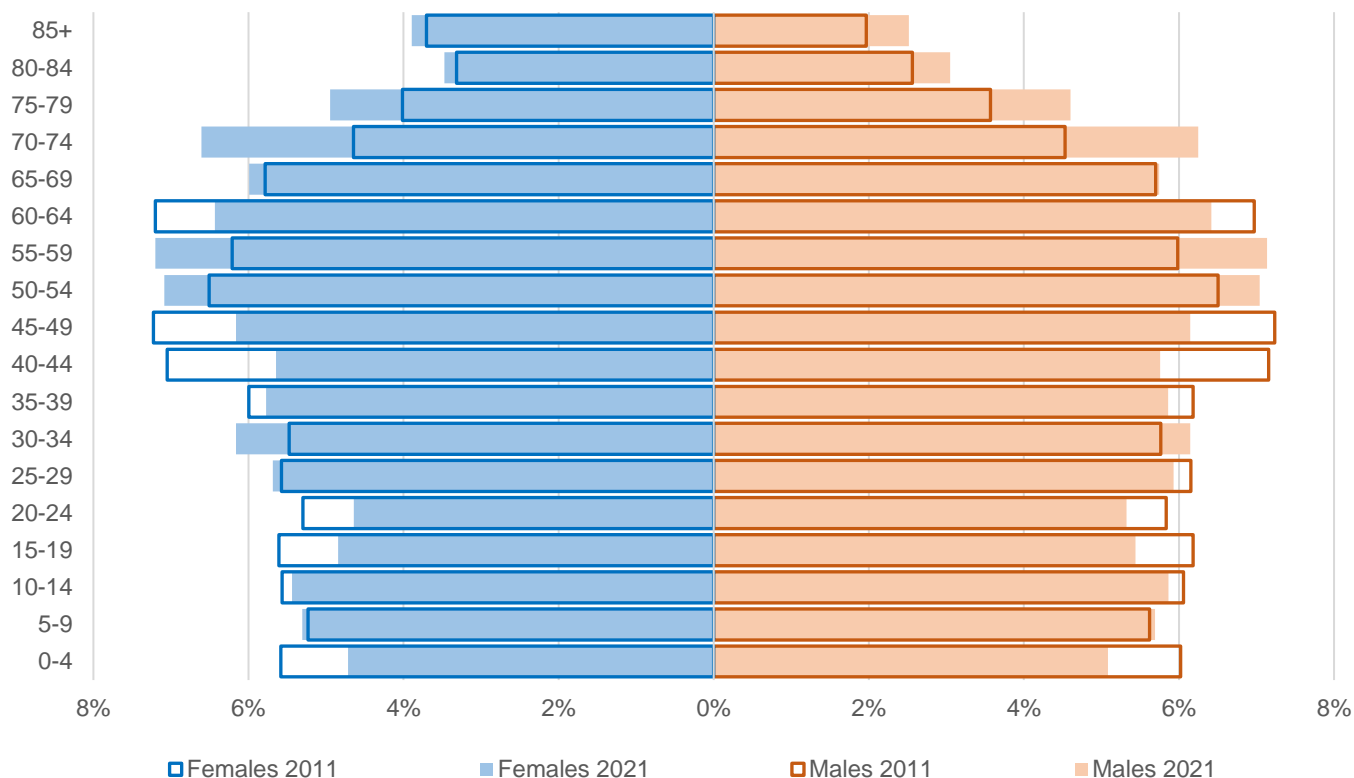
Chart 3: All usual residents by single year of age in Suffolk: 2011 and 2021 Censuses



Age and sex: five-year age band pyramids

The age pyramids below compare the percentage of the total population by five-year age group by sex for 2011 and 2021 Censuses for Suffolk and our Districts and Boroughs.

Chart 4: All usual residents by 5-year age band in Suffolk by gender, 2011 and 2021 Censuses



- The age pyramid above shows that Suffolk’s overall population has aged from 2011 to 2021.
- Most five-year age bands below the age of 50 account for a smaller percentage of the overall proportion in 2021 than they did in 2011, while the opposite is true of the age bands over 50.
- Some larger age cohorts have a clear impact on the age pyramid as time passes by. For example, the 40-49 year old cohort accounted for among the highest percentages of the overall Suffolk population in 2011, while in 2021 this cohort is now impacting on the 50-59 age group. Meanwhile the 40-49 age group now accounts for a much smaller proportion of residents in the county.
- In other cases, smaller cohorts in 2011 have not fed through to the composition of the population in 2021. For example, the 20-24 age band accounted for around 5% of the population in 2011, but the 30-34 age group in the county is larger in 2021 and accounts for more than 6% of the total population of Suffolk due to migration into the county.
- The age pyramids for Suffolk’s Districts and Boroughs are presented on the following pages. Babergh, East Suffolk and Mid Suffolk have a particularly “pinched” lower-middle, the result of an older population and a lower proportion of young adults in particular. These areas also have a notably ageing population, with the older age bands accounting for a larger proportion of the overall population in 2021 than they did in 2011.
- Ipswich and West Suffolk have a more traditionally pyramid shaped chart, with a larger proportion of working-age people and children.

Chart 5: All usual residents by 5-year age band in Babergh by gender, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

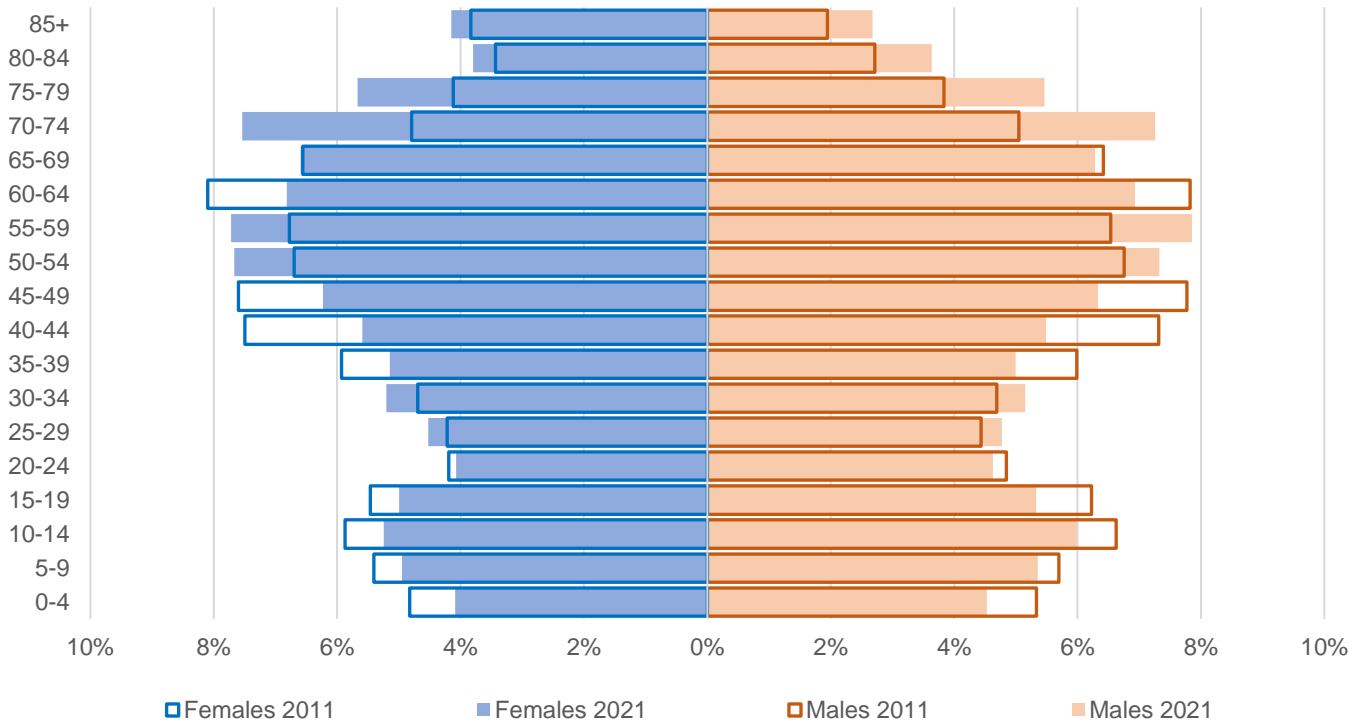


Chart 6: All usual residents by 5-year age band in East Suffolk by gender, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

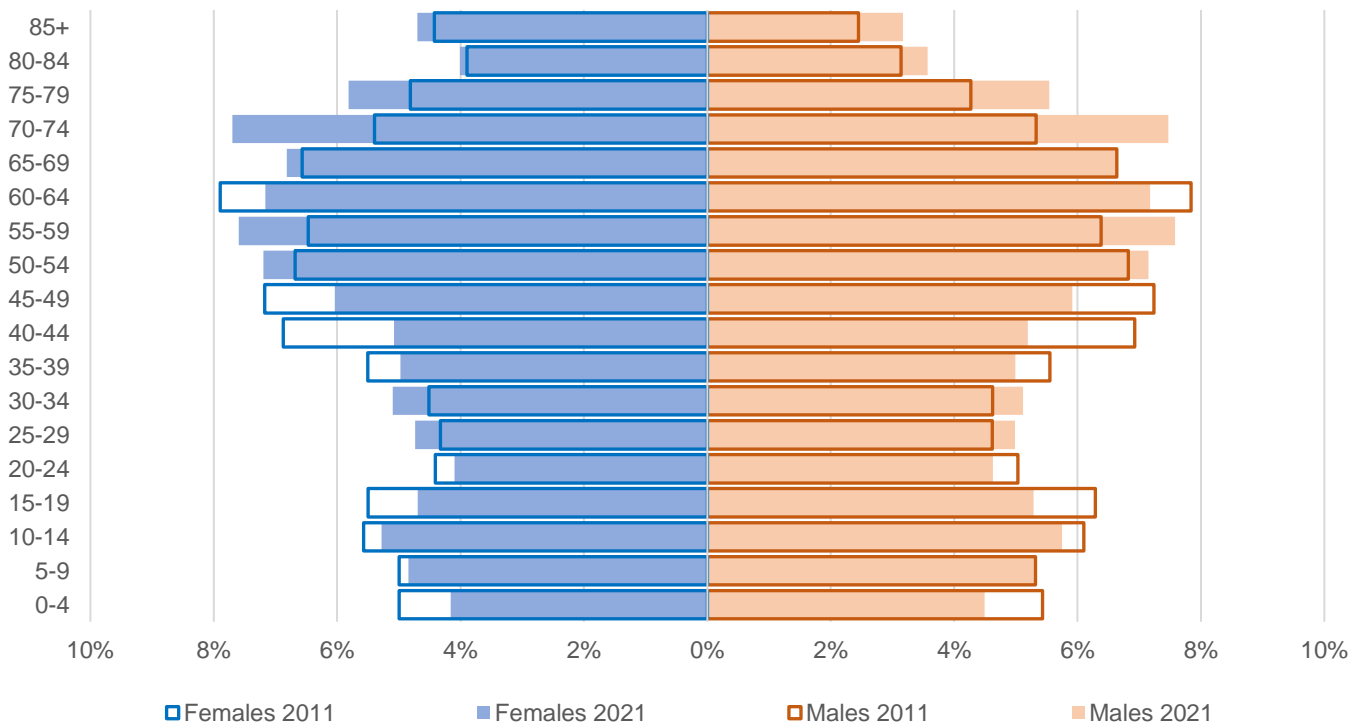


Chart 7: All usual residents by 5-year age band in Ipswich by gender, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

