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Facing the Disillusioned in a New Decade

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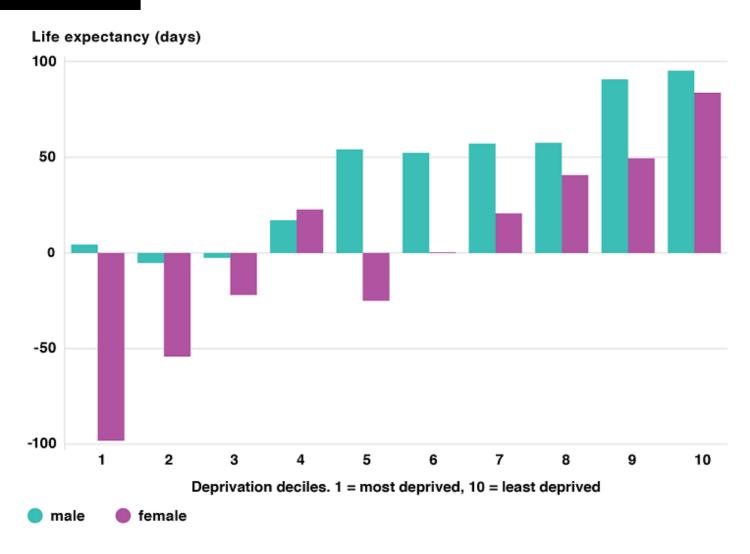
Health Life Expectancy

At Birth Number of Births **Infant Mortality Rate** Life Expectancy



Change in life expectancy at birth between 2012-14 and 2015-17 by sex and IMD Decile

(Source: ONS)





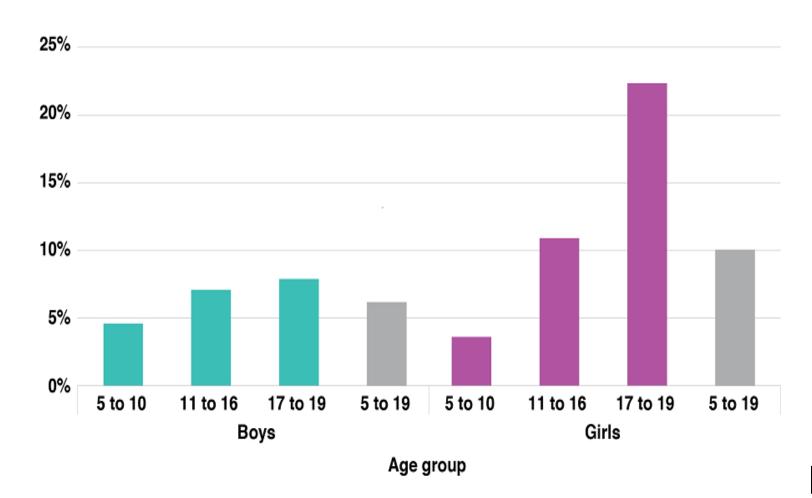
Into Childhood

- Physical health
- Mental health
- Impact of childhood health
- Poverty
- Learning and education
- Community Life



Emotional Disorders in Children & Young People by Age and Sex, England 2017

Source: NHS Digital





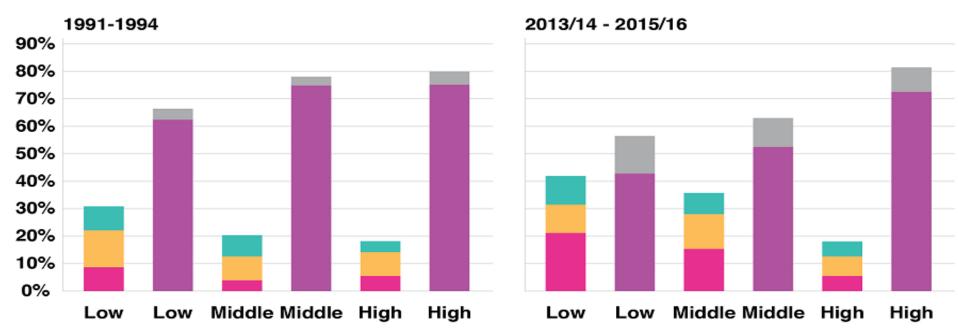
As Adults

- Family Structures
- Wellbeing
- Health
- Poverty
- Work
- Housing
- Community Life
- Politics and Public Attitudes



Levels of inequality in family structures in the UK by education level

Source: Understanding Society

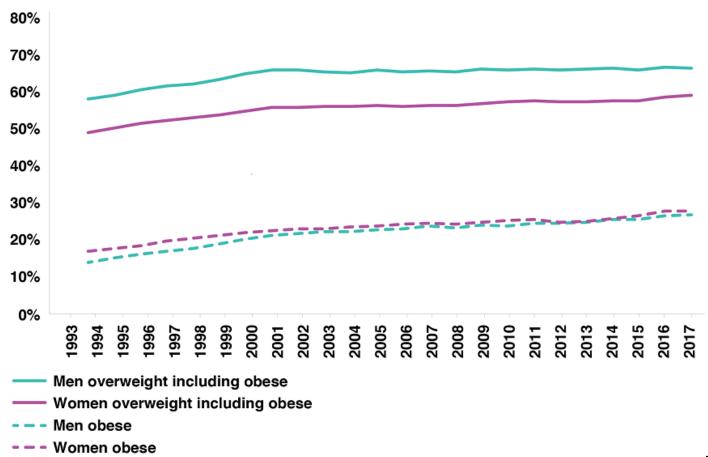


- Lone mother (never married)
- Step or Blended
- Cohabiting, both biological parents
- Lone mother (divorced)
- Married, both biological parents



