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Taking Part – The national survey of culture, leisure and sport

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Evidence and Analysis Unit

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Overview:

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Taking Part – Background, Methods and Outputs

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Background

- Commissioned by DCMS and partner NDPBs – Arts Council England, English Heritage, Sport England, and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.
- Has run continuously since 2005
- Random probability sample; households selected from PAF
- Household survey of adults (16+) and children (5-15)
- Covers England and provides reliable national and regional estimates
- Face-to-face survey, lasting 40mins (20mins in 2009/10)
- 5-10 year olds interviewed via proxy (thru parent); 11-15 year olds interviewed face-to-face.
- Asks about the activities done and events attended, but does not ask where activities or events have taken place
- Fieldwork conducted by TNS-BMRB

Taking Part is a National Statistic



- Produced to the standards set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics
- National Statistics undergo regular reviews to ensure they meet customer needs and are free from any political interference
- It is a requirement for all central Government departments and a number of nominated NDPBs to produce and use official statistics in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act.
- Pre-release access is granted 24 hours ahead of release to a limited number of named officials. Access prior to this is only available to those required for the production and quality assurance of the release.

Topics



Sport



Libraries



**Museums,
galleries and
archives**



The arts



Heritage



Volunteering



**Levers and
barriers**



Demographics

Survey outputs

- Quarterly statistical release providing updated trend data and highlighting specific topics
- Larger annual release to cover full years of data in greater depth
- Broader Analysis Programme (KKP)
- Ad hoc research to address specific research questions – many reports published today

Looking forward

- Current survey phase runs until the end of this financial year
- We are developing a case and format for the next phase of the survey, likely to cover the next four years
- With the help of NatCen's review of Taking Part (published on our site), we are exploring ways of making changes; options include:
 - Interviewing all adults in household instead of just one
 - Retaining a small core sample (of around 5,000) of respondents who are asked given the full questionnaire, and supplement this with a larger sample who would be given a much shorter questionnaire.
 - Adding a longitudinal element to enable us to track changes over time
- We are also exploring ways of measuring the Olympics legacy and digital participation

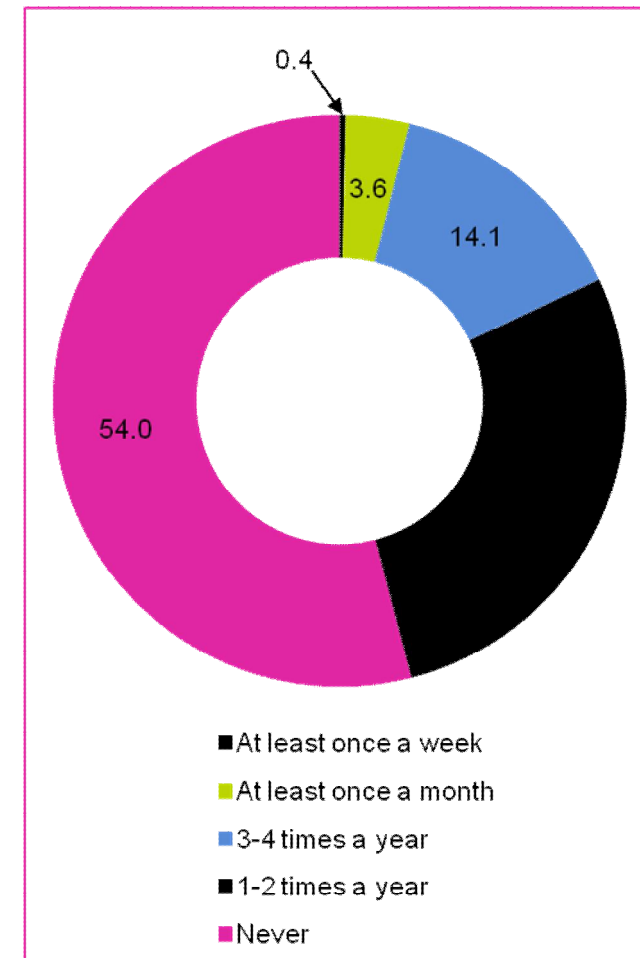
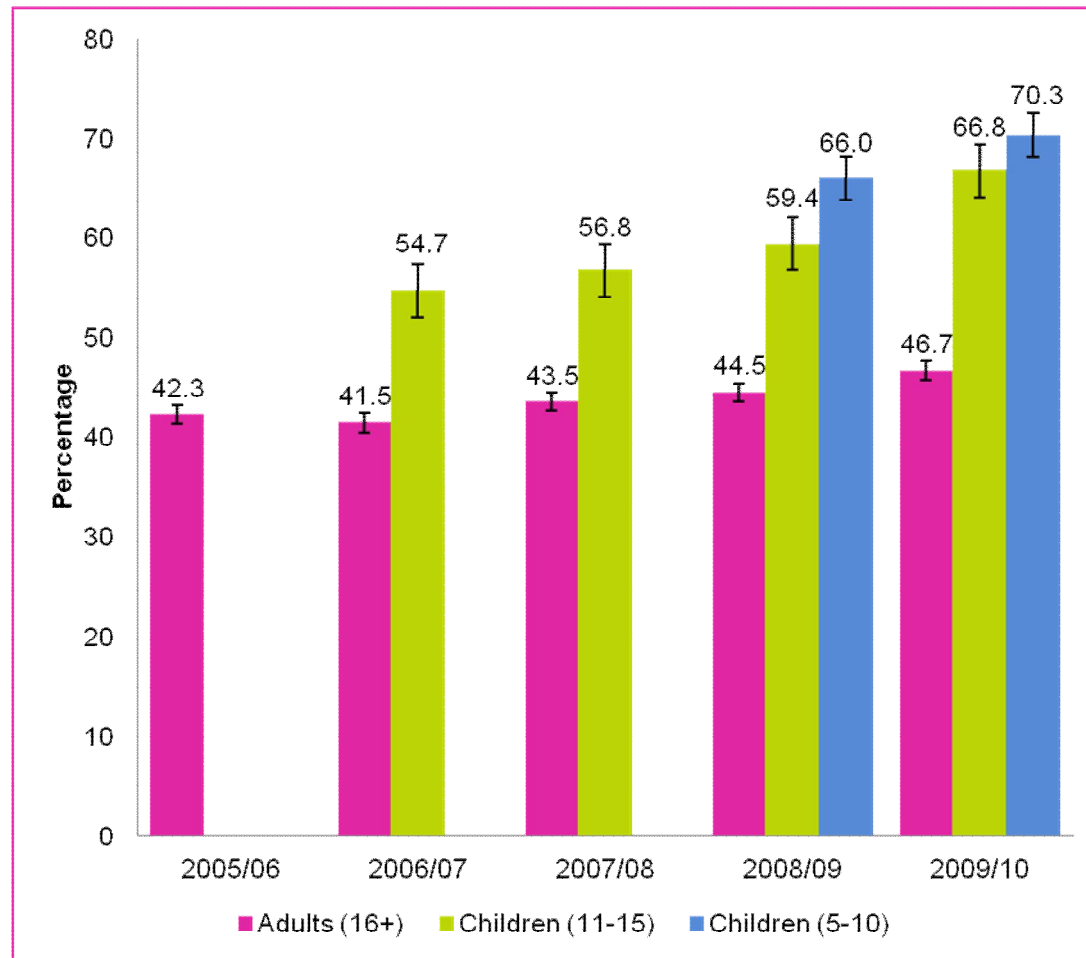


