

# **BUILD BACK FAIRER**

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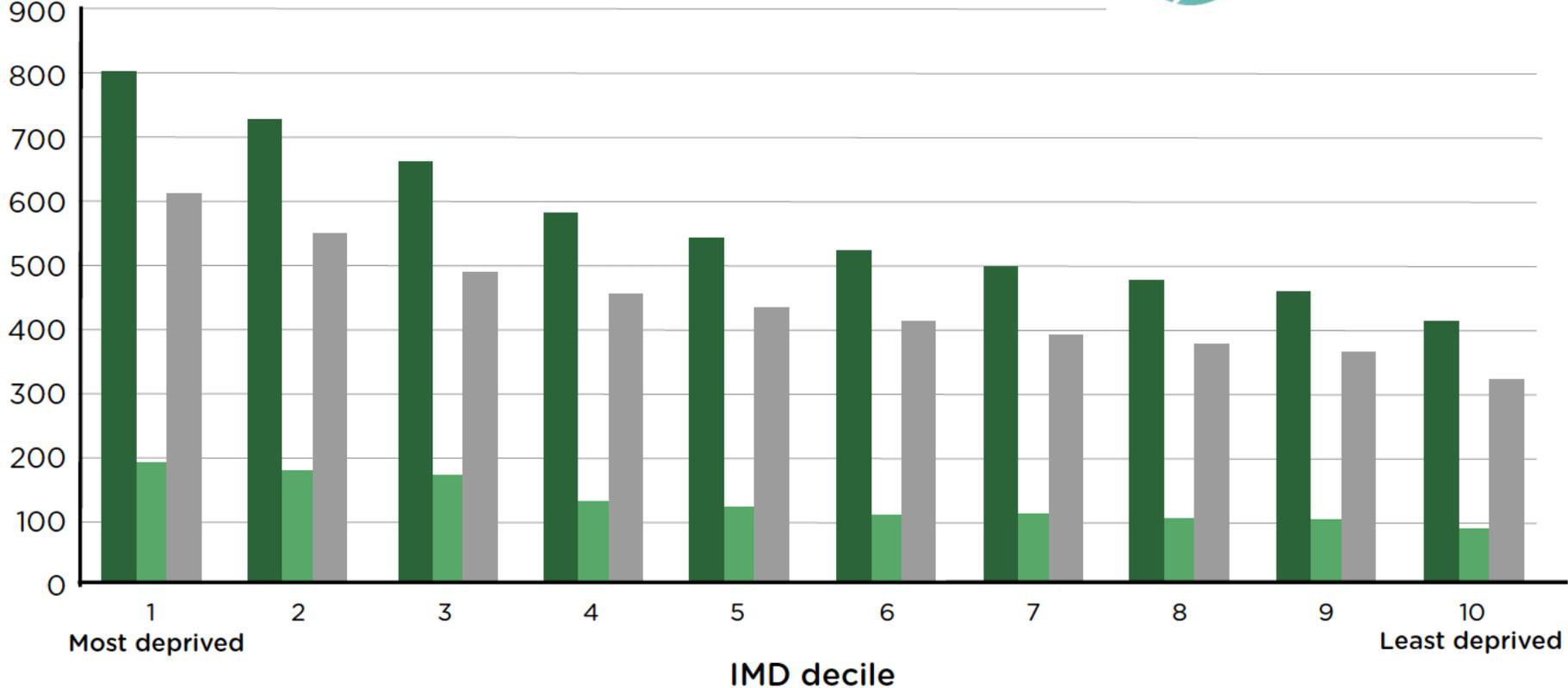
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# BUILD BACK FAIRER: THE COVID-19 MARMOT REVIEW

**The Pandemic,  
Socioeconomic and Health  
Inequalities in England**



# Male age-standardised mortality rates from all causes, COVID-19 and other causes (per 100,000), by deprivation deciles in England



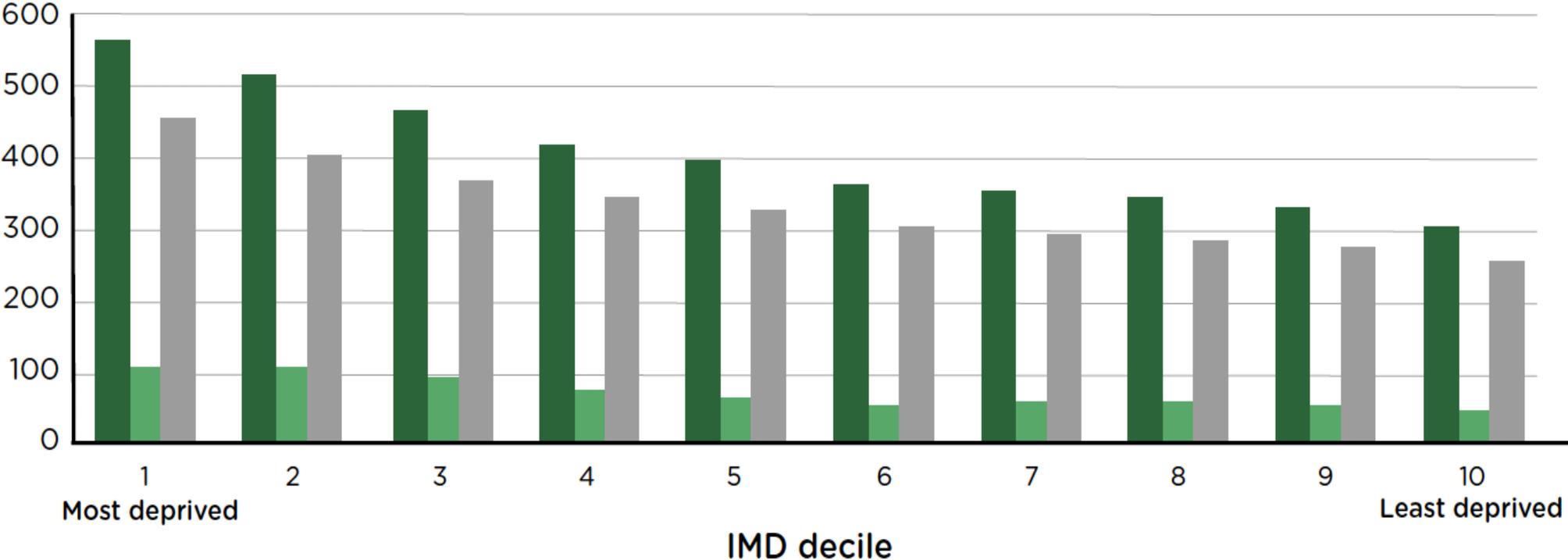
ONS. Deaths involving COVID-19 by local area and socioeconomic deprivation, 2020

