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Definitions

While an individual's poverty status is determined at the sharing unit level, the results tables refer to the number of individuals in benefit units, sharing units or households, depending on the type of disaggregation used.

Sharing unit: Related* individuals within a household are deemed to share resources and needs – they represent one sharing unit. For example, a lone parent and child living with the lone parent's own parents would be counted as one sharing unit. Non-related individuals within a household are deemed not to share resources and needs – they represent multiple sharing units. For example, a group of non-related students living in the same property would each be classed as a separate sharing unit. *Note: we also use "related" to refer to two people living together as a couple.

Unless otherwise stated in the SMC report, our analysis has closely followed the definitions used in FRS and HBAI. For instance, our definitions of a household and benefit unit follow that of the FRS and HBAI:

Household: 'One person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area. A household will consist of one or more benefit units.' For example, a group of non-related students living in the same property and sharing a living room would be classed as a single household even if they did not eat together, however a group of bed-sits living in the same property would not be considered a single household.

Benefit unit: 'A single adult or couple living as married and any dependent children'. For example, a lone parent and child living with the lone parent's own parents in the same property would be counted as one household and one sharing unit but two benefit units. The lone parent and child would constitute one benefit unit and the lone parent's own parents would constitute another.

Persistent poverty: In line with the OECD/ONS definition, individuals are considered as being in persistent poverty if they are in poverty in the current year and any two of the previous three years. As such the persistent poverty estimates in the tables that follow for 2014/15 and 2015/16 are based on analysis of an individual's poverty status over the period 2011/12 - 2014/15 and 2012/13 - 2015/16 respectively. While Understanding Society data is available from 2009/10, persistent poverty estimates for years preceding 2014/15 are not possible as the in-year poverty measure applies three-year smoothing.

Notes

The results tables refer to "family" as a synonym for sharing unit. Where reference is made to a nuclear family (or benefit unit), this is made explicit.

SMC estimates based on FRS data are subject to the same limitations as HBAI, namely:

- Estimates are based on sample counts that have been adjusted for non-response using multi-purpose grossing factors that control for tenure type, Council Tax Band and a number of demographic variables.
- Estimates are subject to sampling error and remaining non-sampling bias.

Our persistent poverty estimates and selected lived experience indicators are based on data from Understanding Society. These estimates have been weighted to adjust for unequal selection probabilities, differential nonresponse, and potential sampling error. However, they are still subject to sampling error and remaining non-sampling bias. For further information on the study design and data refer to the latest user guide:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/documentation/mainstage/user-guide>

Rounding and Accuracy

As per HBAI, the following conventions have been applied in the tables that follow:

- the estimate is less than 50,000 or the percentage is less than 0.5 per cent.
- .. not available due to data not being available or small sample size (fewer than 100)

Population estimates have been rounded to the nearest 100,000 and percentages have been rounded to the nearest tenth.

For further information on methodology and definitions please refer to the full SMC http://socialmetricscommission.org.uk/MEASURING-POVERTY-FULL_REPORT.pdf report:

Table 1.1: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by age ¹

Number and percentage of individuals

		Working-age adults ²		Children		Pension-age adults		All	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	6.7	20.1	4.4	34.4	2.1	20.8	13.2	23.4
	2001/02	6.3	18.7	4.2	33.0	2.0	20.0	12.5	22.2
FRS (UK)	2002/03	7.0	20.1	4.2	32.4	1.9	18.5	13.1	22.5
	2003/04	6.9	19.6	4.0	31.3	1.8	17.0	12.7	21.7
	2004/05	7.1	20.2	4.2	32.3	1.6	14.5	12.8	21.8
	2005/06	7.5	21.1	4.3	33.1	1.6	14.4	13.3	22.5
	2006/07	7.3	20.5	4.3	33.1	1.6	14.3	13.2	22.1
	2007/08	7.7	21.4	4.4	34.2	1.5	13.8	13.7	22.8
	2008/09	8.3	22.8	4.6	35.5	1.4	12.2	14.3	23.5
	2009/10	8.3	22.9	4.5	33.9	1.2	10.8	14.0	23.0
	2010/11	8.4	23.0	4.3	32.2	1.3	11.0	14.0	22.7
	2011/12	8.7	23.3	4.3	32.6	1.2	10.6	14.3	22.9
	2012/13	8.7	23.1	4.2	31.4	1.2	9.9	14.1	22.4
	2013/14	8.5	22.7	4.2	31.7	1.2	9.8	13.9	22.2
	2014/15	8.1	21.3	4.2	30.9	1.1	9.6	13.4	21.2
	2015/16	8.2	21.4	4.3	31.8	1.2	10.4	13.8	21.6
	2016/17	8.4	21.6	4.5	32.6	1.4	11.4	14.2	22.0
	2015/16-2016/17 ^{3,4}	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	-0.2	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.
2. Categories refer to individuals who are working-age adults, children, or pensioners, rather than individuals in different family types.
3. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.
4. Figures have been rounded so may not match the difference between the total numbers of individuals in poverty for the two latest years.

Table 1.2: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by family type^{1,2}

		Number and percentage of individuals													
		Single, no children		Lone parent		Couple, no children		Couple with children		Pensioner, single		Pensioner couple		All	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	2.2	23.0	3.1	63.5	1.2	10.6	4.5	22.6	1.1	24.8	1.2	17.8	13.2	23.4
	2001/02	2.0	20.8	3.1	62.1	1.1	9.5	4.2	21.3	1.0	23.5	1.2	17.6	12.5	22.2
FRS (UK)	2002/03	2.5	24.8	2.9	59.5	1.1	9.7	4.5	22.2	0.9	21.4	1.2	16.9	13.1	22.5
	2003/04	2.4	23.6	2.6	55.9	1.2	10.0	4.6	22.0	0.9	20.2	1.1	15.3	12.7	21.7
	2004/05	2.5	25.1	2.8	57.8	1.2	10.2	4.6	22.4	0.7	16.0	1.0	14.0	12.8	21.8
	2005/06	2.7	25.8	2.8	56.4	1.2	10.5	4.9	23.9	0.7	15.9	1.0	14.0	13.3	22.5
	2006/07	2.6	25.2	2.9	58.6	1.2	10.2	4.8	23.1	0.8	17.6	1.0	12.5	13.2	22.1
	2007/08	2.7	25.9	2.8	57.9	1.3	11.0	5.1	24.6	0.7	16.6	1.0	12.9	13.7	22.8
	2008/09	2.9	27.4	2.8	56.9	1.4	11.8	5.7	27.0	0.6	14.2	0.9	11.4	14.3	23.5
	2009/10	3.0	28.5	2.6	52.7	1.4	12.1	5.6	26.2	0.5	12.6	0.9	10.5	14.0	23.0
	2010/11	3.1	28.9	2.5	50.2	1.4	12.3	5.5	25.5	0.6	13.8	0.9	10.0	14.0	22.7
	2011/12	3.3	30.2	2.6	51.8	1.5	12.6	5.5	25.2	0.6	14.3	0.8	9.4	14.3	22.9
	2012/13	3.3	29.4	2.4	48.1	1.4	12.0	5.6	25.4	0.5	12.2	0.8	9.4	14.1	22.4
	2013/14	3.3	29.1	2.4	46.8	1.4	11.8	5.6	25.7	0.6	13.2	0.7	8.4	13.9	22.2
	2014/15	3.0	25.7	2.5	48.3	1.3	11.4	5.4	24.4	0.6	12.8	0.7	8.2	13.4	21.2
	2015/16	3.1	26.6	2.6	50.9	1.3	11.0	5.4	24.4	0.6	14.0	0.7	8.7	13.8	21.6
2016/17	3.1	26.6	2.6	52.0	1.4	11.3	5.6	24.9	0.7	15.0	0.8	9.7	14.2	22.0	
Change	2015/16-2016/17 ^{3,4}	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	-1.0	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. Family types taken from the HBAI dataset once SMC poverty indicators (assessed at the sharing unit level) have been allocated to each benefit unit.
2. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.
3. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.
4. Figures have been rounded so may not match the difference between the total numbers of individuals in poverty for the two latest years.

