

## Electoral Division Profile

# Lowestoft South (61)

This Division comprises Carlton, Kirkley and Whitton wards.

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## **Electoral Division Profiles: an introduction**

These documents have been produced to support elected members, constituents and other interested parties in understanding the demographic, economic and educational profile of their neighbourhoods. We have used the latest data available at the time of publication.

Much more data is available from national and local sources than is captured here, but it is hoped that the profile will be useful starting point for discussion, where local knowledge and experience can be used to flesh out and illuminate the statistical evidence base presented here.

The profile can be used to look at some fundamental questions e.g.

- How many people make up the population of the Division? Does the age profile match or differ from the national profile? Is there evidence of the ageing profile of the county in all the wards in the Division or just some? How diverse is the community in terms of ethnicity?
- What are the circumstances affecting people in the area? Are levels of deprivation uniform across the area or are there variations? What is the impact of deprivation on families and residents? Does there seem to be a link between deprivation and school performance?
- The data on employment shows which sectors employees in the area work in. The job seekers allowance claimants data shows the changing numbers of claimants over the past four years. Is the impact of the recession locally related to the employment profile of the area?

This is the first time that Electoral Division Profiles have been produced in Suffolk, and we welcome feedback on both the content and format of the documents.

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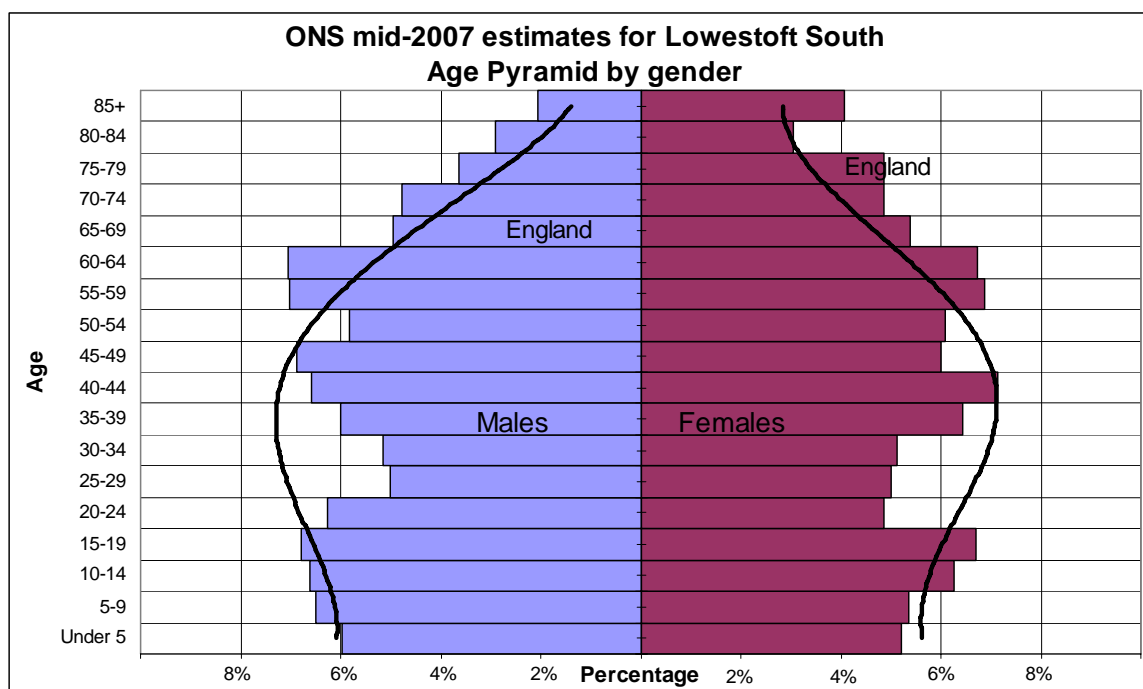
1. Where Electoral Divisions do not exactly match ward boundaries, we have adopted a "best fit" approach to produce a dataset.
2. Where data is not available at ward level, we have used the relevant District level data to offer a comparison.
3. County level data is provided where possible to provide a context for comparisons.