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# Female age-standardised mortality rates from all causes, COVID-19 and other causes (per 100,000), by deprivation deciles in England



Age-standardised mortality rates (per 100,000)



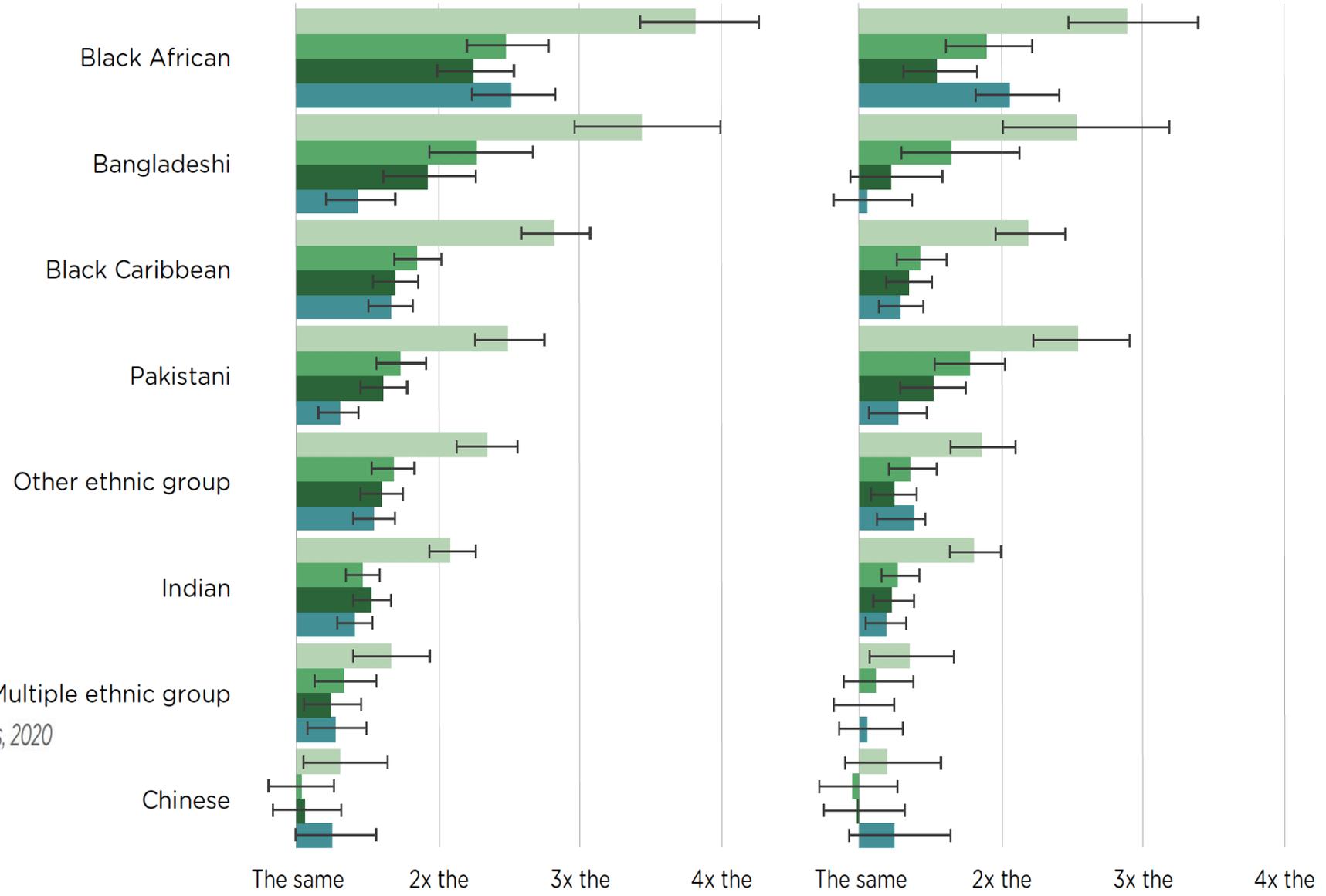
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# Death rates at ages 9 and over involving COVID-19 by ethnic group and sex relative to the White population, England

