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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 (note that we also use “related” to refer to two people living together as a couple). 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.

Unless otherwise stated in the 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, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 are based on analysis of an individual's poverty status over the periods 2011/12 - 2014/15, 2012/13 - 2015/16, 2013/14 - 2016/17, 2014/15 - 2017/18 and 2015/16 - 2018/19 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)

Figures have been rounded to the nearest 100,000 or whole percentage point. Individual figures have been rounded independently, so the sum of component items will not necessarily equal the totals shown.

For further information on methodology and definitions please refer to our reports:

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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	4.2	33	1.8	18	12.6	23
	2001/02	6.3	19	4.0	32	1.8	17	12.1	22
FRS (UK)	2002/03	6.9	20	4.1	32	1.7	16	12.6	22
	2003/04	6.9	20	4.0	31	1.6	15	12.4	21
	2004/05	7.2	20	4.2	33	1.4	13	12.8	22
	2005/06	7.5	21	4.2	33	1.4	13	13.2	22
	2006/07	7.4	21	4.3	33	1.4	13	13.1	22
	2007/08	7.8	21	4.4	34	1.4	13	13.6	23
	2008/09	8.2	22	4.5	35	1.3	12	14.0	23
	2009/10	8.5	23	4.5	35	1.3	11	14.3	23
	2010/11	8.6	23	4.3	33	1.3	11	14.2	23
	2011/12	8.9	24	4.4	33	1.2	10	14.4	23
	2012/13	8.8	23	4.3	32	1.1	10	14.3	23
	2013/14	8.6	23	4.3	32	1.1	9	14.0	22
	2014/15	8.1	21	4.2	31	1.1	9	13.4	21
	2015/16	8.2	21	4.3	32	1.2	10	13.7	21
	2016/17	8.3	21	4.4	32	1.3	11	14.0	22
	2017/18	8.2	21	4.5	33	1.3	11	14.1	22
	2018/19	8.5	21	4.5	32	1.3	11	14.3	22
	2019/20	8.1	20	4.4	32	1.4	12	13.9	21
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	0.1	1.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-1.9	-0.2	0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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 pension-age adults, 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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

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	2.3	24	3.0	61	1.1	10	4.3	22	1.0	22	1.0	15	12.6	23
	2001/02	2.2	22	3.0	61	1.0	9	4.0	21	0.9	21	1.1	15	12.1	22
FRS (UK)	2002/03	2.4	24	2.8	58	1.1	10	4.5	22	0.8	18	1.1	15	12.6	22
	2003/04	2.3	23	2.6	55	1.2	10	4.6	22	0.8	18	1.0	13	12.4	21
	2004/05	2.5	25	2.8	58	1.2	10	4.8	23	0.6	14	1.0	13	12.8	22
	2005/06	2.7	26	2.7	56	1.2	11	4.9	24	0.6	15	1.0	13	13.2	22
	2006/07	2.6	25	2.8	58	1.2	10	4.9	24	0.7	16	0.9	12	13.1	22
	2007/08	2.7	26	2.8	57	1.3	11	5.2	25	0.7	15	1.0	12	13.6	23
	2008/09	2.9	27	2.7	56	1.3	12	5.6	26	0.6	14	0.9	11	14.0	23
	2009/10	3.0	29	2.6	53	1.4	12	5.8	27	0.5	13	0.9	11	14.3	23
	2010/11	3.1	29	2.5	51	1.4	13	5.7	26	0.6	13	0.9	10	14.2	23
	2011/12	3.4	30	2.6	52	1.5	13	5.6	26	0.6	13	0.8	9	14.4	23
	2012/13	3.4	30	2.5	49	1.4	12	5.7	26	0.5	12	0.8	9	14.3	23
	2013/14	3.3	29	2.4	47	1.4	12	5.8	26	0.6	13	0.7	8	14.0	22
	2014/15	3.0	26	2.4	48	1.4	12	5.4	24	0.5	12	0.7	8	13.4	21
	2015/16	3.1	27	2.6	49	1.3	11	5.4	25	0.6	13	0.7	8	13.7	21
	2016/17	3.1	27	2.5	51	1.4	11	5.6	25	0.6	14	0.8	9	14.0	22
	2017/18	3.0	25	2.5	51	1.4	11	5.8	26	0.7	16	0.8	9	14.1	22
	2018/19	3.3	27	2.3	47	1.4	11	5.9	26	0.7	15	0.8	9	14.3	22
2019/20	3.1	25	2.5	52	1.3	10	5.4	24	0.8	17	0.8	9	13.9	21	
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	0.0	1.8	0.0	-2.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.7	-0.1	-3.4	0.0	-0.8	-0.2	0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

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

		People in families that do not include a disabled adult or child		People in families that include a disabled adult or child		People in families that include one or more disabled adult and no disabled child		People in families with a disabled child
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)
FRS (UK)	2003/04	7.1	18	5.3	27	4.3	26	1.0
	2004/05	7.3	19	5.5	29	4.4	27	1.0
	2005/06	7.5	19	5.6	28	4.6	26	1.0
	2006/07	7.7	19	5.4	28	4.4	26	1.0
	2007/08	7.7	19	5.9	30	4.7	28	1.2
	2008/09	8.2	20	5.8	29	4.4	26	1.3
	2009/10	8.4	21	5.9	29	4.7	27	1.2
	2010/11	8.1	20	6.1	29	4.8	27	1.2
	2011/12	8.3	20	6.1	28	4.9	27	1.1
	2012/13	7.8	19	6.4	29	5.1	28	1.2
	2013/14	7.6	19	6.4	30	5.2	28	1.2
	2014/15	6.9	17	6.5	27	5.2	26	1.2
	2015/16	7.1	18	6.6	27	5.3	26	1.3
	2016/17	7.2	18	6.8	27	5.4	26	1.3
	2017/18	7.3	18	6.8	28	5.4	26	1.3
	2018/19	7.2	18	7.1	28	5.7	27	1.3
	2019/20	7.0	17	6.9	27	5.6	26	1.3
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	0.1	0.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	0.0

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), SMC Analysis.

1. Estimates for disability are only available from 2003/04 due to data limitations.

2. The definition of disability changed to align with the core definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010 in 2012/13, but is otherwise consistent across years. Comparisons with years prior to 2012/13 should therefore be made with caution.

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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

Number and percentage of individuals

hat include disabled dren	People in families that include disabled children and no disabled adult		People in families that include disabled children and one or more disabled adult		All		
	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	
	39	0.5	35	0.4	44	12.4	21
	40	0.5	34	0.5	49	12.8	22
	37	0.5	30	0.5	45	13.2	22
	39	0.5	36	0.5	45	13.1	22
	42	0.6	36	0.6	52	13.6	23
	46	0.6	40	0.6	55	14.0	23
	41	0.6	34	0.6	51	14.3	23
	40	0.6	34	0.6	48	14.2	23
	37	0.6	33	0.5	43	14.4	23
	37	0.5	29	0.7	47	14.3	23
	39	0.6	32	0.6	50	14.0	22
	36	0.4	26	0.8	47	13.4	21
	37	0.5	29	0.7	45	13.7	21
	36	0.5	29	0.8	43	14.0	22
	35	0.6	29	0.7	41	14.1	22
	33	0.5	28	0.8	37	14.3	22
	33	0.4	25	0.8	40	13.9	21
	3.7	0.1	4.0	-0.1	5.4	-0.2	0.2