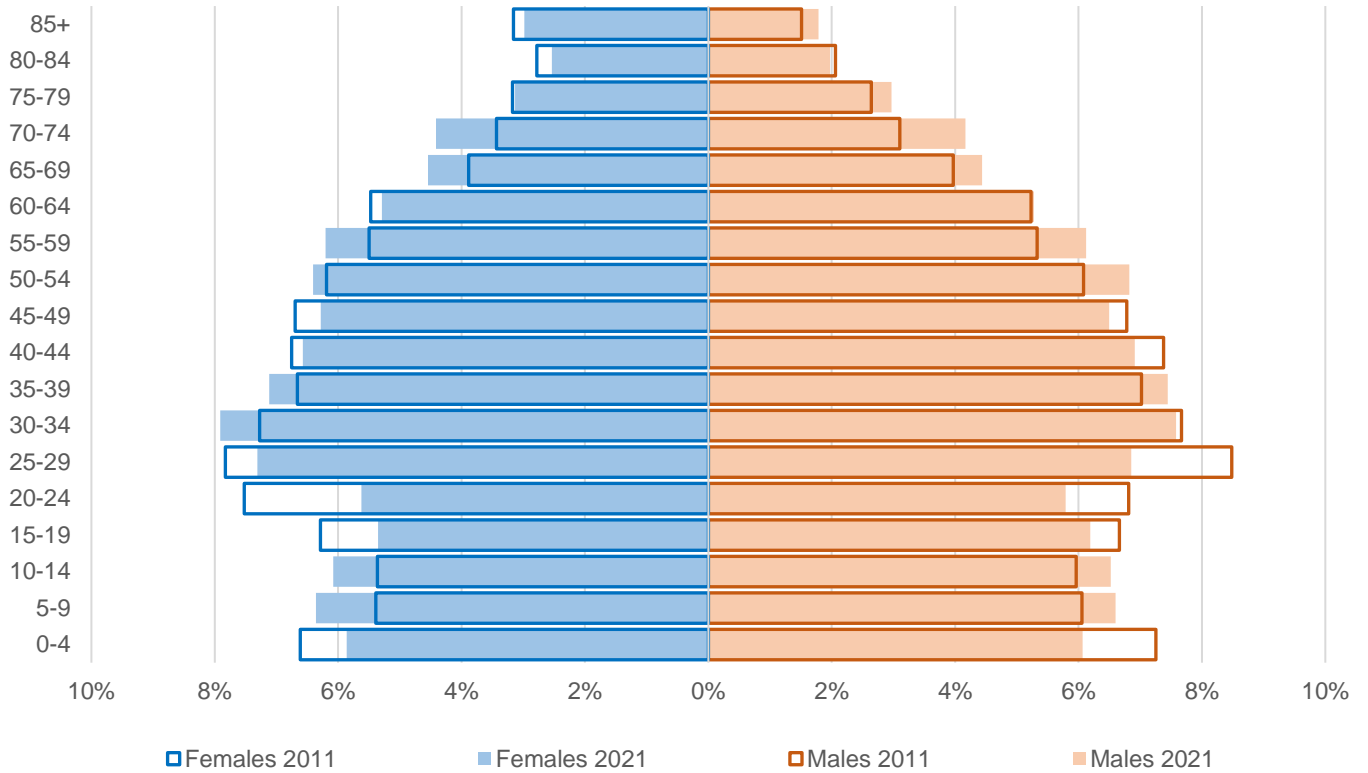


Chart 8: All usual residents by 5-year age band in Mid Suffolk by gender, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

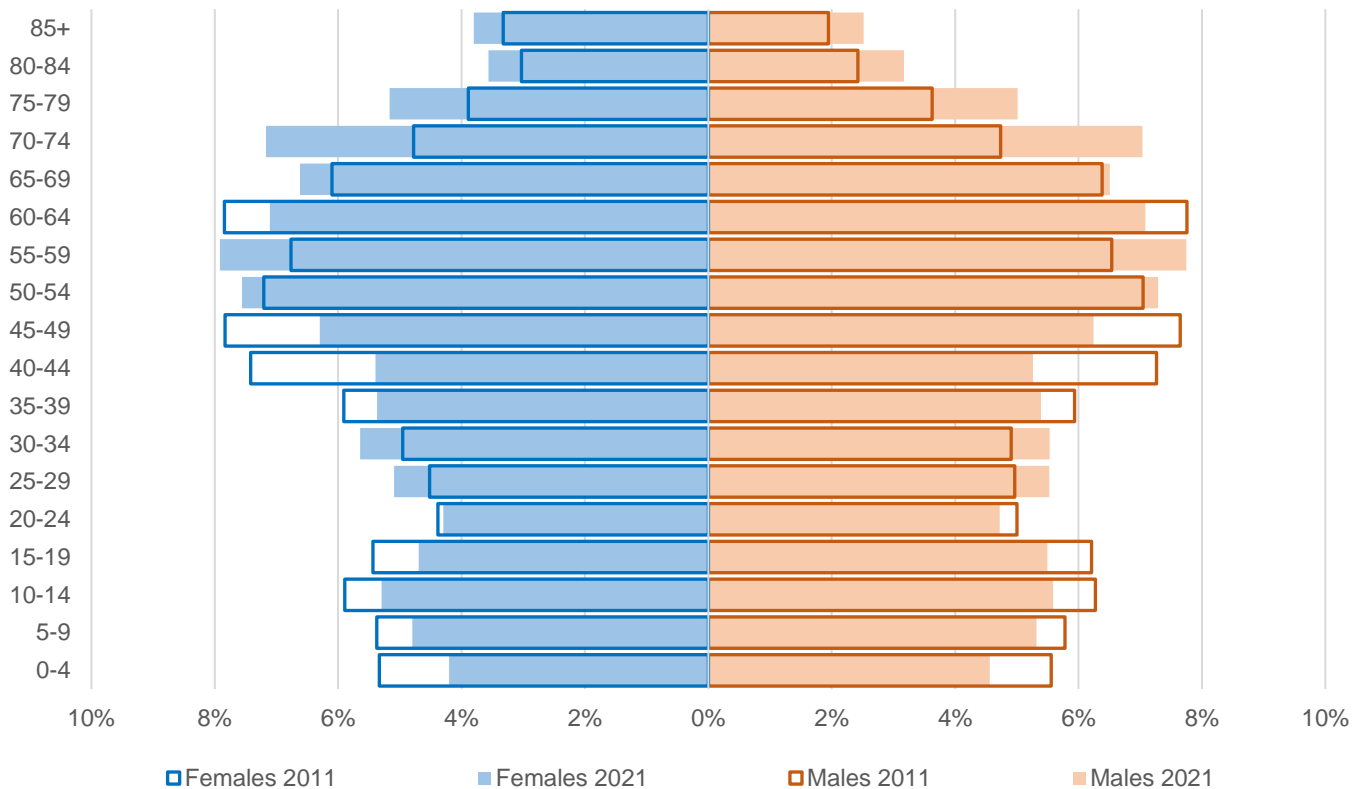
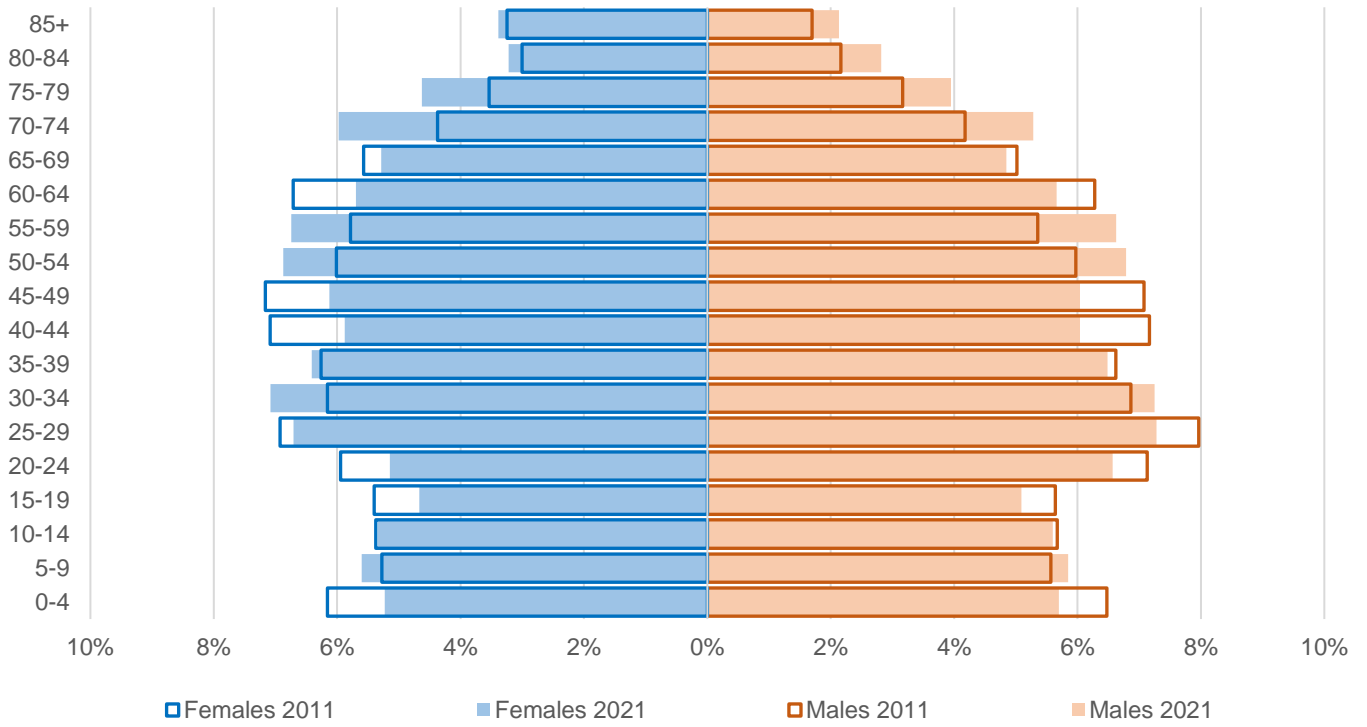


Chart 9: All usual residents by 5-year age band in West Suffolk by gender, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