## 1. Demographic profile

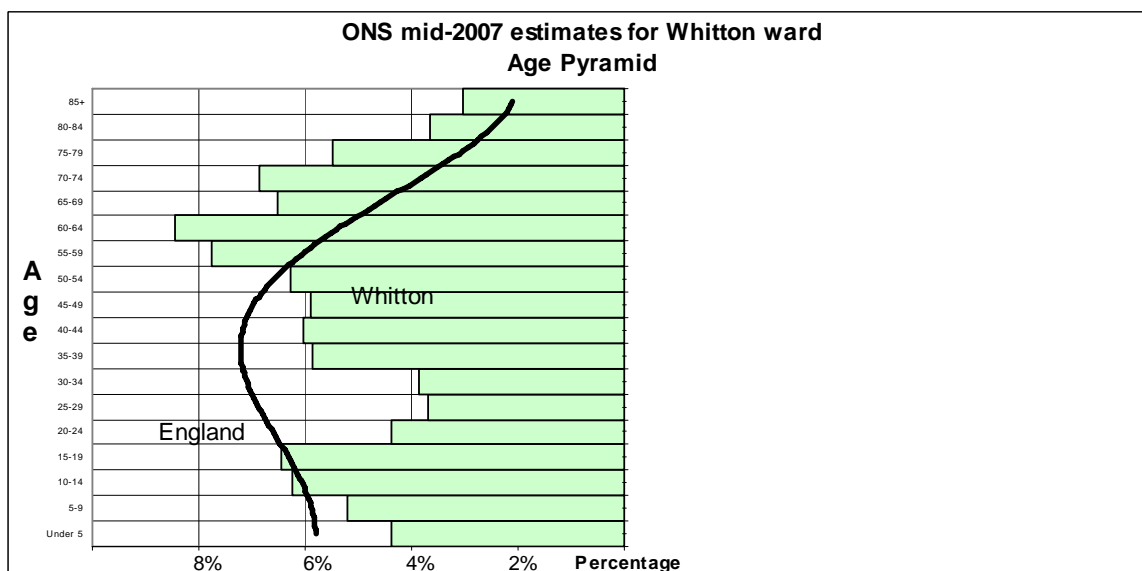
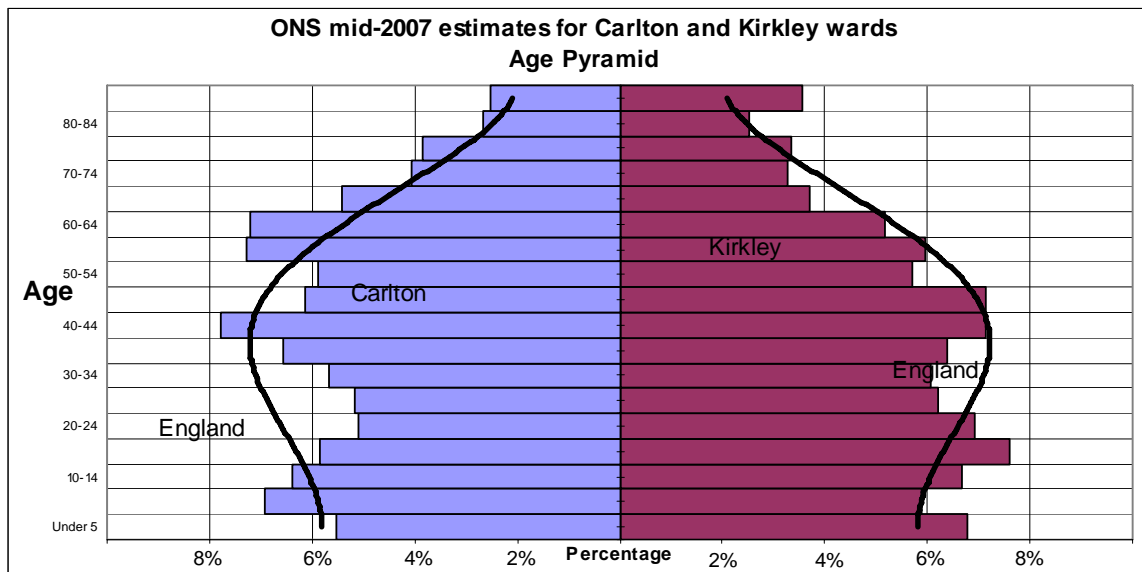
At the time of the 2001 Census 19,507 people lived in Lowestoft South Division. Since then the population has increased by 1% reaching 19,751 by mid-2007. The age structure of the component wards and the Division as a whole as at mid-2007 is set out below.

