

The care economy and childcare

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Time use- unpaid work

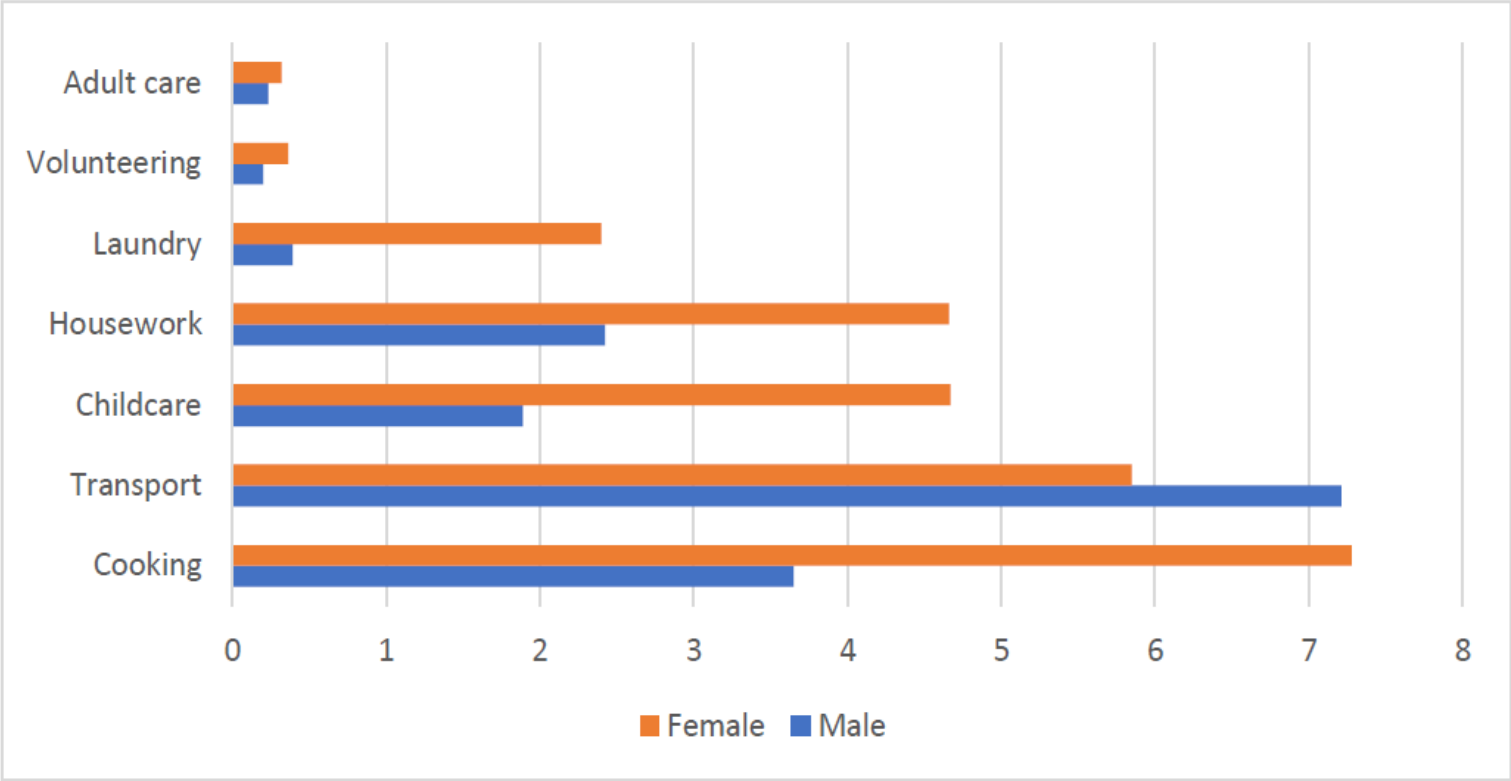


Figure 2: Average hours of unpaid work done per week in each category for men and women, UK, 2015 (Source: HETUS 2015)