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Latest findings - 2009/10 Adult and child data

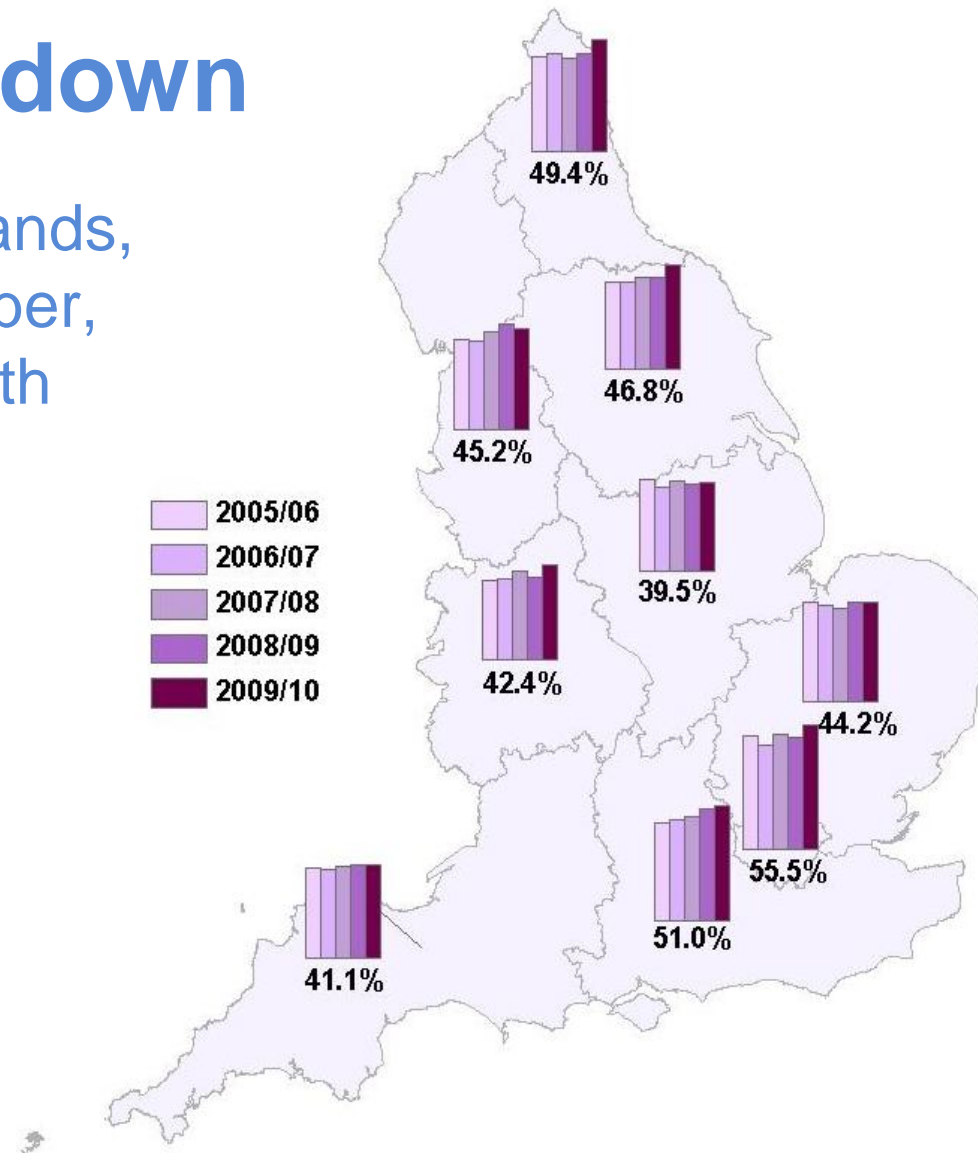
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Museums, galleries and archives