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Table 1.3: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by whether the family includes a disabled person ^{1,2}

Number and percentage of individuals

		Individuals in families where someone is disabled		Individuals in families where no-one is disabled		All	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	6.1	32.7	7.1	18.8	13.2	23.4
	2001/02	5.6	30.9	6.9	18.0	12.5	22.2
FRS (UK)	2002/03	5.8	29.5	7.4	19.2	13.2	22.7
	2003/04	5.5	28.9	7.2	18.3	12.7	21.8
	2004/05	5.6	29.3	7.4	18.5	12.9	22.0
	2005/06	5.8	28.5	7.5	19.3	13.3	22.4
	2006/07	5.5	28.7	7.6	18.9	13.2	22.1
	2007/08	6.0	30.8	7.7	18.9	13.7	22.8
	2008/09	5.8	29.4	8.4	20.7	14.3	23.5
	2009/10	5.8	28.6	8.2	20.2	14.0	23.0
	2010/11	5.9	28.9	8.0	19.6	14.0	22.7
	2011/12	6.0	28.0	8.3	20.2	14.3	22.9
	2012/13	6.3	28.9	7.7	18.9	14.1	22.4
	2013/14	6.4	29.8	7.6	18.3	13.9	22.2
	2014/15	6.5	27.9	6.9	17.2	13.4	21.2
	2015/16	6.6	27.8	7.1	17.8	13.8	21.6
	2016/17	6.9	28.0	7.3	18.4	14.2	22.0
Change	2015/16-2016/17 ^{3,4}	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.0	0.0	-2.0

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.

2. Families are classified as having a disabled person if one or more benefit unit within the family has a disabled person according to the variable "disability within the family (benefit unit)." This variable changed to align with Equality Act definitions in 2013, but is otherwise consistent across years.

3. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.

4. Figures have been rounded so may not match the difference between the total numbers of individuals in poverty for the two latest years.

Table 1.4: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by family work status ^{1,2}

Number and percentage of individuals

		Retired family		Full work family		Full/part-time family		Part-time family		Little work/workless family		All	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	1.6	21.9	2.0	7.2	2.9	24.7	1.2	50.1	5.5	73.3	13.2	23.4
	2001/02	1.6	21.1	1.8	6.3	2.7	23.4	1.1	49.1	5.3	74.6	12.5	22.2
FRS (UK)	2002/03	1.6	20.0	1.8	6.4	3.2	25.7	1.2	53.9	5.4	74.7	13.2	22.7
	2003/04	1.5	18.4	1.8	6.3	2.8	22.5	1.3	52.9	5.4	74.3	12.7	21.8
	2004/05	1.2	15.4	2.1	7.3	3.1	24.0	1.4	53.7	5.2	72.9	12.9	22.0
	2005/06	1.2	15.4	2.2	7.7	3.3	25.7	1.4	52.6	5.2	73.2	13.3	22.4
	2006/07	1.2	15.1	2.0	7.1	3.5	26.2	1.3	49.4	5.1	73.4	13.2	22.1
	2007/08	1.1	14.0	2.4	8.2	3.3	25.8	1.5	59.6	5.3	73.4	13.7	22.8
	2008/09	1.1	12.9	2.6	8.9	3.8	28.7	1.8	56.9	5.1	71.1	14.3	23.5
	2009/10	0.9	10.9	2.3	8.3	3.4	24.6	1.8	57.2	5.6	72.4	14.0	23.0
	2010/11	1.0	11.3	2.5	8.8	3.2	24.0	1.7	55.5	5.6	71.0	14.0	22.7
	2011/12	0.9	10.6	2.5	8.5	3.8	27.4	2.1	58.5	5.1	70.4	14.3	22.9
	2012/13	0.9	10.1	2.3	8.1	3.8	26.9	1.7	52.7	5.3	68.0	14.1	22.4
	2013/14	0.9	9.9	2.8	9.2	3.8	27.9	1.7	55.2	4.8	68.5	13.9	22.2
	2014/15	0.8	9.4	2.5	8.1	3.8	27.8	1.8	55.5	4.5	67.5	13.4	21.2
	2015/16	1.1	11.6	2.6	8.4	3.8	27.7	1.7	54.9	4.6	66.8	13.8	21.6
2016/17	1.1	12.4	2.8	9.0	4.0	28.0	1.7	55.3	4.6	68.0	14.2	22.0	
Change	2015/16-2016/17 ^{3,4}	0.0	-0.8	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.2	-0.4	-0.4

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. Family work status was determined by taking all non-retired and non-student adults in the sharing unit, and allocating full-time workers a value of 1, a part-time worker a value of 0.5, and someone who is unemployed, inactive, or studying a value of 0. The average of these scores is then taken for the family. Full work families have an average score of greater than/ equal to 0.75, full/part-time families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5 (including 0.5 but excluding 0.75), and little work/part-time families have a score of between 0 and 0.5 (excluding 0 and 0.5). Families who are workless have scores of 0. For further information please refer to the full SMC report.

2. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.

3. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.

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Table 1.5: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by housing tenure ^{1,2}

Number and percentage of individuals

		Social rented		Private/other rented		Mortgaged-owned		Owned-outright		All	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	6.4	59.8	1.8	40.6	3.4	12.5	1.4	10.9	13.2	23.4
	2001/02	6.1	57.5	1.8	38.9	3.1	11.5	1.4	10.3	12.5	22.2
FRS (UK)	2002/03	6.0	56.7	2.1	41.8	3.4	12.1	1.5	11.0	13.2	22.7
	2003/04	5.6	54.1	2.1	38.4	3.2	11.9	1.5	10.5	12.7	21.8
	2004/05	5.6	53.6	2.2	39.1	3.5	13.0	1.5	9.8	12.9	22.0
	2005/06	5.4	52.8	2.5	39.4	3.7	14.0	1.6	10.3	13.3	22.4
	2006/07	5.2	52.3	2.9	40.9	3.3	12.6	1.6	10.1	13.2	22.1
	2007/08	5.4	53.4	2.9	38.4	3.8	14.8	1.5	9.4	13.7	22.8
	2008/09	5.2	51.7	3.3	40.1	4.1	16.3	1.5	9.0	14.3	23.5
	2009/10	5.2	51.3	3.6	40.2	3.7	15.1	1.4	8.5	14.0	23.0
	2010/11	5.2	51.4	4.0	40.7	3.4	14.2	1.3	7.4	14.0	22.7
	2011/12	5.3	51.5	4.0	39.3	3.7	14.9	1.3	7.6	14.3	22.9
	2012/13	5.0	48.7	4.3	39.1	3.2	13.3	1.5	8.6	14.1	22.4
	2013/14	5.1	48.4	4.6	40.5	2.9	12.7	1.2	7.1	13.9	22.2
	2014/15	5.0	47.1	4.2	35.9	3.1	13.2	1.1	6.1	13.4	21.2
	2015/16	5.1	47.4	4.5	36.8	2.6	11.7	1.4	8.0	13.8	21.6
	2016/17	5.5	51.3	4.4	35.4	2.8	12.4	1.4	7.8	14.2	22.0
Change	2015/16-2016/17 ^{3,4}	-0.4	-3.9	0.1	1.4	-0.2	-0.7	0.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.4

