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Ethnic inequalities during the cost-of-living crisis and the impact on minority ethnic residents

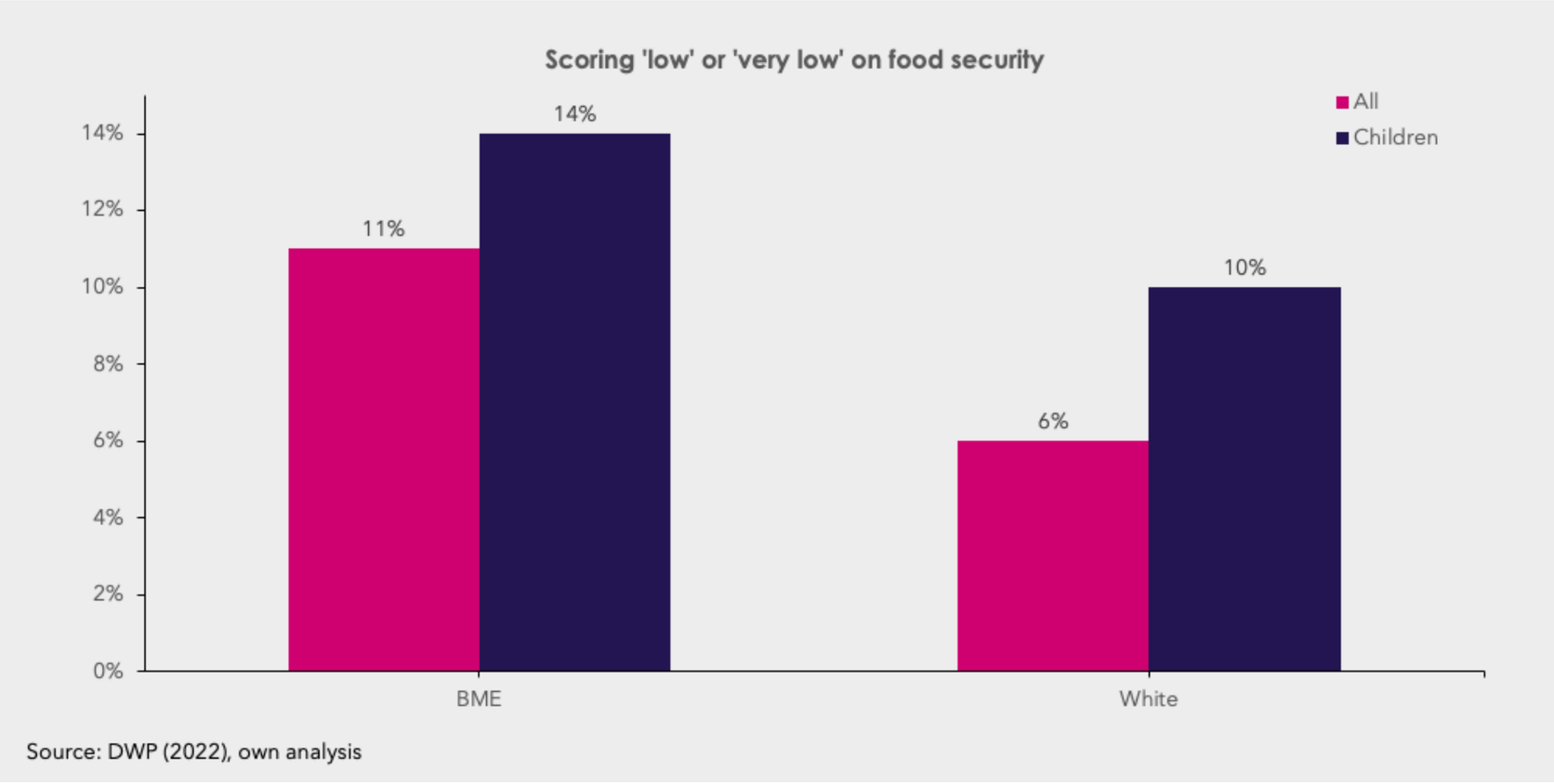




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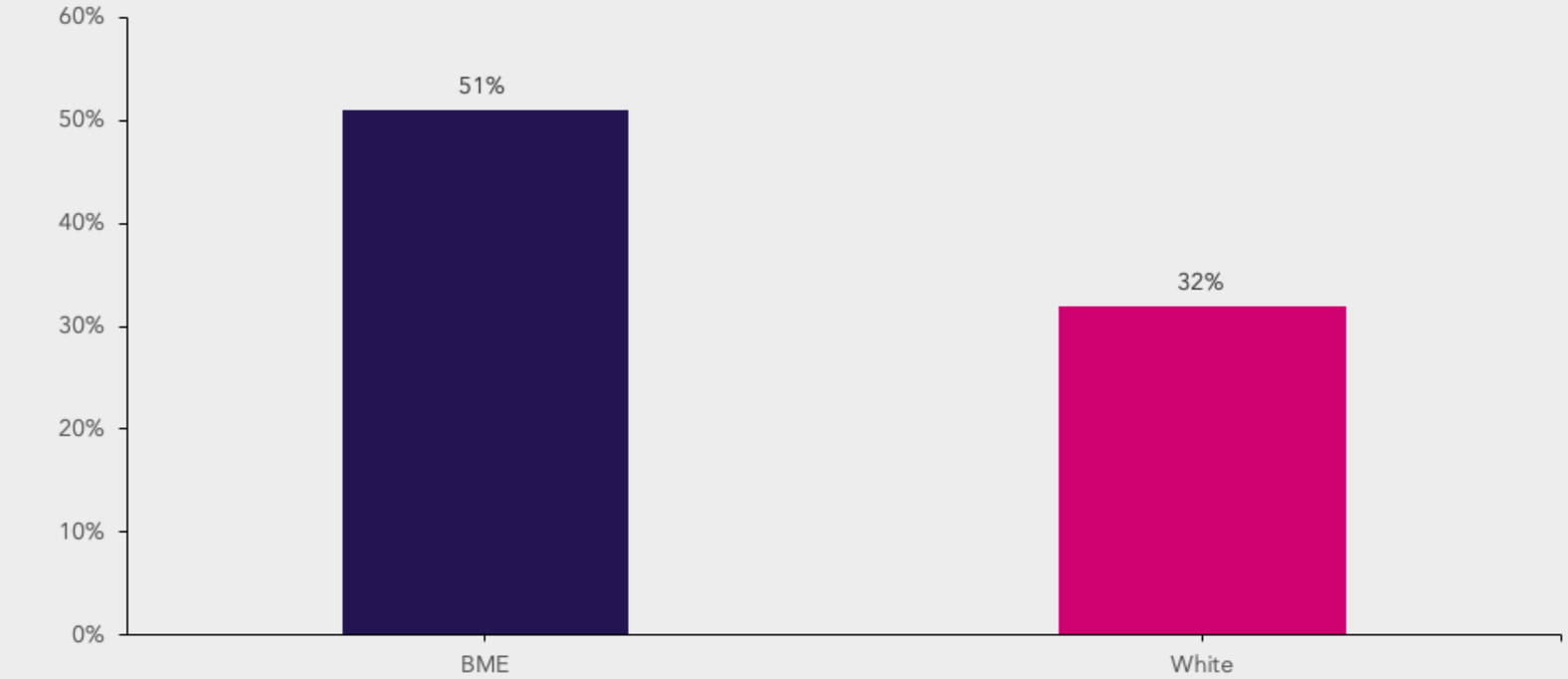
Ethnic disparities in the cost-of-living crisis

