**COMBS**

**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** |
| **852** | **135** (15.8%) | **550** (64.6%) | **167** (19.6%) | **0.55** |
| 51.4% Males48.6% 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 = 0.63England 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** |
| **30** | **43** | **7** |
| 8.4% of all HouseholdsMid Suffolk Avg = 12.9%England Avg = 12.4% | 12.0% of all Households Mid Suffolk Avg = 12.4%England Avg = 17.9% | 8.1% of all families with dependent childrenMid Suffolk Avg = 17.7%England avg = 24.5% |

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: KS105EW]

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| **General Health** (All Usual Residents)  |
| **Very Good****53.5%** | **Good****33.7%** | **Fair****9.4%** | **Bad****2.9%** | **Very Bad****0.5%** |
| 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** |
| **357** | **300** (84.0%) | **1** (0.3%) | **15** (4.2%) | **39** (10.9%) |
| 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 14 dwellings (3.8% of all dwellings in Combs) 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 +**  |
| **1** (0.3%) | **22** (6.2%) | **55** (15.4%) | **131** (36.7%) | **148** (41.4%) |
| 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** |
| **357** | **313 (87.7%)** | **5 (1.4%)** |
| 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** |
| **1** | **3** | **2** | **7** | **26** |

[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 2014 ….the average wage was £26,301. The average house price was £203,220. Therefore, the wage to house price ratio = x 7.73

[Source: LGA website: <http://100days.local.gov.uk/localised-data/>

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| **Other Information*** **County Councillor = Cllr Kay Oakes** (Bosmere Division)
* **District Councillor = Cllr John Matthissen** (Onehouse Ward)
* Combs is identified as a **Secondary Village** in Policy CS1 of the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy DPD (Adopted Sept 2008)
* Local Services in Combs are somewhat limited making it reliant on the services in nearby Combs Ford, Stowmarket and Great Finborough
* 68% of all households in Combs with at least one usual resident are reliant on oil-fired heating [QS415EW]
* The Combs Parish Plan (Report and Action Plan) was published by the Parish Council in 2011
* There are no Housing Association’s (Registered Providers) currently known to be active in Combs
* 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.
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