**Males**  
Comparison group: White

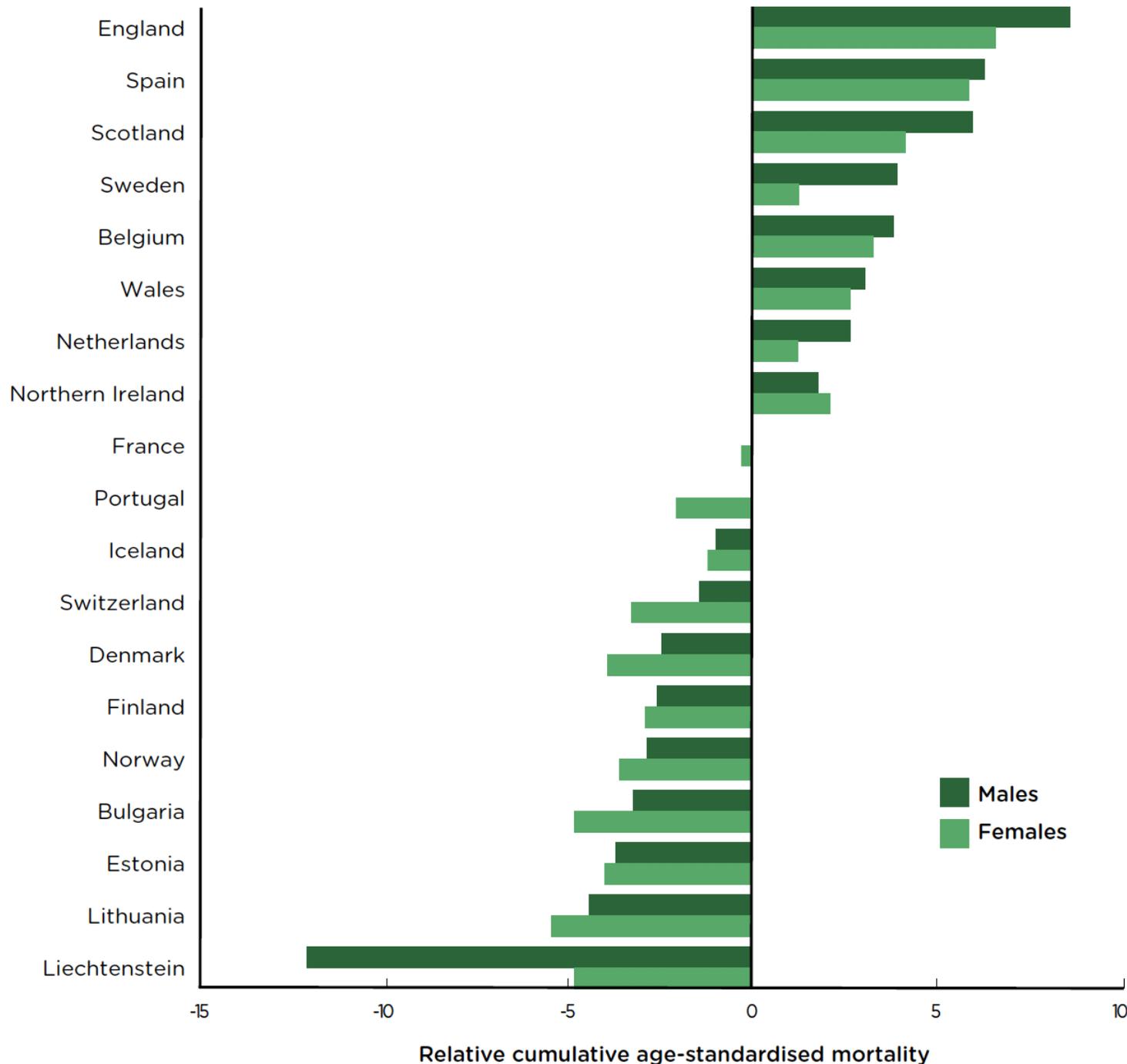
**Females**  
Comparison group: White



ONS, COVID-19 related deaths by ethnic group, England and Wales, 2020

■ Adjusted for age    
 ■ + Geography    
 ■ + Socio-economics    
 ■ + Health status

# Relative cumulative age-standardised all-cause mortality rates by sex, Jan- June 2020 European countries



ONS (2020) Comparisons of all-cause mortality between European countries and regions

## HEALTH AS A MEASURE OF SOCIETAL SUCCESS

Pre-Pandemic. LE stalling, inequalities increasing, LE for poorest people falling

Slow down in LE nearly slowest of rich countries.

