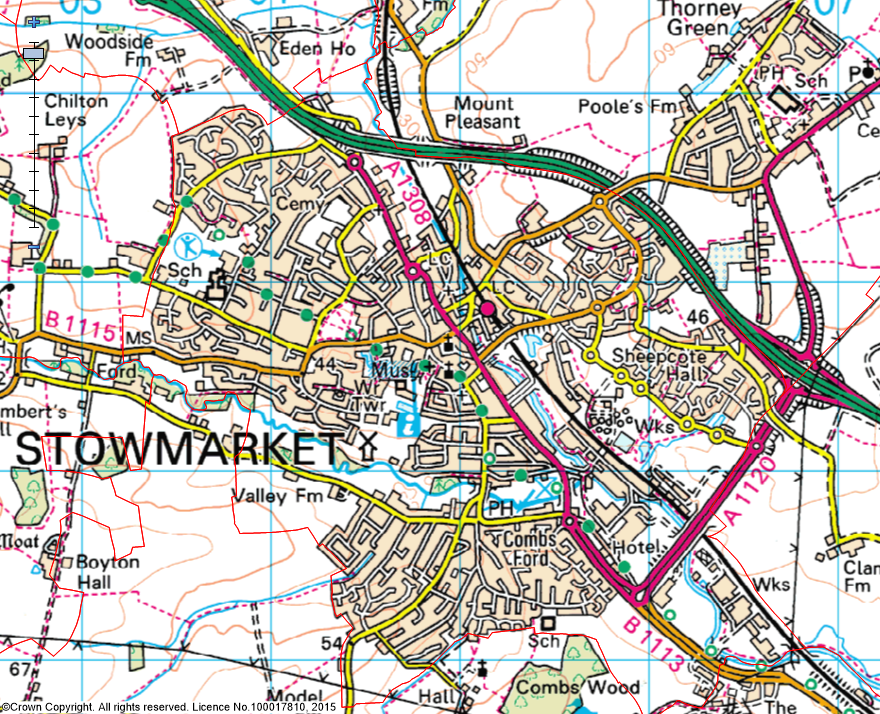
**STOWMARKET**

**HOUSING & POPULATION DATA PROFILE**

**[Parish level]**



**(Last Updated: October 2019)**

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| **This Parish Profile has been produced primarily to help inform local discussion on housing need.**  **Most of the data comes from the 2011 Census (accessible via the ONS website). Other data sources have also been used as appropriate, and will be updated periodically.** |

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| **How many people live locally?** | **Children Under**  **16** | **Working**  **Age Adults**  (16 to 64) | **People**  **Aged**  **65 +** | **Dependency Ratio** |
| **19,280** | **4,035** (21%) | **12,165** (63%) | **3,080** (16%) | **0.58** |
| 48.7% Males  51.3% Females | Mid Sflk Avg = 18.4%  England Avg = 18.9% | Mid Sflk Avg = 61.5%  England Avg = 64.7% | Mid Sflk Avg = 20.1%  England Avg = 16.3% | Mid Sflk Avg = 0.63  England Avg = 0.55 |

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: KS101EW & KS102EW] [Dependency Ratio = Ratio of Non-working Age to Working Age Population]

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| **Single Pensioner Households** | **Single H/holds**  **< 65 years old** | **Lone Parent Families**  **with Dependent Children** |
| **997** | **1,305** | **617** |
| 5.2% of all Households  Mid Suffolk Avg = 12.9%  England Avg = 12.4% | 6.8% of all Households  Mid Suffolk Avg = 12.4%  England Avg = 17.9% | 23.9% of all families with dependent children  Mid Suffolk Avg = 17.7%  England avg = 24.5% |

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: KS105EW]

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| **General Health** (All Usual Residents) | | | | |
| **Very Good**  **48.8%** | **Good**  **35.0%** | **Fair**  **12.4%** | **Bad**  **3.1%** | **Very Bad**  **0.7%** |
| Mid Sflk Avg = 47.9%  England Avg = 47.2% | Mid Sflk Avg = 35.3%  England Avg = 35.2% | Mid Sflk Avg = 12.8%  England Avg = 12.8% | Mid Sflk Avg = 3.1%  England Avg = 3.6% | Mid Sflk Avg = 0.8%  England Avg = 1.0% |

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS302EW]

