



**152,255**

Children and young people 0-17  
(ONS mid 2024 data)



**19%**

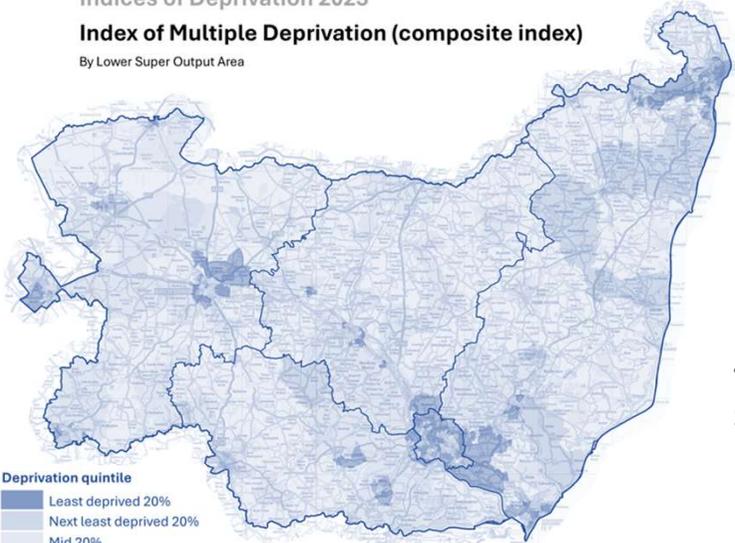
of the total Suffolk population  
(786,231)

**50,889** young people 18-25 (up to end of age 24) who we have a duty under the SEND Code of Practice to meet local needs and support better outcomes

Indices of Deprivation 2025

**Index of Multiple Deprivation (composite index)**

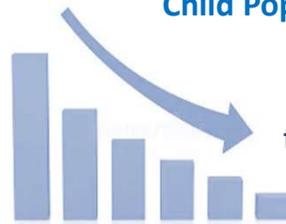
By Lower Super Output Area



**Deprivation quintile**

- Least deprived 20%
- Next least deprived 20%
- Mid 20%
- Next most deprived 20%
- Most deprived 20%

## Child Population 0-17



The CYP population is forecast to decrease by **12%** by 2040  
(2022 ONS)

The 2025 Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) ranks Suffolk 103 out of 153 Local Authorities i.e. in the top 30%. Education, skills and training remains a key area for further improvement.

Inequalities in Suffolk are not confined to the urban areas. We see areas in smaller towns featuring in the most deprived parts of England, with pockets of rural deprivation persisting.

## Children (under 16) living in low-income families (2024)

**19.7%**  
in Suffolk



**22.1%**  
England

The 2024 State of the Nation report ranked Suffolk 55 out of 203 Local Authorities for "Promising Prospects", and 99 out of 203 for "Conditions of Childhood" – both ranked in the "Middle Group" i.e. very near the average

## Child population from minority ethnic groups

In 2024/25, approximately 1 in 5 school children in Suffolk were Non-White British, compared to 2 in 5 for England

## Largest Suffolk minority ethnic groups in Suffolk schools:

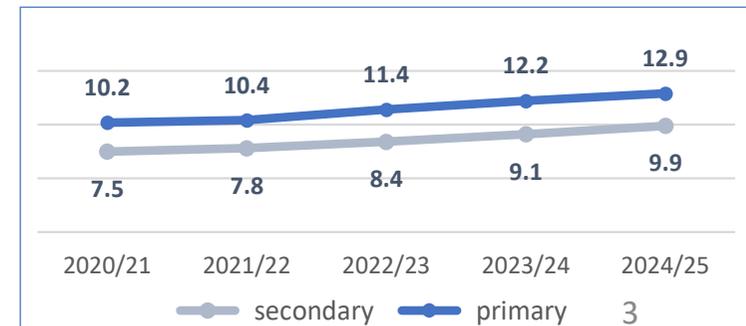
- White – Any other White background (6.8%)
- Mixed – Any other Mixed Backgrounds (3.1%)
- Black – Black African (1.7%)



**11.5%**

Children in Suffolk schools with a first language other than English (2024/25)  
21.4 % National figure

