

# Trends and Foresight

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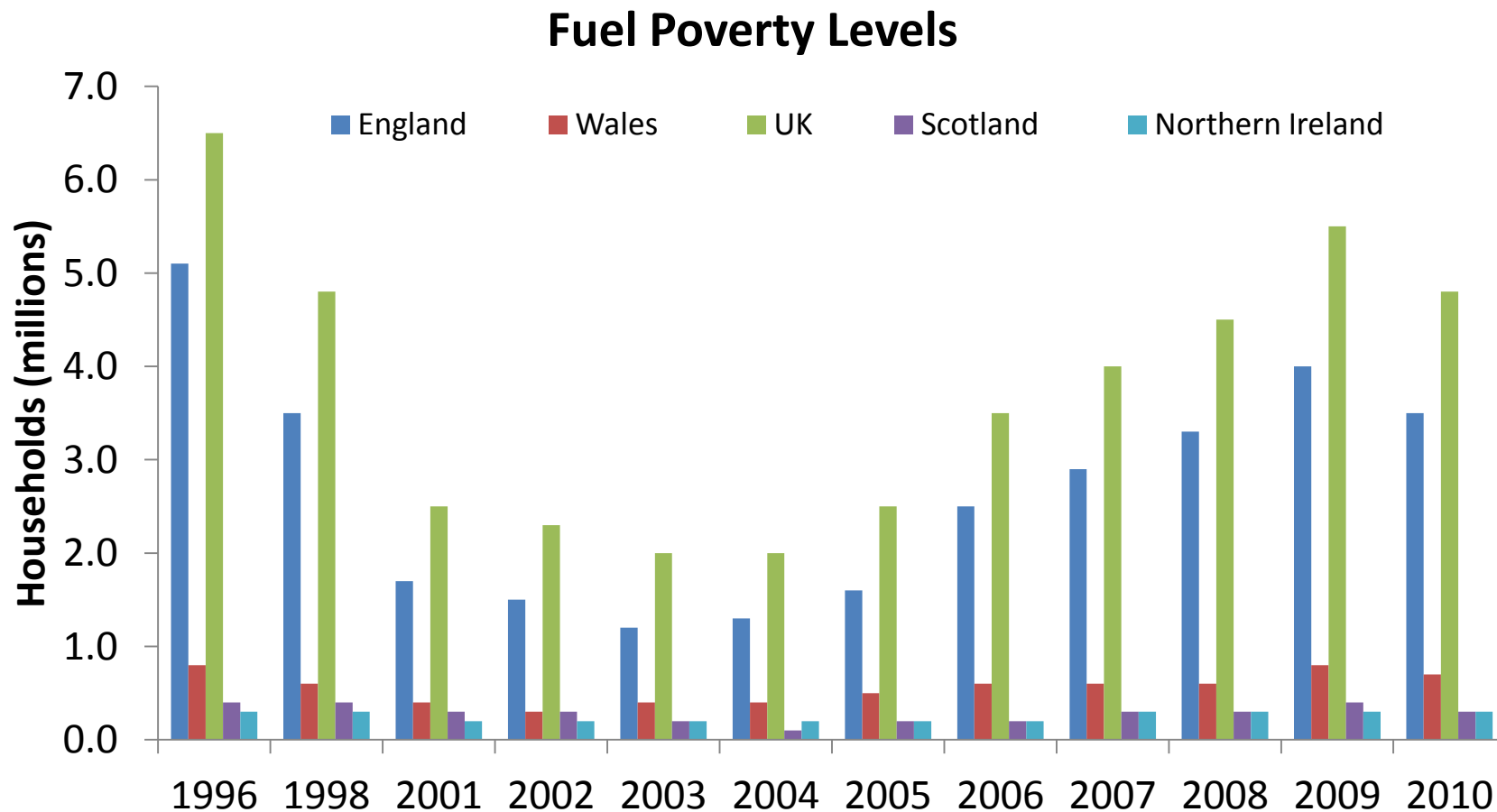
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# POVERTY & DEPRIVATION