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-time work family		Full/part-time work family		Part-time work family		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	1.4	19	1.8	7	2.8	24	1.1	51	5.3	73	12.6	23
	2001/02	1.4	18	1.7	6	2.6	23	1.0	50	5.1	74	12.1	22
FRS (UK)	2002/03	1.3	17	1.7	6	3.0	25	1.2	53	5.0	74	12.6	22
	2003/04	1.2	16	1.8	6	2.7	22	1.3	53	5.0	74	12.4	21
	2004/05	1.1	14	2.1	7	3.1	24	1.4	54	4.8	73	12.8	22
	2005/06	1.1	14	2.2	8	3.3	26	1.4	52	4.9	73	13.2	22
	2006/07	1.1	14	2.1	7	3.5	26	1.3	49	4.7	74	13.1	22
	2007/08	1.0	13	2.4	8	3.4	26	1.5	59	4.9	74	13.6	23
	2008/09	1.0	12	2.4	8	3.8	28	1.8	56	4.6	71	14.0	23
	2009/10	0.9	11	2.4	9	3.4	25	1.8	58	5.3	74	14.3	23
	2010/11	0.9	11	2.7	9	3.3	25	1.7	56	5.2	73	14.2	23
	2011/12	0.8	10	2.6	9	3.8	28	2.1	59	4.8	71	14.4	23
	2012/13	0.9	10	2.4	8	3.9	28	1.8	54	5.0	70	14.3	23
	2013/14	0.8	9	2.8	9	3.9	29	1.7	56	4.4	69	14.0	22
	2014/15	0.8	9	2.6	8	3.7	28	1.7	55	4.3	70	13.4	21
	2015/16	1.0	11	2.6	8	3.8	28	1.7	55	4.2	69	13.7	21
	2016/17	1.0	11	2.8	9	4.0	28	1.7	55	4.2	69	14.0	22
	2017/18	1.0	11	3.2	10	3.8	27	1.8	58	4.0	70	14.1	22
	2018/19	1.0	11	3.0	9	4.0	29	2.0	57	4.0	67	14.3	22
	2019/20	1.1	12	3.0	9	4.0	29	1.7	53	3.7	68	13.9	21
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	-0.1	-1.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.2	-1.2	0.0	1.3	0.5	1.1	-0.2	0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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-time work families have an average score of greater than/ equal to 0.75, full/part-time work families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5 (including 0.5 but excluding 0.75), and part-time work families have a score of between 0 and 0.5 (excluding 0 and 0.5). Families that are workless have scores of 0. Note that these categories will include benefit units with all retired adults that are in a sharing unit with a working-age adult who is not retired. For further information please refer to the full SMC report from 2018.

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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

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

Number and percentage of individuals

		Social rented		Private 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	6.1	57	2.0	38	3.3	12	1.3	10	12.6	23
	2001/02	5.8	55	2.0	38	3.1	11	1.2	9	12.1	22
FRS (UK)	2002/03	5.7	54	2.2	38	3.3	12	1.4	10	12.6	22
	2003/04	5.5	52	2.3	37	3.3	12	1.4	10	12.4	21
	2004/05	5.5	53	2.3	37	3.6	13	1.4	9	12.8	22
	2005/06	5.3	52	2.6	37	3.8	14	1.5	10	13.2	22
	2006/07	5.1	51	3.0	39	3.4	13	1.5	10	13.1	22
	2007/08	5.3	53	3.0	37	3.8	15	1.5	9	13.6	23
	2008/09	5.3	52	3.4	39	3.8	15	1.5	9	14.0	23
	2009/10	5.2	52	3.8	40	3.9	16	1.4	9	14.3	23
	2010/11	5.2	52	4.1	40	3.5	15	1.3	7	14.2	23
	2011/12	5.3	51	4.1	38	3.8	16	1.3	7	14.4	23
	2012/13	5.0	49	4.5	39	3.3	14	1.5	8	14.3	23
	2013/14	5.1	49	4.7	40	3.0	13	1.2	7	14.0	22
	2014/15	4.9	47	4.3	35	3.0	13	1.0	6	13.4	21
	2015/16	5.0	47	4.6	36	2.6	12	1.4	8	13.7	21
	2016/17	5.4	51	4.4	34	2.8	12	1.4	8	14.0	22
	2017/18	5.4	50	4.4	36	2.8	12	1.5	8	14.1	22
	2018/19	5.3	49	4.7	36	2.7	12	1.7	9	14.3	22
	2019/20	5.2	49	4.3	34	2.8	12	1.6	8	13.9	21
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	-0.2	-2.0	0.3	2.6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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 household 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	10.9	20	0.2	28	1.6	40	0.9	46	0.3	47	13.4	21
	2015/16	10.6	19	0.2	30	1.6	38	0.9	45	0.3	48	13.7	21
	2016/17	10.6	19	0.2	30	1.6	36	0.9	45	0.3	45	14.0	22
	2017/18	10.7	19	0.2	34	1.7	37	0.9	45	0.3	44	14.1	22
	2018/19	10.7	19	0.2	33	1.9	39	0.9	46	0.4	42	14.3	22
	2019/20	10.5	19	0.2	32	2.0	39	0.9	43	0.4	43	13.9	21
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{4,5}	0.1	0.4	0.0	-1.8	-0.4	-1.2	0.0	1.9	-0.1	4.9	-0.2	0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

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

		England								Wales							
		All		Working-age adults		Children		Pension-age adults		All		Working-age adults		Children		Pension-a	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	
FRS (UK)	2002/03	10.5	22	5.5	19	3.5	32	1.4	17	0.7	25	0.4	22	0.2	36	0.1	
	2003/04	10.4	21	5.6	19	3.4	32	1.4	16	0.7	24	0.4	22	0.2	34	0.1	
	2004/05	10.5	21	5.8	20	3.5	32	1.3	14	0.7	24	0.4	23	0.2	36	0.1	
	2005/06	10.7	22	5.9	20	3.5	33	1.2	13	0.7	24	0.4	23	0.2	34	0.1	
	2006/07	10.9	22	6.1	21	3.6	33	1.2	13	0.7	24	0.4	23	0.2	35	0.1	
	2007/08	11.1	22	6.3	21	3.7	34	1.2	13	0.7	25	0.4	24	0.2	35	0.1	
	2008/09	11.4	23	6.5	22	3.8	35	1.1	12	0.7	24	0.4	23	0.2	35	0.1	
	2009/10	11.8	23	6.8	22	3.9	35	1.1	11	0.7	25	0.4	24	0.2	37	0.1	
	2010/11	11.9	23	7.1	23	3.8	35	1.0	11	0.7	24	0.4	24	0.2	36	0.1	
	2011/12	12.0	23	7.3	24	3.8	34	1.0	10	0.8	25	0.4	26	0.2	37	0.1	
	2012/13	12.0	23	7.3	23	3.7	33	1.0	10	0.8	26	0.5	27	0.2	35	0.1	
	2013/14	12.0	23	7.4	23	3.7	33	0.9	9	0.7	24	0.4	25	0.2	34	0.1	
	2014/15	11.7	22	7.2	23	3.7	32	0.9	9	0.7	23	0.4	24	0.2	32	0.1	
	2015/16	11.6	22	7.0	22	3.7	32	0.9	9	0.7	23	0.4	23	0.2	32	0.1	
	2016/17	11.6	22	6.9	21	3.7	32	0.9	9	0.7	23	0.4	23	0.2	31	0.1	
	2017/18	11.8	22	7.0	21	3.8	33	1.0	10	0.7	24	0.4	24	0.2	33	0.1	
	2018/19	12.0	22	7.1	21	3.9	33	1.1	11	0.7	23	0.4	23	0.2	31	0.1	
2019/20	12.0	22	7.0	21	3.9	33	1.1	12	0.7	22	0.4	23	0.2	32	0.1		
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	1.0	-0.2	-0.8	-0.2	-2.5	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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 2019/20 figure represents averages of figures from 2017/18–2019/20.
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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