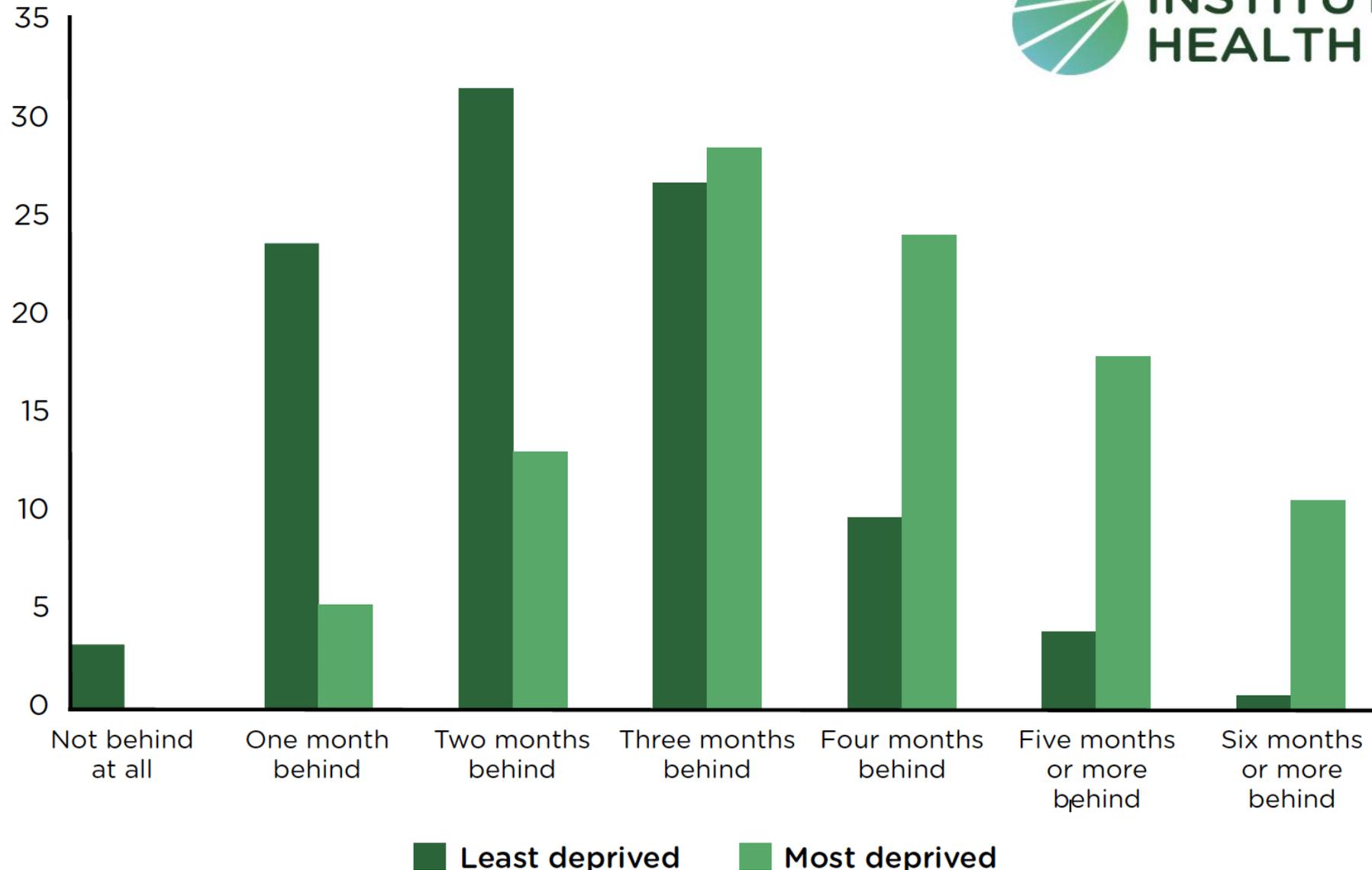
Pandemic. Highest excess mortality

### Link?

- Poor governance and political culture
- Social and economic inequalities increasing
- Reduction in spending on public services – we are ill-prepared
- England was unhealthy coming in to the pandemic

