

Lowestoft Profile

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Section 1 Lowestoft Profile

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Many small settlements are home to vulnerable groups experiencing particular deprivation issues. Information at settlement level can help target programmes run by mainstream providers, as well as helping local communities with the evidence-base to support the development of community and parish plans and strengthening local funding applications.
- 1.1.2 This short area profile is based on detailed *Output Area* datasets developed and collected by Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion¹. We have used the Office for National Statistics Output Area definitions of settlements to develop these profiles.
- 1.1.3 Lowestoft lies in Waveney district, and at the time of the 2001 Census had a population of 68340.

1.2 Population

- 1.2.1 Population size and composition are crucial elements in any attempt to identify, measure and understand social exclusion. It is important to know how many people live within a settlement, and their characteristics such as age and sex. Additional information such as ethnic composition, as well as the numbers of children and older people, add further valuable context to the analysis.

Key Population Indicators

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People	68,340	-	668,553	-	5,388,140	-
Males	32,872	48.1%	327,900	49.0%	2,638,335	49.0%
Females	35,468	51.9%	340,653	51.0%	2,749,805	51.0%
Aged 0-4	3,925	5.7%	38,486	5.8%	321,579	6.0%
Aged 5-15	9,919	14.5%	94,104	14.1%	761,320	14.1%
Aged 0-15	13,844	20.3%	132,590	19.8%	1,082,899	20.1%
Working age	38,881	56.9%	395,660	59.2%	3,283,713	60.9%
Aged 65 and over	13,696	20.0%	122,731	18.4%	886,735	16.5%
All households	30,849	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Population Growth

	Lowestoft	Suffolk	East of England
	N	N	N
2001	68,442	669,913	5,400,463
2002	68,890	671,574	5,422,397
2003	69,296	678,074	5,462,918
2004	69,657	683,736	5,491,293
Population increase 2001 to 2004	1.8%	2.1%	1.7%

Source: OCSI (2007), from MYE 2001-4, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.3 Population Characteristics

Key Population Groups²

- 1.3.1 Although it is not possible to identify social exclusion issues from population counts of key communities, this information can help identify concentrations of people who may be particularly 'at-risk' of social exclusion and deprivation.

¹ These datasets were developed as part of the "Deprivation in Rural Norfolk" project, see OCSI (2006). *Deprivation in Rural Norfolk*.

² The denominator for lone parent households with dependent children is all households with dependent children. The denominator for lone pensioner households is all pensioner households.

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	30,849	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-
Lone parent households with dependent children	1,931	23.5%	13,949	17.6%	117,962	18.0%
Pensioner households	8,724	28.3%	76,500	25.9%	551,657	23.9%
Lone pensioner households	4,986	57.2%	42,927	56.1%	315,542	57.2%
Student households	9	0.0%	56	0.0%	3,936	0.2%
One person households	8,854	28.7%	80,722	27.3%	631,113	27.3%
Married households	10,326	33.5%	111,528	37.7%	882,350	38.2%
Cohabiting households	2,530	8.2%	23,616	8.0%	196,076	8.5%
Other households	1,996	6.5%	17,684	6.0%	164,575	7.1%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Ethnicity overview

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All people	68,315	-	668,445	-	5,387,671	-
White British	66,612	97.5%	626,741	93.7%	4,927,343	91.4%
Other white	861	1.3%	23,392	3.5%	197,736	3.7%
Non-white	842	1.2%	18,312	2.7%	262,592	4.9%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Ethnicity detail

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Mixed	373	0.5%	7,063	1.1%	57,771	1.1%
South Asian (incl mixed)	245	0.4%	5,466	0.8%	139,028	2.6%
Indian	47	0.1%	1,598	0.2%	50,967	0.9%
Pakistani	32	0.0%	478	0.1%	38,810	0.7%
Bangladeshi	13	0.0%	1,164	0.2%	18,473	0.3%
Black (incl mixed)	291	0.4%	7,773	1.2%	74,233	1.4%
Black Caribbean	42	0.1%	2,283	0.3%	26,124	0.5%
Black African	73	0.1%	843	0.1%	16,971	0.3%
Chinese	120	0.2%	1,504	0.2%	20,375	0.4%
Other ethnic group	186	0.3%	3,569	0.5%	28,956	0.5%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Religion

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All people	62,136	-	613,355	-	4,970,388	-
Christian	49,865	80.3%	494,608	80.6%	3,886,778	78.2%
Buddhist	127	0.2%	1,167	0.2%	11,994	0.2%
Hindu	48	0.1%	913	0.1%	31,468	0.6%
Jewish	54	0.1%	630	0.1%	30,338	0.6%
Muslim	136	0.2%	2,619	0.4%	78,972	1.6%
Sikh	44	0.1%	430	0.1%	13,365	0.3%
Other religion	171	0.3%	1,825	0.3%	15,330	0.3%
No religion	11,691	18.8%	111,163	18.1%	902,143	18.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Occupation Groups