# Introduction

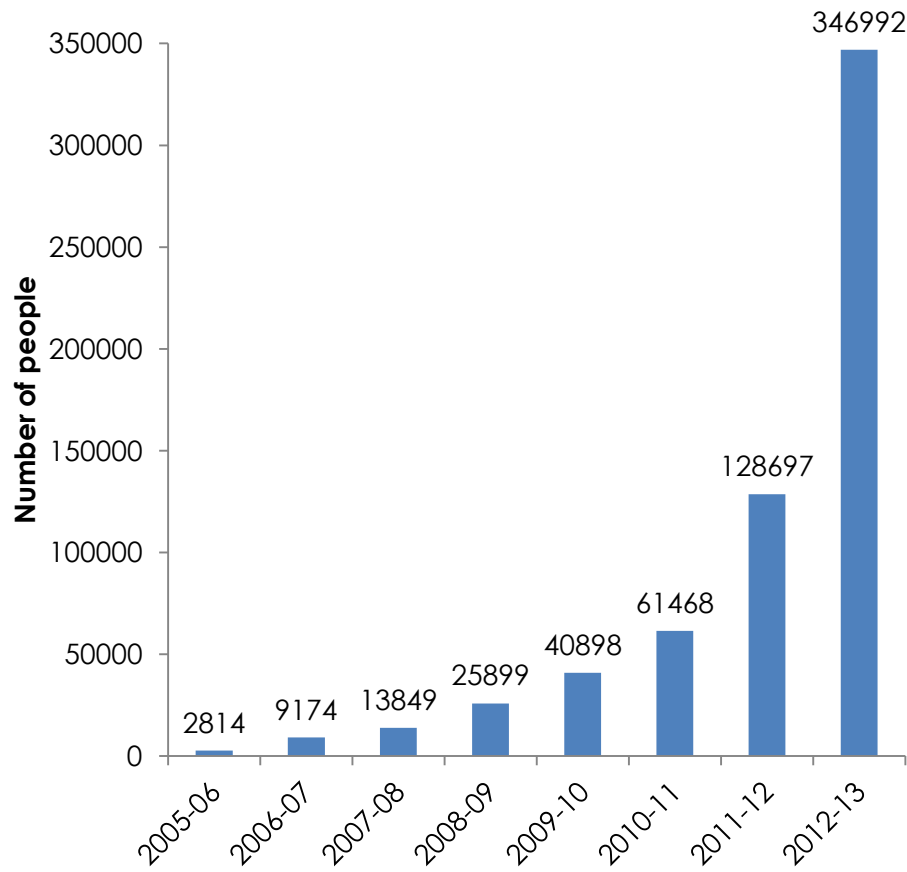
- Issues within this topic are closely linked to issues explored in Poverty and Inequality, which focused on the rising cost of living and to what extent individuals around the UK would feel the benefit of national economic recovery.
- This topic will explore particular deprivation issues such as fuel poverty, food banks and homelessness.
- As with other topics, the trends and data in this section are closely linked to the wider economic context.