	Component wards			Lowestoft South Electoral Division
	Carlton ward	Kirkley ward	Whitton ward	
<b>All Ages</b>	4,750	7,577	7,424	19,751
<b>0-4</b>	262	513	326	1,101
<b>5-9</b>	329	447	387	1,163
<b>10-14</b>	303	505	464	1,272
<b>15-19</b>	278	575	478	1,331
<b>20-24</b>	242	525	324	1,091
<b>25-29</b>	246	469	273	988
<b>30-34</b>	269	460	288	1,017
<b>35-39</b>	312	483	435	1,230
<b>40-44</b>	370	542	447	1,359
<b>45-49</b>	292	540	437	1,269
<b>50-54</b>	279	433	466	1,178
<b>55-59</b>	345	451	575	1,371
<b>60-64</b>	343	392	626	1,361
<b>65-69</b>	257	280	484	1,021
<b>70-74</b>	193	248	510	951
<b>75-79</b>	183	253	408	844
<b>80-84</b>	127	191	271	589
<b>85+</b>	120	270	225	615

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2001 & 2007 mid year population estimates.



The age pyramid for Lowestoft South shows that there are fewer people than average aged 20-39 and more aged 55-64 and over 70.



- Carlton and Kirkley wards both have age profiles that are roughly similar to the national average, although in each case there is a minor shortfall in the number of young adults in their twenties and early thirties.
- Whitton ward has a higher than average proportion of people over 55 but a shortfall of people in their twenties and early thirties. The proportion of teenagers corresponds to the national average.

### Ethnicity

- At the time of the 2001 census, Lowestoft South had a population of 19,505 people, of whom 98.83% (19,277) were white, all but 243 of whom were white British.
- There were 228 (1.17%) people of black or minority ethnic origin in the division.

