



## Housing standards are improving for some

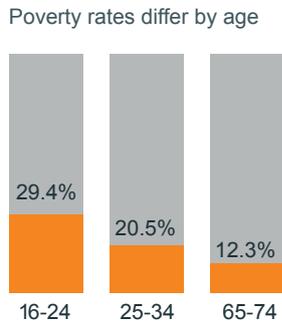
The proportion of adults living in substandard accommodation fell from 32.4% to 21% between 2007/09 and 2011/13



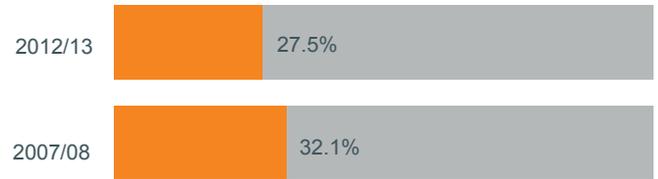
## Poverty is a challenge

### Poverty rates for adults in 2012/13

**19.3%**  
of all adults were living in poverty



### Child poverty has decreased



Poverty rates were higher for children living in a household headed by someone from an ethnic minority (43.1%) compared with someone from the White group (24.6%)

Some people were more likely to live in poverty than others.



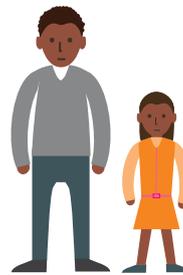
**24%**

Disabled



**17.9%**

Non disabled



**43.1%**



**24.6%**



**35.7%**

Ethnic minorities



**17.2%**

White





## Earnings are decreasing across Britain and many people are in low paid work

In 2013 people were paid 65p less per hour than in 2008, affecting some people more than others



**-£1.03**  
Men



**-£1.20**  
25-34 year olds

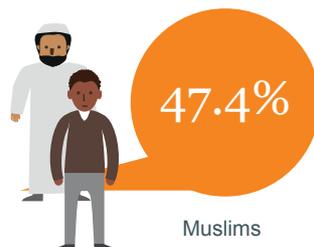
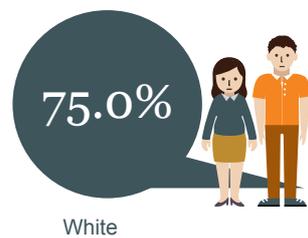
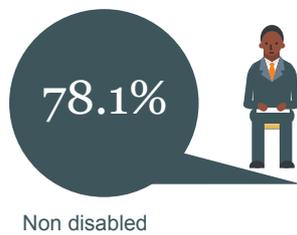
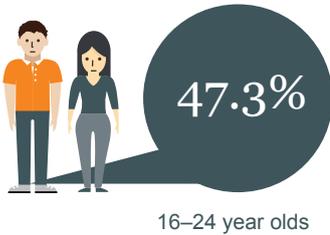


**-£1.20**  
African/  
Caribbean/Black  
ethnic group



**-£1.20**  
Religious minority  
groups especially  
Sikhs and Muslims

## Employment rates were lower for some people in 2013



### Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship programme starts decreased and demand is outstripping supply, particularly among the youngest applicants.



Women were under-represented in high-value, good-quality apprenticeships and over-represented in low-pay sectors such as the children's and young people's workforce.



Using the evidence that we have gathered, there are areas where England has improved and got fairer, and areas where it has got worse. Improvements need to be made across the board to really aim for a fairer England.

All references available at: [www.equalityhumanrights.com/IsEnglandFairer](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/IsEnglandFairer)