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. Tenure is derived from HBAI tenure type variables at the benefit unit level. This allows groups within the sharing unit (e.g. someone renting a room in a house their sibling owns) to be classified separately from the main homeowner. Social rented accommodation includes LA housing and housing association housing.
2. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.
3. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.
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Table 1.6: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by ethnic group of head (3-year average) ^{1,2,3}

Number and percentage of individuals

		White		Mixed/ Multiple ethnic groups		Asian/ Asian British		Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British		Other ethnic group		All	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (UK)	2014/15	10.8	19.4	0.2	28.1	1.6	40.1	0.9	46.1	0.3	46.6	13.4	21.2
	2015/16	10.7	19.1	0.2	29.6	1.6	38.0	0.9	44.3	0.3	48.0	13.8	21.6
	2016/17	10.7	19.1	0.2	30.0	1.6	36.4	0.9	45.2	0.3	45.3	14.2	22.0
Change	2015/16-2016/17 ^{4,5}	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	-0.9	0.0	2.7	-0.4	-0.4

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. To ensure sufficient sample sizes, analysis by ethnic group is presented as three-year averages. This is in line with current HBAI approaches.

2. The harmonised standards for ethnicity questions were fully adopted across the UK from the 2012/13 questionnaire onwards. Analysis by ethnicity therefore only begins in that year and results are only presented from 2014/15 due to three-year averaging.

3. Individuals have been classified according to the ethnic group of the household head. There are very few cases where the ethnicity of the household head varies from the ethnicity of the benefit unit head, we may seek to refine this approach in future.

4. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.

5. Figures have been rounded so may not match the difference between the total numbers of individuals in poverty for the two latest years.

Table 1.7: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by country ¹

Number and percentage of individuals

		England		Wales		Scotland		Northern Ireland ²		UK	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (UK)	2002/03	10.9	22.4	0.7	25.9	1.2	24.1	-	-	13.2	22.7
	2003/04	10.7	21.9	0.7	25.4	1.1	23.1	-	-	12.7	21.8
	2004/05	10.7	21.9	0.7	25.0	1.1	22.2	0.4	25.2	12.9	22.0
	2005/06	10.8	21.9	0.7	24.2	1.1	21.6	0.4	25.2	13.3	22.4
	2006/07	11.0	22.1	0.7	23.8	1.1	21.1	0.4	24.4	13.2	22.1
	2007/08	11.2	22.4	0.7	24.9	1.1	20.8	0.4	23.7	13.7	22.8
	2008/09	11.5	22.9	0.7	24.6	1.1	20.8	0.4	23.4	14.3	23.5
	2009/10	11.8	23.2	0.7	24.8	1.1	20.7	0.4	24.7	14.0	23.0
	2010/11	11.9	23.2	0.7	24.0	1.0	20.4	0.4	25.4	14.0	22.7
	2011/12	11.9	22.9	0.7	24.9	1.0	19.7	0.5	26.5	14.3	22.9
	2012/13	11.8	22.7	0.8	25.5	1.0	19.9	0.5	25.7	14.1	22.4
	2013/14	11.9	22.6	0.7	24.4	1.0	19.4	0.5	25.1	13.9	22.2
	2014/15	11.7	22.0	0.7	23.5	1.0	19.0	0.4	24.3	13.4	21.2
	2015/16	11.6	21.8	0.7	23.5	1.0	18.5	0.4	22.7	13.8	21.6
2016/17	11.7	21.7	0.7	23.7	1.0	19.2	0.4	21.8	14.2	22.0	
Change	2015/16-2016/17 ^{3,4}	-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.9	-0.4	-0.4

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. To provide a sufficient sample size, estimates for each country are presented as three-year averages, in line with current HBAI approaches. As such the 2016/17 figure represents averages of figures from 2014–2017.

2. Data for Northern Ireland is only available from 2002/03 and poverty estimates are only provided from 2004/5 due to three-year smoothing.

3. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.

4. Figures have been rounded so may not match the difference between the total numbers of individuals in poverty for the two latest years.

Table 1.8: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by region ¹

		North East		North West		Yorkshire and the Humber		East Midlands		West Midlands		East of England	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (UK)	2002/03	0.7	29.1	1.7	25.6	1.2	25.0	0.9	22.8	1.3	24.5	0.8	15.9
	2003/04	0.7	27.4	1.7	24.8	1.2	24.4	0.9	21.9	1.2	23.4	0.9	16.4
	2004/05	0.7	27.5	1.6	24.4	1.2	23.3	0.9	22.0	1.2	23.5	0.9	16.8
	2005/06	0.7	27.1	1.6	24.3	1.2	23.2	0.9	21.6	1.3	24.0	0.9	17.2
	2006/07	0.6	25.6	1.7	25.2	1.1	22.6	0.9	22.0	1.3	24.4	0.9	17.1
	2007/08	0.7	26.1	1.7	25.4	1.2	23.1	1.0	22.4	1.3	25.1	1.0	17.3
	2008/09	0.6	25.5	1.8	25.8	1.2	24.0	1.0	22.4	1.4	25.4	1.0	18.4
	2009/10	0.7	26.4	1.8	25.9	1.3	25.2	1.0	22.7	1.4	25.9	1.0	18.6
	2010/11	0.6	25.2	1.8	25.8	1.3	25.9	1.0	22.1	1.4	25.7	1.1	18.7
	2011/12	0.6	24.6	1.7	25.3	1.3	25.8	1.0	22.0	1.4	24.9	1.0	18.2
	2012/13	0.6	25.0	1.7	24.4	1.3	25.4	1.0	21.5	1.3	24.5	1.0	17.9
	2013/14	0.7	25.6	1.7	24.0	1.2	23.8	1.0	21.3	1.4	25.0	1.1	18.3
	2014/15	0.6	25.1	1.7	23.7	1.2	22.3	0.9	20.9	1.4	24.9	1.0	17.5
	2015/16	0.6	24.2	1.7	23.7	1.1	21.8	1.0	21.0	1.4	25.1	1.1	17.9
	2016/17	0.6	23.8	1.7	23.5	1.2	22.0	1.0	20.8	1.4	25.0	1.1	17.8
Change	2015/16-2016/17 ^{3,4}	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. To provide a sufficient sample size, estimates for each region are presented as three-year averages, in line with current HBAI approaches. As such the 2016/17 figure represents averages of figures from 2014–2017.
2. Data for Northern Ireland is only available from 2002/03 and poverty estimates are only provided from 2004/5 due to three-year smoothing.
3. Small changes in estimates from year to year, particularly at the bottom of the income distribution, may not be significant in view of data uncertainties.
4. Figures have been rounded so may not match the difference between the total numbers of individuals in poverty for the two latest years.