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People in work	27,623	-	313,823	-	2,579,358	-
Managers and senior officials	3,065	11.1%	45,356	14.5%	419,221	16.3%
Professional occupations	1,795	6.5%	29,614	9.4%	279,159	10.8%
Associate professional and technical occupations	2,946	10.7%	40,017	12.8%	349,431	13.5%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	3,038	11.0%	38,285	12.2%	353,232	13.7%
Skilled trades occupations	4,110	14.9%	43,232	13.8%	310,983	12.1%
Personal service occupations	2,406	8.7%	22,808	7.3%	173,180	6.7%
Sales and customer service occupations	2,496	9.0%	23,064	7.3%	188,081	7.3%
Process; plant and machine operatives	3,503	12.7%	30,131	9.6%	209,345	8.1%
Elementary occupations	4,264	15.4%	41,316	13.2%	296,726	11.5%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.4 Multiple Deprivation

1.4.1 The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 (IMD 2004) is based on seven separate "domains" of deprivation - income, worklessness, health, education and skills, crime, barriers to housing and services, and the living environment.

1.4.2 Detailed small area multiple deprivation analysis based on the IMD 2004 modelled down to Output Area (OA) level³ indicates that there are extremely deprived areas in Lowestoft with 32407 people (47.4% of the population) living in areas identified as among the most deprived 20% in the region.

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Working-age people receiving any DWP benefit	8,305	21.1%	51,735	12.9%	418,888	12.6%

Source: OCSI (2007), from DWP (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.5 Low Income

1.5.1 People living on a low income are among the most deprived groups in society. A person or household living on a low income may be out of work, or in work but on low pay.

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of Eng	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ID 2004 Income domain score	15,174	22.2%	83,929	12.6%	696,355	12.6%
Income Support (IS) claimants	3,109	7.9%	19,428	4.8%	163,787	4.8%
Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI)	3,747	27.1%	20,166	15.2%	172,330	15.2%
ID 2004 Income Deprivation Affecting Older Persons Index (IDAOPI)	2,974	16.9%	19,476	12.3%	151,531	12.3%
Pension Credit (PC) claimants	4,308	26.7%	30,639	21.1%	230,152	21.1%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Norfolk CC (2006), ODPM (2004), DWP (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

³ Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2004 modelled down to Output Area (OA) level by OCSI - see OCSI (2006) *Deprivation in Rural Norfolk* for more details.

1.6 Employment and Enterprise

1.6.1 Being out of work can have a severe impact on an individual's quality of life - both in terms of the economic implications and in terms of the wider social exclusion implications. The impacts will be felt not only by the individual, but also by partners and dependent children.

Economic Status

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People aged 16-74	47,585	-	476,013	-	3,883,987	-
Economically Active	29,912	62.9%	327,471	68.8%	2,689,563	69.2%
Full Time	16,726	35.1%	194,884	40.9%	1,654,887	42.6%
Part Time	6,921	14.5%	65,538	13.8%	484,731	12.5%
Self Employed	3,124	6.6%	44,320	9.3%	359,110	9.2%
Economically Inactive	17,680	37.2%	148,539	31.2%	1,194,218	30.7%
Working more than 49 hours per week	4,343	9.1%	56,633	11.9%	458,223	11.8%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Worklessness

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
ID 2004 Employment domain score	5,377	14.4%	28,663	7.6%	226,078	7.2%
Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants	1,633	4.2%	10,702	2.7%	87,132	2.6%
Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance (IBSDA) claimants	3,707	9.4%	22,221	5.5%	177,499	5.3%

Source: OCSI (2007), ODPM (2004), DWP (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

What jobs are people doing?

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All People in work	27,633	-	313,835	-	2,579,458	-
Real estate, renting and business activities	2,565	9.3%	32,672	10.4%	343,229	13.3%
Manufacturing	4,724	17.1%	48,025	15.3%	373,152	14.5%
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	5,194	18.8%	53,382	17.0%	445,895	17.3%
Education	1,530	5.5%	18,804	6.0%	189,314	7.3%
Health and social work	2,989	10.8%	32,293	10.3%	249,784	9.7%
Construction	2,247	8.1%	23,369	7.4%	196,480	7.6%
Transport, storage and communications	1,911	6.9%	27,127	8.6%	191,265	7.4%
Public administration and defence, social security	1,283	4.6%	17,699	5.6%	133,092	5.2%
Hotels and restaurants	1,932	7.0%	15,538	5.0%	107,548	4.2%
Financial intermediation	647	2.3%	11,763	3.7%	149,796	5.8%
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	267	1.0%	9,592	3.1%	49,062	1.9%
Electricity, gas and water supply	423	1.5%	3,513	1.1%	16,287	0.6%
Mining and quarrying	487	1.8%	954	0.3%	5,320	0.2%
Fishing	88	0.3%	188	0.1%	629	0.0%
Other community, social and personal service activities	1,346	4.9%	18,916	6.0%	128,605	5.0%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.7 Health

1.7.1 Health is a fundamental determinant of quality of life, having a direct impact on an individual's ability to live a fulfilling and enjoyable life and also indirectly impacting on their ability to

sustain standards of living through income. Ill health may also have a severe effect on other people, either directly through changing relationships (for example forcing people into informal unpaid care), or through indirect effects such as change in household income.