Care time by age of children

	Age of parent's youngest child living in same household					
	Pre-school		Primary school		Secondary school	
	2000	2015	2000	2015	2000	2015
Male	86.7	90.7	38.7	28.2	12.1	8.0
Female	209.2	199.4	82.3	74.5	28.7	19.9
Total	295.9	290.1	121.1	102.7	40.8	27.9
<i>% by females</i>	<i>70.7</i>	<i>68.7</i>	<i>68.0</i>	<i>72.6</i>	<i>70.3</i>	<i>71.2</i>

Table 2.1: Average daily minutes of childcare provided, by gender of parent and age of their youngest child in household, UK, 2000 and 2015 (Source: HETUS 2015)

Women and adult care provision

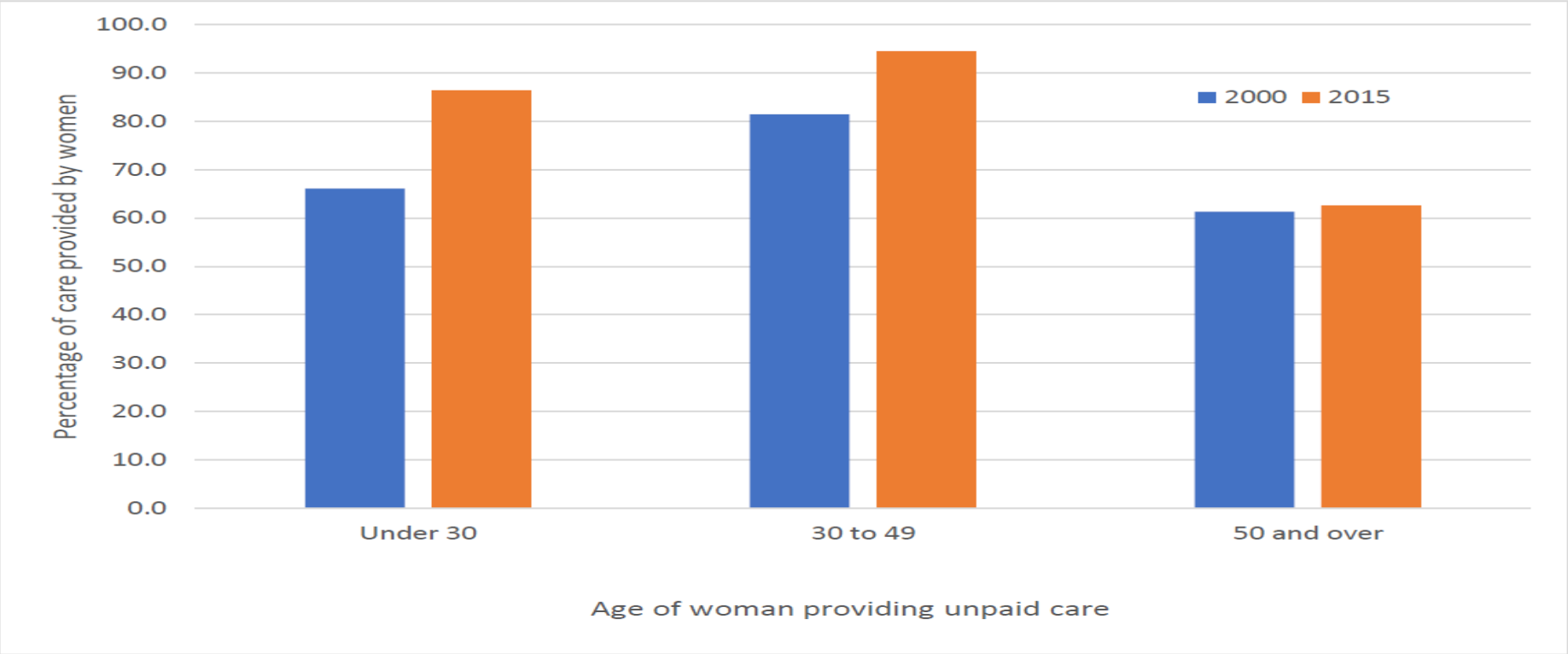
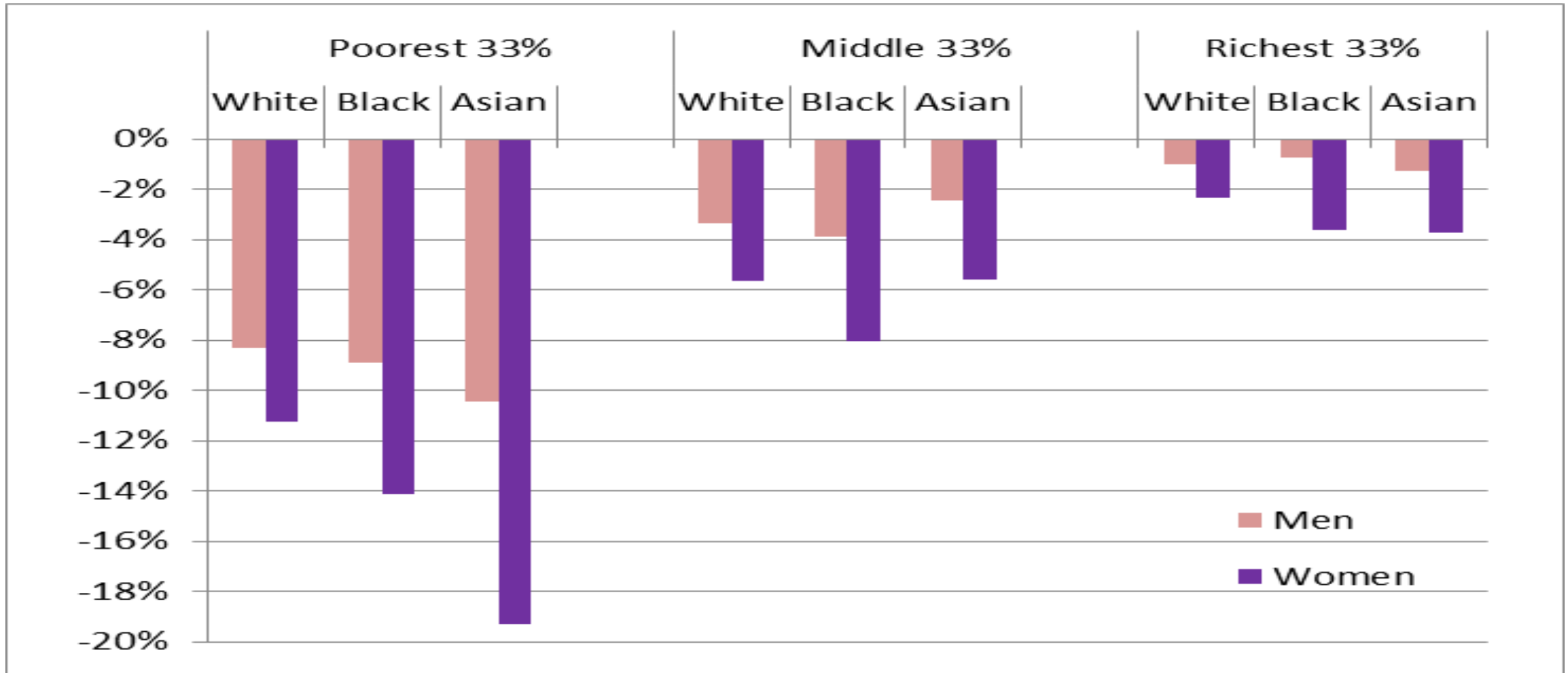