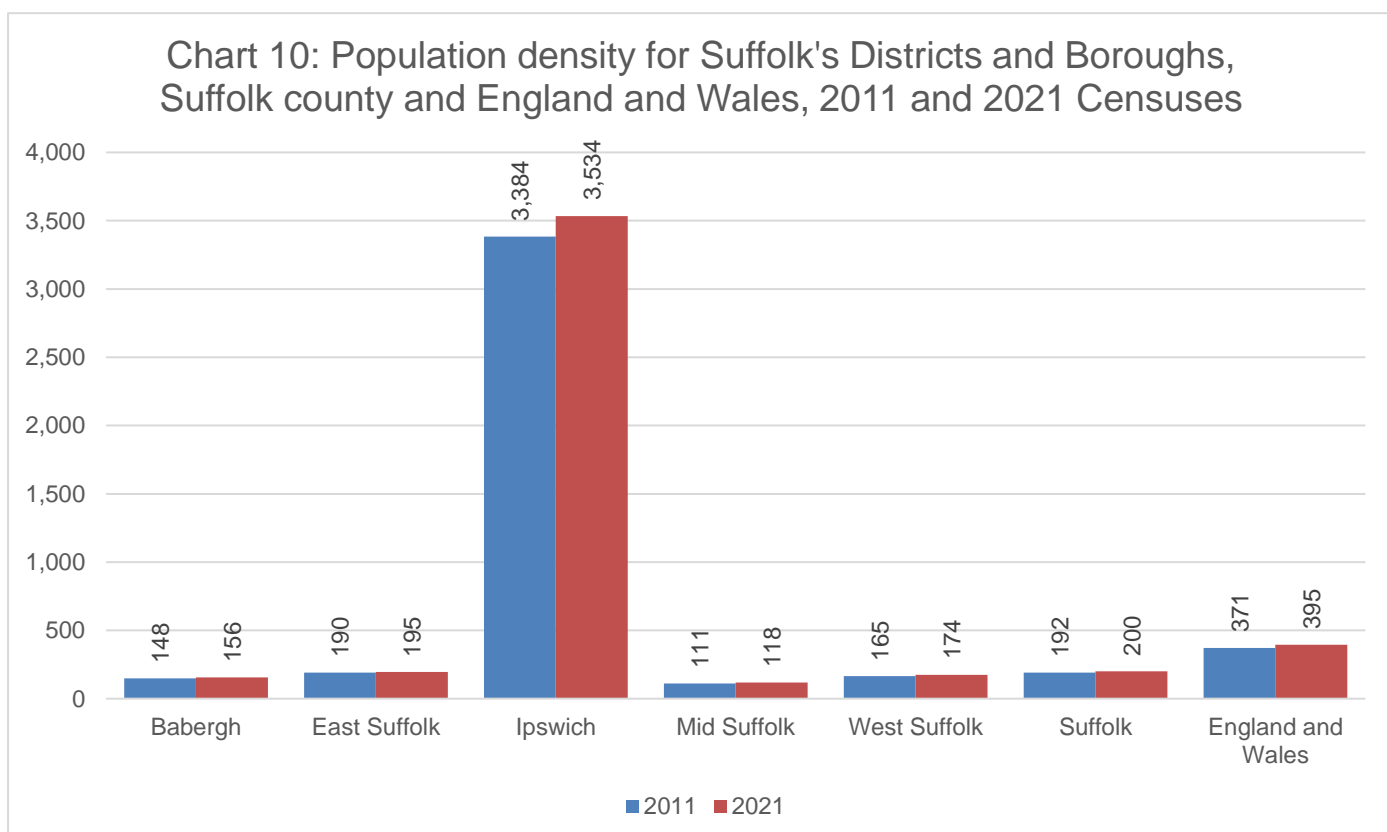


Population density

Table 2: Population per square kilometre, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	2011	2021	Change	% change
Babergh	147.8	155.5	7.7	5.2%
East Suffolk	189.9	195.1	5.2	2.7%
Ipswich	3,384.10	3,534.30	150.2	4.4%
Mid Suffolk	111	117.9	6.9	6.2%
West Suffolk	165	173.9	8.9	5.4%
Suffolk	191.6	200.2	8.6	4.5%
England and Wales	371.3	394.6	23.3	6.3%

- There are around 200 usual residents per square kilometre in Suffolk, half the England and Wales average.
- Population density has increased across all of Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs.
- The population density of Mid Suffolk remains the lowest in the county (118 people per square kilometre) but saw the highest increase over the past decade (7.3%). Mid Suffolk was the only district in Suffolk to see an increase in population density above the England and Wales average
- Of Suffolk's Districts, only the largely urban Borough of Ipswich has a higher-than-average population density.
- Across the county as a whole, there are 8.6 more usual residents per square kilometre in 2021 than there were in 2011, an increase of 4.5%.



Legal partnership status

Table 3: Usual resident population by legal partnership status, 2021 Census. No comparable data from 2011.

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Suffolk	England and Wales
Does not apply	14,962	39,339	27,809	16,394	31,821	130,326	11,031,169
Never married and never registered a civil partnership	22,168	61,291	44,999	24,742	49,197	202,397	18,401,778
Married: Opposite sex	39,682	100,588	45,648	44,985	70,046	300,949	21,446,221
Married: Same sex	190	462	283	207	402	1,542	134,271
In a registered civil partnership: Opposite sex	52	142	78	54	70	396	35,797
In a registered civil partnership: Same sex	123	395	140	132	177	967	66,812
Separated, but still married	1,654	4,546	2,828	1,783	3,549	14,360	1,078,052
Separated, but still in a registered civil partnership	9	27	19	18	14	87	7,935
Divorced	7,822	22,448	11,559	8,490	15,230	65,549	4,412,518
Formerly in a civil partnership now legally dissolved	12	50	39	16	33	146	11,828
Widowed	5,661	16,747	6,233	5,872	9,390	43,903	2,966,923
Surviving partner from civil partnership	9	24	5	6	19	63	4,238
Total	92,344	246,059	139,640	102,699	179,948	760,685	59,597,542

Table 4: Percentage of usual resident population by legal partnership status, 2021 Census. No comparable data from 2011.

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Suffolk	England and Wales
Does not apply	16.2%	16.0%	19.9%	16.0%	17.7%	17.1%	18.5%
Never married and never registered a civil partnership	24.0%	24.9%	32.2%	24.1%	27.3%	26.6%	30.9%
Married: Opposite sex	43.0%	40.9%	32.7%	43.8%	38.9%	39.6%	36.0%
Married: Same sex	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
In a registered civil partnership: Opposite sex	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
In a registered civil partnership: Same sex	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Separated, but still married	1.8%	1.8%	2.0%	1.7%	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%
Separated, but still in a registered civil partnership	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Divorced	8.5%	9.1%	8.3%	8.3%	8.5%	8.6%	7.4%
Formerly in a civil partnership now legally dissolved	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Widowed	6.1%	6.8%	4.5%	5.7%	5.2%	5.8%	5.0%
Surviving partner from civil partnership	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	92,344	246,059	139,640	102,699	179,948	760,685	100.0%

Living arrangements

The “living arrangements” classification combines responses to the question on marital and civil partnership status with information about whether or not a person is living in a couple. This topic is only applicable to people in households (i.e. not those living in communal establishments). Living arrangements differs from marital and civil partnership status because cohabiting takes priority over other categories. For example, if a person is divorced and cohabiting, then in results for living arrangements they are classified as cohabiting.

Table 5: All usual resident population aged 16 years and over by living arrangements, 2021 Census. No comparable data from 2011.

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Suffolk	England and Wales
Living in an opposite-sex couple: Married or in a civil partnership	38,866	98,145	43,944	44,113	67,850	292,918	20,604,698
Living in a same-sex couple: Married or in a civil partnership	262	692	338	286	466	2,044	158,211
Living in a couple: Separated, but still married or in a civil partnership	78	157	110	77	142	564	47,328
Living in an opposite-sex couple: Cohabiting	10,478	27,574	17,762	12,234	20,542	88,590	6,375,637
Living in a same-sex couple: Cohabiting	409	1,076	809	446	828	3,568	317,994
Not living in a couple: Single (never married and never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	14,552	40,934	29,902	15,692	30,896	131,976	12,681,906
Not living in a couple: Married or in a registered civil partnership	538	1,628	1,206	597	1,540	5,509	652,734
Not living in a couple: Separated (including those who are married and those who are in civil partnerships)	1,272	3,611	2,246	1,362	2,782	11,273	884,926
Not living in a couple: Divorced or formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	5,022	14,819	8,282	5,133	10,458	43,714	3,159,113
Not living in a couple: Widowed or surviving partner from a civil partnership	4,943	14,641	5,615	5,177	8,266	38,642	2,677,216
Total	76,420	203,277	110,214	85,117	143,770	618,798	47,559,763

Table 6: Percentage of usual resident population aged 16 years and over by living arrangements, 2021 Census. No comparable data from 2011.

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Suffolk	England and Wales
Living in an opposite-sex couple: Married or in a civil partnership	50.9%	48.3%	39.9%	51.8%	47.2%	47.3%	43.3%
Living in a same-sex couple: Married or in a civil partnership	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Living in a couple: Separated, but still married or in a civil partnership	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Living in an opposite-sex couple: Cohabiting	13.7%	13.6%	16.1%	14.4%	14.3%	14.3%	13.4%
Living in a same-sex couple: Cohabiting	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
Not living in a couple: Single (never married and never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	19.0%	20.1%	27.1%	18.4%	21.5%	21.3%	26.7%
Not living in a couple: Married or in a registered civil partnership	0.7%	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	1.1%	0.9%	1.4%
Not living in a couple: Separated (including those who are married and those who are in civil partnerships)	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%	1.6%	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%
Not living in a couple: Divorced or formerly in a civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	6.6%	7.3%	7.5%	6.0%	7.3%	7.1%	6.6%
Not living in a couple: Widowed or surviving partner from a civil partnership	6.5%	7.2%	5.1%	6.1%	5.7%	6.2%	5.6%

Household estimates

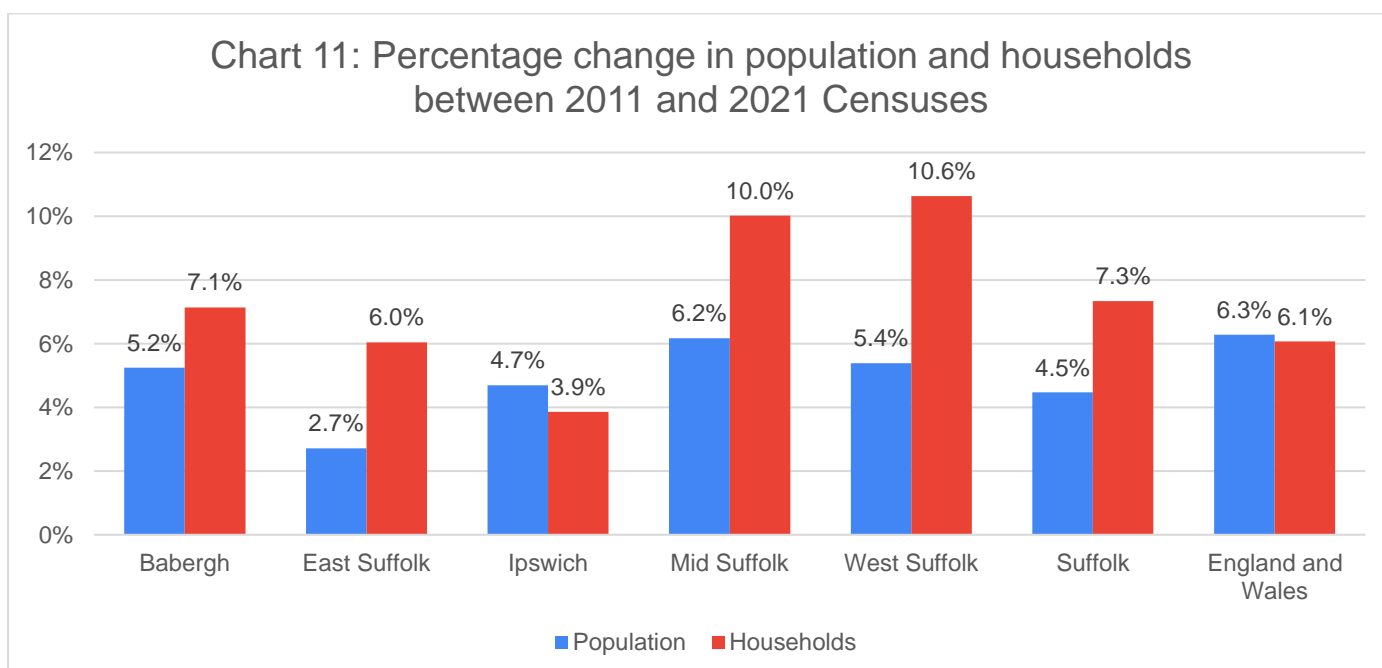
The definition of a household is one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area. It must contain someone whose place of usual residence is at the address. A group of short-term residents/visitors living together is not classified as a household.