Figure 1. Food insecurity by ethnicity



Source: DWP (2022), own analysis

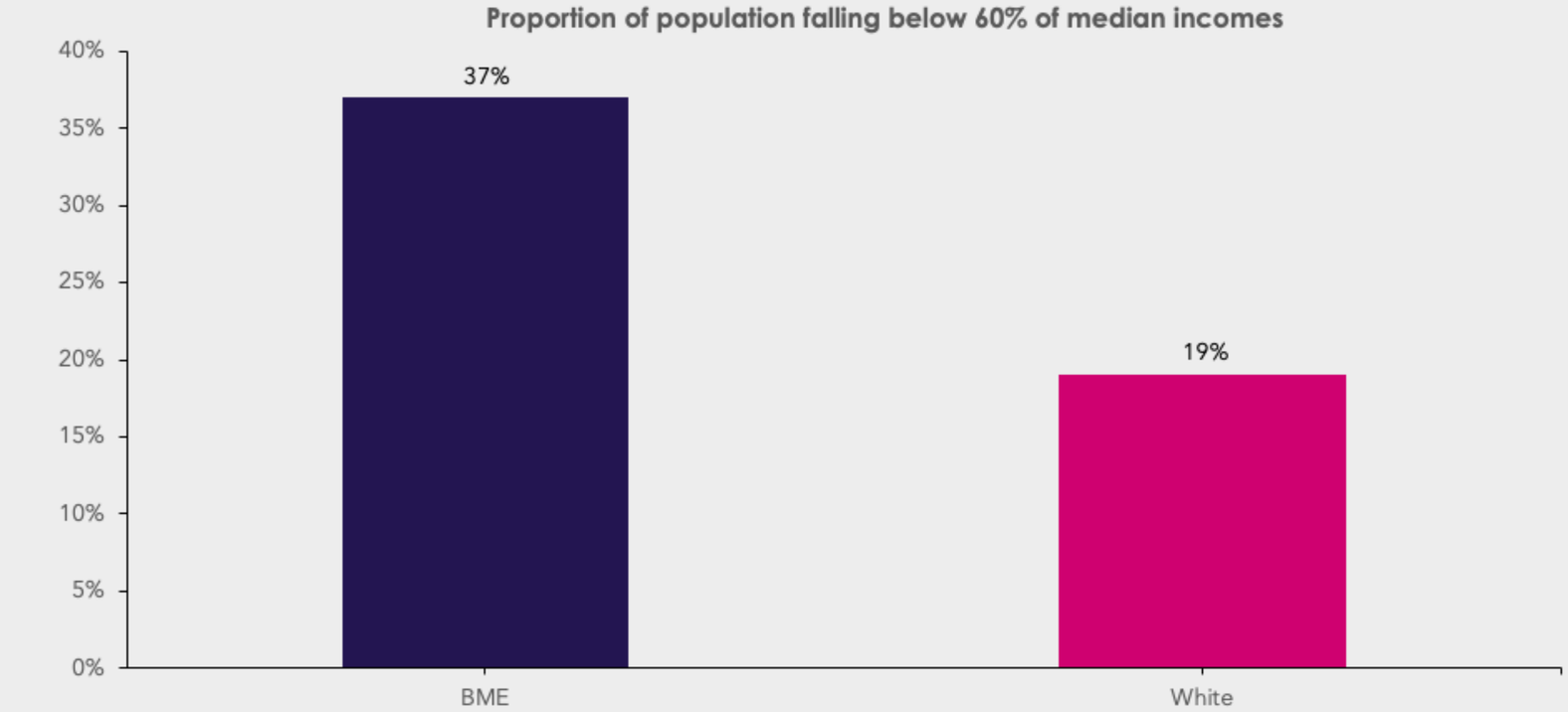
Figure 2. Fuel poverty rate by ethnicity from October 2022