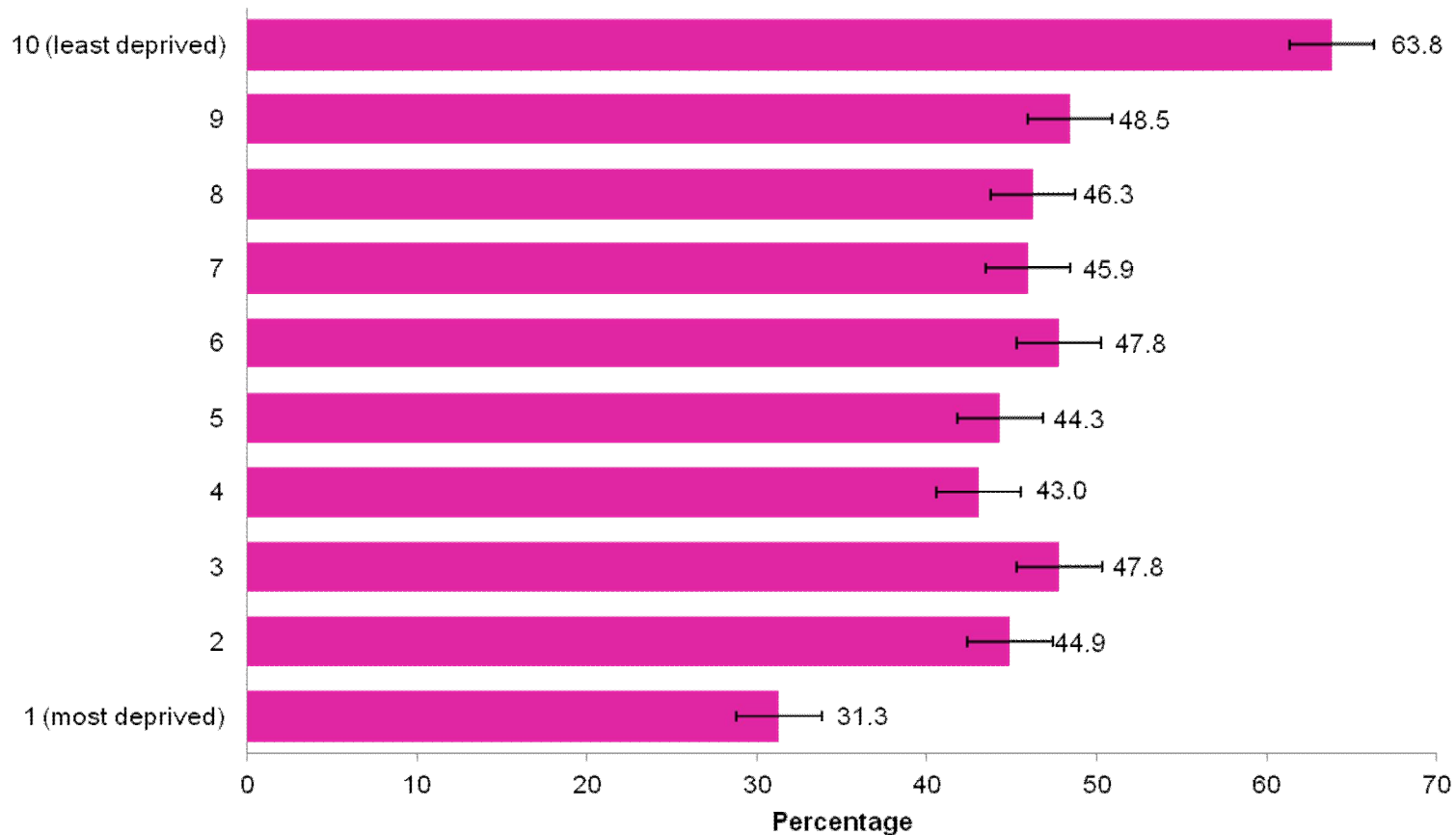


Regional breakdown

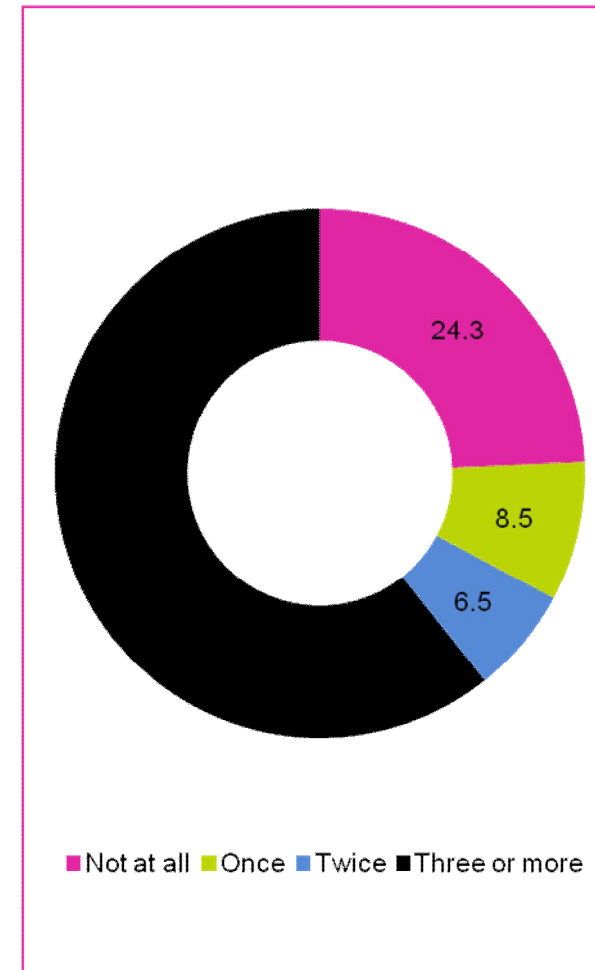