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claimants	4,165	6.0%	26,547	3.9%	205,590	3.8%
People permanently sick or disabled (Census)	3,255	6.8%	19,257	4.0%	151,737	3.9%
People with a limiting long-term illness (Census)	14,455	21.2%	114,292	17.1%	873,168	16.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from DWP (2005), Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.8 Education and Skills

1.8.1 Improving the level of education and skills present within a local population remains an important policy objective for both local and central government. The task of implementing initiatives to improve life-long learning and enhance individual development (and employability) represents a significant and essential challenge for local authorities.

Adult Skills

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
People aged 16 - 74	42,941	-	439,061	-	3,603,395	-
No qualifications	17,743	41.3%	144,039	32.8%	1,085,264	30.1%
Highest qualification attained level 1	9,027	21.0%	84,920	19.3%	707,197	19.6%
Highest qualification attained level 2	8,481	19.8%	95,978	21.9%	797,625	22.1%
Highest qualification attained level 3	2,946	6.9%	35,512	8.1%	308,566	8.6%
Highest qualification attained level 4/5	4,744	11.0%	78,612	17.9%	704,743	19.6%

Source: OCSI (2006), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.9 Housing

1.9.1 Information on housing and households allows us to identify areas where people may be at risk of social exclusion, due to the type and condition of their housing or their household structure.

Tenure

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	29,441	-	281,150	-	2,232,025	-
Owner occupied	20,996	71.3%	200,910	71.5%	1,622,860	72.7%
Social rented	4,530	15.4%	43,181	15.4%	368,702	16.5%
Private rented	3,121	10.6%	24,980	8.9%	169,074	7.6%
Other	794	2.7%	12,079	4.3%	71,389	3.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Households by Dwelling Type

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	30,849	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-
Detached house	8,906	28.9%	104,787	35.5%	697,517	30.2%
Semi-detached house	7,776	25.2%	92,364	31.2%	721,565	31.2%
Terraced house	9,908	32.1%	65,718	22.2%	543,424	23.5%
Flat (purpose built)	2,531	8.2%	22,054	7.5%	262,671	11.4%
Flat (other)	1,547	5.0%	8,929	3.0%	72,628	3.1%
Caravan or other mobile or temporary accommodation	181	0.6%	1,717	0.6%	14,247	0.6%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Key Housing Indicators

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All households	30,849	-	295,569	-	2,312,052	-
Overcrowded households	1,239	4.2%	10,936	3.9%	115,357	5.2%
Households lacking central heating	3,292	11.2%	21,608	7.7%	115,685	5.2%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

Council Tax Bands

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
All Households	31,583	-	304,052	-	2,373,948	-
Council Tax band A-B	22,247	70.4%	156,821	51.6%	844,864	35.6%
Council Tax band C-D	7,912	25.1%	102,073	33.6%	1,037,908	43.7%
Council Tax band E-F	1,313	4.2%	36,840	12.1%	386,990	16.3%
Council Tax band G-H	111	0.4%	8,318	2.7%	104,186	4.4%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Valuation Office Agency (2005), ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.10 Access to Services

1.10.1 Access to services is a major factor in quality of life for people and communities. People are at risk from social exclusion where necessary services such as food shops and post offices are not easily accessible. This is especially likely to present difficulties for people whose mobility is limited, are unable to drive, or in areas where public transportation is poor.

	Lowestoft		Suffolk		East of England	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Households with no car or van	8,558	29.1%	55,604	19.8%	441,880	19.8%

Source: OCSI (2007), from Census 2001, ONS Settlement Definitions (2005)

1.11 Indicator definitions and sources

Population

- All population breakdowns are from the Census 2001

Multiple Deprivation

- IMD 2004 (ODPM - Indices of Deprivation 2004, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- Working-age people receiving any DWP benefit - Working Age Client Group (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)

Low Income

- ID 2004 Income domain, ID 2004 Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), ID 2004 Income Deprivation Affecting Older Persons Index (IDAOPI) (ODPM - Indices of Deprivation 2004, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- Income Support (IS) claimants, Pension Credit (PC) claimants (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)

Employment and Enterprise

- Economic activity; Hours worked; Industry of Employment (Census 2001)
- ID 2004 Employment domain (ODPM - Indices of Deprivation 2004, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants ; Incapacity Benefit/ Severe Disablement Allowance (IBSDA) claimants (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)

Health

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) claimants (DWP Quarterly Benefit Datasets: August 2005, OCSI modelled data 2006)
- People permanently sick or disabled, People with a limiting long-term illness (Census 2001)

Education and Skills

- Qualifications (Census 2001)

Housing

- Tenure; Housing type; Overcrowded households; Households lacking central heating (Census 2001)
- Council Tax bands (Valuation Office Agency 2004)

Access to Services

- Households with no car or van (Census 2001)