Source: DWP (2022), own analysis

Relative poverty: Stalled progress in closing the economic gap

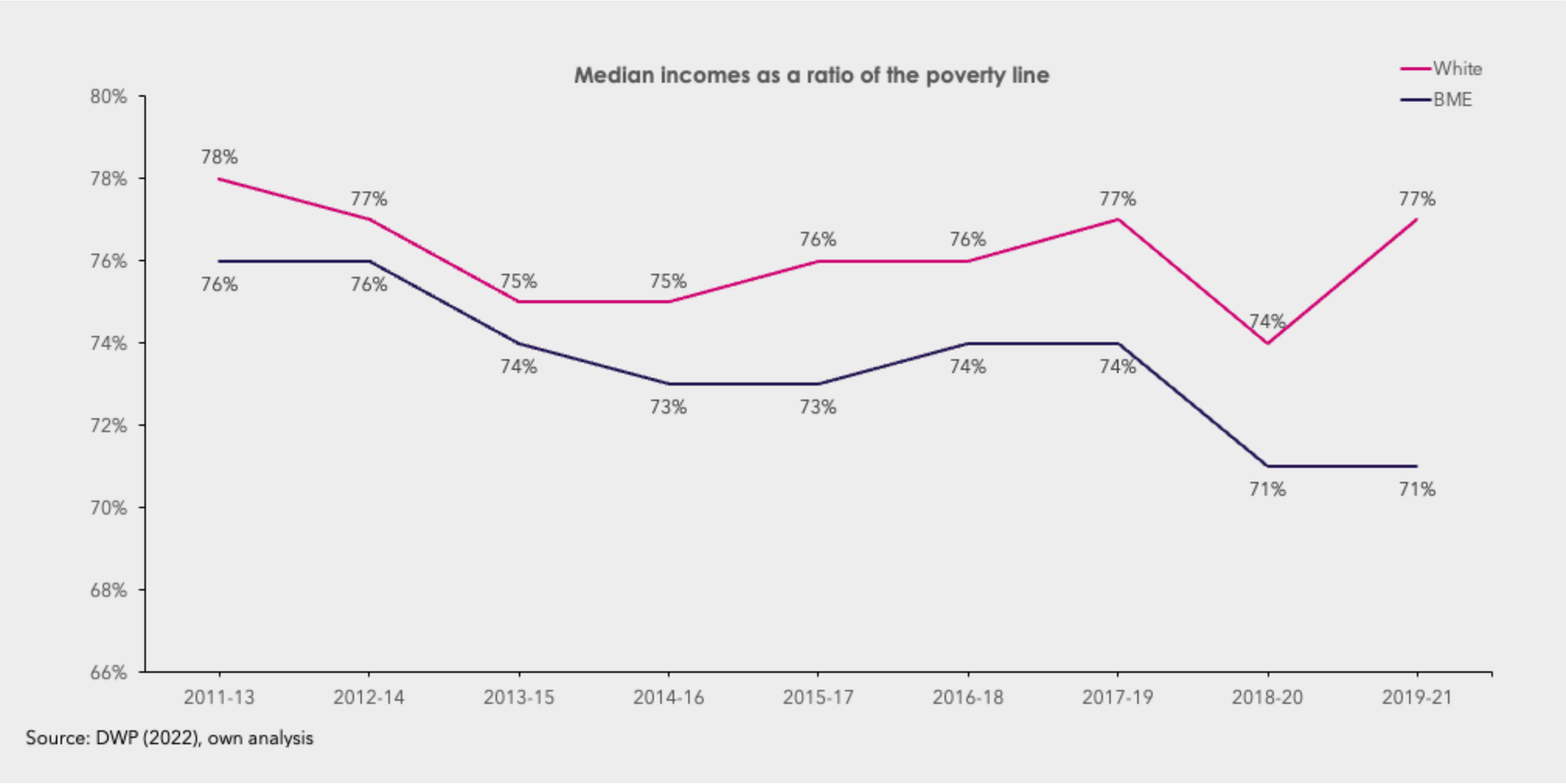
Figure 3. Relative poverty rate by ethnicity