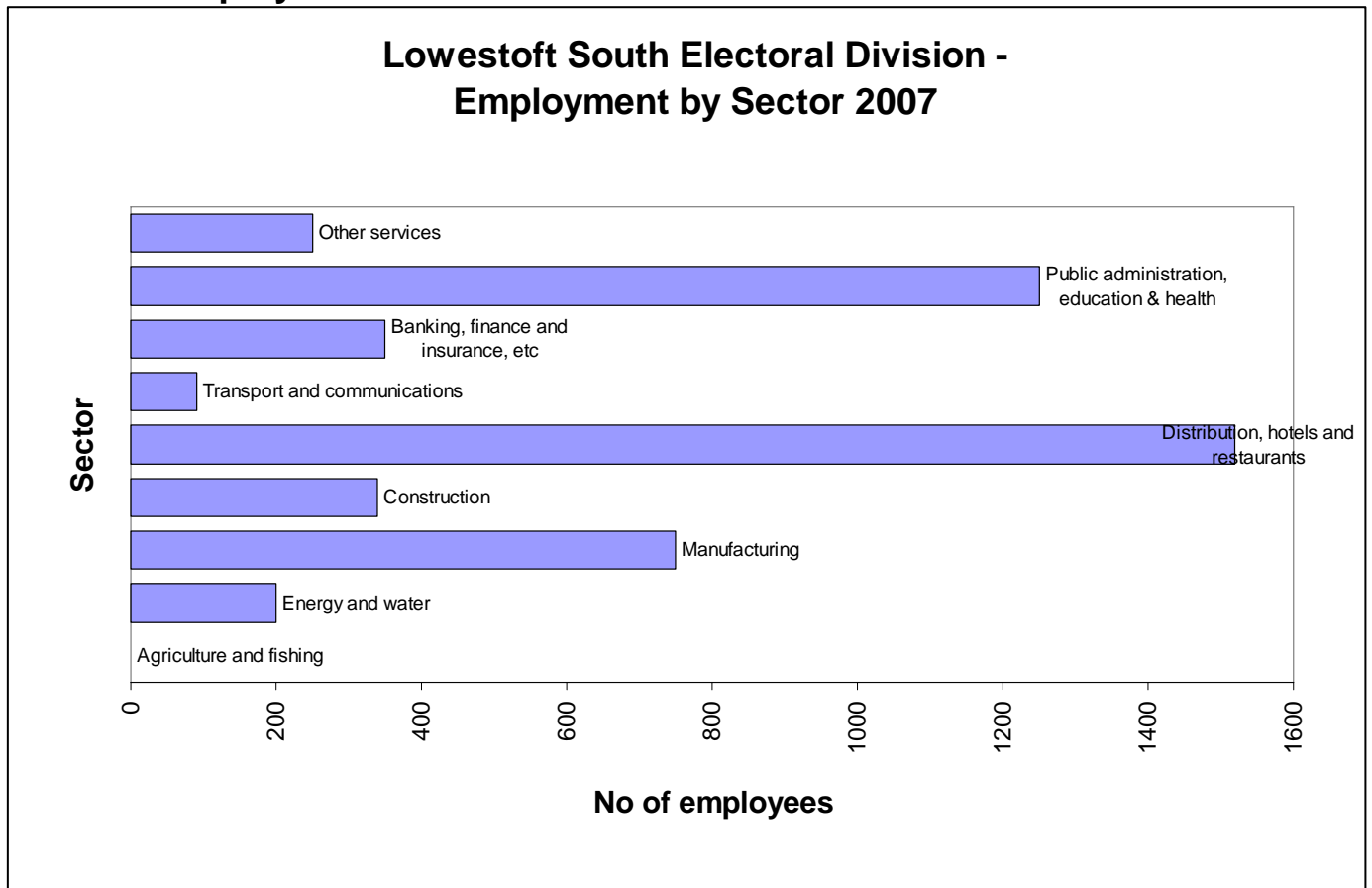
		All people	White	White British	Mixed	Asian and Asian British	Black and Black British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Black or Minority Ethnic Group
<b>SUFFOLK</b>		<b>668,553</b>	<b>97.24</b>	<b>93.75</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>2.76</b>
<b>Lowestoft South</b>	No.	19,505	19,277	19,034	106	32	30	60	228
	%		98.83	97.59	0.54	0.16	0.15	0.31	1.17

The latest ethnicity data are the 2007 district estimates; the table relevant to this Division is below.

	All people	Percentage							
		White	White British	Mixed	Asian and Asian British	Black and Black British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group	Black or Minority Ethnic Group	
<b>Waveney</b>	117,300	96.5	94.2	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.7	3.5	