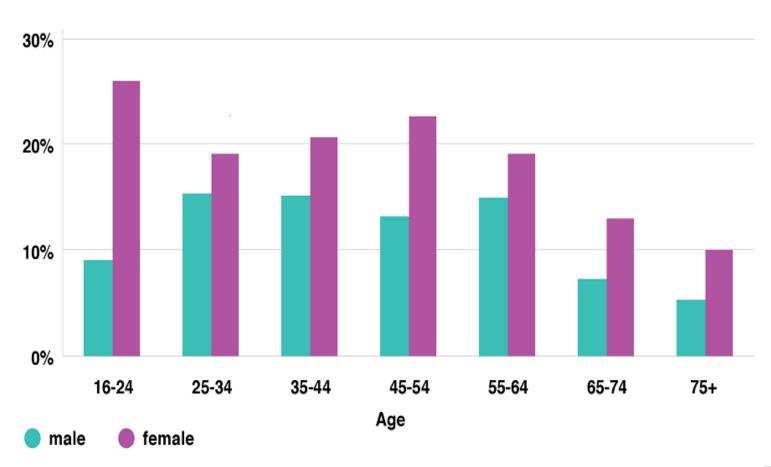
Adult overweight and obesity prevalence by sex in England 1993-2018 (moving average)

Source: NHS Digital





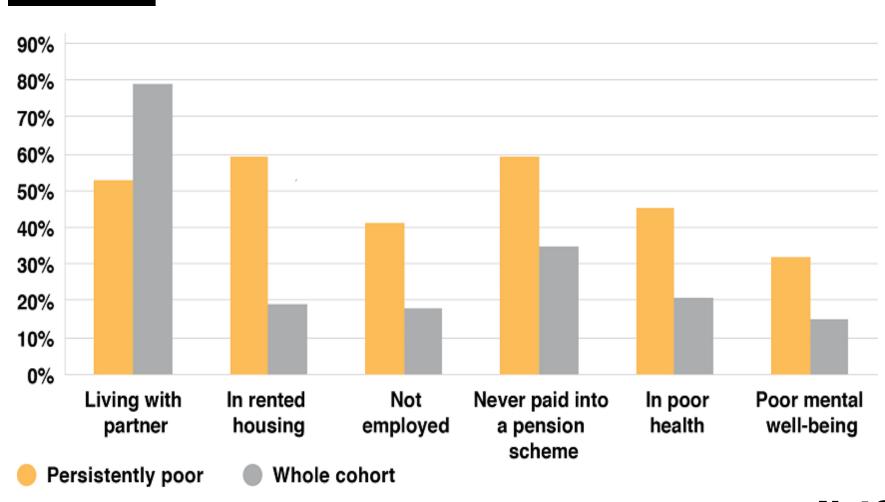
Percentage with CMD symptoms in the past week by age and sex, England, 2014





Persistent poverty across working life and multiple disadvantage at age 55, Britain, 2013