Age groups	Scotland								Northern Ireland ²							
	All		Working-age adults		Children		Pension-age adults		All		Working-age adults		Children		Pension-age adults	
	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)
19	1.1	23	0.6	21	0.3	31	0.2	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17	1.1	22	0.6	20	0.3	31	0.2	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15	1.1	22	0.6	20	0.3	30	0.2	17	0.4	24	0.2	22	0.1	31	-	-
15	1.1	21	0.6	20	0.3	29	0.1	15	0.4	24	0.2	23	0.1	32	-	-
14	1.0	21	0.6	20	0.3	29	0.1	14	0.4	24	0.2	22	0.1	31	0.1	21
15	1.0	21	0.6	20	0.3	28	0.1	13	0.4	24	0.2	22	0.1	30	0.1	21
14	1.0	21	0.6	20	0.3	29	0.1	12	0.4	23	0.2	21	0.1	30	0.1	22
13	1.0	20	0.6	21	0.3	28	0.1	12	0.4	25	0.2	23	0.1	32	0.1	21
13	1.0	20	0.7	21	0.3	28	0.1	11	0.5	26	0.3	24	0.1	33	0.1	20
12	1.0	20	0.6	21	0.3	27	0.1	10	0.5	27	0.3	26	0.1	34	0.1	18
13	1.0	20	0.7	21	0.3	27	0.1	10	0.5	26	0.3	26	0.1	32	-	-
13	1.0	20	0.7	21	0.3	26	0.1	9	0.5	26	0.3	26	0.1	32	-	-
14	1.0	19	0.7	21	0.2	25	0.1	9	0.4	25	0.3	25	0.1	31	-	-
15	1.0	18	0.6	20	0.2	25	0.1	9	0.4	23	0.3	23	0.1	30	-	-
17	1.0	19	0.6	20	0.2	25	0.1	10	0.4	22	0.2	22	0.1	28	-	-
15	1.0	19	0.7	20	0.3	27	0.1	10	0.4	20	0.2	20	0.1	27	-	-
14	1.0	19	0.7	20	0.3	26	0.1	10	0.4	21	0.2	21	0.1	29	-	-
12	1.0	19	0.7	20	0.3	27	0.1	10	0.4	20	0.2	20	0.1	27	-	-
3.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	-2.3	0.0	-1.0	0.0	2.7	0.0	3.4	0.0	2.6

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

		North East		North West		Yorkshire and 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	28	1.6	24	1.2	24	0.9	22	1.2	23	0.8	15
	2003/04	0.7	26	1.6	24	1.2	24	0.9	22	1.2	22	0.9	16
	2004/05	0.7	27	1.6	24	1.1	23	0.9	22	1.2	23	0.9	16
	2005/06	0.7	26	1.6	24	1.1	23	0.9	21	1.2	23	0.9	17
	2006/07	0.6	25	1.7	25	1.1	23	0.9	22	1.3	24	0.9	17
	2007/08	0.6	26	1.7	25	1.2	23	1.0	22	1.3	25	1.0	17
	2008/09	0.6	25	1.7	26	1.2	24	1.0	22	1.3	25	1.0	18
	2009/10	0.7	26	1.8	26	1.3	25	1.0	23	1.4	26	1.0	18
	2010/11	0.6	25	1.8	26	1.3	26	1.0	22	1.4	26	1.1	19
	2011/12	0.6	25	1.8	26	1.4	26	1.0	22	1.4	25	1.1	18
	2012/13	0.6	25	1.7	25	1.3	26	1.0	22	1.4	25	1.0	18
	2013/14	0.7	26	1.7	24	1.3	24	1.0	22	1.4	25	1.1	18
	2014/15	0.7	25	1.7	24	1.2	22	0.9	21	1.4	25	1.0	17
	2015/16	0.6	24	1.7	24	1.1	22	1.0	21	1.4	25	1.0	18
	2016/17	0.6	24	1.6	23	1.1	22	0.9	21	1.4	25	1.0	18
	2017/18	0.6	25	1.7	24	1.2	22	0.9	20	1.4	24	1.1	18
	2018/19	0.7	26	1.6	23	1.3	24	0.9	19	1.4	24	1.1	18
2019/20	0.7	26	1.7	23	1.3	24	0.9	19	1.4	24	1.0	17	
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	-0.1	-1.7	0.0	0.7	-0.2	-2.7	0.1	1.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.6

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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 2019/20 figure represents averages of figures from 2017/18–2019/20.

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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

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	1.2	16	0.9	18	0.7	25	1.1	23	..	..	12.6	22
1.9	27	1.2	15	0.9	18	0.7	24	1.1	22	..	..	12.4	21
2.0	28	1.2	15	0.9	18	0.7	24	1.1	22	0.4	24	12.8	22
2.1	28	1.3	16	0.9	18	0.7	24	1.1	21	0.4	24	13.2	22
2.1	28	1.4	17	0.9	18	0.7	24	1.0	21	0.4	24	13.1	22
2.1	28	1.4	17	0.9	18	0.7	25	1.0	21	0.4	24	13.6	23
2.2	29	1.4	17	0.9	18	0.7	24	1.0	21	0.4	23	14.0	23
2.3	30	1.4	17	1.0	19	0.7	25	1.0	20	0.4	25	14.3	23
2.4	30	1.4	17	1.0	19	0.7	24	1.0	20	0.5	26	14.2	23
2.4	30	1.5	18	1.0	19	0.8	25	1.0	20	0.5	27	14.4	23
2.4	30	1.5	18	1.0	19	0.8	26	1.0	20	0.5	26	14.3	23
2.5	31	1.5	18	0.9	18	0.7	24	1.0	20	0.5	26	14.0	22
2.5	30	1.5	17	0.9	18	0.7	23	1.0	19	0.4	25	13.4	21
2.4	29	1.4	16	0.9	18	0.7	23	1.0	18	0.4	23	13.7	21
2.4	28	1.4	17	0.9	18	0.7	23	1.0	19	0.4	22	14.0	22
2.4	28	1.5	18	1.0	18	0.7	24	1.0	19	0.4	20	14.1	22
2.5	29	1.6	18	1.0	18	0.7	23	1.0	19	0.4	21	14.3	22
2.5	29	1.6	18	0.9	17	0.7	22	1.0	19	0.4	20	13.9	21
-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-1.6	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	-0.6	0.0	2.7	-0.2	0.2

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

Number and percentage of individuals

		<=5% below		5%-10% below		10%-25% below		25%-50% below		>=50% below	
		Number (millions)	Percentage ³	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	1.0	2	1.1	2	3.9	7	3.9	7	2.7	5
	2001/02	1.1	2	1.2	2	3.6	6	3.6	6	2.6	5
FRS (UK)	2002/03	1.3	2	1.2	2	3.4	6	3.9	7	2.8	5
	2003/04	1.1	2	1.0	2	3.5	6	3.9	7	3.0	5
	2004/05	1.3	2	1.2	2	3.5	6	3.8	6	3.1	5
	2005/06	1.2	2	1.2	2	3.3	6	4.1	7	3.4	6
	2006/07	1.1	2	1.1	2	3.3	6	4.0	7	3.5	6
	2007/08	1.1	2	1.0	2	3.4	6	4.3	7	3.8	6
	2008/09	1.2	2	1.1	2	3.5	6	4.1	7	4.0	7
	2009/10	1.2	2	1.3	2	3.5	6	4.4	7	3.9	6
	2010/11	1.2	2	1.2	2	3.6	6	4.2	7	4.0	6
	2011/12	1.3	2	1.3	2	3.6	6	4.3	7	4.0	6
	2012/13	1.3	2	1.2	2	3.5	6	4.1	7	4.1	6
	2013/14	1.3	2	1.3	2	3.1	5	4.2	7	4.1	7
	2014/15	1.1	2	1.2	2	3.3	5	4.0	6	3.7	6
	2015/16	1.3	2	1.2	2	3.2	5	3.9	6	4.1	6
	2016/17	1.3	2	1.4	2	3.2	5	4.1	6	4.1	6
	2017/18	1.2	2	1.3	2	3.3	5	3.9	6	4.3	7
	2018/19	1.1	2	1.2	2	3.4	5	4.1	6	4.5	7
2019/20	1.2	2	1.1	2	3.1	5	4.2	6	4.3	7	

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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.

