

Cost of living crisis Impacts on social renters

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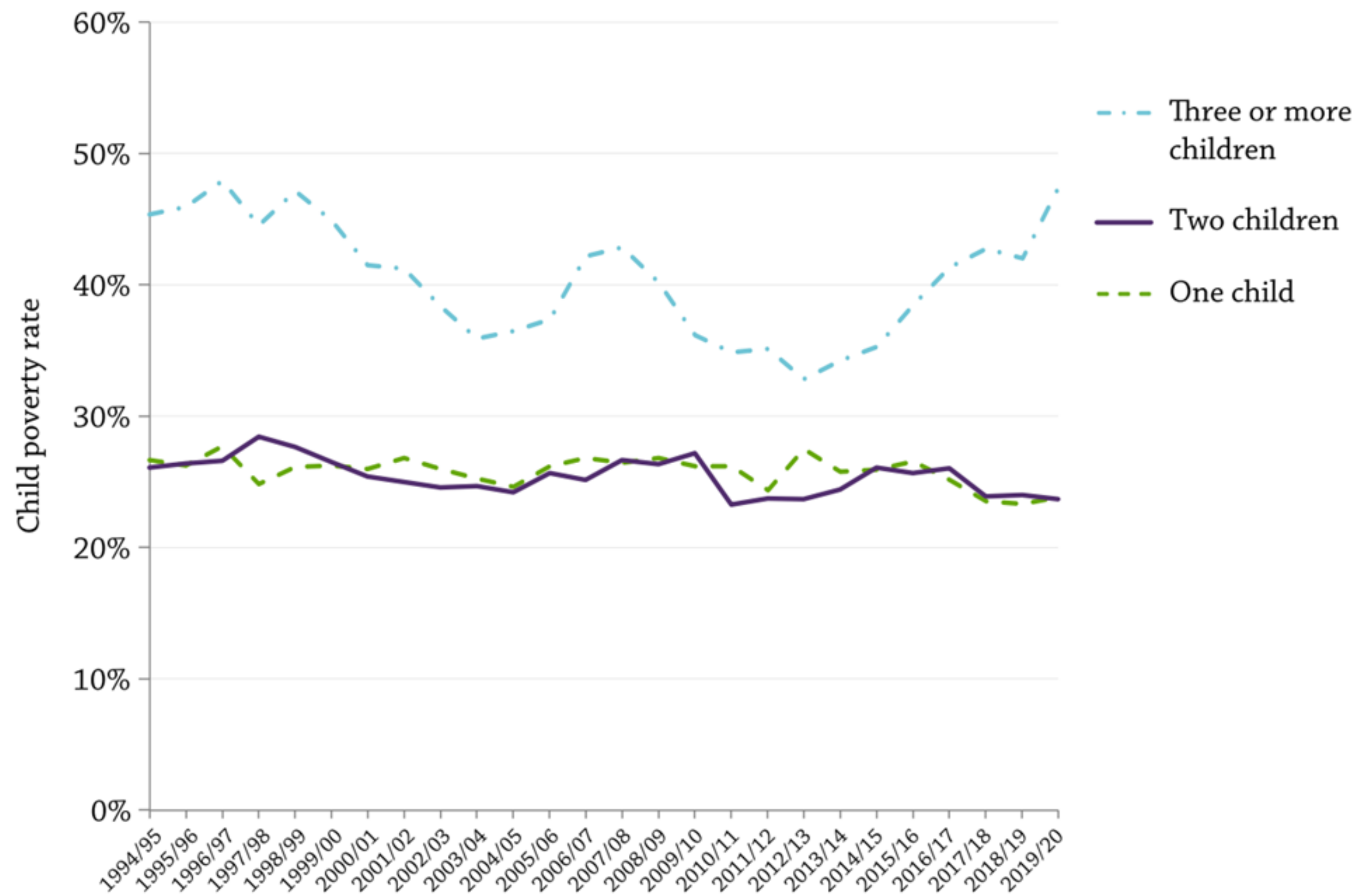
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Context: a decade that undermined resilience of low-income household finances