Number and percentage of individuals

London		South East		South West		Wales		Scotland		Northern Ireland ²		UK	
Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
2.0	27.4	1.3	16.2	0.9	19.3	0.7	25.9	1.2	24.1	-	-	13.2	22.7
1.9	27.0	1.3	15.9	0.9	18.8	0.7	25.4	1.1	23.1	-	-	12.7	21.8
2.0	28.1	1.3	15.8	0.9	18.4	0.7	25.0	1.1	22.2	0.4	25.2	12.9	22.0
2.1	28.3	1.3	16.0	0.9	17.9	0.7	24.2	1.1	21.6	0.4	25.2	13.3	22.4
2.1	28.3	1.4	17.0	0.9	18.0	0.7	23.8	1.1	21.1	0.4	24.4	13.2	22.1
2.1	27.9	1.4	17.6	0.9	18.1	0.7	24.9	1.1	20.8	0.4	23.7	13.7	22.8
2.2	29.1	1.4	17.4	0.9	18.5	0.7	24.6	1.1	20.8	0.4	23.4	14.3	23.5
2.3	29.8	1.4	17.2	0.9	18.5	0.7	24.8	1.1	20.7	0.4	24.7	14.0	23.0
2.4	30.3	1.4	16.7	1.0	19.0	0.7	24.0	1.0	20.4	0.4	25.4	14.0	22.7
2.4	29.7	1.5	17.3	1.0	18.8	0.7	24.9	1.0	19.7	0.5	26.5	14.3	22.9
2.4	29.5	1.5	17.6	1.0	18.5	0.8	25.5	1.0	19.9	0.5	25.7	14.1	22.4
2.5	30.1	1.5	17.5	0.9	17.9	0.7	24.4	1.0	19.4	0.5	25.1	13.9	22.2
2.4	29.4	1.4	16.8	0.9	17.9	0.7	23.5	1.0	19.0	0.4	24.3	13.4	21.2
2.4	28.6	1.4	16.3	0.9	17.8	0.7	23.5	1.0	18.5	0.4	22.7	13.8	21.6
2.4	28.0	1.5	16.6	1.0	17.9	0.7	23.7	1.0	19.2	0.4	21.8	14.2	22.0
0.0	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.9	-0.4	-0.4

Table 2.1: Estimated number and percentage of people at different distances below the poverty line ^{1,2}

Number and percentage of individuals

		0.1-5% below		5.1-10% below		10.1%-25% below		25.1-50% below		50%+ below	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	1.0	1.8	1.1	1.9	4.1	7.3	4.3	7.7	2.7	4.8
	2001/02	1.1	2.0	1.2	2.1	3.7	6.6	3.9	7.0	2.5	4.5
FRS (UK)	2002/03	1.3	2.2	1.2	2.1	3.7	6.4	4.1	7.0	2.9	4.9
	2003/04	1.2	2.0	1.1	1.9	3.6	6.1	3.9	6.7	3.0	5.1
	2004/05	1.3	2.2	1.2	2.1	3.5	5.9	3.8	6.4	3.1	5.2
	2005/06	1.2	2.0	1.2	2.0	3.4	5.8	4.1	7.0	3.4	5.8
	2006/07	1.1	1.9	1.1	1.8	3.4	5.6	4.1	6.8	3.5	5.9
	2007/08	1.1	1.8	1.1	1.8	3.4	5.7	4.4	7.2	3.7	6.2
	2008/09	1.3	2.1	1.1	1.9	3.4	5.7	4.2	7.0	4.2	6.9
	2009/10	1.2	2.0	1.3	2.1	3.5	5.7	4.2	6.9	3.8	6.3
	2010/11	1.1	1.9	1.2	1.9	3.6	5.8	4.2	6.8	3.9	6.4
	2011/12	1.3	2.1	1.3	2.0	3.6	5.7	4.2	6.8	3.9	6.3
	2012/13	1.3	2.0	1.2	1.9	3.5	5.6	4.1	6.5	4.0	6.4
	2013/14	1.3	2.1	1.3	2.0	3.2	5.0	4.1	6.6	4.1	6.5
	2014/15	1.0	1.7	1.3	2.0	3.3	5.2	4.1	6.4	3.7	5.9
	2015/16	1.3	2.0	1.2	1.9	3.4	5.3	3.8	5.9	4.1	6.4
	2016/17	1.3	2.0	1.4	2.2	3.3	5.1	4.1	6.4	4.1	6.4

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. Where individuals were directly on a given threshold they were treated as being above it, as their resources would be defined as equal to their needs.

2. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.

Table 2.2: Estimated number and percentage of people at different distances above the poverty line ^{1,2}

Number and percentage of individuals

		0-5% above		5.1-10% above		10.1%-25% above		25.1-50% above		50%+ above	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	0.9	1.7	0.9	1.5	2.6	4.5	4.4	7.8	34.3	61.0
	2001/02	1.0	1.8	0.9	1.6	2.5	4.5	4.7	8.4	34.7	61.6
FRS (UK)	2002/03	0.9	1.6	1.0	1.7	2.9	4.9	4.7	8.1	35.6	61.1
	2003/04	1.1	1.9	1.0	1.8	3.1	5.2	4.8	8.2	35.8	61.2
	2004/05	1.2	2.1	1.2	2.0	3.1	5.3	5.0	8.5	35.4	60.3
	2005/06	1.2	2.1	1.2	2.1	3.1	5.2	4.8	8.2	35.6	60.0
	2006/07	1.0	1.7	1.1	1.9	3.1	5.2	4.7	8.0	36.5	61.2
	2007/08	1.0	1.7	1.1	1.8	3.2	5.4	4.8	8.0	36.3	60.4
	2008/09	1.2	1.9	1.1	1.8	3.1	5.0	5.0	8.2	36.1	59.5
	2009/10	1.2	2.0	1.1	1.8	3.5	5.7	4.8	7.9	36.4	59.5
	2010/11	1.3	2.2	1.3	2.1	3.5	5.6	5.0	8.1	36.5	59.3
	2011/12	1.5	2.4	1.3	2.2	3.5	5.6	5.0	8.1	36.8	58.9
	2012/13	1.3	2.0	1.6	2.6	3.5	5.6	5.4	8.5	37.1	59.0
	2013/14	1.3	2.1	1.3	2.0	3.6	5.7	5.2	8.2	37.6	59.8
	2014/15	1.2	1.9	1.1	1.8	3.5	5.5	5.2	8.3	38.9	61.3
	2015/16	1.2	1.9	1.4	2.2	3.6	5.6	5.2	8.2	38.7	60.6
	2016/17	1.2	1.9	1.3	2.1	3.8	5.9	5.2	8.1	38.6	60.0

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. Where individuals were directly on a given threshold they were treated as being above it, as their resources would be defined as equal to their needs.

2. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.