Total households

Table 7: Total households, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	2011	2021	Change	% change
Babergh	37,522	40,200	2,678	7.1%
Ipswich	57,298	59,507	2,209	3.9%
Mid Suffolk	40,306	44,343	4,037	10.0%
East Suffolk	104,441	110,747	6,306	6.0%
West Suffolk	71,178	78,746	7,568	10.6%
Suffolk	310,745	333,543	22,798	7.3%
England and Wales	23,366,044	24,783,199	1,417,155	6.1%

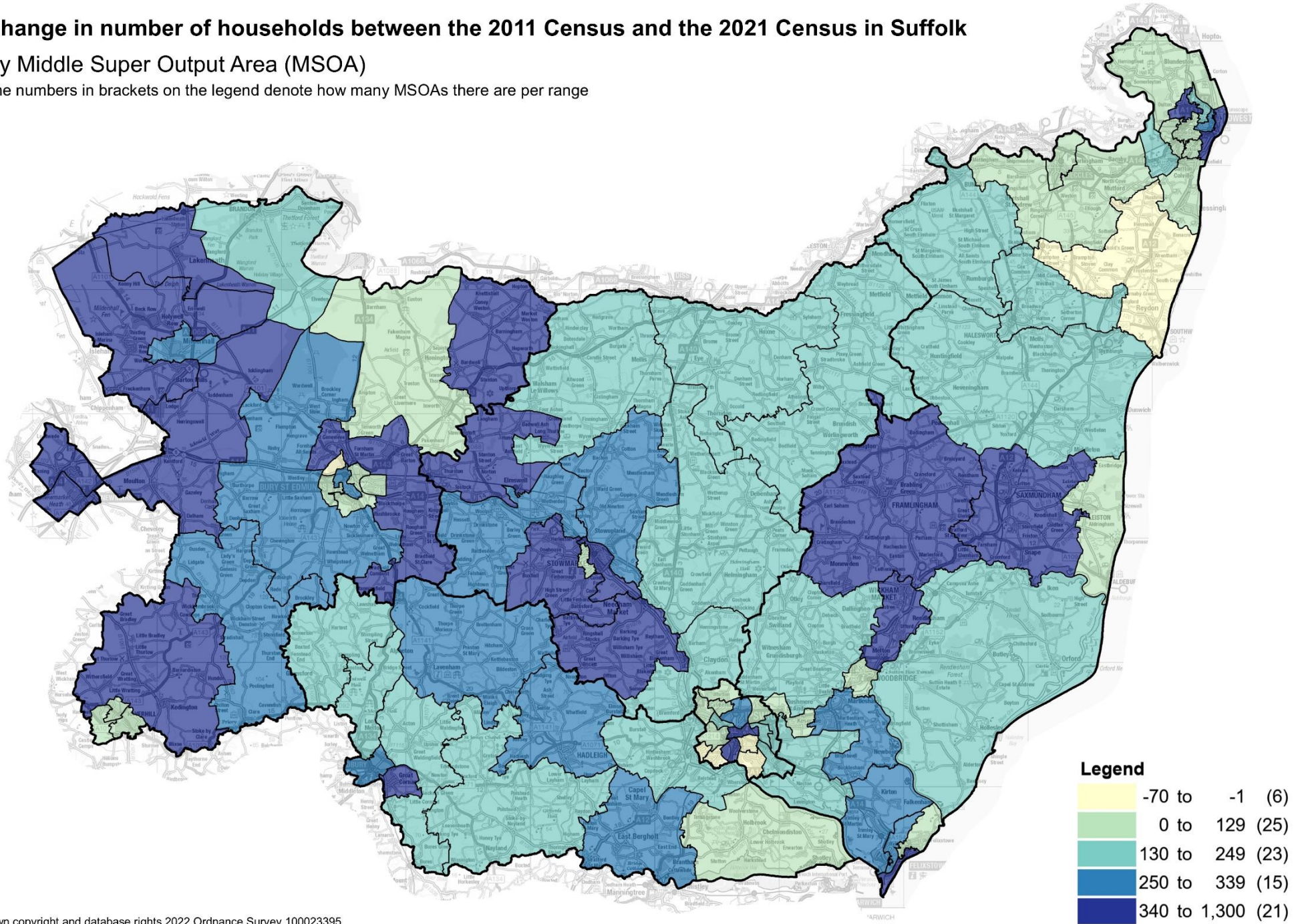
- There are 22,798 more households in Suffolk at the time of the 2021 Census than there were in 2011, an increase of 7.3%
- The rise in household numbers has been higher in Suffolk than across England and Wales as a whole from 2011 to 2021
- The growth in households has been strongest in percentage terms in West Suffolk and Mid Suffolk. Babergh also saw household growth above the national average over the past decade.
- Household growth has outstripped population growth across most of Suffolk; the exception being Ipswich. This reflects the increase in single person households.



Change in number of households between the 2011 Census and the 2021 Census in Suffolk

By Middle Super Output Area (MSOA)

The numbers in brackets on the legend denote how many MSOAs there are per range



Household composition

Table 8: Count of households in Suffolk by composition, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
One person					
Aged 66* years and over	42,599	49,382	6,783	15.9%	10.1%
Other	47,414	54,560	7,146	15.1%	2.9%
Single family					
All aged 66* years and over	33,508	41,700	8,192	24.4%	19.8%
Married or civil partnership couple: No children	46,717	40,830	-5,887	-12.6%	-10.3%
Married or civil partnership couple: Dependent children	47,911	43,325	-4,586	-9.6%	-0.6%
Married or civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent	16,745	18,017	1,272	7.6%	6.0%
Cohabiting couple family: No children	17,097	20,792	3,695	21.6%	26.8%
Cohabiting couple family: With dependent children	13,501	15,907	2,406	17.8%	18.0%
Cohabiting couple family: All children non-dependent	1,544	2,449	905	58.6%	56.1%
Lone parent family: With dependent children	18,309	18,880	571	3.1%	2.9%
Lone parent family: All children non-dependent	9,125	11,376	2,251	24.7%	27.1%
Other family composition (not included in 2011)		1,453			
Multiple family					
With dependent children	5,449	5,797	348	6.4%	7.1%
Other, including all full-time students and all aged 66* years and over	10,826	9,074	-1,752	-16.2%	-16.6%
Total households	310,745	333,542	22,797	7.3%	

*aged 65 and over for the 2011 Census figures

- The number of households in Suffolk has increased by almost 23,000 (7.3%) from the 2011 Census to the 2021 Census.
- Most household composition definitions have increased during this period.
- Single person households have increased by 15.5% overall, with a slightly larger proportional increase in households containing one person of retirement age. In 2011 the figure presented is for 65 years and over, while in 2021 it is 66 years and over. This reflects the increases to state pension age.
- Married or civil partnership couples with no children or dependent children have declined over the last decade. This is partly due to the ageing population but also the rise in cohabiting couple families.
- Overall, married or civil partnership couple households have declined by 9,201 (8.3%), while cohabiting couples have increased by 7,006 (21.8%) and lone parent households have increased by 2,822 (10.3%).
- The number of households with non-dependent children has increased by 4,428 (16.2%) in the past decade. Just over half of this increase has occurred in lone parent families.
- Households containing only a person or people aged 66 and over have increased by almost a fifth since 2011, with almost 15,000 more such households in the county in 2021.

Table 9: Count of households in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs by composition, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	Babergh		East Suffolk		Ipswich		Mid Suffolk		West Suffolk	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
One person										
Aged 66* years and over	5,306	6,284	16,561	19,053	6,763	7,235	5,219	6,325	8,750	10,485
Other	5,264	5,098	14,829	16,764	11,744	12,035	5,000	5,658	10,577	15,005
Single family										
All aged 66* years and over	4,407	5,954	13,314	16,183	4,052	4,615	4,678	6,357	7,057	8,592
Married or civil partnership couple: No children	6,191	5,419	15,925	13,666	6,581	5,666	7,211	6,474	10,809	9,605
Married or civil partnership couple: Dependent children	6,080	5,307	14,861	12,637	8,193	8,082	7,076	6,093	11,701	11,206
Married or civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent	2,191	2,498	5,564	6,107	2,879	2,849	2,422	2,714	3,689	3,849
Cohabiting couple family: No children	1,909	2,429	5,103	6,124	3,663	4,064	2,177	3,060	4,245	5,115
Cohabiting couple family: With dependent children	1,472	1,883	4,345	5,102	3,050	3,440	1,638	1,978	2,996	3,504
Cohabiting couple family: All children non-dependent	148	312	531	806	334	459	168	337	363	534
Lone parent family: With dependent children	1,906	1,946	5,838	5,970	4,329	4,593	2,002	2,015	4,234	4,356
Lone parent family: All children non-dependent	1,120	1,374	2,924	3,697	1,924	2,449	1,064	1,402	2,093	2,454
Other single family household: Other family composition (no data for 2011)		112		372		439		153		377
Multiple family										
With dependent children	490	610	1,704	1,668	1,238	1,491	612	720	1,405	1,308
Other, including all full-time students and all aged 66 years and over	1,038	974	2,942	2,598	2,548	2,089	1,039	1,057	3,259	2,356
Total households	37,522	40,200	104,441	110,747	57,298	59,506	40,306	44,343	71,178	78,746

Table 10: Percentage of households in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs by composition, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	Babergh		East Suffolk		Ipswich		Mid Suffolk		West Suffolk	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
One person										
Aged 66* years and over	14.1%	15.6%	15.9%	17.2%	11.8%	12.2%	12.9%	14.3%	12.3%	13.3%
Other	14.0%	12.7%	14.2%	15.1%	20.5%	20.2%	12.4%	12.8%	14.9%	19.1%
Single family										
All aged 66* years and over	11.7%	14.8%	12.7%	14.6%	7.1%	7.8%	11.6%	14.3%	9.9%	10.9%
Married or civil partnership couple: No children	16.5%	13.5%	15.2%	12.3%	11.5%	9.5%	17.9%	14.6%	15.2%	12.2%
Married or civil partnership couple: Dependent children	16.2%	13.2%	14.2%	11.4%	14.3%	13.6%	17.6%	13.7%	16.4%	14.2%
Married or civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent	5.8%	6.2%	5.3%	5.5%	5.0%	4.8%	6.0%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Cohabiting couple family: No children	5.1%	6.0%	4.9%	5.5%	6.4%	6.8%	5.4%	6.9%	6.0%	6.5%
Cohabiting couple family: With dependent children	3.9%	4.7%	4.2%	4.6%	5.3%	5.8%	4.1%	4.5%	4.2%	4.4%
Cohabiting couple family: All children non-dependent	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%	0.4%	0.8%	0.5%	0.7%
Lone parent family: With dependent children	5.1%	4.8%	5.6%	5.4%	7.6%	7.7%	5.0%	4.5%	5.9%	5.5%
Lone parent family: All children non-dependent	3.0%	3.4%	2.8%	3.3%	3.4%	4.1%	2.6%	3.2%	2.9%	3.1%
Other single family household: Other family composition (no data for 2011)		0.3%		0.3%		0.7%		0.3%		0.5%
Multiple family										
With dependent children	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	2.2%	2.5%	1.5%	1.6%	2.0%	1.7%
Other, including all full-time students and all aged 66 years and over	2.8%	2.4%	2.8%	2.3%	4.4%	3.5%	2.6%	2.4%	4.6%	3.0%
Total households	37,522	40,200	104,441	110,747	57,298	59,506	40,306	44,343	71,178	78,746

Household size

Table 11: Count of households in Suffolk by size, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
1 person	90,013	103,942	13,929	15.5%	6.1%
2 people	118,902	125,135	6,233	5.2%	5.9%
3 people	45,188	48,082	2,894	6.4%	5.7%
4 people	38,919	38,932	13	0.0%	8.6%
5 people	12,953	12,496	-457	-3.5%	5.0%
6 or more people	4,770	4,955	185	3.9%	2.5%
Total	310,745	333,542	22,797	7.3%	10.5%

- There are almost 14,000 more single person households in Suffolk in 2021 than there were in 2011, an increase of 15.5%. Single person households account for more than half of the total increase in households in the county during this period.
- There have also been smaller increases (both in absolute and percentage terms) in 2 person, 3 person and 6+ person households in the county overall.
- Single person households account for 31.2% of all households in the county in 2021, an increase of just over two percentage points since 2011.
- All other household sizes have declined as a proportion of total households during this period in Suffolk.
- Across England and Wales there has been a more consistent increase across all household sizes. The dominance of the increase in single person households seen in Suffolk is not reflected across England and Wales as a whole.