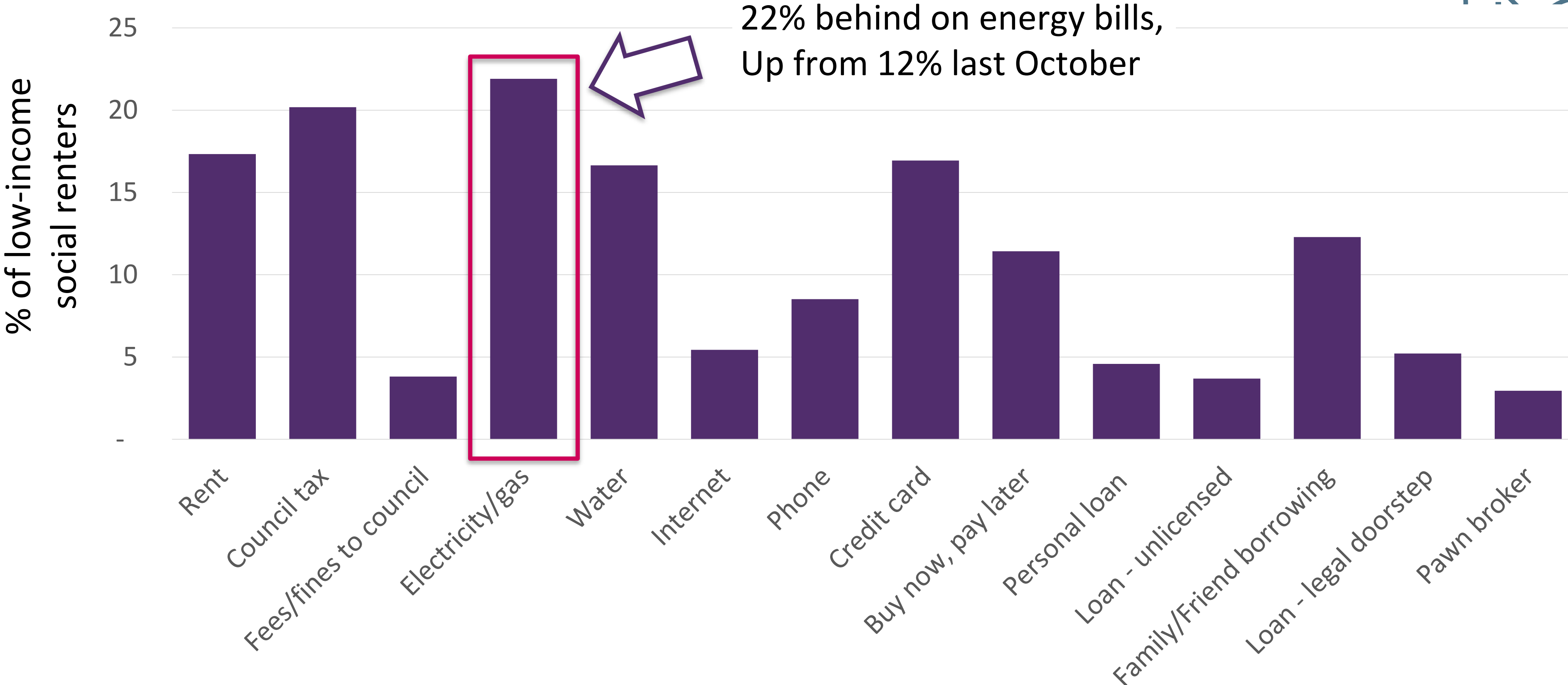
- Basic rate of benefits least generous for 40 years
- Rising destitution
- Increasing foodbank use
- Rough-sleeping doubled in the last decade