Source: DWP (2022), own analysis

Deep poverty: Increasing racial inequalities below the poverty line

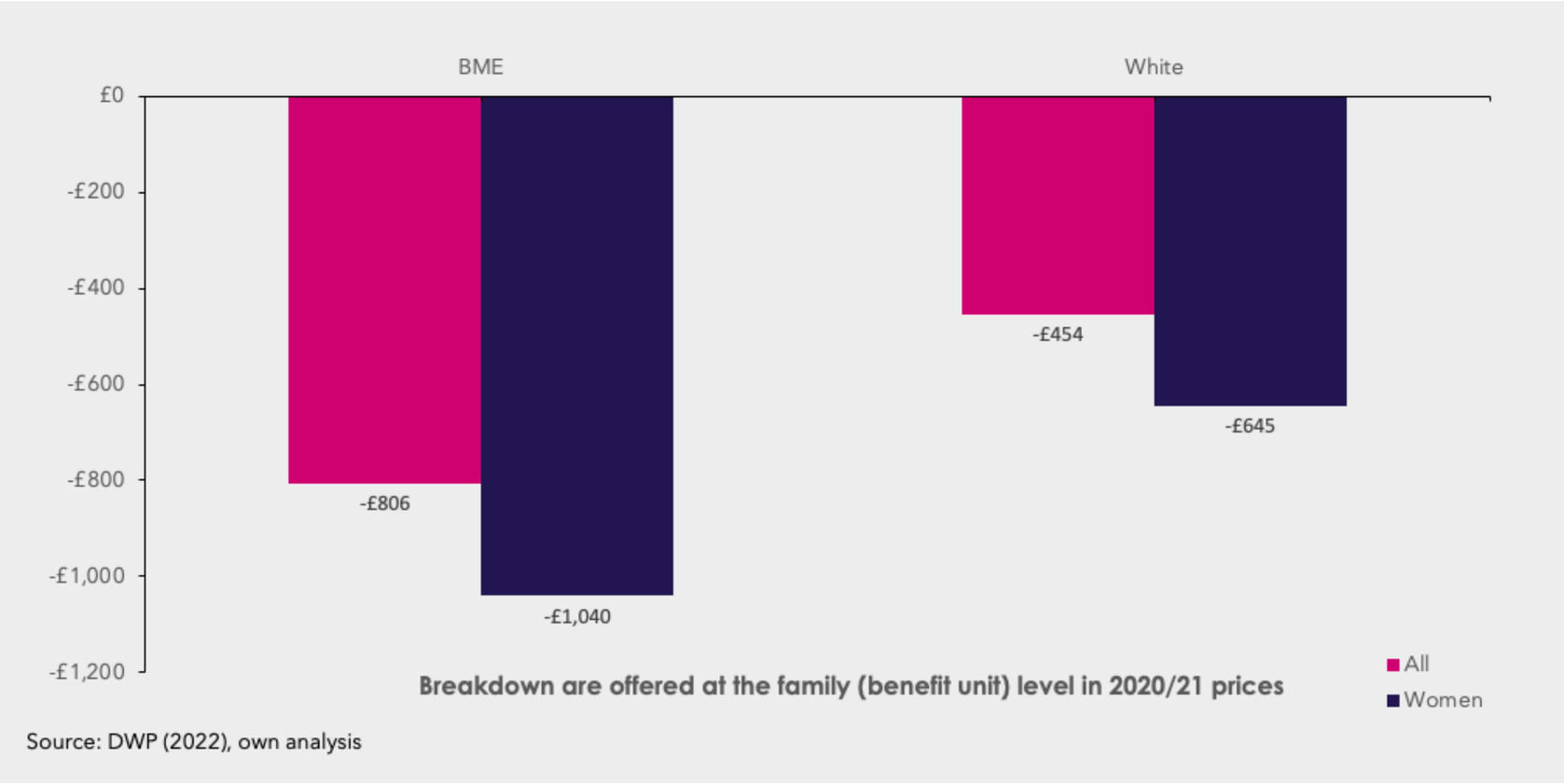
Figure 4. Poverty gap by ethnicity



Source: DWP (2022), own analysis

Slipping through the gaps in our social safety net

Figure 5. Real terms change in mean cash benefits received, 2011-2020, by ethnicity



Source: DWP (2022), own analysis

The impact on minority ethnic residents

“Yet, despite the overrepresentation of BME groups in the social rented sector, previous studies indicate that BME households face additional barriers in entering this sector and are more likely to be funnelled into the lowest quality and least desirable properties due to various constraints on their housing choices.”

Helen Kowalewska, “Ethnicity and Social Housing Allocation in England: An Exploratory Analysis of CORE” (2018).

Our policy proposals

- Scrap the benefit cap and the two-child limit on Universal Credit
- Scrap punitive sanctions to social security payments
- Strengthen and expand social security measures

Our policy proposals

- Expand measurements to better understand deep poverty

- Ensure decent homes for everyone



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