## 2. Economic and labour market data

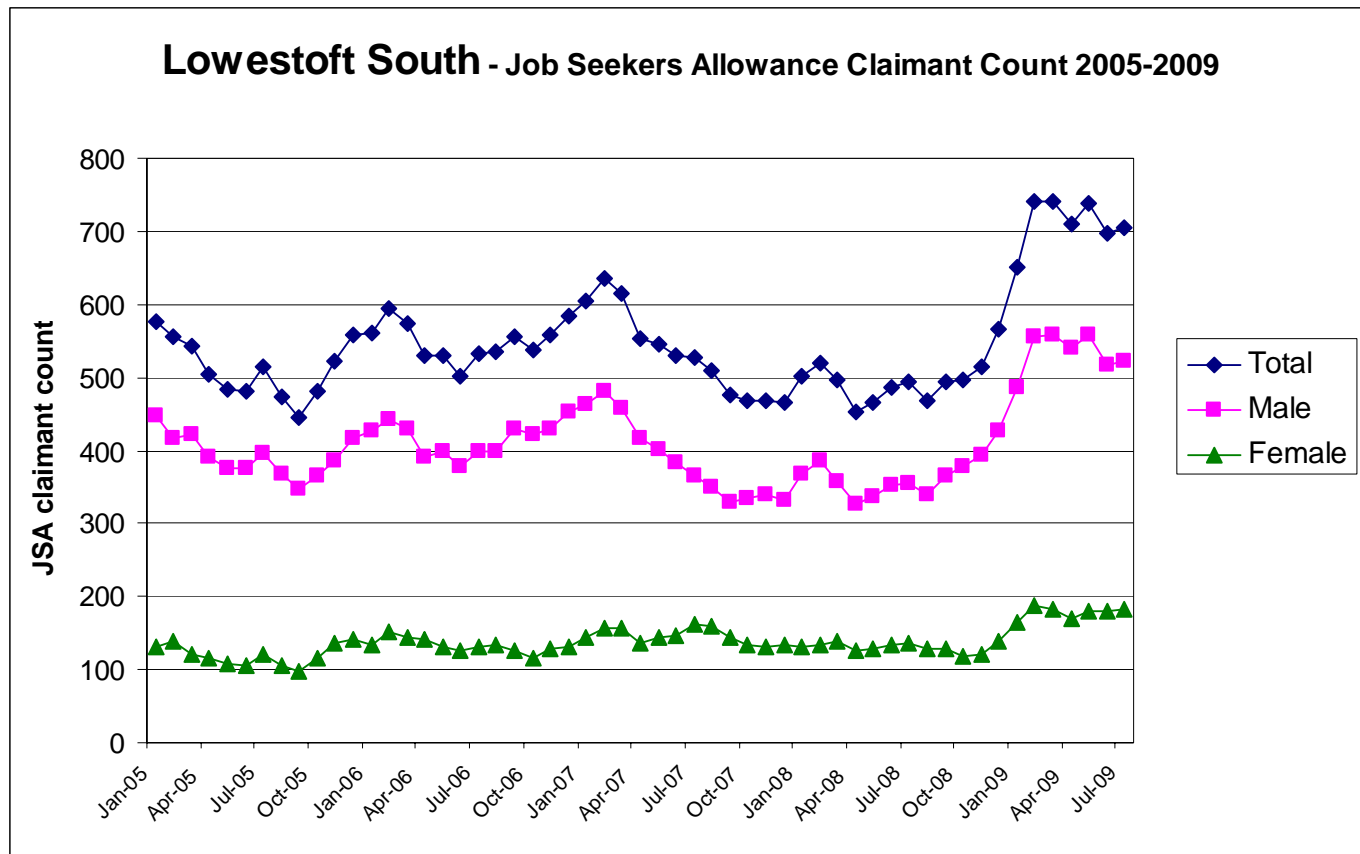
### 2a Employment



Source: Annual Business Inquiry (2007)

- Employment in Lowestoft South is dominated by the public administration, education and health and distribution, hotels and restaurants (including retail) sectors.
- There is also significant employment in banking, finance and insurance, construction and manufacturing sectors.

## 2b Unemployment/benefit claimants



- Like much of the county, and indeed the country, Lowestoft South has seen a dramatic rise in Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants in the past year as the global economic downturn continues.
- The number of claimants has remained roughly steady for the past six months.
- Males generally account for at least two-thirds of the total JSA claimant count.
- In percentage terms, around 17.1% of the working age population (males aged 16-64 and females aged 16-59) are claiming JSA. This is more than five times the county and regional average, and more than four times the national level.

### 3. Schools (see Map)

There are 6 primary schools, 2 middle schools and 1 high school in this Division.