Child poverty rates by number of children in the family



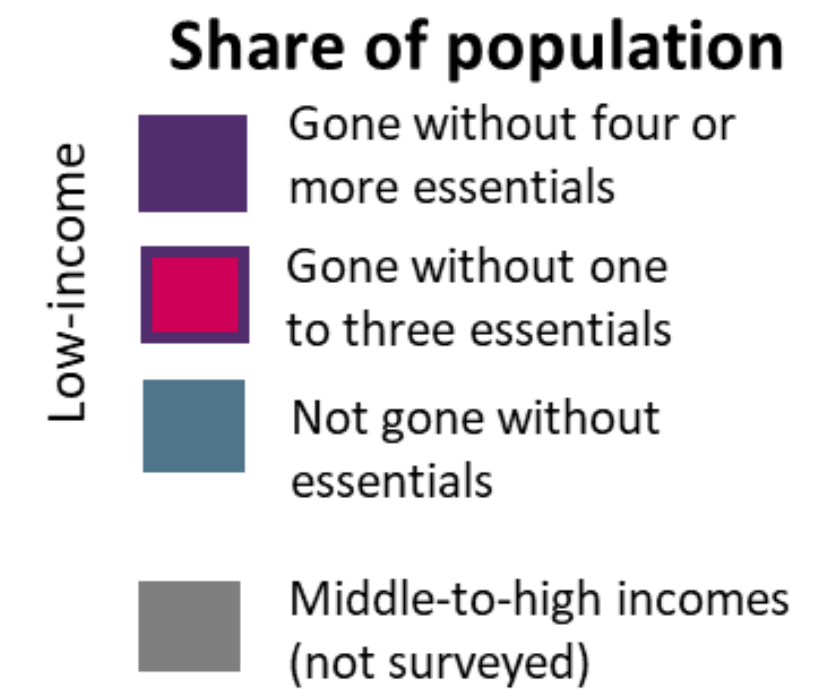
Source: Households Below Average Income, 2019/20, DWP

Arrears with energy bills now the most frequently cited arrear



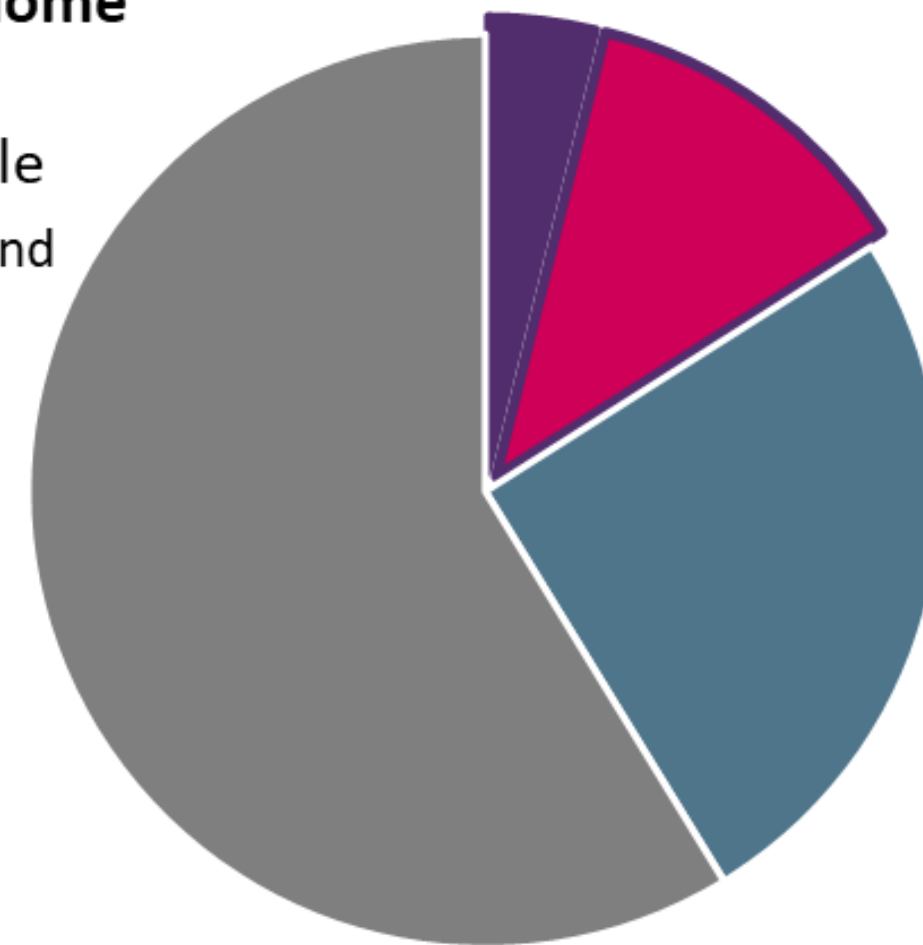
Social renters much more likely to report going without essentials

