



## **SUFFOLK DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

### Foreword

The intention of this tabulation is to provide a high level reference source to support equalities work. The Business Development team will take responsibility for updating this as more up-to-date information is published. Any further feedback may be sent to Mary Moore at the address below.

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### Notes:

Most of the information has been derived from data published by the Office for National Statistics as explained within the document.

**Description:** Number and percentage of residents falling within particular groups

**Unique identifiers:** rural / urban; LSOAs

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Item	Last census (2001) Suffolk		Latest figure Suffolk		Latest figure (% only) England and Wales	Source/ date of latest data	Spatial levels available for latest data	Next update	Notes
Total population	668,533		735,900		56,948, 200	ONS refers to mid-2013	England & Wales, districts	June 2015 for districts and above; publication for other areas subsequently	There is an error in the mid-2013 estimates mostly involving men aged 18-59 that has the effect of inflating the estimate for Suffolk by 1,400, with substantial errors in two Districts. The next suite will incorporate a correction to this error. Evaluation of the 2011 Census results has necessitated changes to some LSOA boundaries and the urban/ rural delineation.
Age groups:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 - 4</li> <li>• 0 - 15</li> <li>• 0 - 16</li> <li>• 0 - 19</li> <li>• 18 - 64</li> <li>• 65 &amp; over</li> <li>• 85 &amp; over</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 42,500 (5.8 %)</li> <li>• 133,200 (18.1 %)</li> <li>• 142,400 (19.3 %)</li> <li>• 167,400 (22.7 %)</li> <li>• 383,600 (52.1 %)</li> <li>• 158,000 (21.5 %)</li> <li>• 22,100 (3.0 %)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.3%</li> <li>• 18.9%</li> <li>• 20.1%</li> <li>• 23.8%</li> <li>• 61.3%</li> <li>• 17.4%</li> <li>• 2.3%</li> </ul>				
Total population	Urban 386,171 (57.8% of Suffolk with age structure)	Rural 282,382 (42.2% of Suffolk with age structure)	Urban 448,200 (60.9% of Suffolk) with age structure	Rural 287,700 (39.1% of Suffolk) with age structure		DEFRA, ONS refers to mid-2013	Areas assembled using LSOAs as defined using 2011 Census		
Age groups:									
0-15	78,229 (20.3%)	54,309 (19.2%)	84,800 (18.9%)	48,400 (16.8%)					
16-29	64,809 (16.8%)	38,256 (13.5%)	77,300 (17.2%)	40,000 (13.9%)					
30-44	83,572 (21.6%)	58,615 (20.8%)	86,700 (19.3%)	45,500 (15.8%)					
45-64	90,621 (23.5%)	77,471 (27.4%)	111,900 (25.0%)	83,300 (29.0%)					
65 & over	68,940 (17.9%)	53,731 (19.0%)	87,500 (19.5%)	70,500 (24.5%)					
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Males</li> <li>• Females</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 327,900 (49.0%)</li> <li>• 340,653 (51.0%)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 363,600 (49.4 %)</li> <li>• 372,300 (50.6%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 49.3%</li> <li>• 50.7%</li> </ul>	ONS refers to mid-2013	England & Wales, districts	
Ethnicity	Suffolk		Suffolk		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 85.9%</li> <li>• 14.1%</li> </ul>	ONS, 2011 Census	England & Wales, districts	Census data for other geographies will be published during 2013.	Categories differ from those initially developed for 2001 Census.
• White	• 650,105 (97.2%)		• 693,195 (95.2%)						
• BME i.e. Mixed/ Multiple ethnic group + Asian/ Asian British + Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British + Other ethnic group	• 18,448 (2.8%)		• 34,968 (4.8%)						
Within White category:									
• White Other	• 19,257 (2.9%)		• 27,389 (3.8%)		• 4.4%				
• Gypsy & Irish Traveller	• Not available separately		• 604 (0.1%)		• 0.1%				
Ethnicity	Ipswich	Remainder of Suffolk	Ipswich	Remainder of Suffolk					
• White	• 109,381 (93.4%)	• 540,724 (98.0%)	• 118,596 (88.9%)	• 574,599 (96.6%)					
• White Other	• 1,545 (2.0%)	• 16,891 (3.1%)	• 7,213 (5.4%)	• 20,176 (3.4%)					
• BME	• 7,688 (6.6%)	• 10,760 (2.0%)	• 14,788 (11.1%)	• 20,180 (3.4%)					