Table 2.3: Estimated percentage of people in persistent poverty by age and family type¹

Percentage of individuals

	2014/15			2015/16		
	Sample size ²	% of group	% of those in group in poverty	Sample size ²	% of group	% of those in group in poverty
All Individuals	42,693	11.2	55.1	38,441	12.0	58.2
Age groups						
Working-age adults ³	24,372	12.0	56.9	22,055	12.9	59.7
Children ⁴	9,037	17.1	54.1	8,003	18.7	58.0
Pension-age adults ⁵	9,284	3.3	45.7	8,383	3.4	46.9
Family type ⁶						
Single, no children	7,902	14.1	58.8	7,376	14.6	61.9
Lone parent	3,200	27.2	60.4	2,688	29.7	63.0
Couple, no children	6,744	7.4	55.7	6,142	7.9	56.2
Couple with children	14,731	13.1	52.6	13,118	14.7	57.2
Pensioner, single	3,548	3.9	44.4	3,190	4.3	46.5
Pensioner couple	6,550	3.4	49.6	5,920	3.3	48.2

Source: Understanding Society (2009/10–2015/16), SMC Analysis.

1. Individual and family characteristics are analysed on an individual's status observed in the latest period being considered.
2. The sample size represents the number of individuals observed in all relevant waves and with valid responses for relevant data items. Individuals with missing information are included in the total sample and only omitted from sub-group samples where that information is required.
3. To align with the analysis using FRS data, working-age individuals are defined as individuals under state pensionable age that are not dependent children.
4. To align with the analysis using FRS data, the definition of a dependent child is applied, defined as one aged under 16 or aged 16-18 and in school or non-advanced further education, not married and living with parent.
5. Pensioners are defined as individuals over state pensionable age.
6. Family types are analysed at the benefit unit level once SMC poverty indicators (assessed at the sharing unit level) have been allocated to each individual.

Table 2.4: Estimated percentage of people in persistent poverty by various family characteristics¹

Percentage of individuals

	2014/15			2015/16		
	Sample size ²	% of group	% of those in group in poverty	Sample size ²	% of group	% of those in group in poverty
All Individuals	42,693	11.2	55.1	38,441	12.0	58.2
Family work status³						
Retired family	6,913	2.9	43.5	6,371	2.6	43.4
Full work family	16,459	2.4	40.8	15,282	2.9	44.5
Full/part-time family	9,419	12.2	49.8	8,605	14.8	56.8
Part-time family	2,924	30.9	58.0	2,836	29.4	56.3
Little work/workless family	5,894	35.3	63.6	4,898	38.4	67.2
Individuals in families where:^{4,5}						
One or more adults are disabled	13,691	13.3	59.1	12,803	14.4	61.7
No adults are disabled	28,574	10.2	53.1	25,353	10.9	56.4
Housing tenure						
Social rented	7,834	29.0	64.3	7,199	30.5	68.2
Private/other rented	5,370	19.8	54.8	4,843	21.5	57.5
Mortgaged-owned	16,343	6.8	45.1	14,368	7.1	47.3
Owned-outright	12,351	2.6	46.1	11,447	3.1	47.8
Poverty depth						
0–5% below the poverty line	747		43.1	691		40.0
5.1–10% below the poverty line	817		46.4	653		49.3
10.1%–25% below the poverty line	2,021		49.0	1,800		60.9
25.1–50% below the poverty line	2,416		59.6	2,313		61.3
50%+ below the poverty line	2,666		61.8	2,483		60.8

Source: Understanding Society (2009/10–2015/16), SMC Analysis.

1. Individual and family characteristics are analysed on an individual's status observed in the latest period being considered.

2. The sample size represents the number of individuals observed in all relevant waves and with valid responses for relevant data items. Individuals with missing information are included in the total sample and only omitted from sub-group samples where that information is required.

3. Family work status was determined by taking all non-retired adults in the sharing unit, and allocating full-time workers a value of 1, a part-time worker a value of 0.5, and someone who is unemployed, inactive, or studying a value of 0. The average of these scores is then taken for the family. Full work families have an average score of greater than 0.75, full/part-time families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5, and Part-time families have a score of between 0 and 0.5. Families with little work/who are workless have scores of 0. For further information please refer to the full report.

4. In line with the core definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010, disability is defined as a long-standing physical or mental impairment, illness or disability which has lasted at least 12 months or is likely to last over the next 12 months or more and causes substantial difficulty with day-to-day activities.

5. Understanding Society does not contain information on children's disability status, thus estimates only cover individuals aged 16 and over.

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Table 2.5: Lived Experience Indicators by poverty status ¹

Percentage of individuals ²

	People in poverty	People not in poverty
Health		
In a family that includes a disabled adult or child	48.3	35.1
At least one adult in family with poor self-reported physical health	27.2	21.7
At least one adult in family with poor self-reported mental health	36.1	24.4
One or more adult in family with low life satisfaction	15.9	10.8
One or more adult in family with low health satisfaction	22.7	17.3
One or more youths in family has drunk to excess in last four weeks	47.3	65.1
One or more adults in family has drunk to excess in the last year	58.6	67.6
One or more adults in family smokes cigarettes (not incl. e-cigarettes)	37.1	20.2
One or more youths in family has used or taken illegal drugs at least once in the last year	13.3	22.3
Labour market opportunity		
Employment rate of working-age adults	43.8	87.5
No-one in family has any formal qualifications	17.6	7.5
All adults have highest qualification that is below 5a*-c GCSEs or equivalent	23.8	12.2
Average time spent travelling to work for working adults in family (minutes)	22.8	26.2
All full-time students in family are aiming for post 16 qualifications	76.6	85.2
Family, relationships and community		
Single adults	22.0	17.1
Lone parent families	18.2	4.7
Couples with no children	9.8	21.7
Couples with children	39.6	33.7
Single pensioners	4.8	7.7
Pensioner couples	5.8	15.1
All adults in family feel close to others most of the time	39.3	43.5
Youth in family feel supported by their family/people who they live with	96.1	96.8
At least one adult in family feels unsafe walking alone at night	29.5	22.1
At least one adult in family worries about being affected by crime	50.2	50.8
All adults in family like living in current neighbourhood	86.9	93.7
One or more adults in family spends time caring for someone	29.2	28.9
All adults perceive the majority of local services as good	43.8	40.4
All adults in family think people in their neighbourhood can be trusted	46.0	62.4
One or more adults in family are members of at least one organisation	45.1	71.2
All adults in family are willing to improve neighbourhood	52.9	58.6
Average size of social network for adults in family (mean number of close friends)	5.3	6.4
Family finances		
Household is behind in paying bills	25.0	7.9
People in workless household	29.0	3.5
People in families reporting material deprivation	38.7	7.3
One or more adult in family with low income satisfaction	28.6	13.8
One or more adults in family has felt embarrassed by low income	43.7	21.5
One or more adults in family saves	36.6	65.8

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (2016/17) and Understanding Society (2014/15–2015/16), SMC Analysis.

1. Lived Experience indicators were selected based on data availability and the themes that the Commission wanted to capture as important to fully understanding lived experience.