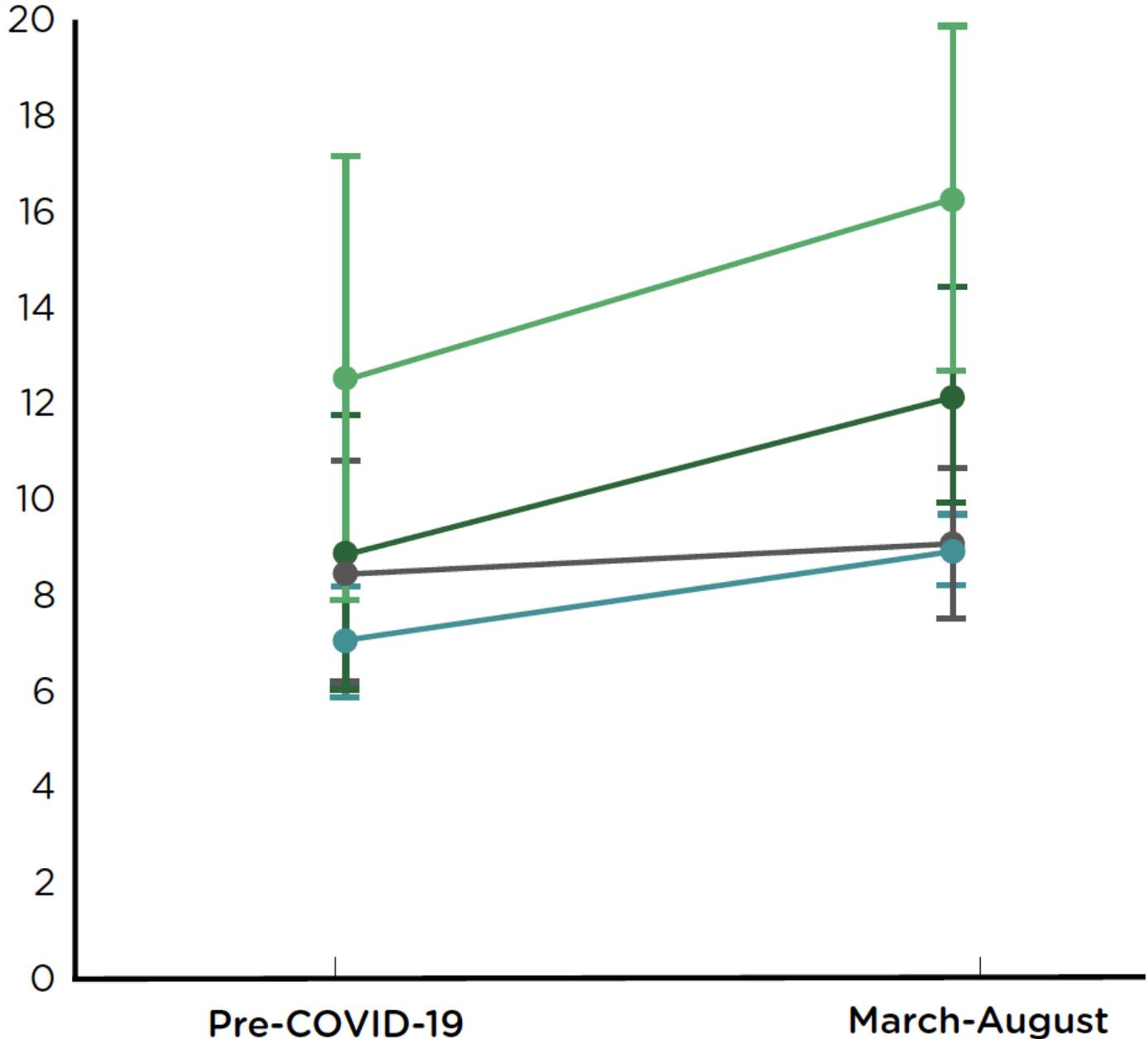
# Teachers reporting loss of learning in schools

Percent of teachers



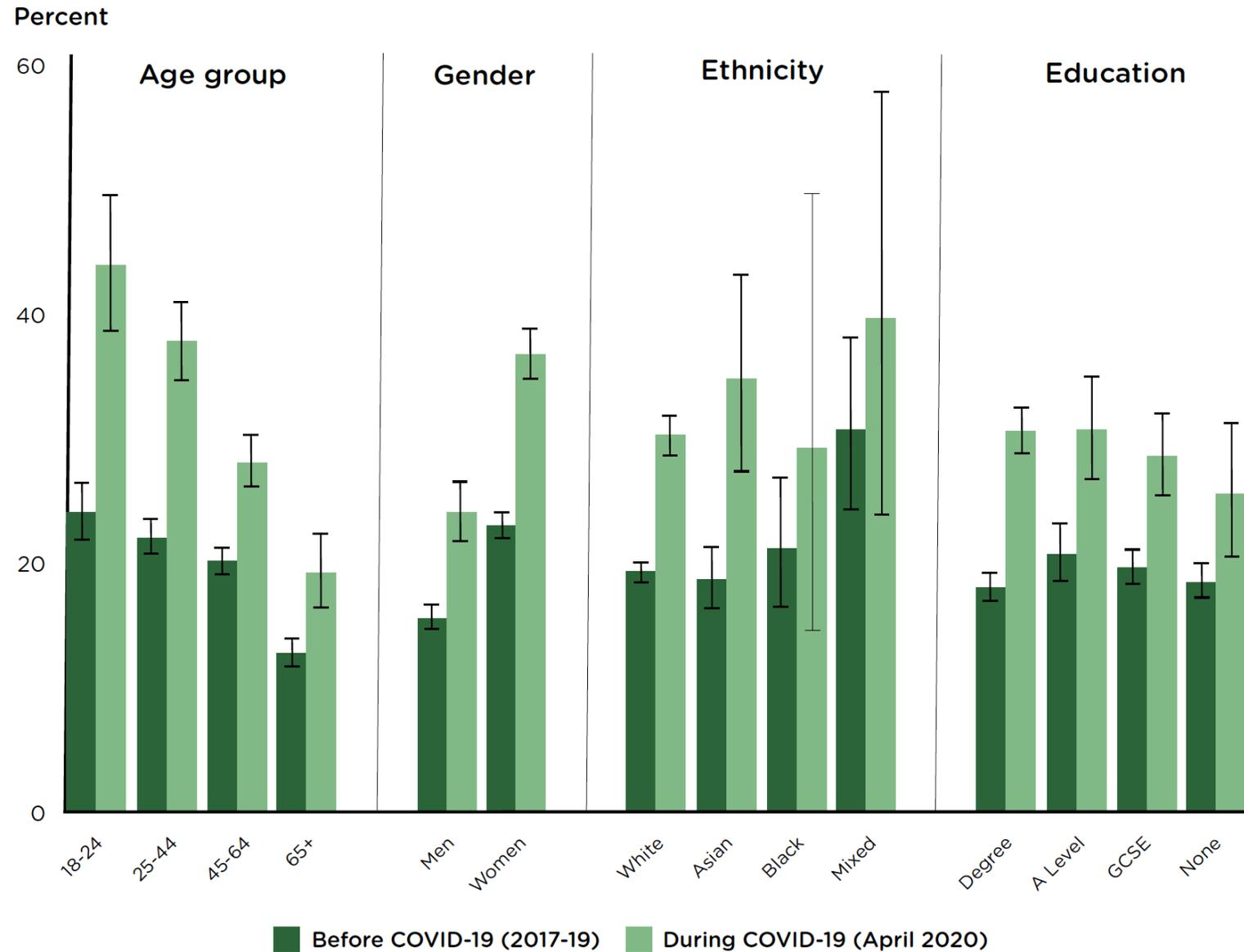
# Food insecurity in homes by number of children, before lockdown and in March–August 2020