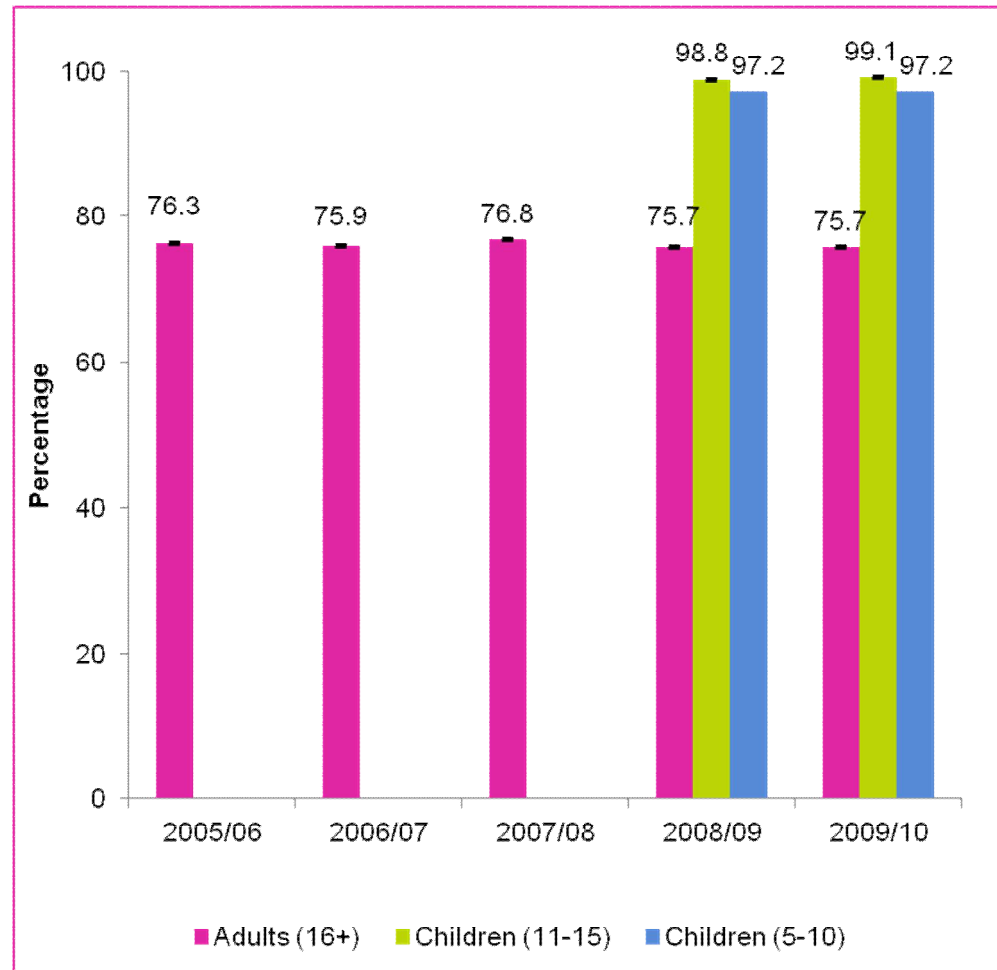
- Increases in West Midlands, Yorkshire and the Humber, South East and the North West