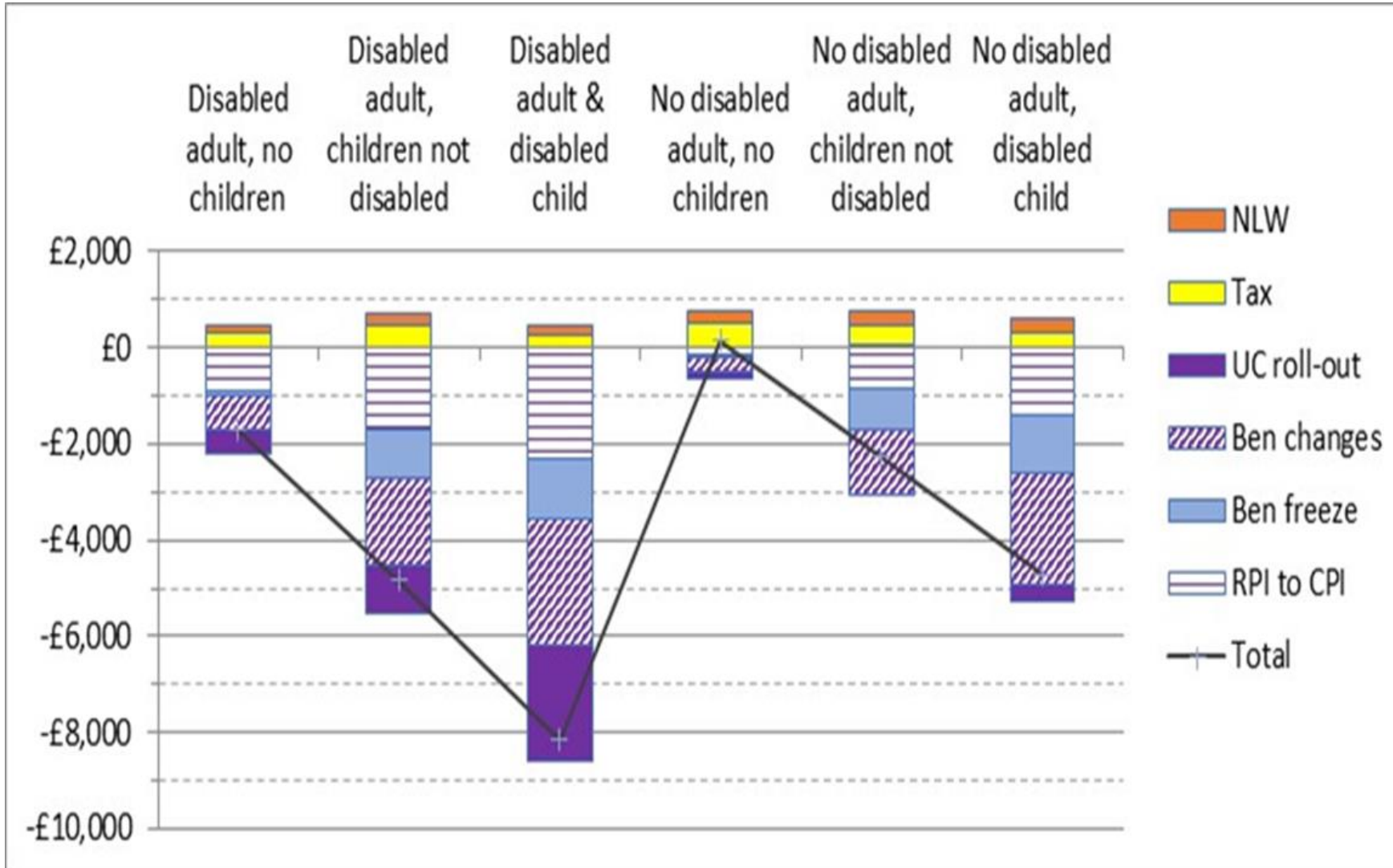
Figure 3: Percentage of adult care provided by females by age group, UK, 2000 and 2015 (Source: HETUS 2015)

**Investing 2% of GDP in the UK care sector
would generate twice as many jobs
as the same investment in construction.**

2010-20 cumulative individual impact of changes in taxes and benefits (percentage of net individual income per annum by 2020) by household income groups, gender and ethnicity (selected)