## % of children with a first language other than English (State Funded Schools only)



# Suffolk Children Services Self Evaluation



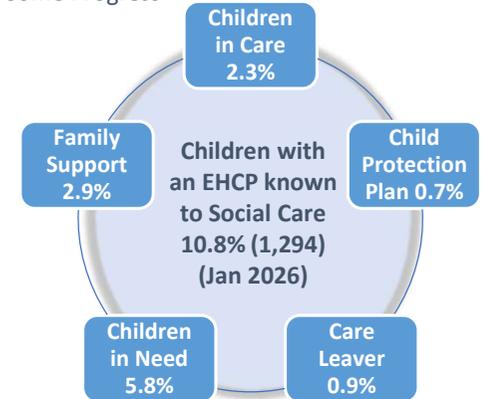
Children in Care includes 81 Separated Migrant Children (SMC)



**1,157**  
Open Early Help Assessment Episodes (EHA)  
(Jan 2026)

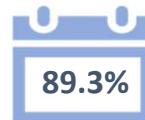
80.6% of children and young people and 81.4% of parents/carers who gave Family Support feedback between January 2025, and December 2025 said things are better following support

79.5% of EHAs closed between January 2025 and December 2025 had achieved Full Progress or Some Progress



## Need in Suffolk

Neglect and abuse	Number of children in care
Child exploitation	Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
Gangs and inter-related drug issues	Vigilance: (Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour-based abuse (HBA), Forced marriage (FM) & radicalisation
Emotional wellbeing / mental health	



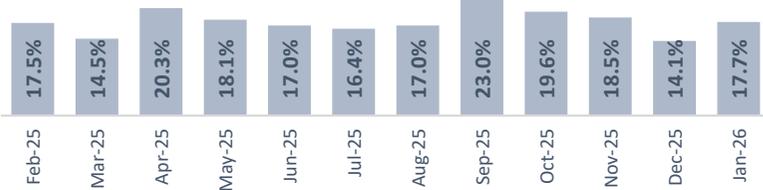
**89.3%**  
SW Assessments completed in 45 working days of referral

Post 16 NEET (16-17)	%
NEET + Not Known	5.46%
Other EET	4.42%
In Education and training	90.12%

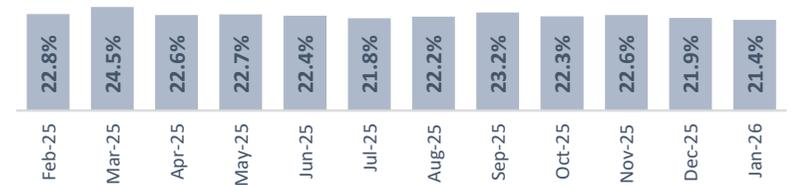


**10.8%**  
% CiC with 3 or more placements in previous year

## % Re-referrals within 1 year



## Children becoming CPP for a second or subsequent time



<p><b>4.71%</b> 16-17 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) (Jan 2026)</p>	<p><b>112 per 100,000</b> First time entrants into the youth justice system England 155 per 100,000 (Oct 2024 – Sep 2025)</p>	<p><b>14.6 per 1,000</b> Under 18 conceptions England 13.9 per 1,000 (2022)</p>	<p><b>15.6%</b> 5-year-olds with visually obvious dental decay England 22.4% (2023-24)</p>
<p><b>33.6%</b> Year 6 children overweight including obesity England 36.2% (2024-25)</p>	<p><b>58.0%</b> Breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks England 51.0% (Jan 2026)</p>	<p><b>1,923</b> Children in Elective Home Education (Jan 2026)</p>	<p><b>93.1 per 100,000</b> Hospital admissions for mental health conditions 0-17 England 80.2 (2023-24)</p>



<p><b>396</b> Children with complex and enduring conditions requiring a social care service (Jan 2026)</p>	<p>An integrated service for disabled children and young people has been established to provide focus and continuity for children and families through age 0-25</p>	<p><b>3.8 per 1,000</b> Infant mortality rate (under 1 year of age) National 4.2 per 1,000 (2022-24)</p>	<p><b>9.7 per 1,000</b> Child mortality rate (1-17 year olds) National 11.6 per 1,000 (2022-24)</p>
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