3. Percentages denote the proportion of the UK population that are in each category.

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

Number and percentage of individuals

		<=5% above		5%-10% above		10%-25% above		25%-50% above		>=50% above	
		Number (millions)	Percentage ³	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	0.9	2	0.9	2	2.6	5	4.4	8	34.9	62
	2001/02	1.0	2	0.9	2	2.5	4	4.6	8	35.4	63
FRS (UK)	2002/03	1.0	2	1.0	2	2.8	5	4.7	8	36.1	62
	2003/04	1.1	2	1.1	2	3.1	5	4.8	8	36.0	62
	2004/05	1.2	2	1.1	2	3.1	5	5.0	9	35.6	60
	2005/06	1.2	2	1.2	2	3.1	5	4.8	8	35.8	60
	2006/07	1.0	2	1.1	2	3.1	5	4.8	8	36.5	61
	2007/08	1.1	2	1.0	2	3.2	5	4.9	8	36.4	61
	2008/09	1.1	2	1.1	2	2.9	5	5.0	8	36.5	60
	2009/10	1.2	2	1.1	2	3.4	6	4.8	8	36.3	59
	2010/11	1.3	2	1.4	2	3.4	6	5.0	8	36.3	59
	2011/12	1.5	2	1.4	2	3.4	5	5.0	8	36.7	59
	2012/13	1.3	2	1.5	2	3.5	6	5.4	9	36.9	59
	2013/14	1.3	2	1.3	2	3.6	6	5.1	8	37.5	60
	2014/15	1.2	2	1.2	2	3.5	5	5.2	8	38.9	61
	2015/16	1.2	2	1.3	2	3.6	6	5.2	8	38.9	61
	2016/17	1.2	2	1.3	2	3.7	6	5.2	8	38.9	60
	2017/18	1.3	2	1.2	2	3.4	5	5.3	8	39.2	61
	2018/19	1.2	2	1.3	2	3.7	6	5.5	8	39.5	60
2019/20	1.2	2	1.1	2	3.6	6	5.1	8	40.6	62	

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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.

3. Percentages denote the proportion of the UK population that are in each category.

Table 2.5: Survey years for Lived Experience Indicators

Domain and indicator	Survey	Most recent data	Last data	Earliest data
Health				
In a family that includes a disabled adult or child	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
One or more adults in family with poor self-reported physical health	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
One or more adults in family with poor self-reported mental health	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
One or more adults in family with low life satisfaction	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
One or more adults in family with low health satisfaction	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
One or more youths in family has drunk to excess in last four weeks	Understanding Society	2018/19	2016/17	2011/12
One or more adults in family has drunk to excess in the last year ¹	Understanding Society	2017/18	2015/16	no data
One or more adults in family smokes cigarettes (not incl. e-cigarettes)	Understanding Society	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
One or more youths in family has used or taken illegal drugs at least once in the last year	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
Education				
No one in family has any formal qualifications	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
All adults have highest qualification that is below 5a*-c GCSEs or equivalent	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
Family, relationships and community				
Single adults	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
Lone parent families	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
Single pensioners	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
Adults in family rarely or never feel close to others	Understanding Society	2018/19	2015/16	2012/13
One or more youths in family does not feel supported by their family/people who they live with	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
One or more adults in family feels unsafe walking alone at night	Understanding Society	2014/15	2011/12	no data
One or more adults in family worries about being affected by crime	Understanding Society	2014/15	2011/12	no data
One or more adults in family does not like living in current neighbourhood	Understanding Society	2014/15	2011/12	no data
One or more adults in family spends time caring for someone	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
One or more adults in family perceives local services as poor	Understanding Society	2014/15	2011/12	no data
One or more adults in family thinks people in their neighbourhood can't be trusted	Understanding Society	2014/15	2011/12	no data
No adults in family are members of an organisation	Understanding Society	2017/18	2014/15	2011/12
One or more adults in family is not willing to improve neighbourhood	Understanding Society	2017/18	2014/15	2011/12
Family's average size of social network is below 5 close friends	Understanding Society	2017/18	2014/15	2011/12
Family finances				
Family is behind in paying bills	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
In a workless family	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
In a family reporting material deprivation	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
One or more adults in family with low income satisfaction	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12
One or more adults in family has felt embarrassed by low income	Understanding Society	2016/17	2015/16	no data
No adult in family saves	Understanding Society	2018/19	2016/17	2012/13
Labour market opportunity				
Proportion of working-age adults who are workless	Family Resources	2019/20	2018/19	2000/01
Average time spent travelling to work for working adults in family (minutes)	Understanding Society	2018/19	2017/18	2011/12

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20) and Understanding Society (2009/10–2018/19), SMC Analysis.

1. 'no data' refers to instances where data is available for 'Last data' but any earlier data is not available.

Table 2.3: Estimated percentage of people in persistent poverty by age and a range of family characteristics ¹

	2014/15			2015/16			2016/17			2017/18		
	Sample size ²	% who are in persistent poverty	% of those in poverty, who are in persistent poverty	Sample size	% who are in persistent poverty	% of those in poverty, who are in persistent poverty	Sample size	% who are in persistent poverty	% of those in poverty, who are in persistent poverty	Sample size	% who are in persistent poverty	% of those in poverty, who are in persistent poverty
All Individuals	42,692	10	53	38,441	11	56	35,234	11	49	32,173	11	51
Age												
Working-age adults ³	24,278	11	54	21,981	12	58	20,169	11	51	18,520	12	53
Children ⁴	9,268	16	53	8,225	17	57	7,417	17	52	6,632	17	53
Pension-age adults ⁵	9,146	3	44	8,234	3	42	7,649	3	31	7,020	3	35
Family type ⁶												
Single, no children	7,689	13	56	7,154	14	61	6,746	13	53	6,452	14	55
Lone parent	3,302	26	59	2,790	28	63	2,465	25	55	2,205	26	56
Couple, no children	6,677	7	51	6,105	7	53	5,536	6	44	5,054	6	46
Couple with children	15,080	12	52	13,446	13	55	12,174	14	51	10,835	14	52
Pensioner, single	3,507	4	44	3,143	4	41	2,920	3	29	2,692	4	32
Pensioner couple	6,429	3	46	5,796	3	44	5,391	3	35	4,934	3	40
Family work status ⁷												
Retired family	6,913	3	41	6,374	3	43	5,837	2	33	5,274	3	35
Full-time work family	16,650	2	41	15,500	3	43	13,607	3	42	11,675	3	45
Full/part-time work family	9,341	11	49	8,542	14	56	7,985	13	49	7,389	13	49
Part-time work family	2,807	28	55	2,680	27	52	2,874	26	50	3,021	23	50
Workless family	5,885	33	61	4,895	37	66	4,643	30	55	4,605	31	58
Individuals in families where: ⁸												
One or more adults are disabled	13,694	12	57	12,803	14	61	11,929	13	55	11,281	12	55
No adults are disabled	28,569	9	51	25,353	10	54	22,953	10	47	20,474	10	49
Housing tenure												
Social rented	7,834	26	61	7,199	29	66	6,483	28	61	5,807	28	63
Private rented	5,370	19	55	4,843	21	56	4,381	22	58	3,806	24	58
Mortgaged owned	16,343	6	43	14,368	6	45	12,977	6	35	11,675	6	37
Owned outright	12,351	2	45	11,447	3	46	10,476	2	30	9,532	3	33
Ethnicity of household reference person ⁹												
White	38,357	9	51	34,583	10	54	31,742	9	47	28,995	10	49
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	426	17	51	386	23	58	353	18	53	326	28	70
Asian/Asian British	2,193	23	65	1,954	24	68	1,790	21	62	1,589	21	61
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	971	31	68	858	32	72	750	29	68	688	27	61
Other ethnic group	250	27	62	200	21	64	175	24	65	149	22	60
Poverty depth												
<=5% below the poverty line	821		39	728		40	703		39	497		39
5%-10% below the poverty line	799		43	704		50	610		45	524		46
10%-25% below the poverty line	1,863		48	1,728		57	1,658		53	1,581		51
25%-50% below the poverty line	2,107		61	2,139		62	2,009		55	1,815		50
>=50% below the poverty line	2,697		58	2,400		58	2,579		47	2,564		55

Source: Understanding Society (2009/10–2018/19), 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 adults 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 those aged under 16 or aged 16-18 and in school or non-advanced further education, not married and living with parent.