#### Latest Ofsted School Inspection Outcome

Grade 1	Outstanding
Grade 2	Good
Grade 3	Satisfactory
Grade 4	

Dell Primary	Grade 2	April 2008
Elm Tree County Primary	Grade 3	Nov. 2008
Fen Park County Primary	Grade 3	Feb. 2007
Meadow County Primary	Grade 2	Dec. 2008
St Mary's RC Primary	Grade 3	Feb. 2009
Whitton Green County Primary	Grade 3	Dec. 2006

Elm Tree Middle	Grade 3	June 2009.
Kirkley Middle	Grade 4	

Placed in special measures Dec 2007. Latest monitoring report (23/03/2009): satisfactory progress.

Kirkley Community High	Grade 4	placed in special measures. March 2009
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#### Attainment Results 2007-9

Note: small cohort size can lead to fluctuations in results.

Green shading indicates a result significantly better than the county average whereas red shading indicates a result significantly worse than the county average.

<b>Foundation Stage Profile (reception)</b> % pupils achieving the expected score of 78 points or more	<b>Average cohort size</b>	<b>2006/7</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2008/9</b>	<b>2008/9 county average</b>
<b>Dell Primary</b>	30	32.8	22	63.3	74.5
<b>Elm Tree County Primary</b>	46	89.1	68.5	64.9	74.5
<b>Fen Park County Primary</b>	33	85.2	75.5	74.2	74.5
<b>Meadow County Primary</b>	41	68.2	50	94.6	74.5
<b>St Mary's RC Primary</b>	29	82.8	93.1	50	74.5
<b>Whitton Green County Primary</b>	26	90.5	60	73.1	74.5

<b>Key Stage 2 (age 11)</b> % pupils at L4 or above	<b>Average cohort size</b>	<b>2006/7</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2008/9</b>	<b>2008/9 county average</b>
<b>Elm Tree Middle</b>	113				
English L4+		71	58	62	77.6
Maths L4 +		65	48	63	74.9
<b>Kirkley Middle</b>	71				
English L4+		55	65	40	77.6
Maths L4 +		52	61	31	74.9



<b>KS4 (age 16)</b> % pupils achieving 5 A*-C in. English and Maths	<b>Average cohort size</b>	<b>2006/7</b>	<b>2007/8</b>	<b>2008/9*</b>	<b>2008/9 * county average</b>
<b>Kirkley Community High</b>	352	31	26	31.7	49.6

\* 2009 results are provisional and will not be confirmed until late 2009.

#### 4. Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007 (see map)

*Source:* The IMD combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation. Small areas (LSOAs) are most usually described as being in 1 of 5 quintile bands. The bottom quintile represents the 20% of areas that are the most deprived in the country; these are shaded red on the map. The top quintile represents the least deprived areas in the country, and is shaded green.

The Index is used widely to analyse patterns of deprivation, identify areas that would benefit from special initiatives or programmes and as a tool to determine eligibility for specific funding streams.