Proportions gone without essentials



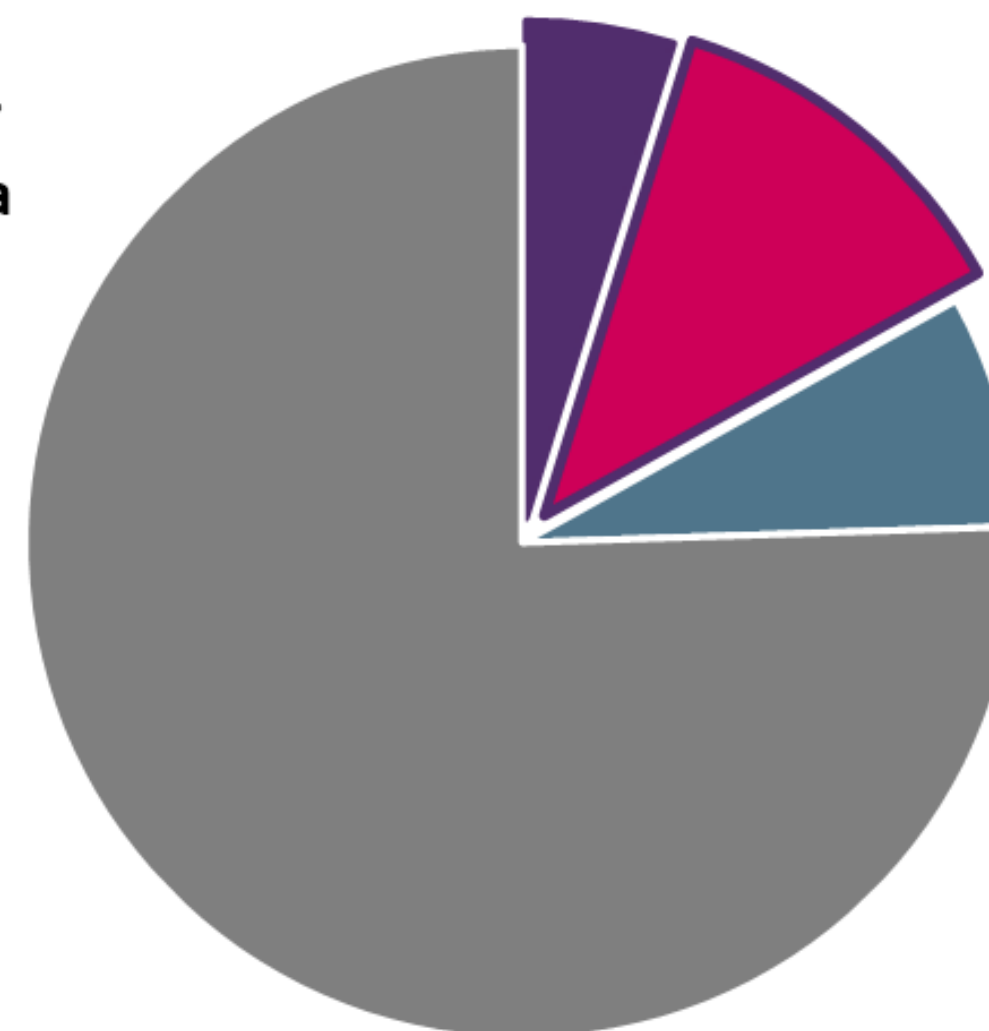
Own their home outright

19.2m people
Low-income and gone without essentials: 16%, 3m



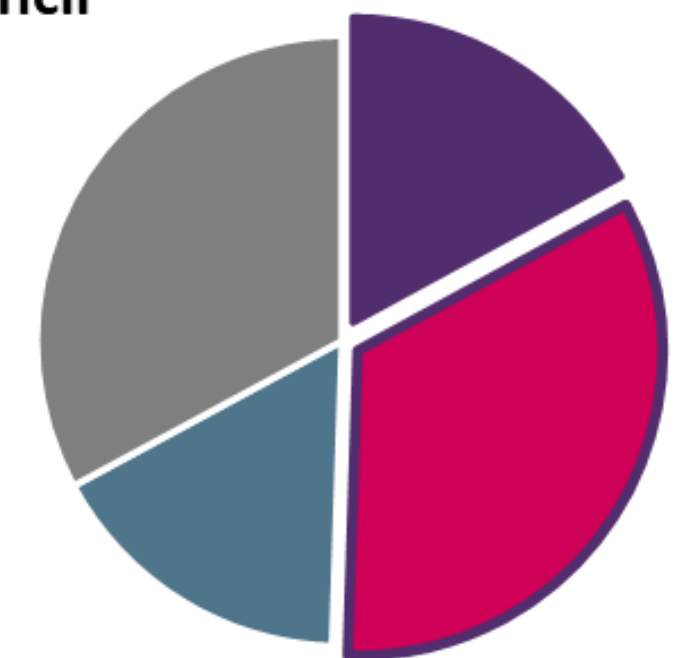