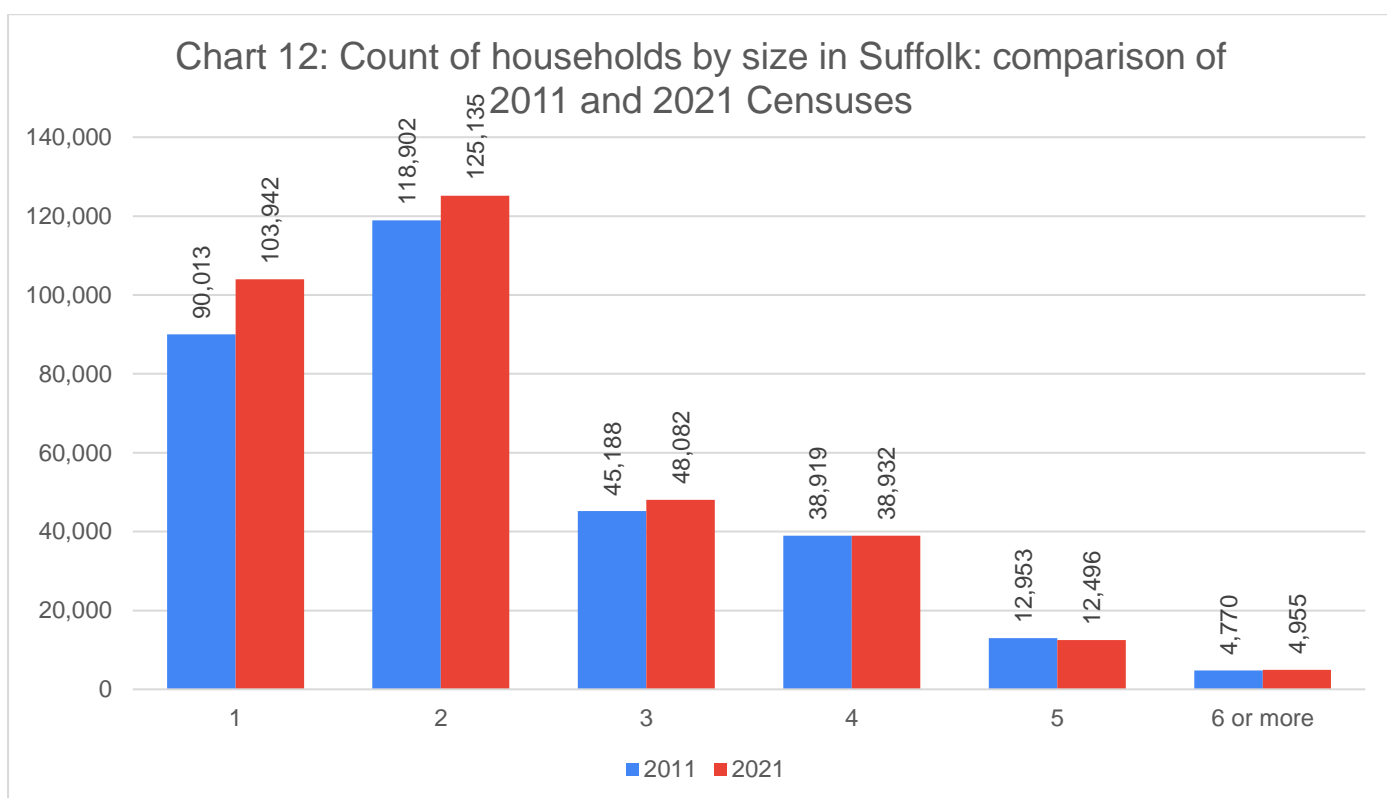


Table 12: Number of households by size in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	Babergh		East Suffolk		Ipswich		Mid Suffolk		West Suffolk	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
All categories: Household size	37,522	40,203	104,441	110,749	57,298	59,510	40,306	44,344	71,178	78,746
1 person in household	10,570	11,382	31,390	35,819	18,507	19,270	10,219	11,983	19,327	25,490
2 people in household	14,748	16,109	41,123	42,792	19,242	19,363	16,364	18,369	27,425	28,502
3 people in household	5,383	5,902	13,836	14,923	9,036	9,409	5,757	6,354	11,176	11,494
4 people in household	4,764	4,861	12,409	11,923	6,959	7,452	5,599	5,408	9,188	9,288
5 people in household	1,575	1,439	4,140	3,838	2,438	2,723	1,782	1,601	3,018	2,895
6+ people in household	482	510	1,543	1,454	1,116	1,293	585	629	1,044	1,077

Table 13: Percentage change in number of households by size in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs between 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Suffolk
Total % change: All household spaces	7.1%	6.0%	3.9%	10.0%	10.6%	7.3%
1 person in household % change	7.7%	14.1%	4.1%	17.3%	31.9%	15.5%
2 people in household % change	9.2%	4.1%	0.6%	12.3%	3.9%	5.2%
3 people in household % change	9.6%	7.9%	4.1%	10.4%	2.8%	6.4%
4 people in household % change	2.0%	-3.9%	7.1%	-3.4%	1.1%	0.0%
5 people in household % change	-8.6%	-7.3%	11.7%	-10.2%	-4.1%	-3.5%
6+ people in household % change	5.8%	-5.8%	15.9%	7.5%	3.2%	3.9%

- There are significant variations in changes in household sizes across Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs between the 2011 and 2021 Censuses.
- The number of larger households has declined across most of Suffolk. This ties in with the decrease in children and young people and families with children in the county. The exception to this is Ipswich, where percentage growth from 2011 to 2021 is increasingly higher the larger the number of people there are in the household. Households with 4 or more inhabitants account for 19.3% of total households in Ipswich, around 17% in Babergh, Mid Suffolk and West Suffolk and 15.5% in East Suffolk.
- Single person households increased by almost a third in West Suffolk from 2011 to 2021, almost double the change seen in any other District or Borough area.

Households by deprivation dimensions

The dimensions of deprivation used to classify households are indicators based on the four selected household characteristics:

1. Employment: any member of a household not a full-time student is either unemployed or long-term sick.
2. Education: no person in the household has at least level 2 education, and no person aged 16-18 is a full-time student.
3. Health and disability: any person in the household has general health 'bad or very bad' or has a long-term health problem.
4. Housing: Household's accommodation is either overcrowded, with an occupancy rating -1 or less, or is in a shared dwelling, or has no central heating.

Each household is classified as being deprived in none or one to four of these dimensions, and is only classified to one of the five options.

Table 14: Count of households in Suffolk by deprivation dimensions, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
Household is not deprived in any dimension	136,271	161,384	25,113	18.4%	21.0%
Household is deprived in one dimension	104,965	117,239	12,274	11.7%	8.8%
Household is deprived in two dimensions	56,586	44,500	-12,086	-21.4%	-21.6%
Household is deprived in three dimensions	11,900	9,860	-2,040	-17.1%	-23.7%
Household is deprived in four dimensions	1,023	560	-463	-45.3%	-53.1%
	310,745	333,543	22,798	7.3%	6.1%

- According to this measure, the percentage of Suffolk households that are not deprived in any dimension has increased by over 25,000 (18.4%) between 2011 and 2021.
- Overall, the number of households in Suffolk that are deprived in any dimension has fallen by 2,315 (1.3%).
- While the number of households in Suffolk that are deprived in one dimension has increased by 12,274 (11.7%). However, there are also more than 12,000 fewer households that are deprived in two dimensions, 2,000 fewer that are deprived in three dimensions and 463 fewer that are deprived in four dimensions in the county.
- A larger proportion of Suffolk households (35.1%) are deprived in one dimension than across England and Wales as a whole (33.5%). Households experiencing two or more deprivation dimensions account for a smaller percentage of households in Suffolk than across the country.
- The data does not give a breakdown of which dimension households are deprived in. Unemployment levels in Suffolk were relatively high at the time of both the 2011 and 2021 Censuses (6% and 5% respectively). Adult skill levels in Suffolk have seen sustained improvement over the past decade and more, so it is likely that households deprived in this dimension in the county have declined. We can see from the household size data included in this Census release that the most significant growth has been in single person households, so relatively speaking overcrowded households will have declined. However,

the increase in people living alone could cause other concerns such as loneliness and social isolation.

- This measure of deprivation is not as comprehensive as the Indices of Deprivation. [See more on the Healthy Suffolk website on the 2019 edition of the Indices of Deprivation by clicking here.](#)

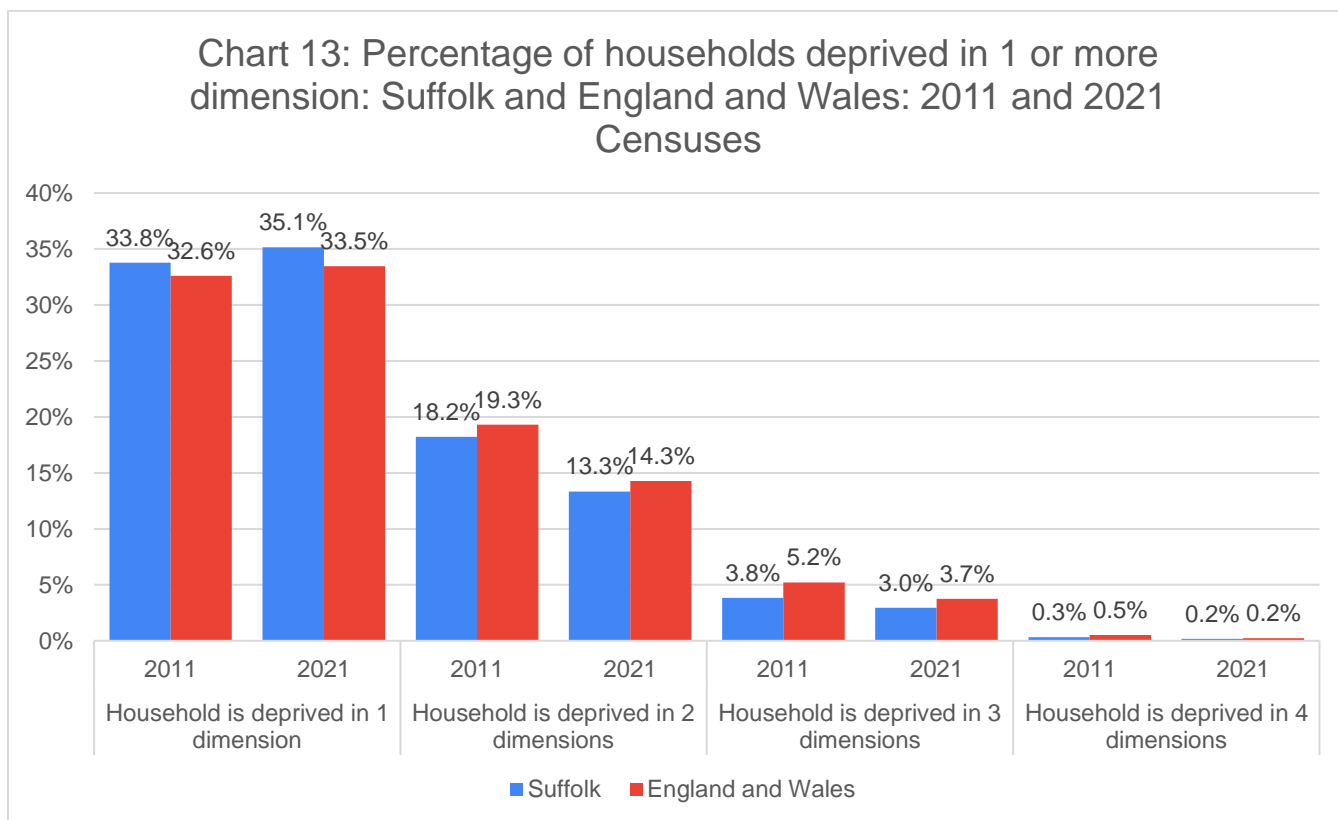


Table 15: Count of households in Suffolk’s Districts and Boroughs by deprivation dimensions, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