The effect of area level deprivation is particularly stark

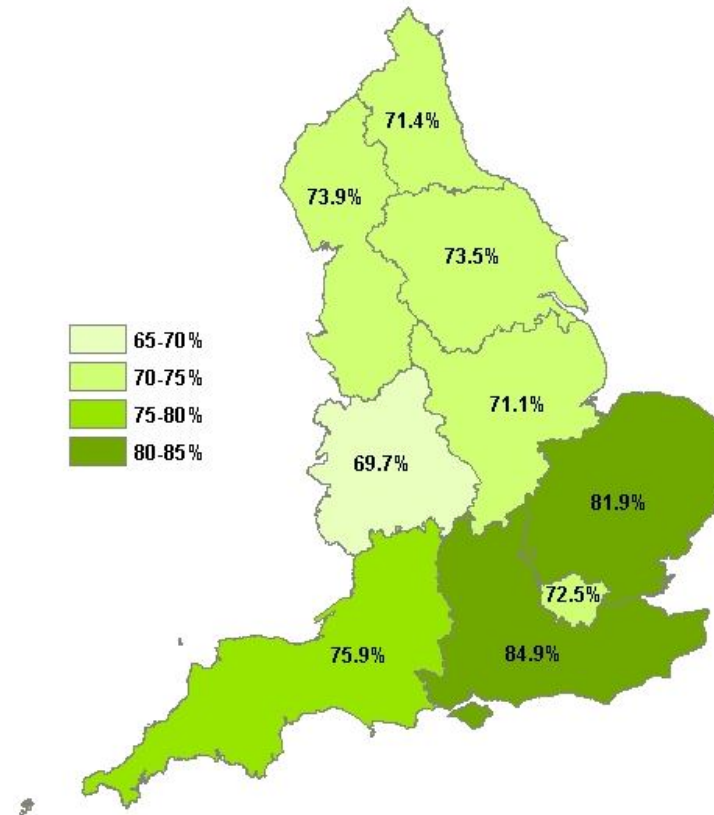


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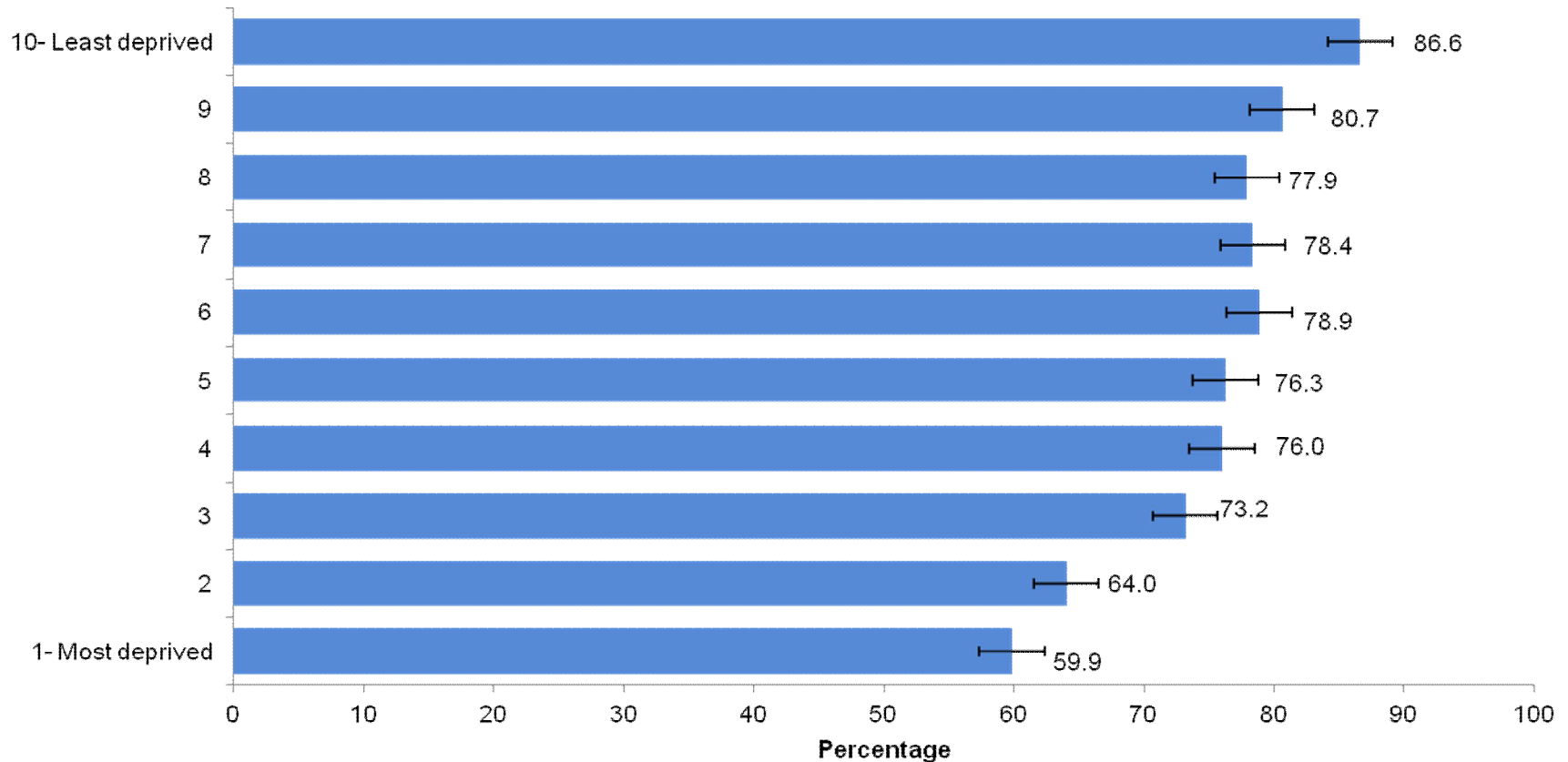