Buying their home with a mortgage

23m people
Low-income and gone without essentials: 17%, 3.9m



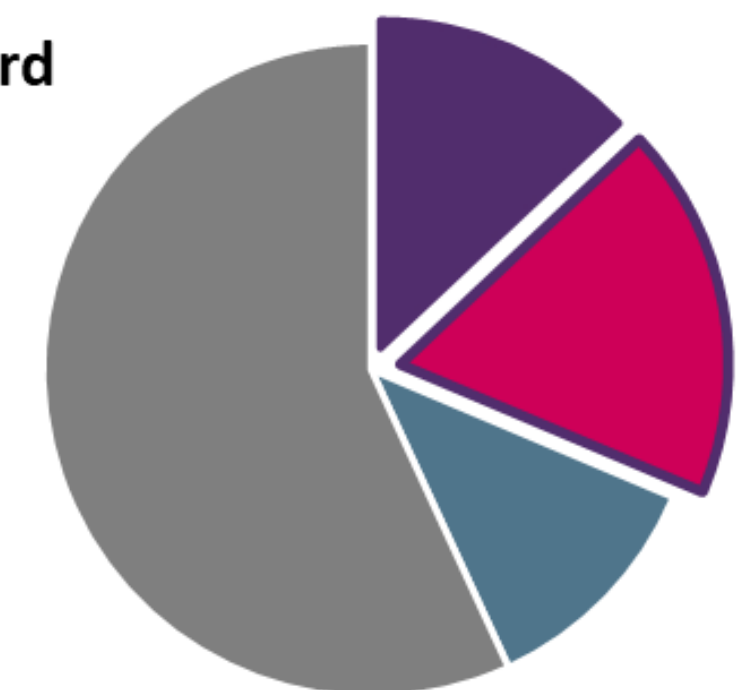
Rent from the council or a housing association