5. Pension-age adults 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.

7. 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-time work families have an average score of greater than/ equal to 0.75, full/part-time work families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5 (including 0.5 but excluding 0.75), and part-time work families have a score of between 0 and 0.5 (excluding 0 and 0.5). Families that are workless have scores of 0. Note that these categories will include benefit units with all retired adults that are in a sharing unit with a working-age adult who is not retired. For further information please refer to the full SMC report from 2018.

8. Disability figures only cover individuals aged 16 and over as the data does not contain information on children's disability status.

9. Understanding Society collects certain information on household reference persons rather than household heads. A household reference person is defined as the owner or renter of the accommodation in which the household lives. If there are multiple owners or renters, the default is the eldest of them is the household reference person.

Table 2.4: Lived Experience Indicators by poverty status ¹

Percentage of individuals ^{2,3}

	Most recent year ⁴		Change since last data		Change since earliest data	
	People in poverty	People not in poverty	People in poverty	People not in poverty	People in poverty	People not in poverty
Health						
In a family that includes a disabled adult or child	50	36	0	-1	4	6
One or more adults in family with poor self-reported physical health	25	21	1	0	0	1
One or more adults in family with poor self-reported mental health	34	26	-1	2	0	3
One or more adults in family with low life satisfaction	17	10	0	-3	-3	-4
One or more adults in family with low health satisfaction	23	17	-1	-2	-8	-11
One or more youths in family has drunk to excess in last four weeks	41	61	-5	-2	-9	-6
One or more adults in family has drunk to excess in the last year	58	67	1	0	...	...
One or more adults in family smokes cigarettes (not incl. e-cigarettes)	36	20	-1	-1	-3	-2
One or more youths in family has used or taken illegal drugs at least once in the last year	15	21	1	-4	-3	2
Education						
No one in family has any formal qualifications	19	8	-1	0	-3	-7
All adults have highest qualification that is below 5a*-c GCSEs or equivalent	28	13	0	0	0	-4
Family, relationships and community						
Single adults	22	18	-1	1	4	2
Lone parent families	18	5	2	-1	-5	0
Single pensioners	5	7	1	0	-2	0
Adults in family rarely or never feel close to others	12	5	3	1	1	0
One or more youths in family does not feel supported by their family/people who they live with	5	3	2	0	-3	0
One or more adults in family feels unsafe walking alone at night	29	22	-5	-5	...	...
One or more adults in family worries about being affected by crime	50	50	-4	-5	...	...
One or more adults in family does not like living in current neighbourhood	13	6	-3	-2	...	...
One or more adults in family spends time caring for someone	31	30	0	-1	1	0
One or more adults in family perceives local services as poor	43	42	1	-2	...	...
One or more adults in family thinks people in their neighbourhood can't be trusted	21	9	0	-3	...	...
No adults in family are members of an organisation	63	35	7	5	4	4
One or more adults in family is not willing to improve neighbourhood	16	14	0	3	3	5
Family's average size of social network is below 5 close friends	65	54	-2	-2	2	-1
Family finances						
Family is behind in paying bills	25	7	-2	0	-5	-3
In a workless family	30	4	-1	0	-18	-1
In a family reporting material deprivation	24	4	1	0	-5	-1
One or more adults in family with low income satisfaction	27	14	-2	-1	-12	-11
One or more adults in family has felt embarrassed by low income	43	22	1	1	...	...
No adult in family saves	65	32	-5	-5	-6	-6
Labour market opportunity						
Proportion of working-age adults who are workless	52	16	-2	0	-12	-2
Average time spent travelling to work for working adults in family (minutes)	22	27	-1	0	0	2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20) and Understanding Society (2009/10–2018/19), 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.

3. '.' indicates that data is not available for this period.

4. The Lived Experience Indicators use data from a range of survey years as not all questions are asked every year. See table 2.5 for details on the years that each of the indicators are drawn from.

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		2007/08		2008/09
	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)
All working-age adults	6.7	20	6.3	19	6.9	20	6.9	20	7.2	20	7.5	21	7.4	21	7.8	21	8.2
Family type ²																	
Single, no children	2.3	24	2.2	22	2.4	24	2.3	23	2.5	25	2.7	26	2.6	25	2.7	26	2.9
Lone parent	1.1	58	1.1	59	1.0	56	1.0	53	1.0	55	1.0	53	1.0	55	1.0	55	1.0
Couple, no children	1.1	10	1.0	9	1.1	10	1.2	10	1.2	10	1.2	11	1.2	10	1.3	11	1.3
Couple with children	2.1	20	1.9	19	2.2	21	2.2	21	2.3	22	2.5	23	2.4	22	2.6	23	2.8
Family work status ³																	
Retired family	0.0	10	0.1	17	0.1	20	0.1	21	0.1	21	0.1	20	0.1	15	0.1	19	0.1
Full-time work family	1.2	6	1.1	5	1.1	5	1.2	6	1.3	6	1.4	7	1.3	6	1.6	7	1.5
Full/part-time work family	1.6	21	1.5	20	1.7	22	1.5	20	1.8	22	2.0	24	2.0	24	1.9	24	2.2
Part-time work family	0.7	49	0.7	46	0.8	51	0.9	51	0.9	50	0.9	50	0.9	46	1.0	57	1.2
Workless family	2.9	74	2.8	75	2.8	75	2.9	76	2.8	75	2.9	76	2.8	77	2.9	76	2.7
Family disability ⁴																	
In a family that includes a disabled adult or child	3.0	32	2.8	30	3.0	30	2.9	30	3.1	32	3.2	31	3.1	31	3.4	35	3.3
In a family that does not include a disabled adult or child	3.6	15	3.5	15	3.9	16	3.9	16	4.1	16	4.3	17	4.3	17	4.4	17	4.8
Housing tenure ⁵																	
Social rented	3.0	57	2.8	54	2.9	56	2.9	54	2.9	55	2.9	55	2.7	53	2.9	56	2.9
Private rented	1.2	34	1.3	34	1.5	35	1.5	33	1.5	34	1.7	35	2.0	36	1.9	33	2.3
Mortgaged owned	1.9	10	1.8	9	1.9	10	1.9	10	2.1	11	2.2	12	2.0	11	2.2	13	2.3
Owned outright	0.5	9	0.4	8	0.6	10	0.6	9	0.6	9	0.7	10	0.7	9	0.7	9	0.7

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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 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-time work families have an average score of greater than or equal to 0.75, full/part-time work families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5 (including 0.5 but excluding 0.75), and part-time work families have a score of between 0 and 0.5 (excluding 0 and 0.5). Families that are workless have scores of 0. Note that these categories will include benefit units with all retired adults that are in a sharing unit with a working-age adult who is not retired. For further information please refer to the full SMC report from 2018.

4. The definition of disability changed to align with the core definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010 in 2012/13, but is otherwise consistent across years. Comparisons with years prior to 2012/13 should therefore be made with caution.

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.