# Fuel Poverty in the UK 1996 – 2011



# Food Banks

Number of people receiving emergency food



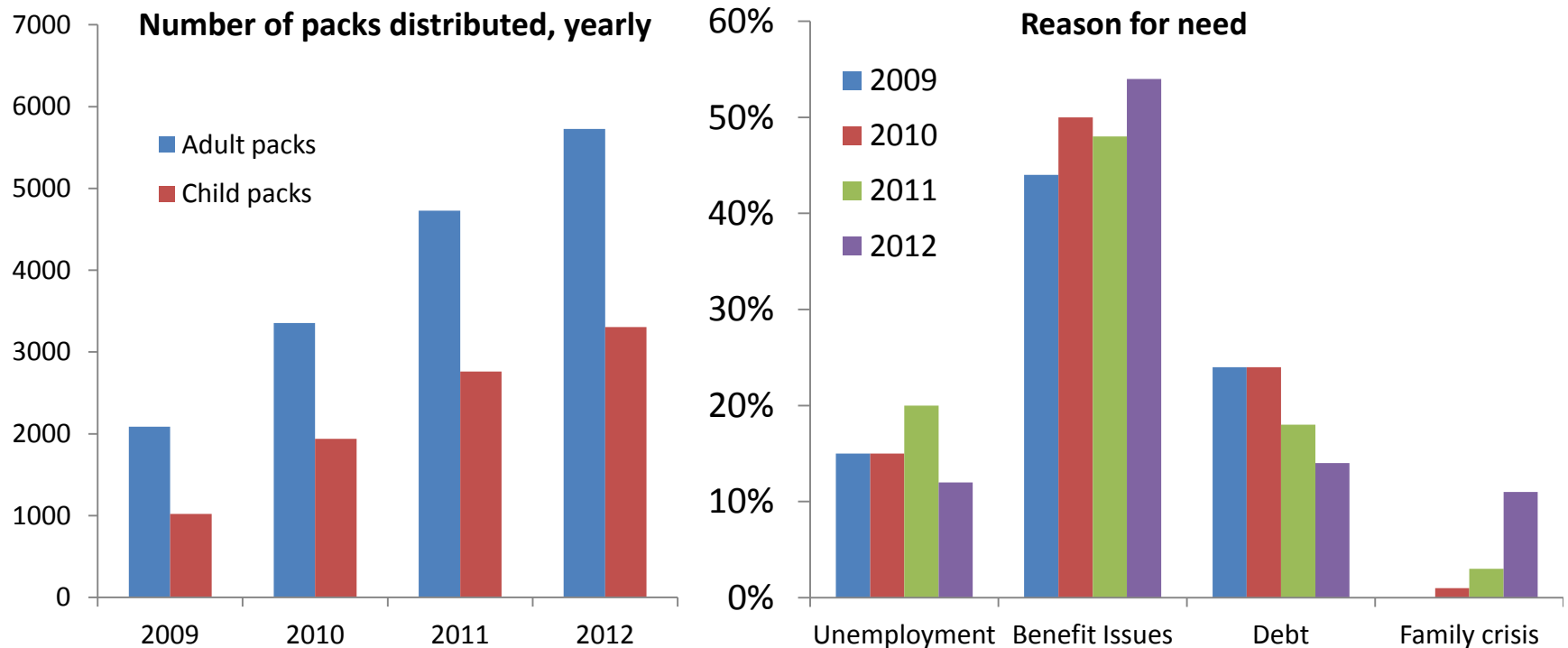
According to the Trussell Trust, almost 350,000 people have used emergency food banks in the last year – a 76% rise on 2011-12.

The Trust has established 350 food banks, but estimates up to 650 are needed to cope with demand.

The chart shows the number of people who have received at least three days food from food banks in the period 2011-12.

# Food Banks

National statistics for food bank usage are unavailable, but **The Food Bank**, based in Milton Keynes has published data on its own distribution



Source: The Food Bank,  
Milton Keynes

# Statutory homelessness

After years of decline, homelessness in England is starting to increase – it has risen by over 10,000 since 2009-10

## Number of Statutory Homeless



# Emerging areas of need

- The rise in the use of food banks over the course of the downturn has been driven by a number of factors, including those closely aligned with the national economic picture – including unemployment and changes to welfare provision.
- However, in the last few years, there has been particular growth in ‘family crisis’ as the specific reason of need. The rise of this as a factor implies that the reasons for using food banks are not simply linked to immediate economic circumstances, but have a wider range of causes – and as such, will last into economic recovery. It is also possible that the emergence of ‘family crisis’\* as a trend is a contributing cause to the rise in the number of homeless individuals.



# Thank You

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