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Religion/belief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian</li> <li>• Buddhist</li> <li>• Hindu</li> <li>• Jewish</li> <li>• Muslim</li> <li>• Sikh</li> <li>• Any other religion</li> <li>• No religion</li> <li>• Religion not stated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 494,608 (74.0%)</li> <li>• 1,153 (0.2%)</li> <li>• 929 (0.1%)</li> <li>• 658 (0.1%)</li> <li>• 2,659 (0.4%)</li> <li>• 414 (0.1%)</li> <li>• 1,866 (0.3%)</li> <li>• 111,163 (16.6%)</li> <li>• 55,112 (8.2%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 443,632 (60.9%)</li> <li>• 2,094 (0.3%)</li> <li>• 2,274 (0.3%)</li> <li>• 677 (0.1%)</li> <li>• 5,818 (0.8%)</li> <li>• 626 (0.1%)</li> <li>• 2,934 (0.4%)</li> <li>• 215,921 (29.7%)</li> <li>• 54,187 (7.4%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59.3%</li> <li>• 0.4%</li> <li>• 1.5%</li> <li>• 0.5%</li> <li>• 4.8%</li> <li>• 0.8%</li> <li>• 0.4%</li> <li>• 25.1%</li> <li>• 7.2%</li> </ul>	ONS 2011 Census	England & Wales, districts	Census data for other geographies will be published during 2013.	This was a voluntary question in the Census, hence the large number of non-responses
Disability	With limiting long term illness 114,292 people (17.1%) out of total of 668,553	Day-to-day activities of people of any age: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited a lot 57,336 (7.9%)</li> <li>• limited a little 73,353 (10.1%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5%</li> <li>• 9.4%</li> </ul>	ONS 2011 Census	England & Wales, districts	Census data for other geographies will be published during 2013	Question completely revised for 2011 Census. Self assessment of disabilities.
	46,778 people of working age (i.e. aged 16-64 men, 16-59 women) with limiting long term illness (11.8%) out of total of 395,666	Day-to-day activities of people of aged 16 to 64: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited a lot 21,611 (4.8% of people in this age group)</li> <li>• limited a little 31,982 (7.1% of people in this age group)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.8%</li> <li>• 7.2%</li> </ul>				
Sexual orientation	About 8,600, provided percentage appropriate in 2001	Latest ONS survey indicates that 1.6% of people aged 16 or over are lesbian, gay or bisexual, which means that there are about 9,000 such people in Suffolk. See note about percentage below this table.	About 738,900	Uses ONS and refers to mid-2013			ONS has been including a sexual identity question in all its major continuous ONS surveys since January 2009.
Family Carers	66,486 family carers	77,745 family carers	5,800,246 family carers	ONS 2011 Census	England & Wales, districts		Self reporting in Census with no advice about age of client or what constitutes "care"
	About 64,900	12.5% of people aged 18 and over which equates to 67,700	About 5.6m (5,601,400)	uses ONS and refers to mid-2013			

This percentage is substantially lower than the percentage used previously, resulting in a much smaller number of such people. Advice about the low percentage can be found in the background note on <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/integrated-household-survey/integrated-household-survey/january-to-december-2013/sty-facts-about-lgb-community-in-the-uk.html>

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For the purposes of the 2011 Census 18 ethnic categories were defined, which are usually collapsed into 5 main groups thus:

**White** = White British/UK, White Other, White Irish, *White Gypsy & Irish Traveller* (so the White group includes American, Irish and white Europeans as well as British people.)

**Mixed/ Multiple ethnic group** = White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, Other mixed

**Asian/ Asian British** = Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, *Chinese*, Other Asian

**Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British** = African, Caribbean, Other Black

**Other ethnic group** = *Arab*, Other ethnic group

New categories and changes since 2001 are in italics; they are the Gypsy & Irish Traveller group and Arab, whilst the Chinese category is now in the Asian group.

Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) and Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs) were designed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) using the Output Areas developed from 2001 Census information on the number of residents. Following the 2011 Census the boundaries have been refreshed so that the number of residents in both LSOAs and MSOAs remains within the original thresholds although the average populations have now increased slightly from 1,500 for LSOAs and 7,200 for MSOAs. The standardised population sizes mean any comparisons between areas are statistically valid and detailed information may now be released across the Country that does not breach any confidentiality thresholds. The definition of urban and rural areas also depends on the number of residents recorded by the 2011 Census. The Map below shows the LSOA and MSOA boundaries superimposed over the urban and rural parts of Suffolk.