3/09	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19	
Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
22	8.5	23	8.6	23	8.9	24	8.8	23	8.6	23	8.1	21	8.2	21	8.3	21	8.2	21	8.5	21
27	3.0	29	3.1	29	3.4	30	3.4	30	3.3	29	3.0	26	3.1	27	3.1	27	3.0	25	3.3	27
54	1.0	51	0.9	49	1.0	51	0.9	49	0.9	47	0.9	47	1.0	48	0.9	49	0.9	49	0.8	46
12	1.4	12	1.4	13	1.5	13	1.4	12	1.4	12	1.4	12	1.3	11	1.4	11	1.4	11	1.4	11
25	2.9	25	2.9	25	2.9	24	2.9	25	3.0	25	2.8	23	2.7	23	2.8	23	2.8	24	2.9	24
19	0.1	18	0.1	15	0.1	14	0.1	20	0.1	13	0.0	10	0.1	20	0.1	14	0.1	11	0.1	13
7	1.6	8	1.7	8	1.7	8	1.5	7	1.9	8	1.6	7	1.7	7	1.7	8	1.9	8	1.9	8
26	2.1	24	2.0	24	2.4	27	2.4	27	2.4	28	2.3	26	2.3	26	2.4	26	2.3	25	2.4	26
54	1.3	56	1.2	53	1.4	57	1.2	53	1.2	54	1.2	54	1.1	52	1.1	52	1.2	55	1.3	55
74	3.2	78	3.3	78	3.1	76	3.2	75	2.8	75	2.8	75	2.7	73	2.7	74	2.6	73	2.6	72
33	3.5	34	3.6	35	3.7	33	4.0	34	4.0	35	4.0	32	4.0	31	4.2	31	4.1	30	4.4	31
18	5.0	19	5.0	19	5.1	20	4.8	19	4.7	18	4.1	16	4.2	17	4.2	16	4.2	16	4.2	16
54	2.9	56	3.1	56	3.2	56	3.0	55	3.1	53	3.0	51	3.0	50	3.2	54	3.1	51	3.1	50
36	2.5	37	2.8	37	2.8	36	3.0	37	3.1	37	2.8	32	3.0	33	2.8	31	2.8	32	2.9	32
13	2.3	14	2.2	13	2.3	14	2.1	13	1.8	11	1.9	12	1.6	10	1.6	11	1.7	11	1.6	11
9	0.7	10	0.6	8	0.6	8	0.7	10	0.6	8	0.5	7	0.7	9	0.7	8	0.7	8	0.9	10

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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		2007/08		2008/09
	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)
All children	4.2	33	4.0	32	4.1	32	4.0	31	4.2	33	4.2	33	4.3	33	4.4	34	4.5
Family type ²																	
Lone parent	1.9	63	1.9	62	1.8	59	1.7	57	1.8	59	1.8	57	1.8	59	1.8	59	1.7
Couple with children	2.2	23	2.1	22	2.3	23	2.4	24	2.5	25	2.5	26	2.5	25	2.6	26	2.8
Age of youngest child ³																	
Youngest child under 5	2.1	39	2.0	38	2.0	38	1.9	36	2.0	38	2.0	38	2.2	40	2.2	40	2.3
Youngest child aged 5 to 11	1.6	30	1.6	29	1.6	29	1.7	30	1.7	30	1.7	30	1.6	30	1.6	32	1.6
Youngest child aged 12 or over	0.5	23	0.4	23	0.5	25	0.5	23	0.5	26	0.5	27	0.5	25	0.6	26	0.7
Number of children ⁴																	
One child	0.8	27	0.8	27	0.9	28	0.8	27	0.9	27	0.9	28	0.9	28	1.0	29	1.0
Two children	1.5	27	1.5	26	1.5	26	1.5	27	1.6	27	1.6	27	1.5	27	1.7	28	1.7
Three or more children	1.9	46	1.8	44	1.7	43	1.7	42	1.8	46	1.8	45	1.8	47	1.8	48	1.7
Family work status ⁵																	
Full-time work family	0.6	10	0.6	10	0.6	9	0.6	9	0.7	12	0.8	12	0.7	11	0.8	12	0.8
Full/part-time work family	1.2	34	1.1	32	1.2	34	1.1	30	1.2	33	1.3	34	1.4	37	1.4	36	1.5
Part-time work family	0.3	70	0.3	71	0.4	71	0.4	67	0.4	71	0.4	66	0.4	67	0.4	75	0.5
Workless family	2.0	90	1.9	90	1.8	89	1.9	88	1.8	87	1.8	86	1.7	87	1.8	87	1.7
Family disability ⁶																	
In a family that includes a disabled adult or child	1.6	47	1.4	45	1.5	43	1.4	43	1.5	47	1.5	44	1.5	45	1.6	47	1.6
In a family that does not include a disabled adult or child	2.6	28	2.6	28	2.6	28	2.6	27	2.7	28	2.7	29	2.8	29	2.8	30	2.9
Housing tenure ⁷																	
Social rented	2.2	70	2.1	68	2.0	68	1.9	66	2.0	68	1.9	65	1.9	67	1.9	66	1.8
Private rented	0.6	58	0.6	56	0.6	54	0.7	52	0.7	53	0.7	51	0.9	56	0.9	56	1.0
Mortgaged owned	1.2	16	1.2	15	1.3	16	1.2	16	1.3	18	1.4	19	1.3	18	1.4	20	1.4
Owned outright	0.2	21	0.2	19	0.2	21	0.2	18	0.2	17	0.2	20	0.2	16	0.2	15	0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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. Where one or more adult is pension age, the family type of the child is designated as 'pensioner couple' or 'pensioner single'. For this analysis these groups were included in couple and lone-parent families.

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

4. Number of children calculated at the sharing unit level but reported at the benefit unit level.

5. 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-time work families have an average score of greater than/ equal to 0.75, full/part-time work families have a score of between 0.75 and 0.5 (including 0.5 but excluding 0.75), and part-time work families have a score of between 0 and 0.5 (excluding 0 and 0.5). Families that are workless have scores of 0. Note that these categories will include benefit units with all retired adults that are in a sharing unit with a working-age adult who is not retired. For further information please refer to the full SMC report from 2018.

6. The definition of disability changed to align with the core definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010 in 2012/13, but is otherwise consistent across years. Comparisons with years prior to 2012/13 should therefore be made with caution.

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.

3/09	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19	
Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
35	4.5	35	4.3	33	4.4	33	4.3	32	4.3	32	4.2	31	4.3	32	4.4	32	4.5	33	4.5	32
57	1.7	54	1.6	51	1.6	52	1.6	50	1.5	47	1.5	48	1.6	50	1.6	52	1.6	52	1.5	48
28	2.9	29	2.7	27	2.8	27	2.7	27	2.8	28	2.7	26	2.7	26	2.8	27	2.9	27	3.0	28
40	2.2	39	2.2	38	2.3	39	2.2	37	2.2	36	2.1	35	2.3	38	2.3	38	2.4	39	2.3	37
32	1.6	32	1.5	30	1.4	28	1.4	28	1.4	29	1.5	28	1.4	26	1.5	28	1.6	29	1.6	29
29	0.7	29	0.7	28	0.7	29	0.7	28	0.7	30	0.6	28	0.6	29	0.6	28	0.5	25	0.5	26
29	1.0	29	1.1	30	1.1	29	1.2	31	1.1	29	1.1	28	1.0	28	1.0	26	1.0	26	0.9	25
30	1.8	31	1.7	29	1.7	29	1.7	28	1.7	28	1.6	27	1.7	27	1.7	28	1.6	26	1.6	27
48	1.7	46	1.5	43	1.6	45	1.4	41	1.5	43	1.5	40	1.6	43	1.7	45	2.0	49	2.0	46
12	0.8	13	0.9	13	0.9	13	0.8	12	0.9	13	0.9	12	0.9	13	1.0	14	1.2	16	1.1	14
39	1.3	35	1.2	33	1.4	37	1.4	35	1.5	38	1.4	38	1.5	38	1.6	39	1.5	39	1.6	41
71	0.5	72	0.5	73	0.6	73	0.5	64	0.5	68	0.5	65	0.5	68	0.5	69	0.6	74	0.6	69
87	1.8	85	1.7	82	1.5	77	1.6	76	1.4	73	1.3	76	1.3	77	1.3	79	1.2	81	1.2	75
47	1.6	46	1.6	45	1.6	42	1.7	42	1.7	44	1.7	40	1.8	40	1.8	40	1.8	41	1.9	39
31	2.9	30	2.8	29	2.8	30	2.6	28	2.6	27	2.5	27	2.5	27	2.6	28	2.7	29	2.5	28
65	1.8	64	1.7	64	1.6	59	1.6	59	1.6	55	1.6	54	1.7	55	1.7	57	1.9	62	1.7	57
57	1.1	53	1.2	51	1.2	50	1.4	50	1.5	50	1.4	46	1.5	48	1.5	47	1.4	48	1.6	50
20	1.4	21	1.2	18	1.4	20	1.1	17	1.1	17	1.1	17	1.0	15	1.0	17	1.0	16	1.0	15
17	0.2	14	0.2	12	0.2	14	0.2	14	0.1	13	0.1	10	0.2	14	0.1	12	0.2	13	0.2	14