Percent of households



- No children
- 1 child
- 2 children
- 3 or more children

# Rates of psychological distress (GHQ-12) before and during the COVID-19 lockdown by age, gender, ethnicity and education

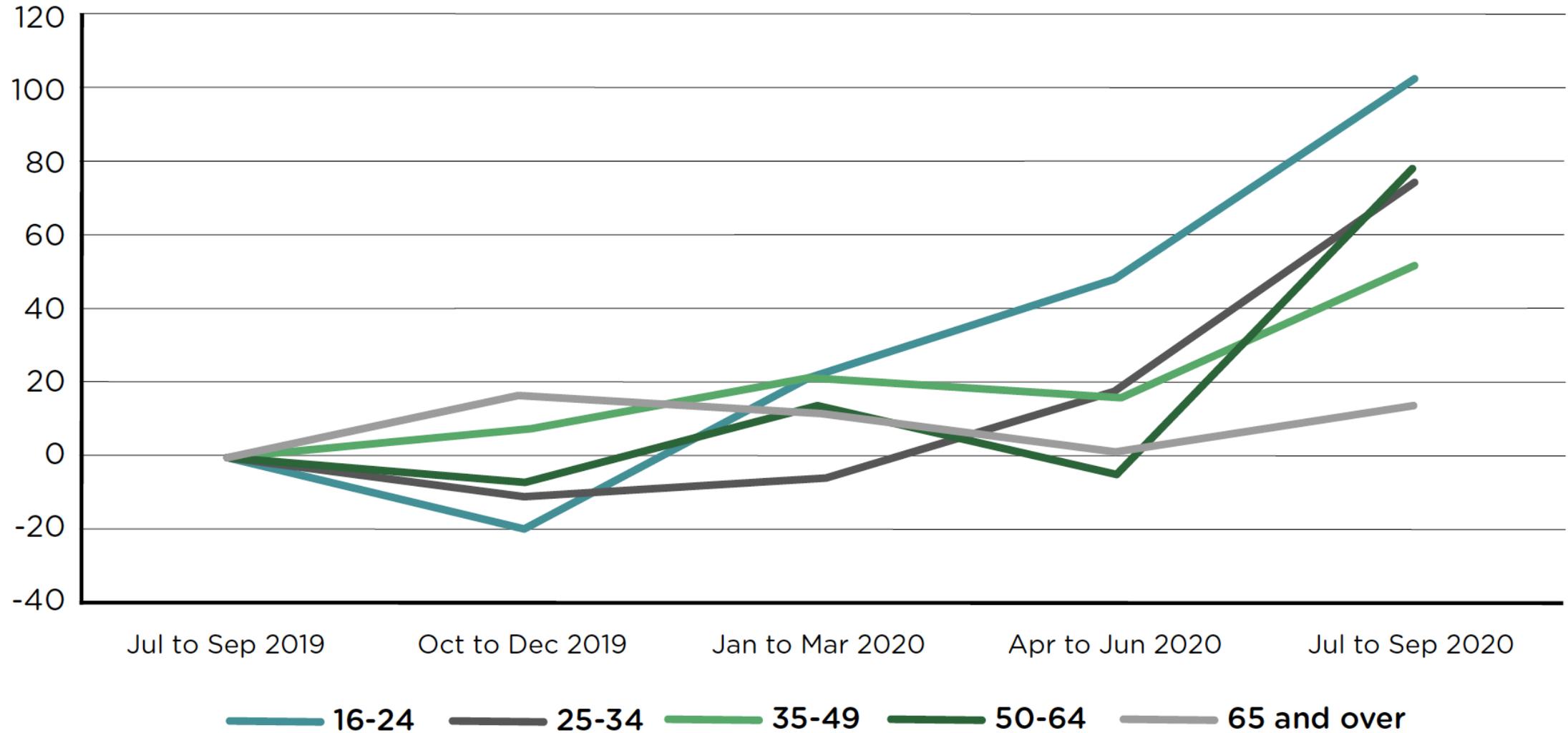


Niedzwiedz CL, et al Mental health and health behaviours before and during the initial phase of the COVID-19 lockdown, 2020