2. Estimates denote percentage, unless otherwise specified in the variable description.

Table 3.1: Estimated number and percentage of working-age adults in poverty by various family characteristics ¹

	2000/01		2001/02		2002/03		2003/04		2004/05		2005/06		2006/07	
	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%
All working-age adults	6.7	20.1	6.3	18.7	7.0	20.2	6.9	19.6	7.2	20.3	7.5	21.0	7.3	20.5
Family type ²														
Single, no children	2.2	23.0	2.0	20.8	2.5	24.9	2.4	23.6	2.5	25.1	2.7	25.8	2.6	25.2
Lone parent	1.1	60.4	1.1	59.7	1.0	58.6	1.0	54.1	1.0	55.9	1.0	54.3	1.0	55.6
Couple, no children	1.2	10.6	1.1	9.5	1.1	9.7	1.1	10.0	1.2	10.2	1.2	10.4	1.2	10.2
Couple with children	2.1	20.8	2.0	19.7	2.2	20.9	2.2	20.8	2.3	21.3	2.4	22.5	2.4	21.8
Family work status ³														
Retired family	-	8.9	0.1	16.6	0.1	20.6	0.1	20.9	0.1	21.2	0.1	19.8	0.1	16.0
Full work family	1.2	6.1	1.1	5.2	1.1	5.5	1.1	5.5	1.3	6.3	1.4	6.7	1.3	6.2
Full/part-time family	1.6	22.0	1.5	20.4	1.8	22.9	1.6	20.2	1.8	22.0	1.9	24.1	2.0	23.9
Part-time family	0.8	47.3	0.8	44.6	0.8	51.7	0.9	51.0	0.9	50.3	0.9	50.1	0.9	46.5
Little work/workless family	3.1	73.5	2.9	74.4	3.2	75.4	3.2	75.0	3.1	74.7	3.1	75.3	3.1	75.0
Individuals in families where: ⁴														
One or more adults are disabled	3.1	32.4	2.8	30.1	3.0	30.2	2.9	30.1	3.1	31.9	3.2	31.0	3.0	31.5
No adults are disabled	3.6	15.1	3.5	14.3	4.0	16.1	4.0	15.6	4.1	16.0	4.3	16.9	4.3	16.4
Housing tenure ⁵														
Social rented	3.1	58.6	2.9	55.5	3.0	57.3	2.9	55.2	2.9	55.4	2.9	55.4	2.8	53.7
Private/other rented	1.1	33.6	1.1	32.4	1.4	37.9	1.4	34.2	1.5	35.2	1.7	36.2	1.9	36.6
Mortgaged-owned	2.0	10.3	1.8	9.6	1.9	10.0	1.9	10.0	2.1	11.1	2.2	11.7	1.9	10.6
Owned-outright	0.5	9.7	0.4	7.8	0.6	9.9	0.6	9.2	0.6	9.3	0.7	9.7	0.7	9.5

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.

2. Family types taken from the HBAI dataset once SMC poverty indicators (assessed at the sharing unit level) have been allocated to each benefit unit.

3. Family work status was determined by taking all non-retired adults in the sharing unit, and allocating full-time workers a value of 1, a part-time worker a value of 0.5, and someone who is unemployed, inactive, or studying a value of 0. The average of these scores is then taken for the family. Full work families have an average score of greater than 0.75, full/part-time families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5, and Part-time families have a score of between 0 and 0.5. Families with little work/who are workless have scores of 0. For further information please refer to the full report.

4. Families are classified as having a disabled person if one or more benefit unit within the family has a disabled person according to the variable "disability within the family (benefit unit)." This variable changed to align with Equality Act definitions in 2013, but is otherwise consistent across years.

5. Tenure is derived from HBAI tenure type variables at the benefit unit level. This allows groups within the sharing unit (e.g. someone renting a room in a house their sibling owns) to be classified separately from the main homeowner. Social rented accommodation includes LA housing and housing association housing.

Number and percentage of individuals

2007/08		2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17	
Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%
7.7	21.4	8.3	22.8	8.3	22.9	8.4	23.0	8.7	23.3	8.7	23.1	8.5	22.7	8.1	21.3	8.2	21.4	8.4	21.6
2.7	25.9	2.9	27.4	3.0	28.5	3.1	28.9	3.3	30.2	3.3	29.4	3.3	29.1	3.0	25.7	3.1	26.6	3.1	26.6
1.0	55.2	1.0	54.7	1.0	51.0	0.9	49.0	1.0	50.6	0.9	47.9	0.9	46.4	0.9	47.5	1.0	49.7	0.9	50.3
1.3	11.0	1.4	11.8	1.4	12.1	1.4	12.3	1.5	12.6	1.4	12.0	1.4	11.8	1.3	11.4	1.3	11.0	1.4	11.3
2.6	23.1	2.9	25.6	2.8	24.7	2.9	24.6	2.8	23.9	2.9	24.6	2.9	24.5	2.8	23.4	2.7	23.2	2.8	23.4
0.1	19.3	0.1	18.7	0.1	16.8	0.1	15.0	0.1	14.3	0.1	20.5	0.1	13.0	-	10.4	0.1	20.0	0.1	13.5
1.5	7.1	1.6	7.8	1.5	7.3	1.7	8.0	1.6	7.5	1.5	7.1	1.8	8.3	1.6	7.3	1.7	7.4	1.8	7.7
1.9	23.6	2.2	26.7	2.0	23.4	1.9	23.0	2.3	26.7	2.4	26.4	2.3	27.3	2.2	26.2	2.3	26.0	2.4	26.3
1.0	57.4	1.2	54.7	1.2	55.4	1.2	52.5	1.4	56.3	1.2	51.8	1.2	53.6	1.2	54.0	1.2	52.3	1.1	52.4
3.2	74.7	3.1	73.5	3.5	75.0	3.6	74.6	3.4	74.4	3.5	72.3	3.2	73.9	3.0	70.2	3.0	69.1	3.0	70.0
3.4	34.8	3.3	33.4	3.4	33.4	3.5	34.1	3.6	32.6	3.9	33.9	3.9	34.9	4.0	32.6	4.0	31.3	4.1	31.3
4.4	16.5	5.0	18.8	4.9	18.8	4.9	18.6	5.1	19.4	4.8	18.3	4.6	17.5	4.1	15.9	4.2	16.5	4.2	16.6
2.9	55.9	2.9	54.2	2.9	55.3	3.0	55.4	3.2	56.0	3.0	54.0	3.0	52.8	3.0	50.4	3.0	50.0	3.2	53.9
1.8	33.8	2.2	36.0	2.4	36.9	2.7	37.9	2.7	36.4	2.9	36.5	3.0	37.4	2.7	32.2	2.9	33.3	2.7	31.0
2.2	12.5	2.5	14.3	2.2	13.1	2.1	12.6	2.2	13.2	2.0	12.0	1.8	11.1	1.9	11.8	1.6	10.2	1.6	10.6
0.7	8.9	0.7	9.0	0.7	9.8	0.6	7.8	0.6	8.2	0.7	9.8	0.6	8.4	0.5	6.4	0.7	9.0	0.7	8.2

Table 3.2: Estimated number and percentage of children in poverty by various family characteristics ¹

