Suffolk: Population Summary 2019

Projected population change by age, 2019-2040

- **Total Suffolk population 2018**: 758,556
  - **Males**: 375,540 (49.5%)
  - **Females**: 383,516 (50.5%)

- **Under 18**: 152,752 (20.1%)
  - **Males**: 67,625 (44.4%)
  - **Females**: 85,127 (55.6%)

- **65 and over**: 176,063 (23.2%)
  - **Males**: 80,067 (45.5%)
  - **Females**: 95,996 (54.5%)

**Migration (2017)**
- **Internal Migration Net**: 2,506 (4.2%)
- **International Migration Net**: 1,578 (2.8%)

**District and borough populations 2018**:
- **Babergh**: 91,401
- **Mid Suffolk**: 102,493
- **Ipswich**: 137,532
- **West Suffolk**: 178,881
- **East Suffolk**: 248,249

**Live births and deaths in Suffolk**
- **Live births in Suffolk (2018)**: 7,397
- **Deaths in Suffolk (2018)**: 8,131

**Children in care, incl.**
- **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)

**Total UK Armed Forces stationed in Suffolk 740**
- **Incl. civilians in italics**

**Gypsies & travellers (approx.)**
- **1,500 families living in Suffolk from the Vulnerable Person / Children Resettlement Schemes**
- **26 families living in Suffolk from the Vulnerable Person / Children Resettlement Schemes refugees (est.) - mostly in Ipswich**
- **2,000 Adult asylum seekers - Government “dispersal” scheme, Ipswich**

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2. Support a population who are living longer, with traditional life stages that are shifting (for example leaving education later, working for longer time periods).
3. Ensure smaller diverse population groups and those living in rural areas have access to the services they need, when needed.

**Forecast Suffolk population in 2040**
- **828,800**

**Districts & boroughs**
- **East Suffolk**
- **West Suffolk**
- **Ipswich**
- **Mid Suffolk**
- **Babergh**

**% Deaths by age group 2018**
- **Under 25**: 0.8%
- **25 to 64**: 15.2%
- **65 to 74**: 28.1%
- **75 to 84**: 45.4%
- **85+**: 1.1%

**Population by age group 2018**
- **0 to 19**: 20.6%
- **20 to 64**: 44.4%
- **65+**: 35.0%

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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/analysisofpopulationestimatetool
- Any other comments: migration levels www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/migrationindenmarked/datasets/localareamigrationindicatormapped

Rural population estimates:
- Year: 2017 (released 2018)
- Source: Office for National Statistics
- Date Accessed: 15 September 2019
- Website: https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/smallerareapopulationestimatesinenglandandwalesmid2017
- 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.

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
- Website: Office for National Statistics - Births https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages
- Any other comments: migration levels www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/migrationindenmarked/datasets/localareamigrationindicatormapped

Population projections:
- Year: 2016 (released 2018)
- Source: Office for National Statistics
- Date Accessed: 23 August 2018
- Website: https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/projectionsin/leepopulationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandandtable2
- Any other comments: 2016-based National Population Projections

Any other comments:
- Migration levels www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/migrationindenmarked/datasets/localareamigrationindicatormapped

Additional comments:
- Any other comments: migration levels www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/migrationindenmarked/datasets/localareamigrationindicatormapped

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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