10.7m people
Low-income and gone without essentials: 51%, 5.4m

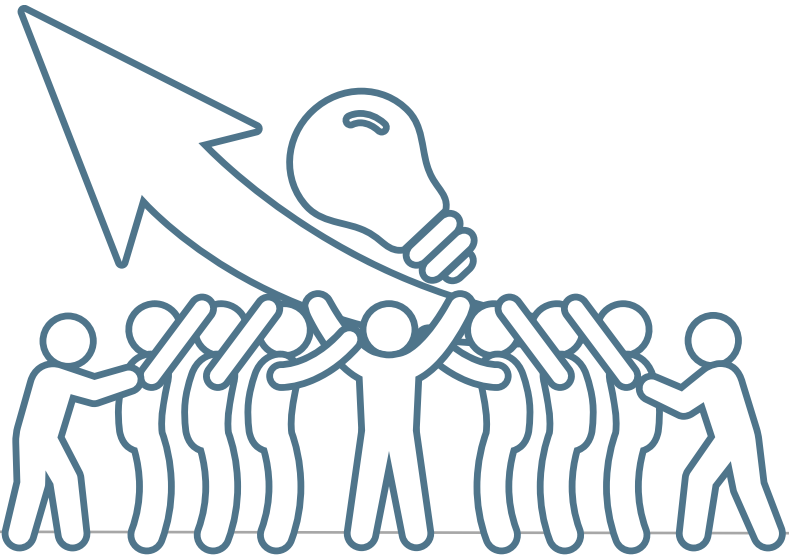


Rent from a private landlord

12.7m people
Low-income and gone without essentials: 31%, 3.9m



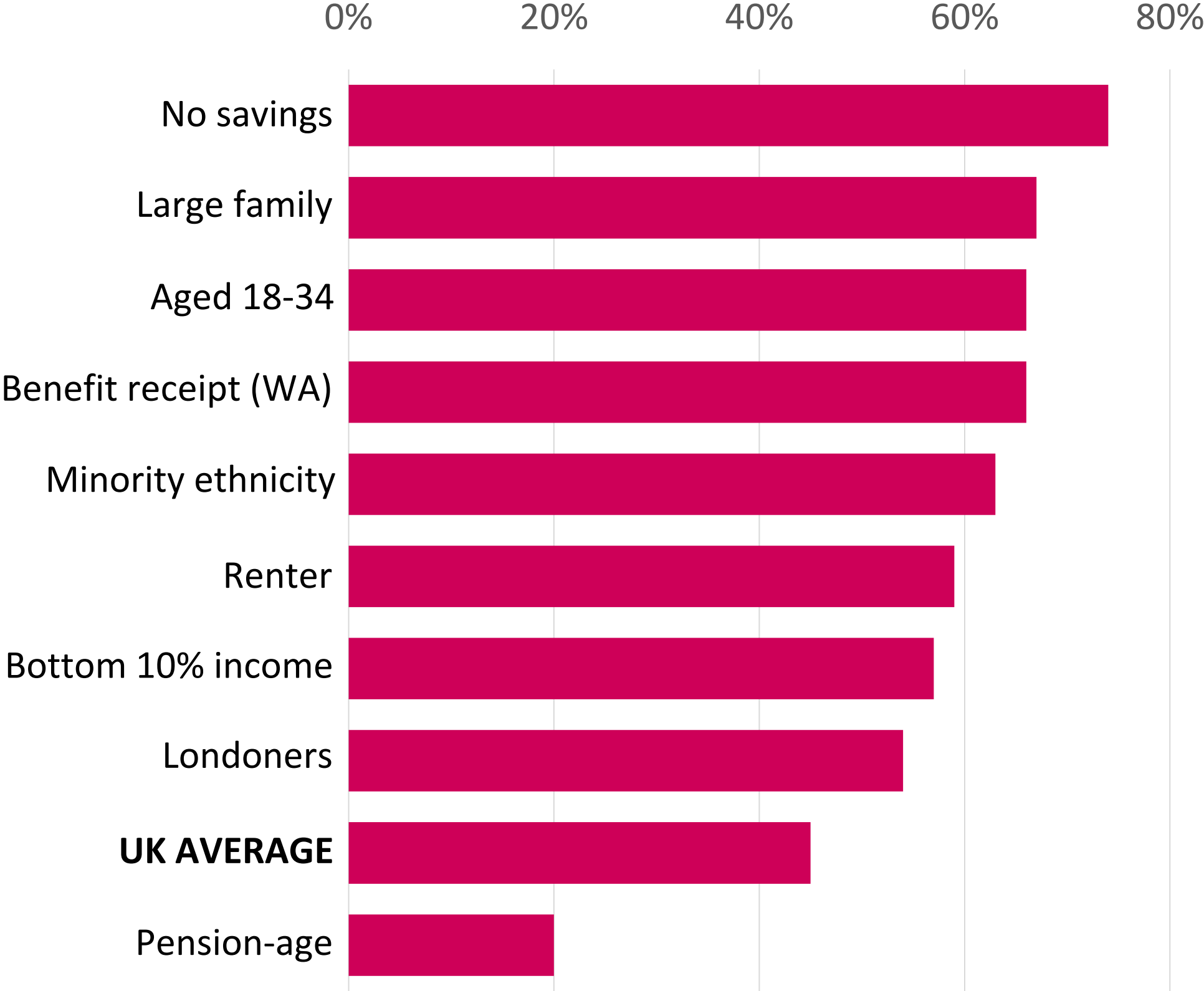
The cost-of-living crisis is hitting low-income households in London the hardest; some groups are particularly vulnerable