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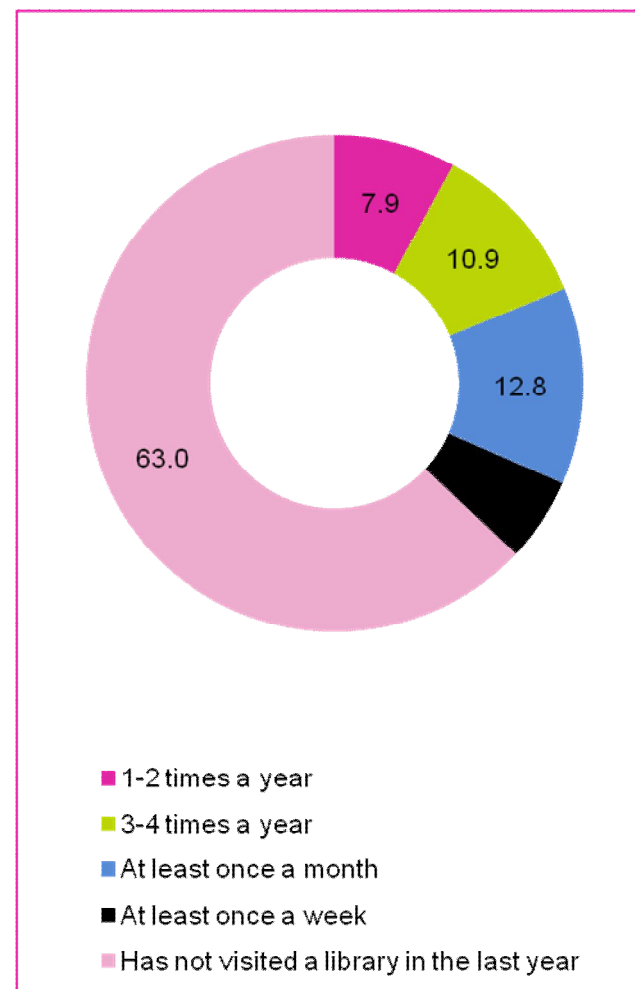
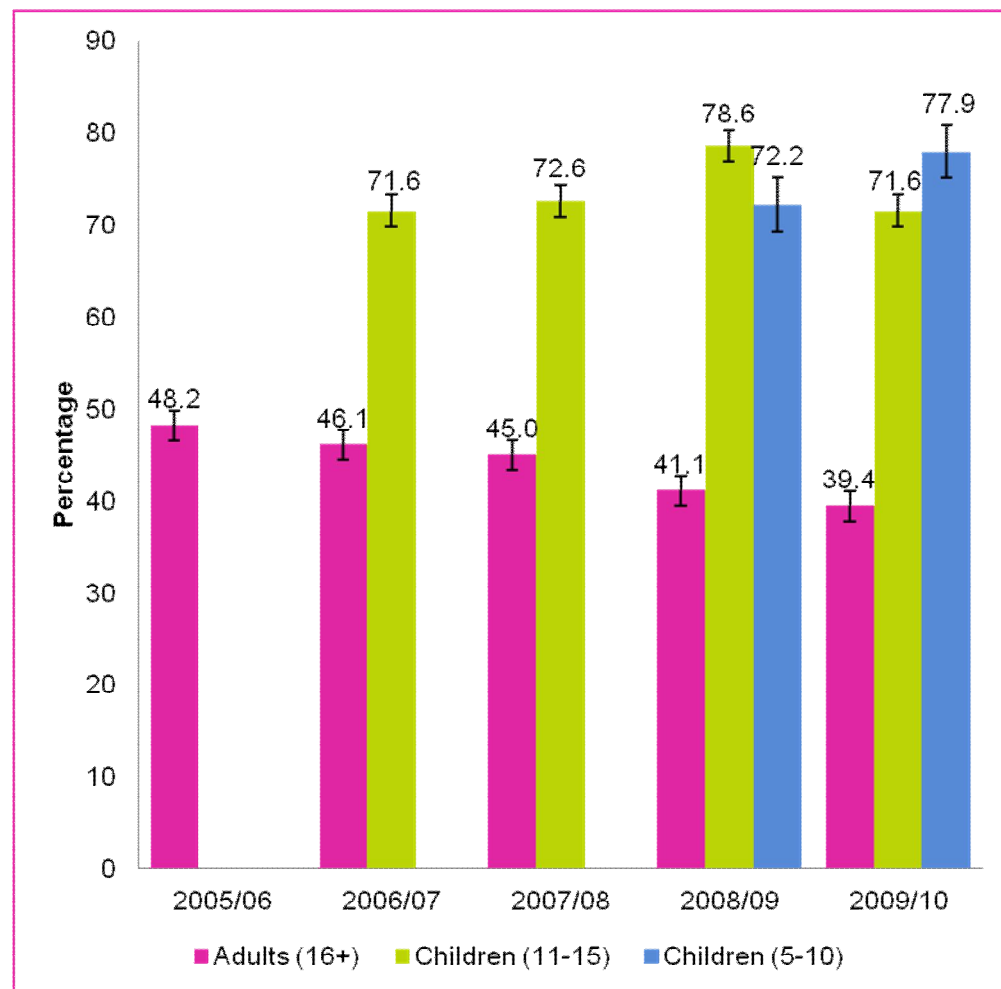
- No changes since 2005/06, but engagement higher in East of England and South East



