

Suffolk: Population Summary 2019

758,556 Total Suffolk population 2018

375,540 are Males **49.5%**

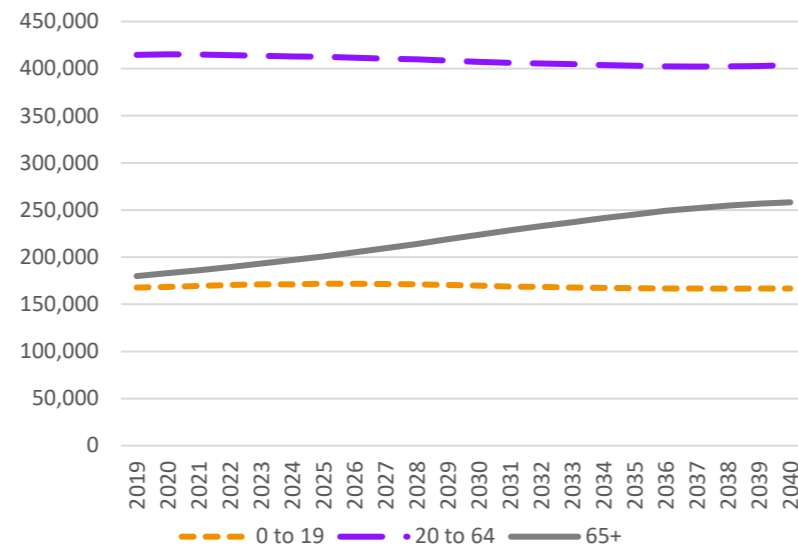
383,523 are Females **50.5%**

152,752 are under 18 **20.1%** **21.4%** England

176,063 are 65 and over **23.2%** **18.2%** England

35.2% of Suffolk people live in rural areas

Projected population change by age, 2019-2040



2.6% decrease in those aged **20 to 64**

44.4% increase in those aged **65+**

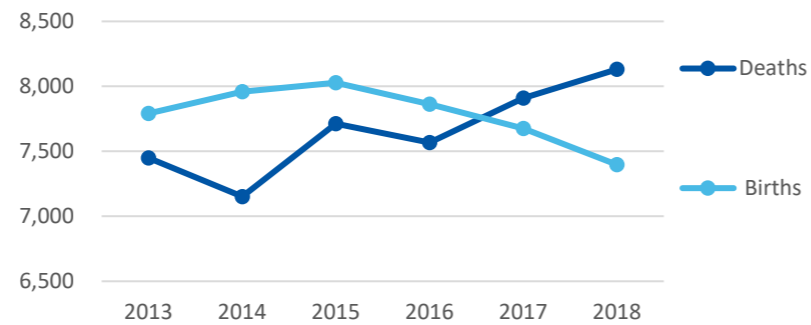
0.6% decrease in those aged **0 to 19**

Suffolk is projected to have an older population compared to England.
 In 2040:
 1 in 3 people will be 65+ in Suffolk
 1 in 4 people will be 65+ in England

828,800 Forecast Suffolk population in 2040

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Live births and deaths in Suffolk

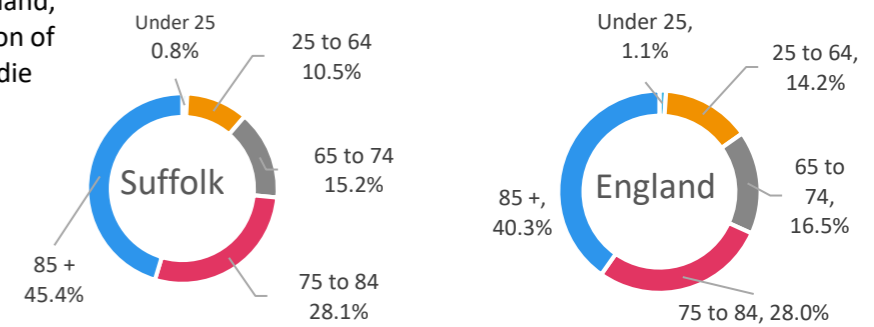


8,131 Deaths in Suffolk (2018)