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		2007/08		2008/09
	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)
All pension-age adults	1.8	18	1.8	17	1.7	16	1.6	15	1.4	13	1.4	13	1.4	13	1.4	13	1.3
Family type ²																	
Pensioner, single	0.9	22	0.9	21	0.8	18	0.7	18	0.6	14	0.6	14	0.7	16	0.7	15	0.6
Pensioner couple	0.9	15	0.9	15	0.9	14	0.8	13	0.8	13	0.8	12	0.7	11	0.8	11	0.7
Housing tenure ³																	
Social rented	0.9	40	0.9	38	0.8	32	0.7	30	0.6	27	0.5	25	0.5	25	0.5	26	0.5
Private rented	0.1	29	0.1	30	0.1	26	0.1	26	0.1	21	0.1	27	0.1	28	0.1	20	0.1
Mortgaged owned	0.2	18	0.1	15	0.1	16	0.1	16	0.1	16	0.1	16	0.1	13	0.2	19	0.1
Owned outright	0.6	9	0.6	10	0.6	9	0.6	9	0.6	8	0.6	8	0.7	9	0.6	8	0.6
Family disability ⁴																	
In a family that includes a disabled adult or child	1.1	19	1.1	19	1.0	16	0.9	15	0.9	14	0.9	14	0.9	14	0.9	15	0.9
In a family that does not include a disabled adult or child	0.7	16	0.7	15	0.6	15	0.6	14	0.5	12	0.5	12	0.5	12	0.5	10	0.4
Detailed breakdown by age ⁵																	
Eldest person aged 61-70	0.7	18	0.7	18	0.6	17	0.6	16	0.5	14	0.6	16	0.6	14	0.6	14	0.5
Eldest person aged 71-75	0.4	19	0.4	17	0.3	15	0.3	15	0.3	13	0.3	13	0.3	12	0.3	12	0.3
Eldest person aged 76-79	0.3	17	0.3	17	0.2	15	0.2	16	0.2	12	0.2	10	0.2	13	0.2	12	0.2
Eldest person aged 80+	0.4	16	0.4	17	0.4	14	0.3	12	0.3	12	0.3	11	0.4	13	0.3	11	0.3

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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. 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.

4. The definition of disability changed to align with the core definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010 in 2012/13, but is otherwise consistent across years. Comparisons with years prior to 2012/13 should therefore be made with caution.

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

3/09	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18		2018/19	
Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
12	1.3	11	1.3	11	1.2	10	1.1	10	1.1	9	1.1	9	1.2	10	1.3	11	1.3	11	1.3	11
14	0.5	12	0.6	13	0.6	13	0.5	12	0.6	13	0.5	12	0.6	13	0.6	14	0.7	16	0.7	15
10	0.7	10	0.7	9	0.6	8	0.6	8	0.5	7	0.6	7	0.6	8	0.6	8	0.6	9	0.6	9
25	0.5	24	0.5	24	0.4	24	0.4	19	0.4	22	0.4	22	0.4	24	0.5	27	0.4	25	0.5	29
21	0.1	24	0.1	26	0.1	19	0.1	23	0.2	26	0.2	27	0.1	21	0.2	26	0.2	26	0.2	26
13	0.1	15	0.1	16	0.1	16	0.1	13	0.1	14	0.1	12	0.1	13	0.1	13	0.1	15	0.1	14
7	0.5	6	0.5	6	0.5	6	0.5	6	0.4	5	0.4	5	0.5	6	0.6	6	0.6	7	0.6	6
13	0.8	12	0.8	13	0.8	12	0.8	12	0.7	11	0.7	11	0.8	12	0.8	12	0.9	13	0.8	12
9	0.5	9	0.4	8	0.4	8	0.4	7	0.4	7	0.3	7	0.4	7	0.4	9	0.5	9	0.5	10
13	0.5	12	0.6	13	0.5	11	0.5	11	0.5	10	0.4	9	0.4	9	0.4	10	0.5	13	0.4	12
12	0.3	11	0.3	11	0.2	9	0.2	10	0.2	8	0.3	10	0.3	9	0.3	12	0.3	9	0.3	11
11	0.2	10	0.1	9	0.2	10	0.1	8	0.2	9	0.1	8	0.2	10	0.2	10	0.2	11	0.2	9
10	0.3	9	0.3	8	0.3	8	0.3	9	0.3	9	0.3	9	0.4	11	0.3	10	0.4	12	0.4	11

Table 3.4: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by age group ¹

		Aged 4 and under		Aged 5 - 10		Aged 11 -15		Aged 16 - 19		Aged 20 - 24		Aged 25 - 29		Aged 30 - 34		Aged 35 and over
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)
FRS (GB)	2000/01	1.2	36	1.5	33	1.2	33	0.8	29	0.8	25	0.8	22	0.9	20	0.9
	2001/02	1.2	35	1.4	32	1.1	30	0.7	28	0.8	24	0.7	19	0.9	20	0.8
FRS (UK)	2002/03	1.2	35	1.4	31	1.2	31	0.8	29	1.0	27	0.8	22	0.9	20	0.9
	2003/04	1.2	34	1.3	31	1.2	31	0.8	28	1.0	25	0.8	22	0.8	19	0.9
	2004/05	1.3	36	1.3	31	1.3	33	1.0	32	1.0	25	0.8	22	0.9	20	1.0
	2005/06	1.3	37	1.4	33	1.2	32	1.0	33	1.1	28	0.8	21	0.9	21	1.0
	2006/07	1.4	38	1.3	33	1.2	31	0.9	30	1.1	28	0.9	23	0.8	21	1.0
	2007/08	1.4	37	1.3	33	1.2	34	1.0	31	1.1	28	0.9	23	0.9	22	1.0
	2008/09	1.5	37	1.3	33	1.3	35	1.1	33	1.3	31	0.9	22	0.8	22	1.0
	2009/10	1.5	38	1.3	32	1.2	35	1.1	35	1.3	31	1.0	24	0.9	23	1.0
	2010/11	1.5	37	1.2	31	1.1	31	1.0	35	1.4	31	1.1	26	0.9	24	1.0
	2011/12	1.5	38	1.2	31	1.1	31	1.2	36	1.4	32	1.0	24	1.0	24	1.0
	2012/13	1.4	36	1.3	30	1.1	31	1.0	34	1.5	32	1.1	25	0.9	22	0.9
	2013/14	1.4	35	1.2	29	1.0	31	1.0	33	1.4	31	1.0	23	1.0	23	1.0
	2014/15	1.4	34	1.3	28	1.0	29	1.0	33	1.0	24	1.0	23	0.9	20	0.9
	2015/16	1.5	36	1.2	28	1.0	30	0.9	31	1.2	28	1.0	22	1.0	22	0.9
	2016/17	1.5	36	1.4	30	1.0	31	1.0	33	1.0	24	1.0	23	1.0	23	0.9
	2017/18	1.5	36	1.5	32	1.1	32	0.8	30	1.0	24	0.9	21	1.1	25	1.0
	2018/19	1.4	33	1.5	32	1.1	31	0.8	29	1.1	25	0.9	19	1.0	23	1.0
	2019/20	1.3	34	1.5	31	1.2	31	0.8	30	1.0	24	0.8	17	1.0	22	1.0
	Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{2,3}	0.2	2.4	-0.2	-3.2	-0.1	-1.4	0.1	0.8	0.2	4.3	0.2	5.3	0.0	0.6	-0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99-2019/20), 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. 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.