The effect of area level deprivation is also noticeable

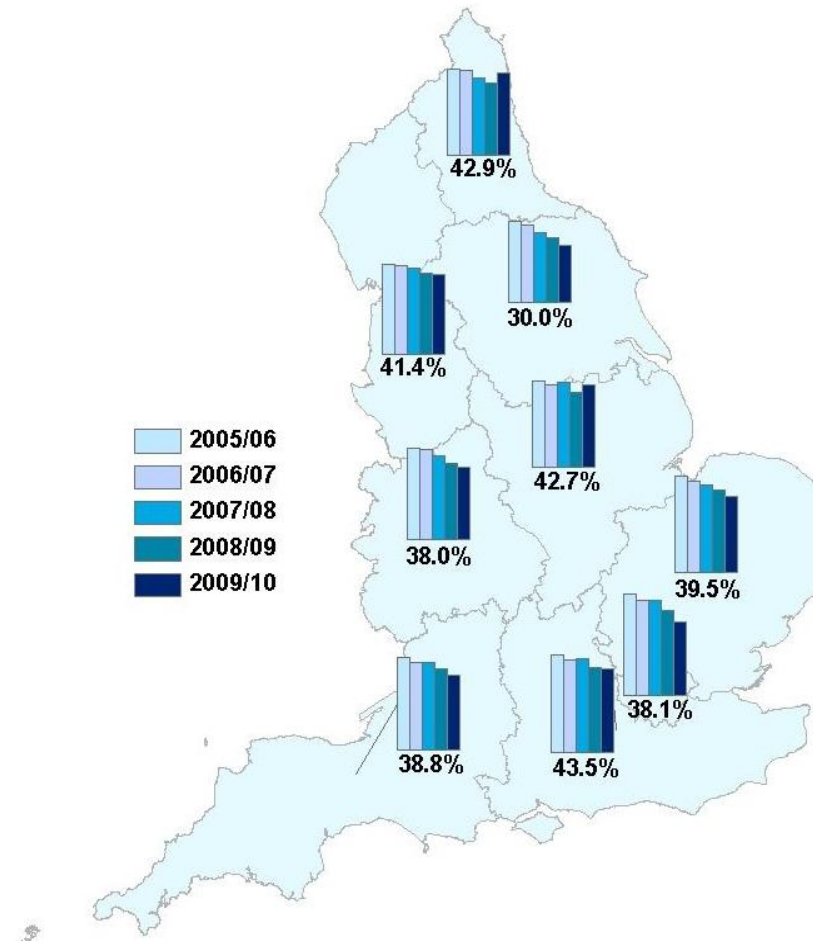


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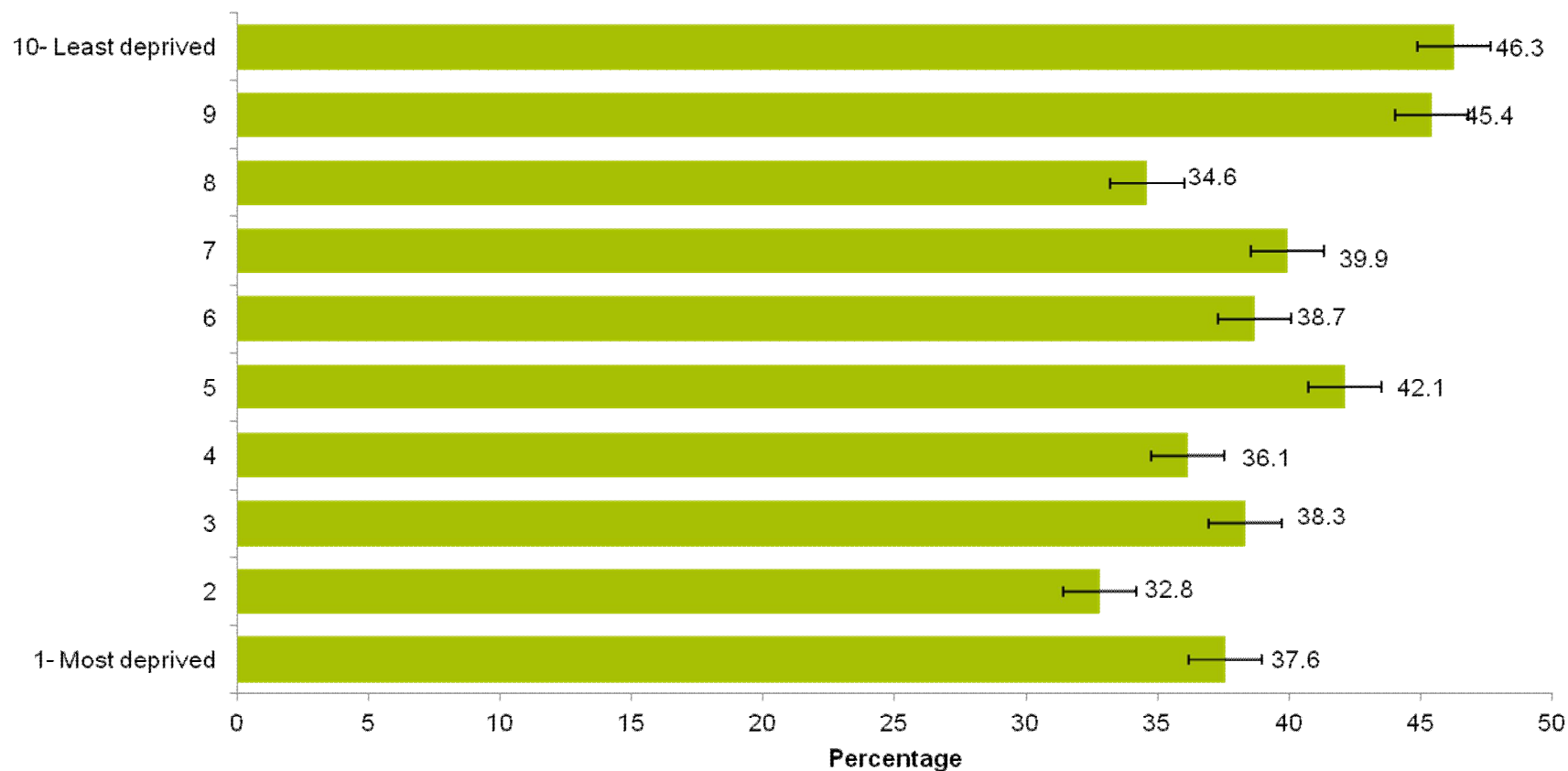