	2000/01		2001/02		2002/03		2003/04		2004/05		2005/06		2006/07	
	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%
All children	4.4	34.4	4.2	33.0	4.2	32.9	4.1	31.6	4.2	32.8	4.3	33.1	4.3	33.0
Family type ²														
Lone parent	2.0	65.3	2.0	63.5	1.9	61.7	1.7	57.4	1.8	60.1	1.8	57.6	1.8	60.0
Couple with children	2.3	24.5	2.2	23.1	2.4	24.0	2.4	24.0	2.4	24.5	2.5	25.3	2.4	24.6
Age of youngest child ³														
Youngest child under 5	2.2	40.6	2.1	39.7	2.0	38.5	1.9	36.3	2.0	38.1	2.0	38.0	2.1	39.3
Youngest child aged 5 to 11	1.7	32.0	1.7	29.9	1.7	29.9	1.7	30.1	1.7	30.2	1.7	30.5	1.6	30.1
Youngest child aged 12 or over	0.5	24.0	0.4	23.5	0.5	26.1	0.5	23.2	0.5	25.9	0.5	27.2	0.5	24.8
Number of children ⁴														
One child	0.8	28.0	0.8	28.0	0.9	29.3	0.9	27.3	0.9	27.9	0.9	28.5	0.9	28.4
Two children	1.6	27.8	1.5	26.3	1.6	26.8	1.5	26.6	1.6	27.2	1.6	27.6	1.5	26.8
Three or more children	2.0	48.2	1.9	46.3	1.8	44.3	1.7	42.1	1.8	44.9	1.7	44.9	1.8	46.3
Family work status ⁵														
Full work family	0.7	11.1	0.6	10.0	0.6	9.7	0.6	9.3	0.7	11.5	0.7	11.5	0.7	10.9
Full/part-time family	1.2	35.2	1.2	33.5	1.3	36.0	1.1	30.8	1.2	32.7	1.3	34.6	1.4	36.3
Part-time family	0.4	72.7	0.4	72.6	0.4	73.1	0.4	67.0	0.4	70.6	0.4	66.8	0.4	67.2
Little work/workless family	2.1	91.3	2.0	90.8	1.9	89.1	1.9	88.7	1.8	87.2	1.8	86.2	1.7	87.2
Individuals in families where: ⁶														
One or more adults are disabled	1.7	48.8	1.5	46.3	1.5	44.3	1.4	43.9	1.5	46.6	1.5	43.9	1.4	44.9
No adults are disabled	2.7	29.2	2.7	28.5	2.7	28.8	2.6	27.4	2.7	28.2	2.8	29.1	2.8	29.1
Housing tenure ⁷														
Social rented	2.2	72.1	2.2	69.9	2.1	70.0	1.9	67.1	2.0	68.0	1.9	65.6	1.9	67.0
Private/other rented	0.6	64.7	0.6	62.5	0.6	59.4	0.6	54.8	0.6	57.4	0.7	53.5	0.9	57.9
Mortgaged-owned	1.3	17.1	1.2	16.0	1.3	16.8	1.2	16.2	1.3	17.5	1.4	19.3	1.3	17.6
Owned-outright	0.2	21.6	0.2	19.5	0.2	21.3	0.2	19.0	0.2	17.4	0.2	19.9	0.2	16.0

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.

2. Family types taken from the HBAI dataset once SMC poverty indicators (assessed at the sharing unit level) have been allocated to each benefit unit.

3. Youngest child allocated by determining the youngest child in the sharing unit.

4. Number of children reported at the benefit unit level.

5. Family work status was determined by taking all non-retired adults in the sharing unit, and allocating full-time workers a value of 1, a part-time worker a value of 0.5, and someone who is unemployed, inactive, or studying a value of 0. The average of these scores is then taken for the family. Full work families have an average score of greater than 0.75, full/part-time families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5, and Part-time families have a score of between 0 and 0.5. Families with little work/who are workless have scores of 0. For further information please refer to the full report.

6. Families are classified as having a disabled person if one or more benefit unit within the family has a disabled person according to the variable "disability within the family (benefit unit)." This variable changed to align with Equality Act definitions in 2013, but is otherwise consistent across years.

7. Tenure is derived from HBAI tenure type variables at the benefit unit level. This allows groups within the sharing unit (e.g. someone renting a room in a house their sibling owns) to be classified separately from the main homeowner. Social rented accommodation includes LA housing and housing association housing.

Number and percentage of individuals

2007/08		2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17	
Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%
4.4	34.2	4.6	35.5	4.5	33.9	4.3	32.2	4.3	32.6	4.2	31.4	4.2	31.7	4.2	30.9	4.3	31.8	4.5	32.6
1.8	59.7	1.8	58.2	1.6	53.7	1.6	50.8	1.6	52.5	1.5	48.1	1.5	47.0	1.5	48.7	1.7	51.7	1.6	52.8
2.6	26.3	2.8	28.6	2.8	27.9	2.7	26.5	2.7	26.7	2.7	26.3	2.8	27.0	2.6	25.6	2.7	25.7	2.8	26.7
2.2	39.7	2.3	40.5	2.2	38.4	2.1	36.7	2.3	38.8	2.1	36.4	2.1	35.5	2.1	35.0	2.3	37.7	2.3	37.9
1.7	31.7	1.6	32.7	1.6	31.6	1.5	29.5	1.4	27.4	1.4	27.7	1.4	28.5	1.5	27.6	1.4	26.0	1.5	28.1
0.6	26.1	0.7	29.3	0.6	27.9	0.7	27.1	0.7	28.5	0.7	27.5	0.7	29.1	0.6	28.1	0.6	29.4	0.6	28.7
1.0	29.0	1.1	30.2	1.0	28.3	1.1	30.0	1.1	28.6	1.2	30.3	1.1	28.3	1.1	28.1	1.1	28.1	1.0	26.2
1.7	28.4	1.8	31.3	1.8	30.6	1.7	27.9	1.7	28.2	1.7	27.5	1.6	27.4	1.6	27.1	1.7	27.5	1.7	28.5
1.8	48.0	1.7	47.6	1.6	44.9	1.5	42.1	1.6	44.3	1.4	39.4	1.5	42.6	1.5	40.4	1.6	43.0	1.7	45.5
0.8	12.4	0.9	13.6	0.8	12.3	0.8	12.3	0.9	12.6	0.8	12.1	0.9	13.2	0.9	12.0	0.9	12.6	1.0	14.0
1.3	35.8	1.5	39.7	1.3	34.0	1.2	32.0	1.4	36.6	1.3	34.4	1.4	37.0	1.5	38.1	1.5	38.5	1.6	39.1
0.4	74.9	0.5	71.1	0.5	71.7	0.5	72.7	0.6	72.4	0.5	63.3	0.5	68.1	0.5	65.6	0.6	68.9	0.5	69.4
1.8	86.6	1.7	85.7	1.9	83.5	1.7	80.6	1.5	77.4	1.5	74.4	1.4	72.4	1.4	76.2	1.4	76.8	1.4	80.6
1.6	47.6	1.6	48.1	1.6	45.7	1.5	43.5	1.5	41.4	1.6	41.1	1.7	43.5	1.7	40.2	1.8	40.9	1.8	40.8
2.9	29.6	3.0	31.3	2.9	29.7	2.7	28.2	2.8	29.3	2.6	27.4	2.5	26.9	2.5	26.7	2.5	27.5	2.6	28.6
1.9	66.2	1.8	64.8	1.8	63.8	1.7	62.8	1.7	59.6	1.6	57.6	1.6	55.0	1.6	54.9	1.7	55.1	1.8	57.9
0.9	57.5	1.0	57.6	1.1	52.9	1.2	50.9	1.2	51.3	1.3	48.8	1.4	50.7	1.4	46.5	1.5	48.7	1.5	48.4
1.4	19.9	1.5	21.8	1.4	20.1	1.2	17.7	1.3	18.9	1.1	16.7	1.0	16.3	1.1	16.8	1.0	15.4	1.0	16.7
0.2	15.5	0.2	17.0	0.2	13.9	0.2	12.0	0.2	14.0	0.2	14.3	0.2	13.3	0.1	10.2	0.2	13.9	0.1	11.7