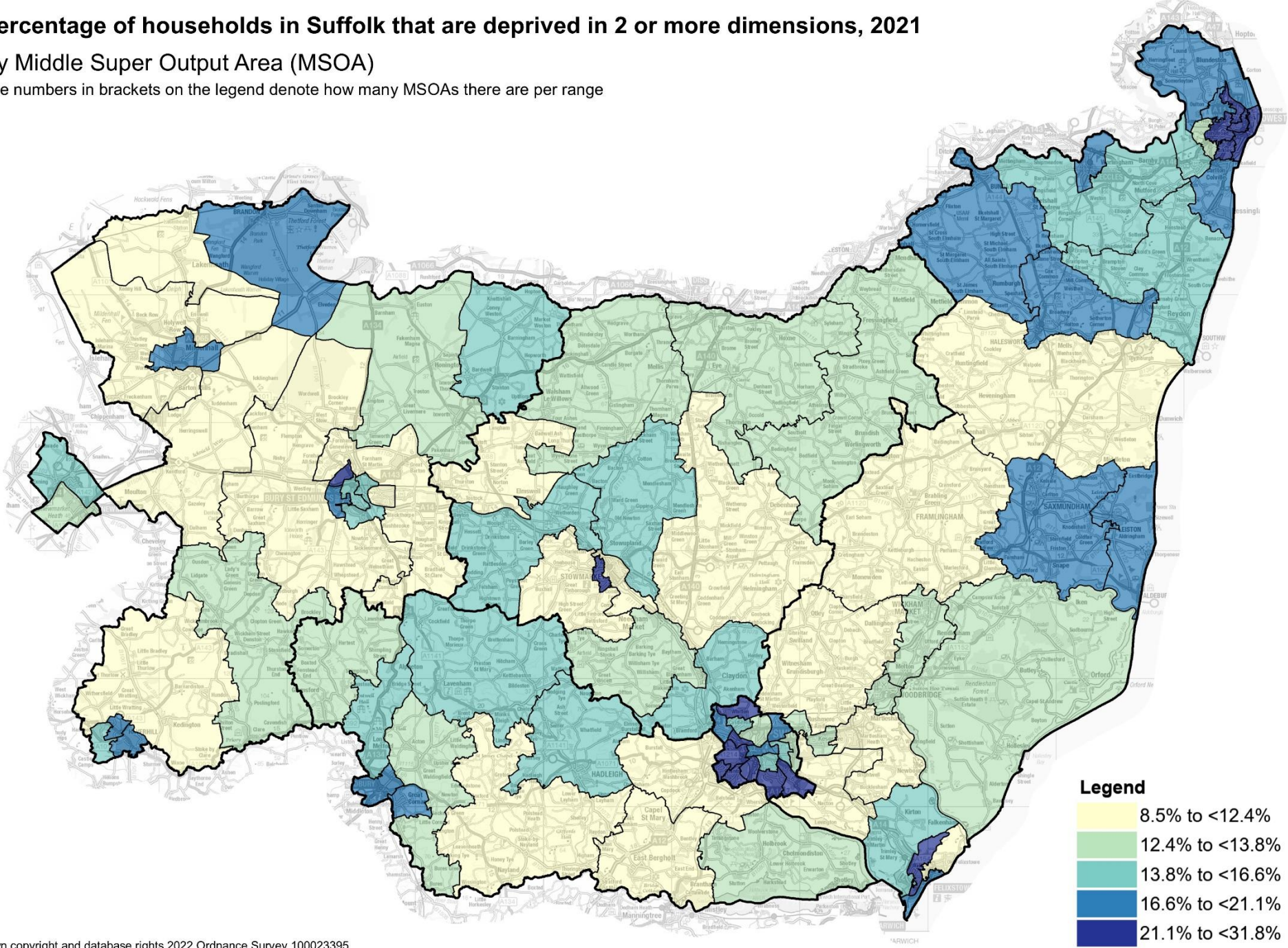
	1 dimension		2 dimensions		3 dimensions		4 dimensions	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
Babergh	12,438	13,976	6,177	4,678	1,020	933	64	37
East Suffolk	35,644	39,292	19,895	15,733	4,084	3,578	377	219
Ipswich	19,063	20,605	11,892	9,332	3,396	2,519	313	156
Mid Suffolk	13,011	15,119	6,548	5,145	1,042	904	56	41
West Suffolk	24,809	28,247	12,074	9,612	2,358	1,926	213	106

- The Suffolk map overleaf shows the percentage of households that are deprived in two or more dimensions by Middle Super Output Area. The areas with higher deprivation levels match those highlighted by the composite index from the latest Indices of Multiple Deprivation (2019).

Percentage of households in Suffolk that are deprived in 2 or more dimensions, 2021

By Middle Super Output Area (MSOA)

The numbers in brackets on the legend denote how many MSOAs there are per range



Legend

8.5% to <12.4%	(20)
12.4% to <13.8%	(17)
13.8% to <16.6%	(18)
16.6% to <21.1%	(19)
21.1% to <31.8%	(16)

Number of usual residents in households and communal establishments

Table 16: All usual residents in Suffolk, our Districts and Boroughs and England and Wales by household or communal establishment, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, including percentage change

	Lives in a communal establishment				Lives in a household			
	2011		2021		2011		2021	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Babergh	1,570	1.8%	1,178	1.3%	86,170	98.2%	91,163	98.7%
East Suffolk	4,242	1.8%	3,654	1.5%	235,310	98.2%	242,404	98.5%
Ipswich	2,122	1.6%	1,669	1.2%	131,262	98.4%	137,973	98.8%
Mid Suffolk	1,477	1.5%	1,235	1.2%	95,254	98.5%	101,464	98.8%
West Suffolk	4,639	2.7%	4,446	2.5%	166,117	97.3%	175,502	97.5%
Suffolk	14,050	1.9%	12,182	1.6%	714,113	98.1%	748,506	98.4%
England and Wales		1.8%		1.7%		98.2%		98.3%

- Communal Establishments include: hospitals, care homes, prisons, defence bases, boarding schools and student halls of residence.
- The number and percentage of usual residents in communal establishments has declined across all of Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs between 2011 and 2021.
- West Suffolk has the largest communal establishment population of Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs. HMP Highpoint and the air force bases around Lakenheath, Mildenhall and Honington account for a large proportion of these communal establishment residents.

Migration

Age of arrival in UK

Table 17: All usual residents in Suffolk by age of arrival in the UK, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
Born in the UK	668,261	679,542	11,281	1.7%	
0-4	10,628	12,308	1,680	15.8%	21.9%
5-9	5,039	6,324	1,285	25.5%	27.6%
10-14	3,926	4,641	715	18.2%	20.7%
15-19	6,160	8,451	2,291	37.2%	17.7%
20-24	10,941	14,056	3,115	28.5%	21.0%
25-29	9,196	13,006	3,810	41.4%	35.1%
30-44	10,859	17,212	6,353	58.5%	61.9%
45-59	2,556	4,159	1,603	62.7%	85.2%
60+	597	985	388	65.0%	192.7%

- At the time of the 2021 Census, 81,142 people usually resident in Suffolk had arrived in the UK from abroad.
- The most common age group of people who are now living in the county having arrived from abroad were working-age people with young families. The 20-44 age group accounted for 54% of new UK arrivals settled in the county at this point in time, a slightly higher proportion than in 2011.
- Population growth among people born in the UK was 1.7% between 2011 and 2021.
- This data shows the age of people when they arrived in the UK, not their current age at the time of the Census.

Chart 14: All usual residents in Suffolk by age of arrival (excluding residents born in the UK), 2011 and 2021 Censuses

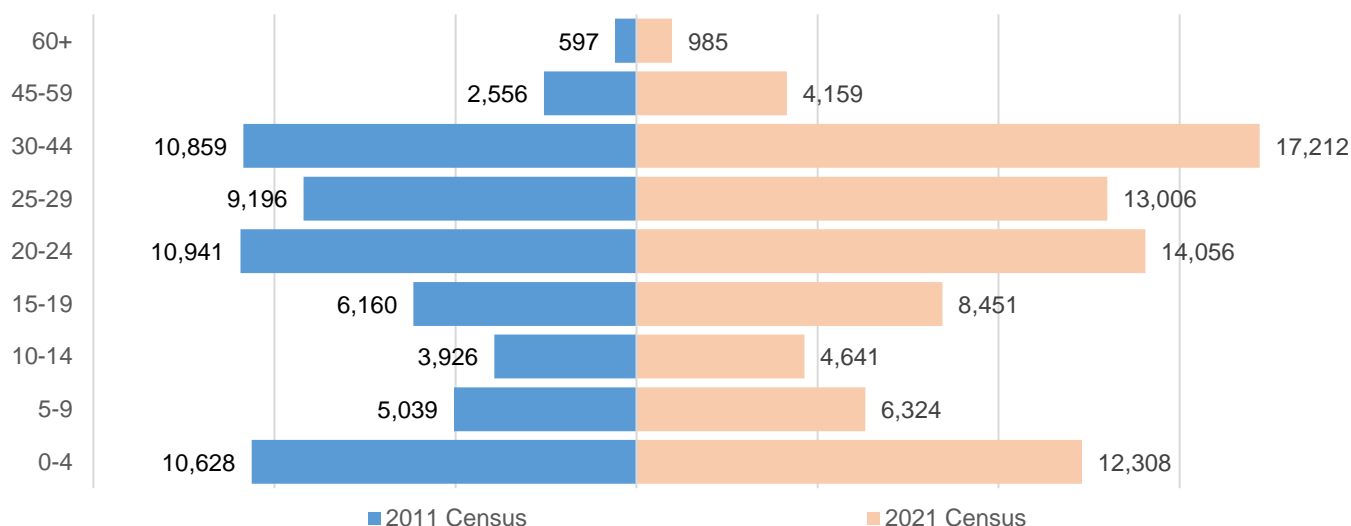


Table 18: All usual residents in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs by age of arrival in the UK, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	Born in the UK		0-4		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-44		45-59		60+	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
Babergh	83,360	87,057	1,059	1,206	449	477	309	344	460	512	721	864	521	664	640	886	161	263	60	69
East Suffolk	227,543	231,386	2,636	2,850	1,145	1,315	947	948	1,191	1,228	1,805	2,119	1,616	2,057	2,029	3,033	491	861	149	257
Ipswich	117,601	114,863	2,146	2,957	1,263	1,935	1,007	1,554	1,880	2,802	3,075	4,150	2,663	4,106	2,874	5,554	731	1,438	144	282
Mid Suffolk	92,190	96,911	1,283	1,339	492	513	315	348	439	685	688	867	461	791	646	894	166	262	51	89
West Suffolk	147,567	149,325	3,504	3,954	1,690	2,082	1,348	1,448	2,190	3,222	4,652	6,056	3,935	5,388	4,670	6,845	1,007	1,337	193	291