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| **Total # Occupied**  **Households** | **Owned (Outright or with Mortgage)** | **Shared Ownership** | **Socially**  **Rented** | **Privately**  **Rented** |
| **8,150** | **5,759** (71%) | **87** (1%) | **1,102** (14%) | **1,115** (14%) |
| Mid Sflk Avg = 75.1%  England Avg = 63.3% | Mid Sflk Avg = 0.8%  England Avg = 0.8% | Mid Sflk Avg = 11.3%  England Avg = 17.7% | Mid Sflk Avg = 11.2%  England Avg = 16.8% |

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS405EW]

* At the time of the 2011 Census some 210 dwellings (2.5% of all dwellings in Stowmarket) appeared to be unoccupied. (Mid Suffolk Avg = 3.8%) [QS418EW]

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| **Number of Bedrooms (Occupied Households)** | | | | |
| **None** | **1 bed** | **2 bed** | **3 bed** | **4 bed +** |
| **13** (0.1%) | **591** (7.3%) | **2,520** (30.9%) | **3,505** (43.0%) | **1,521** (18.7%) |
| Mid Sflk Avg = 0.1%  England Avg = 0.2% | Mid Sflk Avg = 6.0%  England Avg = 11.8% | Mid Sflk Avg = 25.0%  England Avg = 27.9% | Mid Sflk Avg = 40.4%  England Avg = 41.2% | Mid Sflk Avg = 28.5%  England Avg = 18.9% |

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS411EW]

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| **Total # Occupied**  **Households** | **Total # with Under-Occupied bedrooms** | **Total # with Over-Occupied bedrooms** |
| **8,150** | **6,097** (74.8%) | **189** (2.3%) |
| Mid Sflk Avg = 80.8% / England Avg = 68.7% | Mid Sflk Avg = 1.6% / England Avg = 4.6% |

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS412EW]

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| **NET NEW RESIDENTIAL COMPLETIONS** (Last 5 Years: April to March) | | | | |
| **2013/14** | **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** | **2017/18** |
| **115** | **132** | **110** | **86** | **164** |

[Source: Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Annual Monitoring Report]

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| **Avg Price & No (in brackets) of Properties Sold in IP14 Postcode (Aug 2018)** | | | | |
| **Detached** | **Semi-Det’** | **Terraced** | **Flat** | **All** |
| £353,415 (25) | £240,402 (26) | £185,187 (8) | £173,167 (3) | £275,593 (62) |

[Source: Right Move website: Market Trends]

**In Mid Suffolk, in 2017 …the average wage was £25,070. The average house prices was £255,000. Therefore, the wage to house price ratio = x 10.17**

[Source: ONS website: Median wages, median house prices and ratio calculation]

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| **Other Information**   * **County Councillor’s**    + **Cllr Gary Green** (Stowmarket North & Stowupland Division)   + **Cllr Nick Gowrley** (Stowmarket South) * **District Councillor’s**   + **Cllr Barry Humphreys MBE, Cllr Oliver Amorowson** (Chilton)   + **Cllr Paul Ekpenyong** (St Peter’s)   + **Cllr Dave Muller and Cllr Terence Carter** (Stow Thorney)   + **Cllr Gerard Brewster and Cllr Keith Scarff** (Combs Ford) * Stowmarket is identified as a **Town** in Policy CS1 of the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy DPD (Adopted Sept 2008). Further planning guidance relevant to both the town and its immediate environs is set out in the **Stowmarket Area Action Plan** (Adopted Feb 2013) * Stowmarket is well served by a range of local services, businesses, education, employment and health facilities * The majority of households (82%) in Stowmarket with at least one usual resident have access to gas-fired central heating [QS415EW] * The following Housing Association’s (Registered Providers) are known to be active in Stowmarket: Circle, Flagship, Havebury, Orbit, Orwell, Sanctuary Housing and Suffolk Housing Society * The **2014 Suffolk Housing Survey** shows that, across Mid Suffolk district:   + 12% of all existing households contain someone looking for their own property over the next 3 years (mainly single adults without children). The types of properties they are interested in are flats / apartments, and smaller terraced or semi-detached houses. Although this is not their first preference, many accept that the private rented sector is their most realistic option.   + 25% of households think their current property will not be suitable for their needs in 10 years’ time.   + 2 & 3 bed properties are most sought after by existing households wishing to move.   + Suitable housing options for more elderly people are less available within the current housing stock. 6% of all households have elderly relatives who may need to move to Suffolk within the next 3 years. |