Table 3.3: Estimated number and percentage of pension-age adults in poverty by various family characteristics ¹

	2000/01		2001/02		2002/03		2003/04		2004/05		2005/06		2006/07	
	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%
All pension-age adults	2.1	20.8	2.0	20.0	1.9	18.4	1.8	17.0	1.5	14.4	1.6	14.4	1.6	14.3
Detailed breakdown by age ²														
Eldest person aged 60 to 65	0.1	17.1	0.1	15.9	0.3	19.1	0.3	19.0	0.2	16.1	0.2	17.6	0.2	16.8
Eldest person aged 66-70	0.3	14.7	0.3	15.5	0.4	17.5	0.4	15.2	0.3	13.6	0.4	14.8	0.3	12.5
Eldest person aged 71-75	0.3	19.5	0.3	18.4	0.4	17.2	0.4	16.2	0.3	13.9	0.3	13.8	0.3	13.1
Eldest person aged 76-79	0.2	18.7	0.2	19.3	0.3	18.5	0.3	19.8	0.2	13.9	0.2	11.3	0.2	13.8
Eldest person aged 80+	0.2	21.1	0.2	20.6	0.5	19.8	0.5	16.6	0.4	14.8	0.4	14.4	0.4	15.6
Family type ³														
Pensioner, single	1.1	24.7	1.0	23.5	0.9	21.3	0.9	20.0	0.7	15.9	0.7	15.8	0.8	17.6
Pensioner couple	1.0	17.8	1.1	17.6	1.0	16.5	0.9	14.9	0.9	13.5	0.9	13.5	0.8	12.0
Individuals in families where: ⁴														
One or more adults are disabled	1.3	23.5	1.3	23.4	1.2	20.4	1.1	18.7	1.0	16.1	1.0	16.3	1.0	16.1
No adults are disabled	0.8	17.2	0.7	16.0	0.7	15.7	0.7	14.6	0.6	12.3	0.5	11.7	0.5	11.6
Housing tenure ⁵														
Social rented	1.1	46.1	1.0	45.3	0.9	38.9	0.8	34.9	0.6	29.4	0.6	28.5	0.6	28.4
Private/other rented	0.1	41.3	0.1	39.0	0.1	33.8	0.1	31.6	0.1	27.5	0.1	31.6	0.1	33.3
Mortgaged-owned	0.2	20.3	0.1	14.6	0.2	17.7	0.1	16.3	0.1	16.3	0.1	16.6	0.1	12.9
Owned-outright	0.7	10.5	0.7	11.2	0.7	10.4	0.7	10.4	0.6	9.0	0.7	9.3	0.7	9.5

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2016/17), SMC Analysis.

1. FRS figures are for Great Britain up to 2001/02, and for the United Kingdom from 2002/03. The reference period for FRS figures is single financial years.

2. Adults under 65 can still be classified as pension-aged due to the gradual increase of the pension age for women.

3. Family types taken from the HBAI dataset once SMC poverty indicators (assessed at the sharing unit level) have been allocated to each benefit unit.

4. Families are classified as having a disabled person if one or more benefit unit within the family has a disabled person according to the variable "disability within the family (benefit unit)." This variable changed to align with Equality Act definitions in 2013, but is otherwise consistent across years.

5. Tenure is derived from HBAI tenure type variables at the benefit unit level. This allows groups within the sharing unit (e.g. someone renting a room in a house their sibling owns) to be classified separately from the main homeowner. Social rented accommodation includes LA housing and housing association housing.

Number and percentage of individuals

2007/08		2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17	
Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%	Number (millions)	%
1.5	13.8	1.4	12.2	1.2	10.8	1.3	11.0	1.2	10.6	1.2	9.9	1.2	9.8	1.1	9.6	1.2	10.4	1.4	11.4
0.3	16.9	0.2	14.0	0.2	12.3	0.2	13.4	0.2	12.7	0.2	11.8	0.2	12.4	0.1	10.5	0.1	13.1	0.1	13.1
0.3	12.7	0.3	11.9	0.3	10.5	0.3	11.9	0.3	9.8	0.3	9.7	0.3	9.5	0.3	8.9	0.3	8.0	0.3	9.4
0.3	12.6	0.3	12.1	0.3	10.6	0.3	10.5	0.3	10.4	0.2	10.0	0.2	9.2	0.3	9.8	0.3	9.9	0.3	12.1
0.2	13.3	0.2	11.5	0.2	10.2	0.2	9.8	0.2	10.2	0.1	9.0	0.1	8.5	0.2	8.9	0.2	10.6	0.2	10.9
0.4	13.4	0.3	11.9	0.3	10.3	0.3	9.6	0.3	10.1	0.3	9.6	0.3	10.4	0.3	10.1	0.4	12.3	0.4	12.9
0.7	16.3	0.6	14.0	0.5	12.5	0.6	13.6	0.6	14.3	0.5	12.1	0.6	13.1	0.6	12.7	0.6	13.8	0.7	15.0
0.8	12.1	0.8	11.1	0.7	9.8	0.7	9.4	0.6	8.4	0.6	8.6	0.6	7.8	0.6	7.7	0.6	8.3	0.7	9.3
1.0	16.2	1.0	14.3	0.8	12.3	0.9	13.2	0.9	12.9	0.8	12.5	0.8	12.3	0.8	11.7	0.9	12.8	0.9	13.4
0.5	10.5	0.4	9.3	0.4	8.7	0.4	7.9	0.4	7.5	0.4	6.8	0.4	7.0	0.3	6.7	0.4	7.2	0.5	8.9
0.6	28.7	0.5	26.4	0.5	23.5	0.5	24.3	0.5	25.8	0.4	20.2	0.4	23.5	0.4	22.7	0.4	25.4	0.5	29.5
0.1	25.1	0.1	26.9	0.1	28.7	0.1	31.1	0.1	24.4	0.1	24.5	0.2	33.7	0.2	35.6	0.1	25.4	0.2	34.2
0.2	19.5	0.1	13.4	0.1	14.4	0.1	16.4	0.1	15.6	0.1	12.5	0.1	15.6	0.1	13.4	0.1	13.0	0.1	12.6
0.7	8.9	0.6	7.8	0.5	6.3	0.5	6.4	0.5	6.0	0.6	6.6	0.5	5.3	0.5	5.3	0.6	6.4	0.6	6.9