3. Figures have been rounded so the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

15 - 39		Aged 40 - 44		Aged 45 - 49		Aged 50 - 54		Aged 55 - 59		Aged 60 - 64		Aged 65 - 69		Aged 70 - 74		Aged 75 plus	
Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)
20	0.8	20	0.6	16	0.6	15	0.5	17	0.5	19	0.4	18	0.4	18	0.7	17	
19	0.7	18	0.6	16	0.6	15	0.5	15	0.5	19	0.4	18	0.4	18	0.7	17	
20	0.8	19	0.6	17	0.6	15	0.6	16	0.5	17	0.4	16	0.4	16	0.6	15	
20	0.8	19	0.6	16	0.6	15	0.6	16	0.5	18	0.4	15	0.3	15	0.6	13	
22	0.9	19	0.7	17	0.6	16	0.6	15	0.5	17	0.4	13	0.3	13	0.5	12	
22	1.0	21	0.7	18	0.6	16	0.6	15	0.5	17	0.4	15	0.3	13	0.5	11	
22	0.9	20	0.7	17	0.6	16	0.6	16	0.5	15	0.3	13	0.3	13	0.6	13	
23	1.0	21	0.8	19	0.6	16	0.6	17	0.6	17	0.4	13	0.3	12	0.5	11	
23	1.1	24	0.8	18	0.7	18	0.6	17	0.5	14	0.3	13	0.3	11	0.5	11	
24	1.1	23	1.0	22	0.7	18	0.6	18	0.5	14	0.3	11	0.3	11	0.4	10	
24	1.1	23	0.9	20	0.7	18	0.7	18	0.6	15	0.3	11	0.3	11	0.4	9	
25	1.1	25	0.9	20	0.7	19	0.7	18	0.5	14	0.3	10	0.2	10	0.4	9	
23	1.1	25	1.0	21	0.8	19	0.7	18	0.5	15	0.3	10	0.2	9	0.4	9	
25	1.1	24	0.9	20	0.9	20	0.7	20	0.5	14	0.3	10	0.2	9	0.4	9	
24	1.0	23	0.9	19	0.8	19	0.7	19	0.5	14	0.3	9	0.2	9	0.4	9	
21	0.9	21	0.9	19	0.8	18	0.7	18	0.6	18	0.3	8	0.3	10	0.5	11	
22	0.9	22	1.0	21	0.8	18	0.7	18	0.6	16	0.4	10	0.3	11	0.5	11	
24	0.9	23	0.9	19	0.8	17	0.7	17	0.6	17	0.4	12	0.3	10	0.6	12	
23	0.9	23	1.0	22	0.8	18	0.8	18	0.7	20	0.4	12	0.4	11	0.5	10	
23	0.9	22	0.8	19	0.8	18	0.7	16	0.7	18	0.4	14	0.4	13	0.6	11	
-2.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	2.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-5.4	-0.2	-3.1	0.0	-0.1	

Table 3.5: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by gender and adulthood ¹

Number and percentage of individuals

		Adult male		Adult female		Children		All	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (GB)	2000/01	3.7	18	4.8	21	4.2	33	12.6	23
	2001/02	3.5	17	4.6	20	4.0	32	12.1	22
FRS (UK)	2002/03	3.9	18	4.7	20	4.1	32	12.6	22
	2003/04	3.8	17	4.6	19	4.0	31	12.4	21
	2004/05	4.0	18	4.6	20	4.2	33	12.8	22
	2005/06	4.1	18	4.8	20	4.2	33	13.2	22
	2006/07	4.1	18	4.8	20	4.3	33	13.1	22
	2007/08	4.2	18	5.0	20	4.4	34	13.6	23
	2008/09	4.4	19	5.1	21	4.5	35	14.0	23
	2009/10	4.6	20	5.1	21	4.5	35	14.3	23
	2010/11	4.7	20	5.1	21	4.3	33	14.2	23
	2011/12	4.8	20	5.2	21	4.4	33	14.4	23
	2012/13	4.8	20	5.1	20	4.3	32	14.3	23
	2013/14	4.6	19	5.2	20	4.3	32	14.0	22
	2014/15	4.3	18	4.9	19	4.2	31	13.4	21
	2015/16	4.4	18	5.0	19	4.3	32	13.7	21
	2016/17	4.5	18	5.1	20	4.4	32	14.0	22
	2017/18	4.5	18	5.1	19	4.5	33	14.1	22
	2018/19	4.7	19	5.1	19	4.5	32	14.3	22
2019/20	4.3	17	5.1	19	4.4	32	13.9	21	
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	0.0	0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.2

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), 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. Gender breakdowns are not provided for children as these are less meaningful for analysis.

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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

Table 3.6: Estimated number and percentage of people in poverty by whether the individual has a disability ^{1,2}

		People with a disability		Disabled working-age adults		Disabled children		Disabled pension-age adults	
		Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
FRS (UK)	2003/04	2.9	27	1.8	36	0.3	41	0.8	16
	2004/05	2.9	27	1.9	38	0.3	42	0.7	14
	2005/06	3.1	27	2.1	37	0.3	37	0.7	15
	2006/07	2.9	27	1.9	38	0.3	41	0.7	15
	2007/08	3.2	29	2.1	41	0.3	42	0.8	15
	2008/09	3.1	27	2.0	39	0.4	46	0.7	13
	2009/10	3.1	27	2.1	40	0.3	41	0.7	13
	2010/11	3.3	28	2.2	41	0.3	40	0.7	13
	2011/12	3.3	27	2.3	39	0.3	36	0.6	12
	2012/13	3.5	29	2.5	41	0.3	36	0.6	12
	2013/14	3.5	29	2.5	42	0.4	40	0.6	12
	2014/15	3.6	28	2.6	40	0.3	37	0.6	11
	2015/16	3.7	28	2.6	38	0.4	38	0.7	13
	2016/17	3.8	28	2.7	37	0.4	37	0.7	13
	2017/18	3.7	28	2.6	37	0.4	34	0.7	14
2018/19	3.9	28	2.9	38	0.4	33	0.7	13	
2019/20	3.8	27	2.8	36	0.4	33	0.7	14	
Change	2015/16-2019/20 ^{3,4}	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	1.7	0.0	4.4	0.0	-0.8

Source: FRS and HBAI dataset (1998/99–2019/20), SMC Analysis.

1. Estimates for disability are only available from 2003/04 due to data limitations.

2. The definition of disability changed to align with the core definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010 in 2012/13, but is otherwise consistent across years. Comparisons with years prior to 2012/13 should therefore be made with caution.

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 the estimates of change in percentage or number of individuals in poverty may not equal the difference between the total percentage or number of individuals in poverty for the pair of years shown.

Number and percentage of individuals

People without a disability		Working-age adults without a disability		Children without a disability		Pension-age adults without a disability		All	
Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage	Number (millions)	Percentage
9.6	20	5.0	17	3.8	31	0.8	14	12.4	21
9.9	21	5.3	17	3.9	32	0.7	13	12.8	22
10.1	21	5.4	18	4.0	33	0.7	12	13.2	22
10.2	21	5.5	18	4.0	33	0.7	12	13.1	22
10.4	21	5.7	18	4.1	34	0.7	11	13.6	23
10.9	22	6.1	20	4.2	34	0.6	10	14.0	23
11.2	23	6.4	21	4.2	34	0.6	9	14.3	23
10.9	22	6.3	20	4.0	32	0.6	9	14.2	23
11.1	22	6.5	21	4.1	33	0.5	9	14.4	23
10.8	21	6.3	20	3.9	32	0.5	8	14.3	23
10.5	21	6.1	19	3.9	32	0.5	7	14.0	22
9.8	19	5.5	18	3.8	30	0.5	7	13.4	21
10.0	20	5.6	18	3.9	31	0.5	8	13.7	21
10.2	20	5.6	18	4.0	32	0.6	9	14.0	22
10.4	20	5.6	18	4.2	33	0.6	10	14.1	22
10.4	20	5.6	18	4.1	32	0.6	10	14.3	22
10.0	20	5.3	16	4.1	32	0.6	10	13.9	21
-0.1	0.2	0.3	1.3	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	-2.7	-0.2	0.2