Table 19: Percentage of all usual residents in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs by age of arrival in the UK, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	Born in the UK		0-4		5-9		10-14		15-19		20-24		25-29		30-44		45-59		60+	
	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021
Babergh	95.0%	94.3%	1.2%	1.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	1.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%
East Suffolk	95.0%	94.0%	1.1%	1.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	1.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%
Ipswich	88.2%	82.3%	1.6%	2.1%	0.9%	1.4%	0.8%	1.1%	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%	3.0%	2.0%	2.9%	2.2%	4.0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Mid Suffolk	95.3%	94.4%	1.3%	1.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%
West Suffolk	86.4%	83.0%	2.1%	2.2%	1.0%	1.2%	0.8%	0.8%	1.3%	1.8%	2.7%	3.4%	2.3%	3.0%	2.7%	3.8%	0.6%	0.7%	0.1%	0.2%
Suffolk	91.8%	89.3%	1.5%	1.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	1.1%	1.5%	1.8%	1.3%	1.7%	1.5%	2.3%	0.4%	0.5%	0.1%	0.1%

- There has been an increase in the number of residents that have arrived in the UK in all age groups and across all Districts and Boroughs.
- In Babergh, East Suffolk and Mid Suffolk, the proportion of the resident population that have arrived in the UK from another country has increased by around one percentage point from 2011 to 2021.
- In Ipswich, the percentage of residents that arrived in the UK from abroad is six percentage points higher in 2021 than it was in 2011. In West Suffolk, there has been a 3.4 percentage point increase in the resident population that arrived in the UK from abroad.

Country of birth

Table 20: All usual residents in Suffolk by broad country of birth, 2021 Census

	Suffolk		England and Wales
	Count	%	%
Europe: United Kingdom	679,542	89.3%	83.2%
Europe: EU countries: European Union EU14	14,203	1.9%	2.7%
Europe: EU countries: European Union EU8 (2004)	12,935	1.7%	2.1%
Europe: EU countries: European Union EU2 (2007)	7,702	1.0%	1.2%
Europe: EU countries: All other EU countries	981	0.1%	0.2%
Europe: Non-EU countries: All other non-EU countries	3,052	0.4%	0.8%
Africa	8,392	1.1%	2.7%
Middle East and Asia	15,154	2.0%	5.6%
The Americas and the Caribbean	16,730	2.2%	1.3%
Antarctica and Oceania (including Australasia) and Other	1,784	0.2%	0.3%
British Overseas	211	0.0%	0.0%
All usual residents	760,686		

EU14: France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Ireland, Denmark, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Austria, Sweden, Finland. These countries were founding members of the EU or joined in 1995.

EU8: Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Czechia, Slovenia. These countries joined the EU in 2004.

EU2: Bulgaria, Romania. These countries joined the EU in 2008.

Other EU countries: Cyprus, Malta, Croatia. Cyprus and Malta joined the EU in 2008, while Croatia joined in 2013.

- The 2021 Census included a more detailed question on country of birth than in 2011.
- 89.3% of Suffolk's resident population in 2021 was born in the UK, compared to 83.2% of the population of England and Wales.
- Just under 36,000 Suffolk residents were born in EU countries in 2021, 4.7% of the total population of the county.
- People born in the Middle East and Asia accounted for 2% of Suffolk residents in 2021.
- 2.2% of Suffolk residents were born in the Americas and the Caribbean, compared to 1.3% across England and Wales as a whole. The presence of the United States Air Force (USAF) bases in West Suffolk explains the larger proportion of residents from this part of the world.

Table 21: All usual residents in Suffolk by broad country of birth, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
Europe: United Kingdom	668,261	679,542	11,281	1.7%	2.1%
Europe: EU countries: European Union EU14	12,738	14,203	1,465	11.5%	22.0%
Other EU countries	11,194	21,618	10,424	93.1%	81.5%
Other countries	35,970	45,323	9,353	26.0%	25.9%
Total	728,163	760,686	32,523	4.5%	6.3%

- By grouping some countries together it is possible to compare country of birth figures with the 2011 Census, when data were released for a less granular breakdown of countries.
- There were 11,281 more Suffolk residents born in the UK in 2021 than there were in 2011, an increase of 1.7%.
- From 2011 to 2021, the number of Suffolk residents born outside the UK increased by 21,242 (35.5%).
- People born in EU countries other than the EU14 accounted for around half of the growth in Suffolk residents born outside the UK between 2011 and 2021.
- People born in non-EU countries accounted for 9,353 more Suffolk residents in 2021 than in 2011, just under a third of the growth in Suffolk residents born outside the UK across the decade.
- The percentage growth in residents born in EU14 countries was almost double in England and Wales as a whole, compared to Suffolk.

Table 22: All usual residents in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs by broad country of birth, 2021 Census

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk
Europe: United Kingdom	87,057	231,386	114,863	96,911	149,325
Europe: EU countries: EU14	1,386	3,520	3,549	1,409	4,339
Europe: EU countries: EU8 (2004)	657	1,824	5,425	567	4,462
Europe: EU countries: EU2 (2007)	309	1,095	4,289	324	1,685
Europe: EU countries: All other EU countries	124	286	133	149	292
Europe: All other non-EU countries	256	620	1,074	236	866
Africa	805	2,055	2,663	820	2,049
Middle East and Asia	928	3,233	5,847	1,006	4,140
The Americas and the Caribbean	564	1,495	1,525	996	12,152
Antarctica and Oceania (including Australasia) and Other	243	513	198	261	568
British Overseas	10	33	76	21	71
All usual residents	92,339	246,060	139,642	102,700	179,949

Table 23: Percentage of all usual residents in Suffolk’s Districts and Boroughs by broad country of birth, 2021 Census

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk
Europe: United Kingdom	94.3%	94.0%	82.3%	94.4%	83.0%
Europe: EU countries: EU14	1.5%	1.4%	2.5%	1.4%	2.4%
Europe: EU countries: EU8 (2004)	0.7%	0.7%	3.9%	0.6%	2.5%
Europe: EU countries: EU2 (2007)	0.3%	0.4%	3.1%	0.3%	0.9%
Europe: EU countries: All other EU countries	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Europe: All other non-EU countries	0.3%	0.3%	0.8%	0.2%	0.5%
Africa	0.9%	0.8%	1.9%	0.8%	1.1%
Middle East and Asia	1.0%	1.3%	4.2%	1.0%	2.3%
The Americas and the Caribbean	0.6%	0.6%	1.1%	1.0%	6.8%
Antarctica and Oceania (including Australasia) and Other	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%
British Overseas	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
All usual residents	92,339	246,060	139,642	102,700	179,949

- Ipswich and West Suffolk have particularly diverse communities in terms of country of birth of their residents.
- The impact of the USAF on the West Suffolk population is clear, with almost 7% of the population of the District born in the US. West Suffolk also has a higher proportion of residents from European countries other than the UK than the other predominantly rural Districts in the county.
- Almost 18% of Ipswich residents were born outside the UK. European countries (other than the UK) account for almost 1 in 10 Ipswich residents, but there are also significant Middle Eastern and Asian and African communities in the town.

Country of birth (detailed)

Table 24: All usual residents in Suffolk and our Districts and Boroughs by detailed country of birth, 2021 Census

Country of birth (60 categories) Label	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Suffolk
Europe: United Kingdom: England	85,088	226,078	112,929	94,738	145,430	664,265
Europe: United Kingdom: Northern Ireland	277	682	322	298	575	2,155
Europe: United Kingdom: Scotland	1,048	3,018	1,062	1,139	2,167	8,433
Europe: United Kingdom: Wales	642	1,594	536	735	1,142	4,651
Europe: United Kingdom: Great Britain not otherwise specified	1	5	0	0	0	6
Europe: United Kingdom: United Kingdom not otherwise specified	1	7	12	1	11	33
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: Ireland	304	728	418	277	924	2,647
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: France	120	255	140	86	291	891
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: Germany	453	1,049	593	569	985	3,649
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: Italy	94	205	341	71	395	1,103
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores)	69	509	1,436	101	998	3,114
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: Spain (including Canary Islands)	99	189	201	65	227	783
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: Member countries in March 2001: Other member countries	249	585	422	241	516	2,013
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: joined the EU between April 2001 and March 2011: Lithuania	70	400	1,853	93	718	3,137
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: joined the EU between April 2001 and March 2011: Poland	400	802	2,478	328	2,857	6,866
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: joined the EU between April 2001 and March 2011: Romania	258	888	3,811	239	1,383	6,579
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: joined the EU between April 2001 and March 2011: Other EU	358	1,098	1,694	378	1,467	4,995
Europe: Other Europe: EU countries: joined the EU between April 2011 and March 2021: Croatia	3	15	11	2	14	44
Europe: Other Europe: Rest of Europe: Turkey	98	202	350	37	251	938
Europe: Other Europe: Rest of Europe: Other Europe	159	418	724	198	615	2,114
Africa: North Africa	45	156	237	56	154	648
Africa: Central and Western Africa: Ghana	31	82	151	40	94	397
Africa: Central and Western Africa: Nigeria	54	140	410	55	198	857
Africa: Central and Western Africa: Other Central and Western Africa	49	123	607	44	125	948
Africa: South and Eastern Africa: Kenya	90	149	102	48	105	492
Africa: South and Eastern Africa: Somalia	1	7	13	1	16	38
Africa: South and Eastern Africa: South Africa	323	738	422	332	670	2,485
Africa: South and Eastern Africa: Zimbabwe	104	347	372	124	382	1,329
Africa: South and Eastern Africa: Other South and Eastern Africa	106	311	341	119	310	1,187
Africa: Africa not otherwise specified	5	7	10	1	0	23