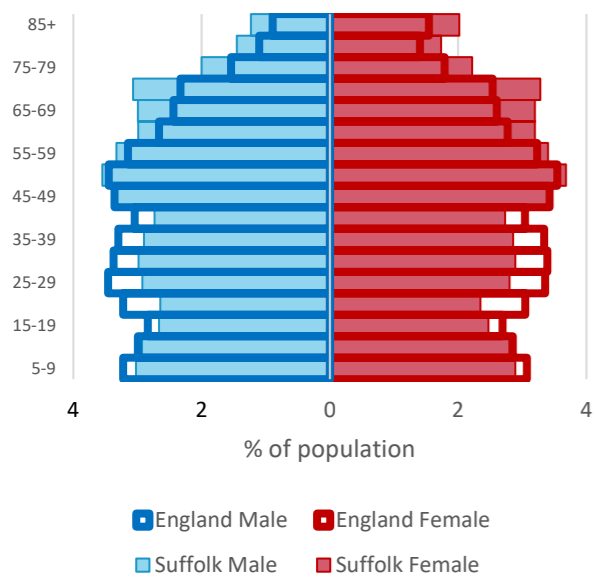
7,397 Live births in Suffolk (2018)

Compared to England, a higher proportion of Suffolk residents die older (over 85)

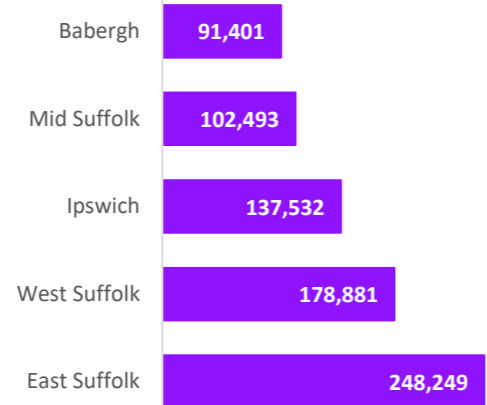
% Deaths by age group 2018



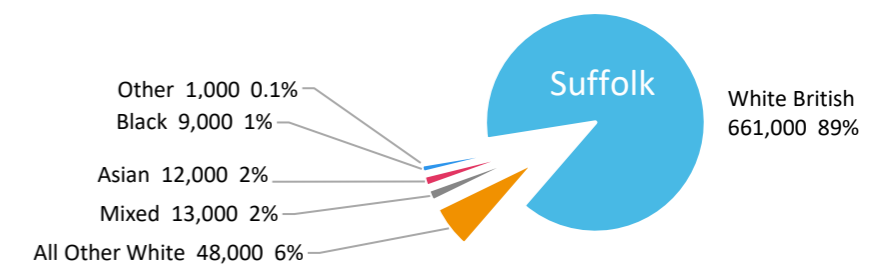
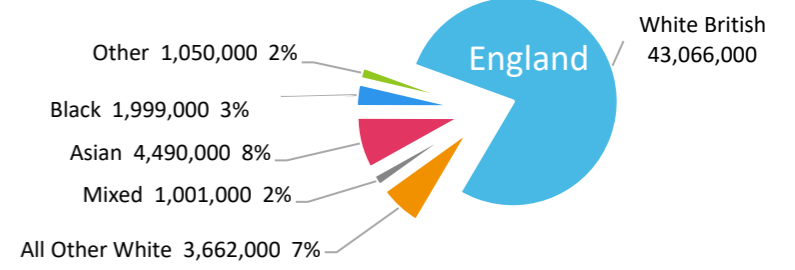
Population by age group 2018



District and borough populations 2018:



- 880** Children in care, incl. **67** unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC)
- 35,699** Armed forces veterans (2017)
- 8,190** US military & civilian staff Est. employed at RAF Lakenheath & Mildenhall (may live in Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire)
- 3,800** Total UK Armed Forces stationed in Suffolk (incl. civilians in italics)
- 740** Gypsies & travellers (approx.)
- 26** families living in Suffolk from the Vulnerable Person / Children Resettlement Schemes
- 2,000** refugees (est.) - mostly in Ipswich
- 80-90** Adult asylum seekers - Government "dispersal" scheme, Ipswich



Migration (2017)
 2,506 Internal Migration Net
 -5 International Migration Net
 1,578 Total population increase from 2017 to 2018

On 1 April 2019: West Suffolk Council replaced Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council; East Suffolk Council replaced Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council.

Population estimates and migration data:

- Year: 2018 (released 2019)
- Source: Office for National Statistics
- Date Accessed: 13 September 2019
- Website: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/bulletins/annualmidyearpopulationestimates/latest>
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/analysisofpopulationestimatestool>
- Any other comments: migration levels www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/migrationwithineuk/datasets/localareamigrationindicatorsunitedkingdom

Rural population estimates:

- Year: 2017 (released 2018)
- Source: Office for National Statistics
- Date Accessed: 15 September 2019
- Website: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/smallareapopulationestimatesinenglandandwalesmid2017>
- Any other comments: This is aggregated data from the output area level (Mid-2017 Population Estimates for Census Output Areas in the East region of England by Single Year of Age and Sex). 'Rural' has been defined if the population falls within any of the following categories: Rural hamlets and isolated dwellings, rural hamlets and isolated dwellings in a sparse setting, rural town and fringe, rural town and fringe in a sparse setting, rural village, rural village in a sparse setting.

Population projections:

- Year: 2016 (released 2018)
- Source: Office for National Statistics
- Date Accessed: 23 August 2018
- Website: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandtable2>
- Any other comments: 2016-based National Population Projections

Ethnicity:

- Year: 2011 (released 2012)
 - Source: Office for National Statistics/ Nomis Census for England and Wales
 - Date Accessed: 17 January 2017
 - Website: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011>
- Any other comments: More up to date statistics are not currently available

Births and deaths:

- Year: latest 6 years to 2018 (released 2018)
- Source: Office for National Statistics
- Date Accessed 3 September 2019
- Websites: Office for National Statistics - Births <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages>; Deaths -<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths>
[/datasets/monthlyfiguresondeathsregisteredbyareaofusualresidence](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/monthlyfiguresondeathsregisteredbyareaofusualresidence); "Mortality statistics - age," NOMIS - Official Labour Market Statistics, 2018. [Online]. Available: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/livelihoods/14559.xlsx>

Special populations:

- Annual Population Survey: UK armed forces veterans 2017: Ministry of Defence <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/annual-population-survey-uk-armed-forces-veterans-residing-in-great-britain>
- US military personnel: West Suffolk Council (September 2019)
- Annual location statistics of UK regular service and civilian personnel, September 2019, Ministry of Defence <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-annual-statistics-2019>
- Children in Care: CYP EBI report, September 2019
- UASC: CYP Intelligence Hub, September 2019
- Refugees & Asylum seekers: Migrant communities infographic 2018-08-21, <http://suffolkrefugee.org.uk/> (accessed September 2019)
- Gypsy Roma Travellers: Groups at Risk of Disadvantage Needs Assessment www.healthysuffolk.org.uk
- BAME (2011) ONS/Nomis <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011>

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Population

- 2018 population estimates indicate that Suffolk has a population of approximately 758,556 people, one in five people are under 18. The proportion of those aged 65 or over is moving towards one in four, a higher proportion compared to England (20.0%).
- The population structure of Suffolk is changing, and by 2040 it is forecast that the total population will be 828,800 people, of whom one in three will be aged 65+.
- Over a third of Suffolk residents live in areas that are classed as rural, which may provide challenges with accessing services.

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