# Youngest age group has highest unemployment cumulative growth

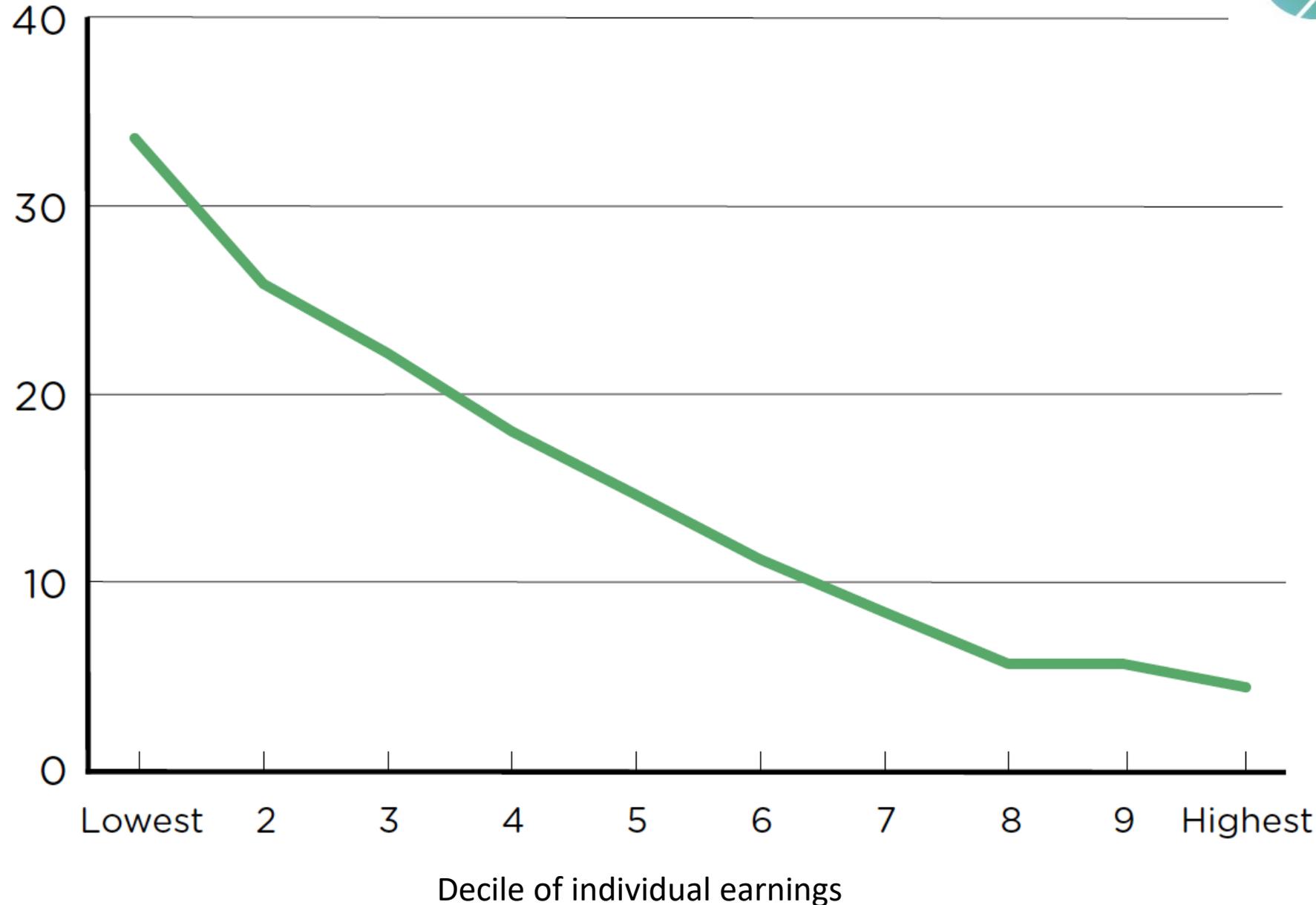


Thousands



Based on ONS. Employment in the UK: November 2020

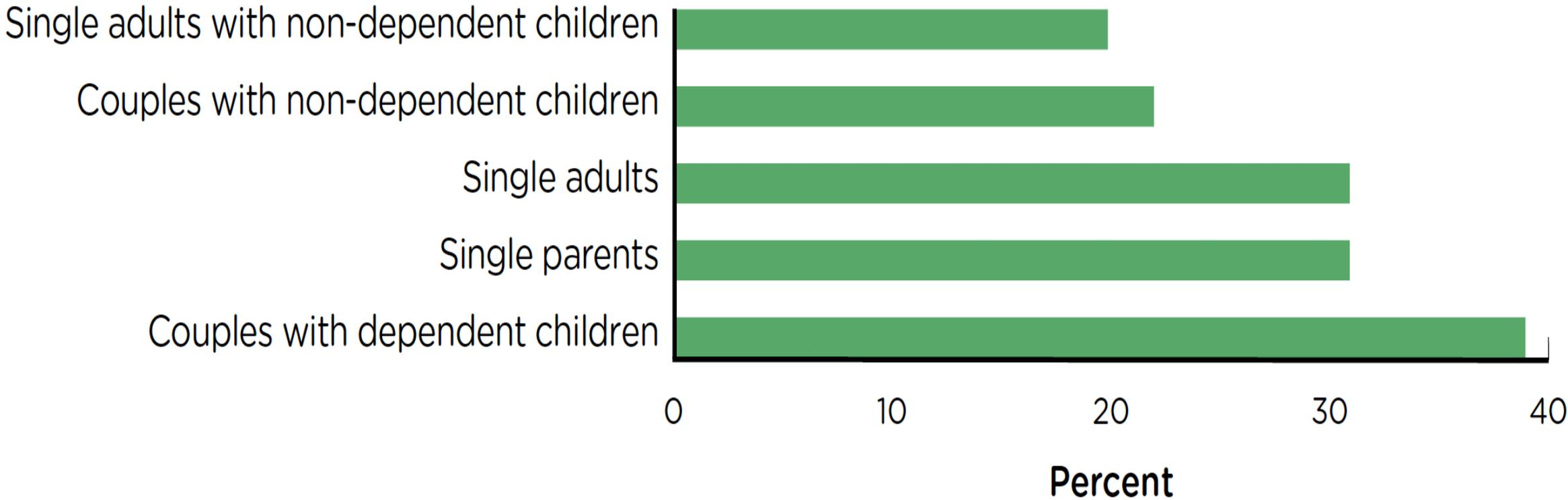
# Percent in shut-down sectors



**Low income workers most likely to be in shuttered sectors**

IFS, analysis of Quarterly Labour Force Survey Q1-Q4 2019

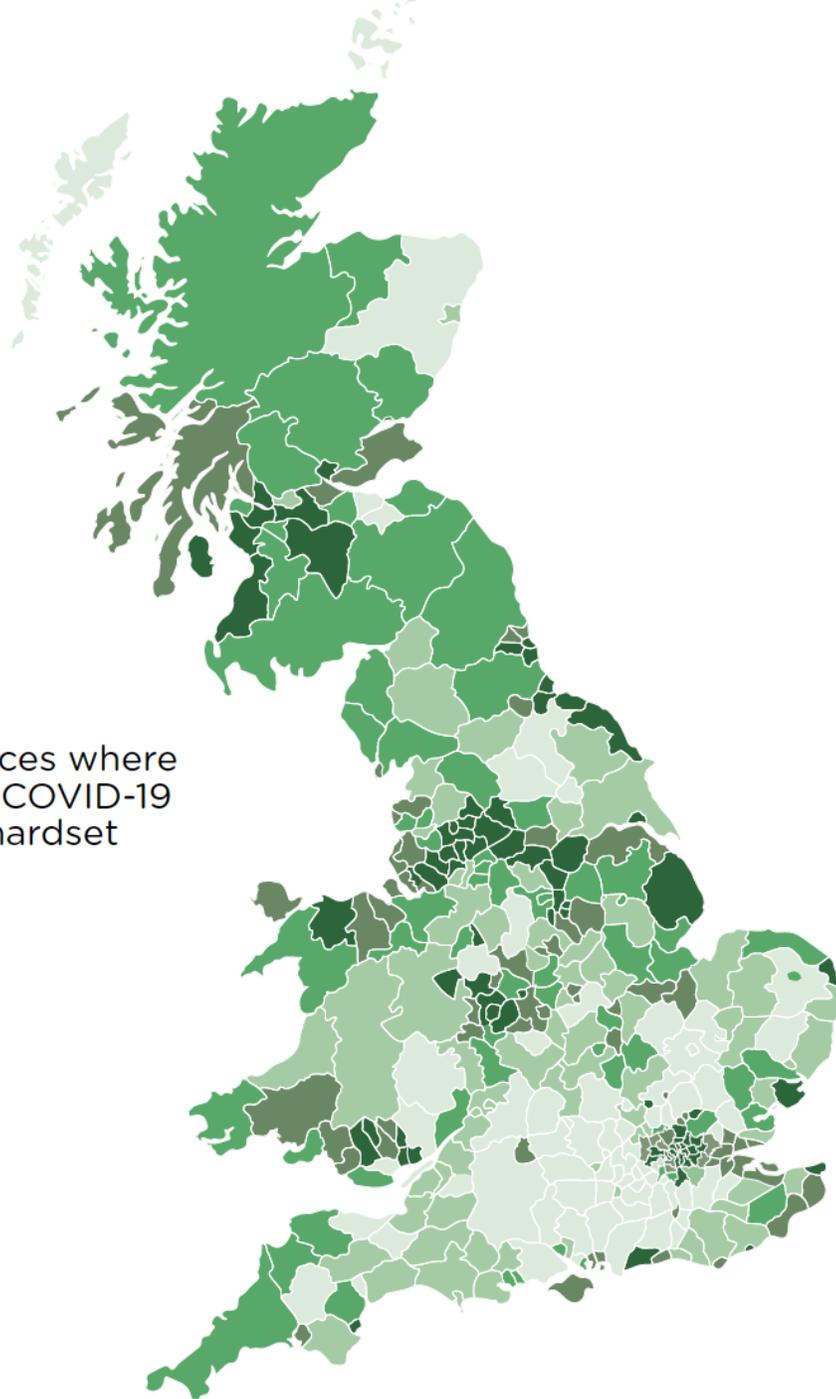
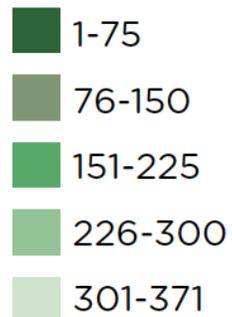
# Percent who reported their finances had been negatively affected as a result of COVID-19 containment



# Ranking of Local Authorities in Great Britain where employment recovery from COVID-19 is likely to be hardest, July 2020

## Key

Ranking of places where recovery from COVID-19 is likely to be hardest (1=hardest hit)



JRF :deprivation and shut sectors

# Recommendations

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- See Executive Summary for Specific recommendations

# Recommendations

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