Families with a disabled adult or child particularly badly impacted

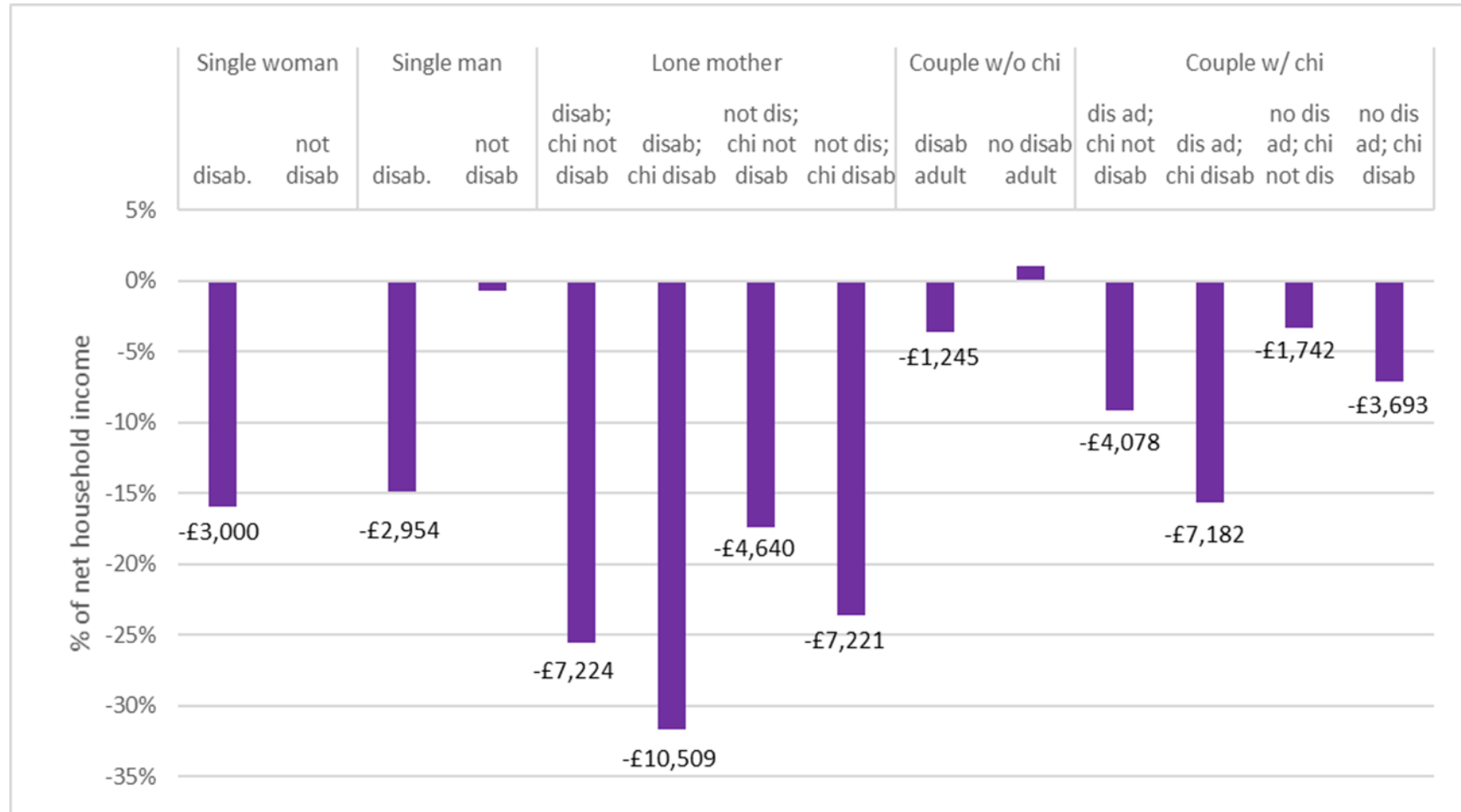


38% of households include a disabled person but contribute 71% of cuts. Households with at least one disabled adult and a disabled child lose over £8,000 (over 18% of their net income).

Households with a disabled child are set to lose twice as much as households with non-disabled children.

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Lone mother families even more so



Thank you for having me today.

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