

# Key findings

Areas included:

Unsafe Housing

Unsuitable Housing

Unhealthy Housing

Insecure Housing

As many as 1,230 excess winter deaths in Suffolk may have been due to cold homes in the last 10 years.

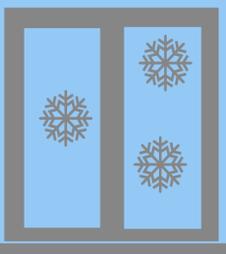
A median of 110 deaths per year

50%

Nearly 50% of the housing stock in Suffolk is over 50 years old, with 15% built in the last 20 years.

£88m

Half the annual cost of heating Suffolk homes (£88 million out of £170 million) could be saved by implementing standard energy efficiency improvements.



Fuel poverty in Suffolk has dropped from 11.4% to 9.1% in the last five years.

11.4%

**BUT** There are still nearly 30,000 households in fuel poverty.

9.1%

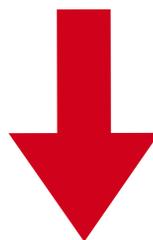
10,687

Properties in Suffolk which do not meet the Decent Home Standard under the Housing, Health and Safety rating because they are excessively cold



House prices in Suffolk have increased by 25.7% on average over the last 5 years.

Prices for the lowest-priced quartile increasing by 30.9% on average.



There has been a decline in numbers of affordable houses built over the last eight years, with only 320 completed across the county in 2015/16.

Nearly 11,000 households are on the housing register in Suffolk.



Suffolk's population is forecast to increase by 10% by 2037 (compared to 2015).

This increase is driven by older age groups.



**In twenty years' time...**

**1 in 3 people in Suffolk are forecast to be age 65+.**

The declining market share of social renting and rising barriers to affordability of home-ownership mean it is estimated that 60,000 (70%) of 25-34 year olds in Suffolk will be living in privately rented accommodation by 2037.

9%

The number of people with a learning disability is forecast to increase by 9% by 2035.

Demand for housing which meets specialist needs is likely to increase.

At the 2011 Census for usual Suffolk residents:

- 78.7% lived in under-occupied housing.
- 89.5% of those aged 65+ lived in under-occupied housing.
- 5.7% lived in overcrowded housing.



In the last 4.5 years, the number of households being housed in temporary accommodation in both England and Suffolk has increased.



**188 children were in temporary accommodation** at the end of 2016/17.

The number of children in temporary accommodation in Suffolk has risen by 27% over the past three years.