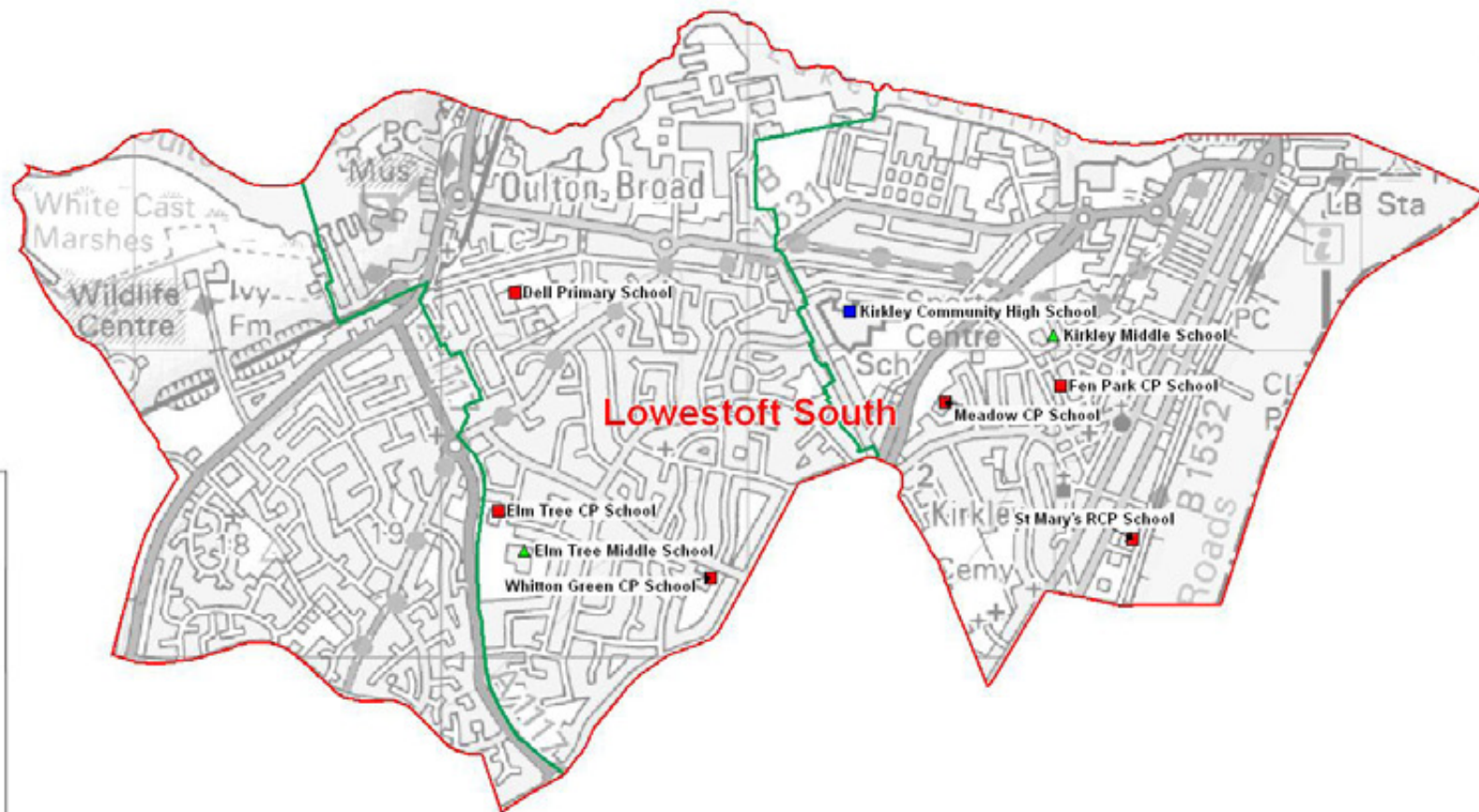
##### **The IMD 2007 shows that:**

Deprivation levels in Lowestoft South are generally above the national average, though there is significant variation.

- Of the thirteen Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA) comprising the Electoral Division, four are ranked in the top 20% most deprived LSOAs in the country, five are in the next worst quintile and one is in the mid quintile. In contrast, one is in the top 20% of least deprived LSOAs, and two are in the next best quintile.

##### **Rankings in England - no. of LSOAs per quintile**

	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Electoral Division</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Worst 20%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30.1%</b>
<b>Next worst 20%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38.5%</b>
<b>Mid 20%</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Next best 20%</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>35.7%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
<b>Least deprived 20%</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>426</b>		<b>13</b>	



**LEGEND**

- Primary Schools
- ▲ Middle Schools
- Secondary Schools

- Ward
- Parish
- Electoral Division



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- Parish and Ward Boundaries