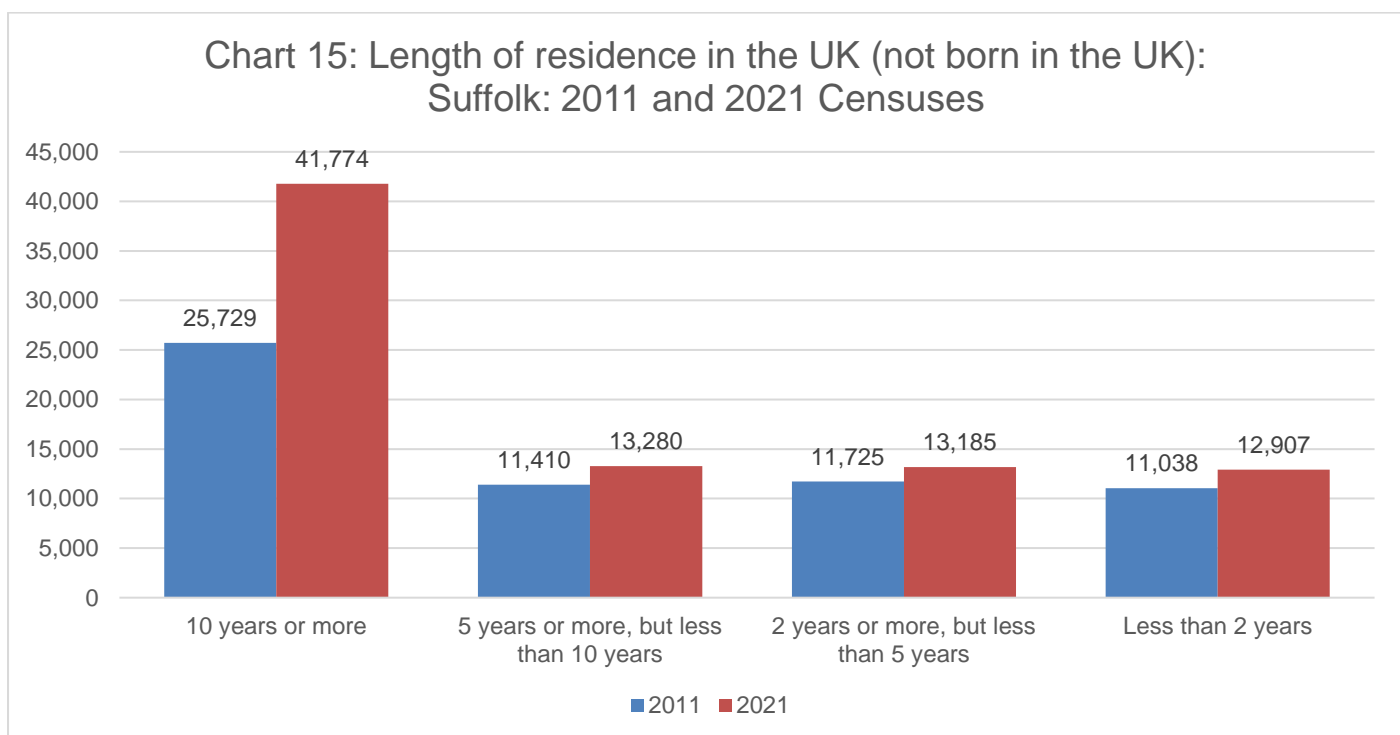
Country of birth (60 categories) Label	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk	Suffolk
Middle East and Asia: Middle East: Iran	20	69	210	10	54	362
Middle East and Asia: Middle East: Iraq	16	52	607	23	101	798
Middle East and Asia: Middle East: Other Middle East	50	161	309	78	190	787
Middle East and Asia: Eastern Asia: China	56	236	260	82	204	838
Middle East and Asia: Eastern Asia: Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China)	83	280	201	84	178	826
Middle East and Asia: Eastern Asia: Other Eastern Asia	28	84	56	34	271	475
Middle East and Asia: Southern Asia: Afghanistan	3	19	218	1	32	273
Middle East and Asia: Southern Asia: India	194	779	1,569	182	984	3,706
Middle East and Asia: Southern Asia: Pakistan	31	148	191	29	329	728
Middle East and Asia: Southern Asia: Bangladesh	55	136	834	18	157	1,202
Middle East and Asia: Southern Asia: Sri Lanka	41	240	252	41	150	724
Middle East and Asia: Southern Asia: Other Southern Asia	21	37	38	65	71	235
Middle East and Asia: South-East Asia: Philippines	124	330	650	103	803	2,010
Middle East and Asia: South-East Asia: Malaysia	69	154	113	60	127	523
Middle East and Asia: South-East Asia: Singapore	54	149	71	72	102	448
Middle East and Asia: South-East Asia: Other South-East Asia	83	348	241	115	363	1,150
Middle East and Asia: Central Asia	0	12	23	6	26	71
The Americas and the Caribbean: North America: United States	299	773	429	666	11,116	13,286
The Americas and the Caribbean: North America: Canada	80	218	99	92	157	645
The Americas and the Caribbean: North America: Other North America	4	15	44	8	6	77
The Americas and the Caribbean: Central America: All Central American countries	22	44	60	22	103	251
The Americas and the Caribbean: South America: All South American countries	104	253	353	115	430	1,253
The Americas and the Caribbean: The Caribbean: Jamaica	20	101	263	28	101	513
The Americas and the Caribbean: The Caribbean: Other Caribbean	44	113	350	85	252	844
Antarctica and Oceania: Australasia: Australia	151	316	134	148	303	1,053
Antarctica and Oceania: Australasia: New Zealand	76	151	50	79	137	492
Antarctica and Oceania: Australasia: Other Australasia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Antarctica and Oceania: Other Oceania and Antarctica	20	52	15	35	178	300
Other	0	1	0	0	2	3

Length of residence

Table 25: All usual residents in Suffolk by length of residence, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
Born in the UK	668,261	679,542	11,281	1.7%	2.1%
10 years or more	25,729	41,774	16,045	62.4%	53.9%
5 years or more, but less than 10 years	11,410	13,280	1,870	16.4%	11.4%
2 years or more, but less than 5 years	11,725	13,185	1,460	12.5%	10.2%
Less than 2 years	11,038	12,907	1,869	16.9%	17.8%
Total: All usual residents	728,163	760,688	32,525	4.5%	6.3%

- At the time of the 2021 Census, 95% of Suffolk's population was either born in the UK or has been resident in the UK for more than 10 years. This is a very similar level to 2011.
- Of the 39,372 Suffolk residents who had lived in the UK for less than 10 years on Census day 2021, there was an even split between those who have been in the UK for between 5 and 10 years, 2 to 5 years and less than 2 years.



Non-UK short-term residents

A Census short-term UK resident is anyone born outside of the UK who, on 21 March 2021, had stayed or intended to stay in the UK for a period of three months or more but less than 12 months.

Table 26: Count of and percentage change in non-UK short-term residents in Suffolk and our Districts and Boroughs, 2011 and 2021 Censuses

	2011	2021	Change	% change
Babergh	70	48	-22	-31.4%
East Suffolk	208	151	-57	-27.4%
Ipswich	485	214	-271	-55.9%
Mid Suffolk	38	33	-5	-13.2%
West Suffolk	502	360	-142	-28.3%
Suffolk	1,303	805	-498	-38.2%
England and Wales	195,074	136,469	-58,605	-30.0%

- The number of non-UK short-term residents has declined across Suffolk and across England and Wales as a whole from 2011 to 2021.

Passports held

Table 27: All usual residents in Suffolk by passport held, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
United Kingdom	536,771	569,730	32,959	6.1%	7.6%
Republic of Ireland	2,783	2,585	-198	-7.1%	-10.8%
Other Europe	17,646	31,667	14,021	79.5%	76.7%
Africa	2,409	1,866	-543	-22.5%	-27.3%
Middle East and Asia	5,252	4,767	-485	-9.2%	-5.2%
The Americas and the Caribbean	13,008	12,988	-20	-0.2%	-28.5%
Antarctica and Oceania	1,717	554	-1,163	-67.7%	-63.5%
British Overseas Territories	9	12	3	33.3%	-69.9%
No passport	153,812	136,517	-17,295	-11.2%	-15.2%
Total	728,163	760,686	32,523	4.5%	6.3%

This data classifies a person according to the passport or passports they held at the time of the Census. This included expired passports or travel documents people were entitled to renew. Where a person recorded having more than one passport, they were counted only once, categorised in the following priority order: 1. UK passport, 2. Irish passport, 3. Other passport. Only the first country written in "Other passport" was taken.

In 2011, the total number of passports held exceeds the number of usual residents as the Census data accounted for people holding more than one passport.

Some countries have been grouped (particularly from the 2021 Census outputs) to allow comparison with 2011 figures.

- There were 32,959 more UK passport holders living in Suffolk in 2021 than there were in 2011.
- In 2021 there were 14,021 more holders of other European passports resident in Suffolk than there were in 2011, an increase of nearly 80%. The equivalent increase in holders of other European passports across England and Wales was slightly lower at 76.7%.
- The number of Suffolk residents holding almost all other passports declined during this period.
- This could be due to people who were not born in the UK successfully applying for a UK passport, which would then become their only passport recorded in this dataset.
- 136,517 Suffolk residents did not have a passport at the time of the 2021 Census. British nationals can apply for an adult passport when aged 16 (or will be in 3 weeks). There were 130,327 residents aged under 16 in the county on Census day, but we cannot be sure if the vast majority of those without a passport are children or not as the detailed data on passports held (e.g. by age) has not yet been released.

Table 28: All usual residents in Suffolk's Districts and Boroughs by passport held, 2021 Census

	Babergh	East Suffolk	Ipswich	Mid Suffolk	West Suffolk
Europe: United Kingdom	75,005	189,638	95,027	82,155	127,905
Europe: Ireland	283	713	449	280	859
Europe: Other Europe	1,704	5,041	13,872	1,556	9,499
Africa	144	339	782	122	481
Middle East and Asia	199	799	2,196	207	1,366
The Americas and the Caribbean	217	541	523	463	11,247
Antarctica and Oceania, including Australasia	70	160	66	96	162
British Overseas Territories	0	1	10	0	1
No passport held	14,719	48,826	26,721	17,820	28,433
Total	92,341	246,058	139,646	102,699	179,953

Year of arrival in UK

Table 29: All usual residents in Suffolk by year of arrival in the UK, 2011 and 2021 Censuses, and percentage change in Suffolk and England and Wales

	Suffolk				England and Wales
	2011	2021	Change	% change	% change
Born in the UK	668,261	679,542	11,281	1.7%	2.1%
Arrived before 1951	2,543	1,199	-1,344	-52.9%	-59.7%
Arrived 1951-1960	3,328	2,576	-752	-22.6%	-34.2%
Arrived 1961-1970	4,627	4,250	-377	-8.1%	-19.0%
Arrived 1971-1980	3,712	3,557	-155	-4.2%	-11.8%
Arrived 1981-1990	4,088	3,898	-190	-4.6%	-11.1%
Arrived 1991-2000	7,010	6,162	-848	-12.1%	-12.1%
Arrived 2001-2011	34,594	19,697	-14,897	-43.1%	-28.6%
Arrived 2011 to 2021		39,807			
All usual resident population	728,163	760,688	32,525	4.5%	6.3%

- Since the last Census, there has been a fall in the number of Suffolk residents that arrived in the UK in every decade before 2011.
- The largest drop, in both absolute and percentage terms, is in the decade from 2001 to 2011. There are almost 15,000 fewer Suffolk residents that arrived in the UK during this period (43%). There was also a 28.6% fall in residents across England and Wales that arrived in the UK during this 10-year period, so while part of this fall may be accounted for by people leaving Suffolk, it is likely that much of it is due to people leaving the country altogether.
- Residents that came to the UK in the earlier decades displayed here could now be at least 60 or 70 years old, so the decline in these numbers may be due to people coming to the end of their lives.
- A broadly similar number of Suffolk residents arrived in the UK in the decade prior to the 2021 Census (39,807) as arrived in the same length of time before the 2011 Census (34,594).

Further reading

- All of the 2021 data referenced here is available on the [Office for National Statistics website](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/articles/demographyandmigrationdatacontent/2022-11-02#demography-unrounded-population-estimates) <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/articles/demographyandmigrationdatacontent/2022-11-02#demography-unrounded-population-estimates>
- Data from the 2021 Census and previous editions of the Census [can also be found on NOMIS](https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/) <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>
- 2021 Census data for Suffolk will also be made available on the [Suffolk Observatory](https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/) <https://www.suffolkobservatory.info/>
- For further information and analysis of some of the topics addressed in this paper, [see the Suffolk Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\) on the Healthy Suffolk website](https://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/index-of-reports) <https://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/index-of-reports>