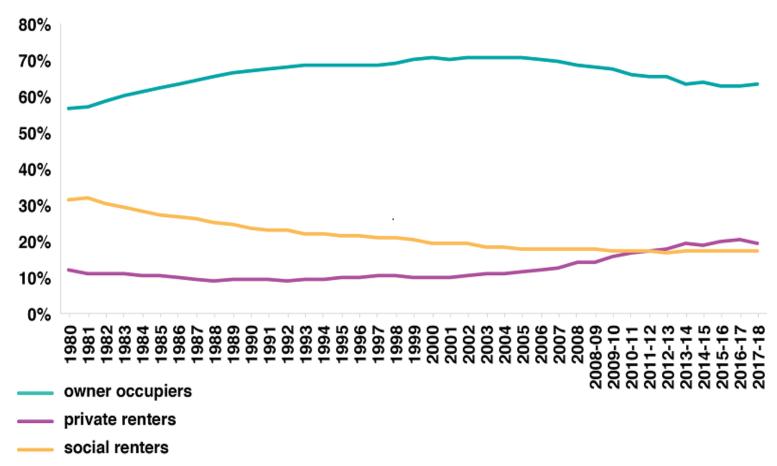
Source: Centre for Longitudinal Studies





Trends in housing tenure, households in England, 1980 to 2017-18

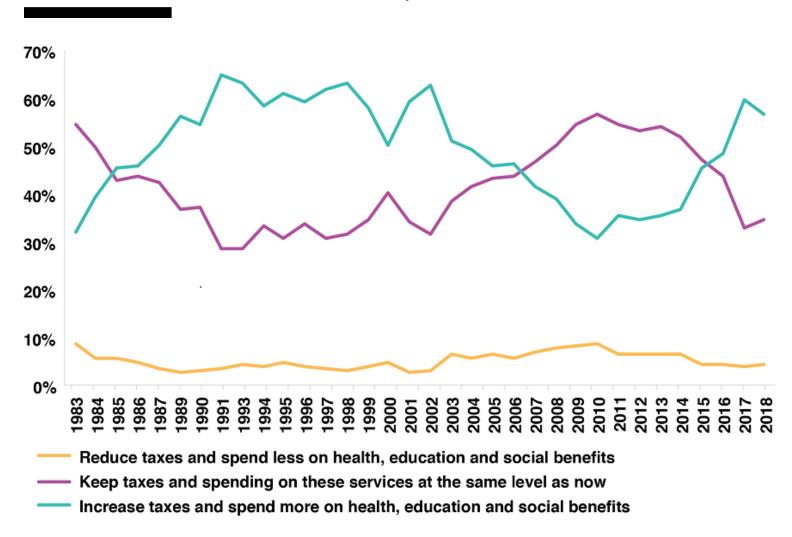
Source: MHCLG





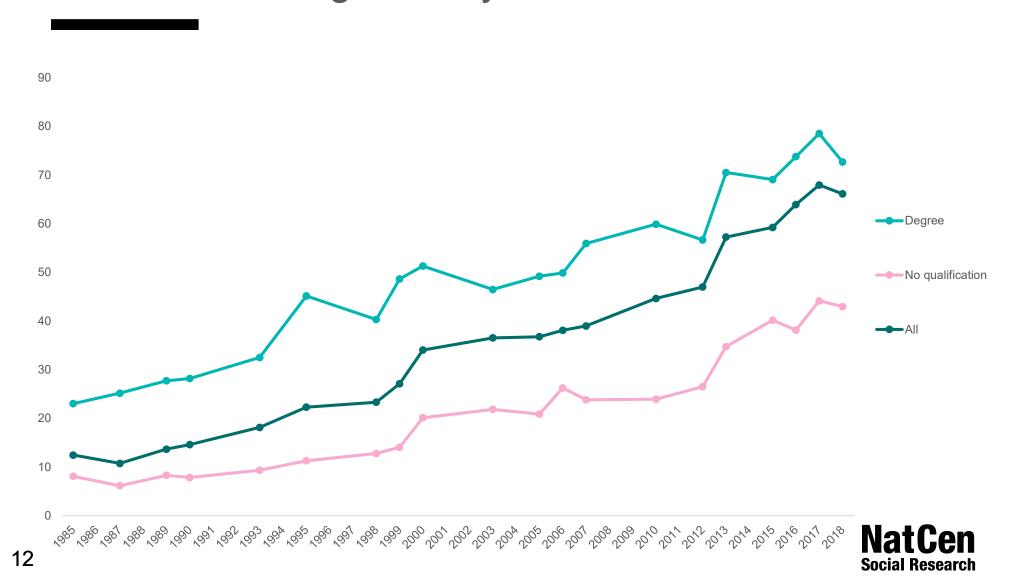
Attitudes towards taxation and public spending in Britain, 1983-2018

Source: NatCen, British Social Attitudes Survey





Sexual relations between two adults of the same sex are not wrong at all by education



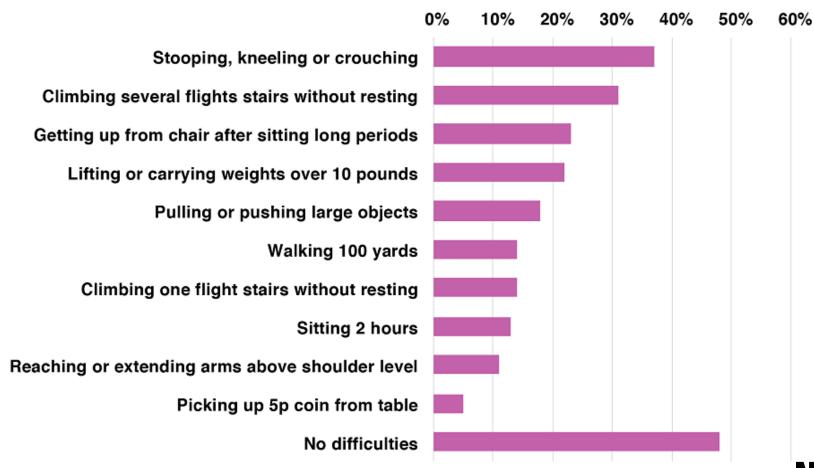
In Later Years

- Ageing
- Health & Care
- Poverty
- Work
- Community Life
- Mortality



Difficulties with activities experienced by 50+ population in England, 2016-17

ELSA Wave 8, NatCen



... and a final word ...



Policy Challenges

- Population size & structure (ageing)
- Multiple disadvantage
 - addressing the causes & symptoms
- Infrastructure & benefits from technology
- Mind the gap attitudes & popularity
- Compelling narrative for the group



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