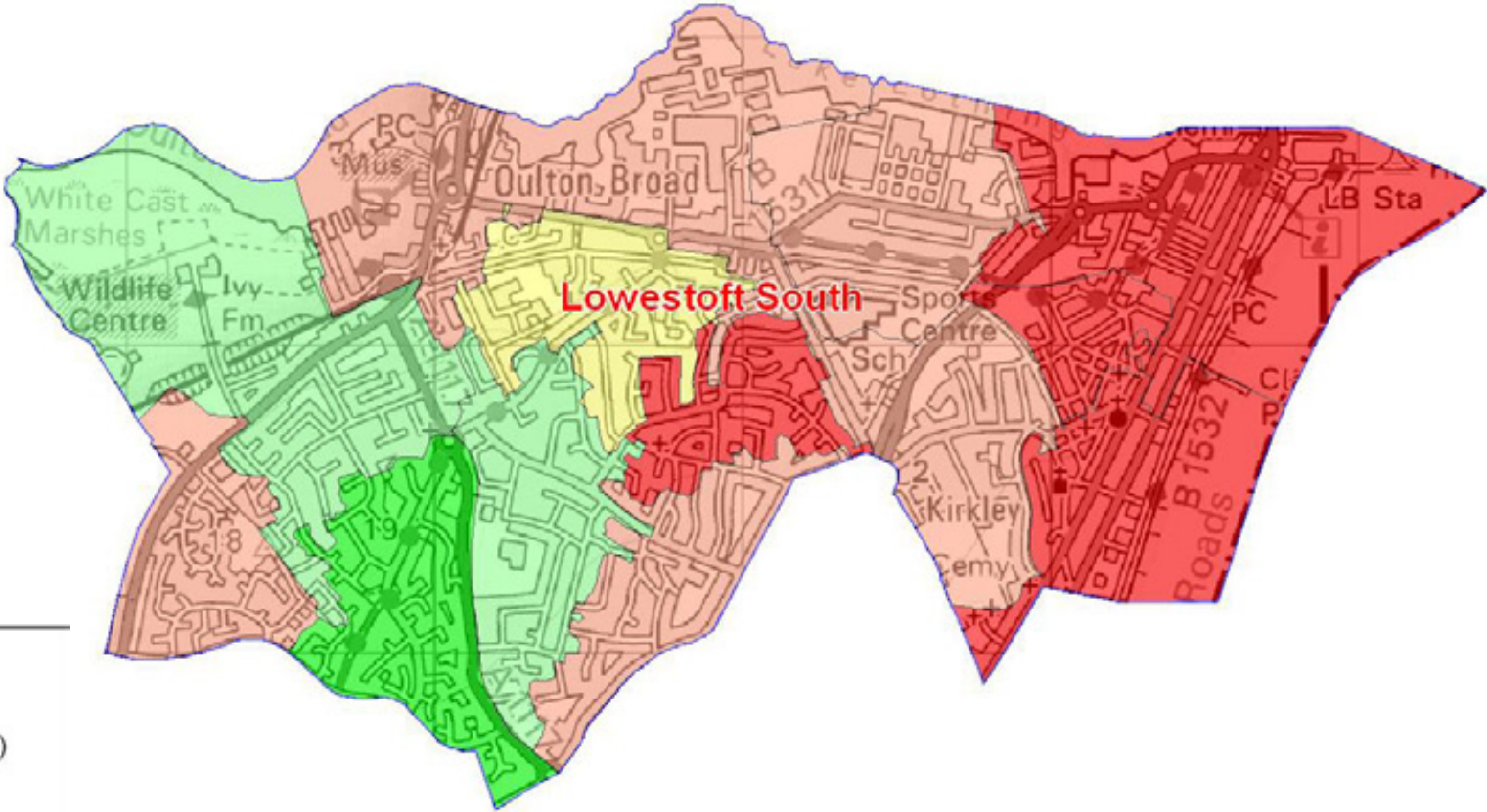
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**National Rank**

- Best 20% (95)
- Next Best 20% (152)
- Next worst 20% (92)
- Next worst 20% (57)
- Worst 20% (30)



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2. a) Office for National Statistics Annual Business Inquiry 2007  
b) Office for National Statistics Job Seekers Allowance claimant count
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