Cutting back on meals or going hungry

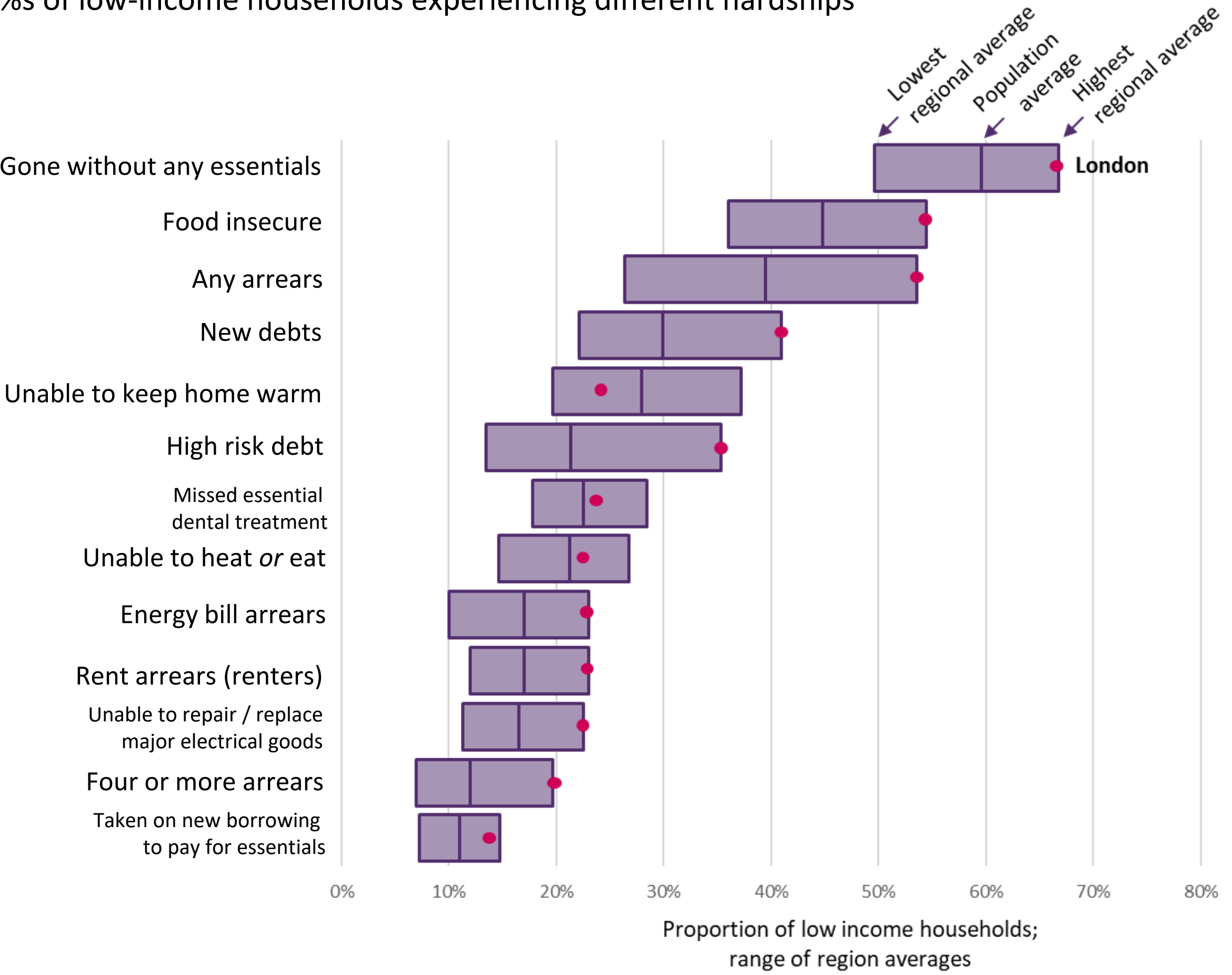
(at some point in the last 30 days)

% of low-income of group cutting back on meals or going hungry



Range of averages for UK nations and regions

%s of low-income households experiencing different hardships



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A bleak economic outlook: mixed bag with some positive steps on welfare and wages, but no new support for a difficult winter

- Benefits *and* benefit cap increase with inflation
- £900 top-up for means-tested benefits, £300 for pensioners and £150 for those with disability benefits (*timing TBC, these are in addition to top-ups already received*)
- Energy Price Guarantee continues, but less generous
- Household Support Fund boosted by £1bn
- National Living Wage increases 9.7% to £10.42

But

- Basic rate of benefits still lowest level in real terms for 40 years
- No new support for this winter – support is back-loaded
- Frozen tax thresholds and potential for increasing council tax (up to 5%)
- Social rents up 7%(max), and no support for private renters