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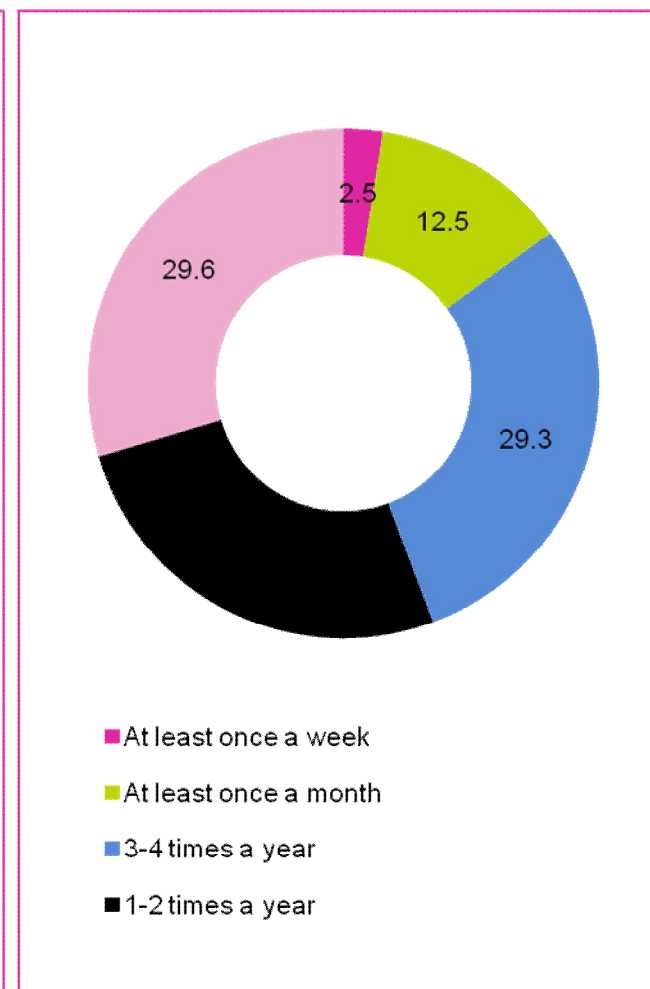
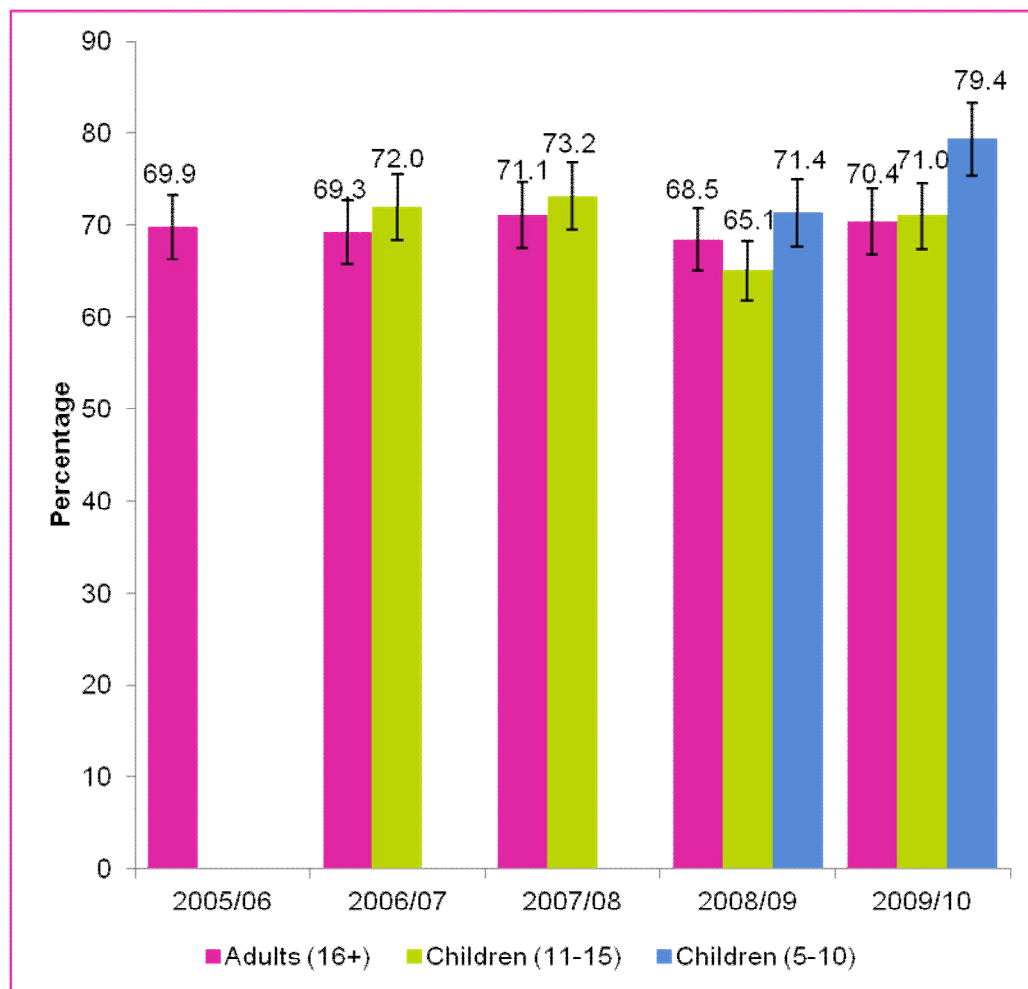
- Decreases in all areas except the North East and East Midlands (which have remained stable)



The effect of area level deprivation is less noticeable

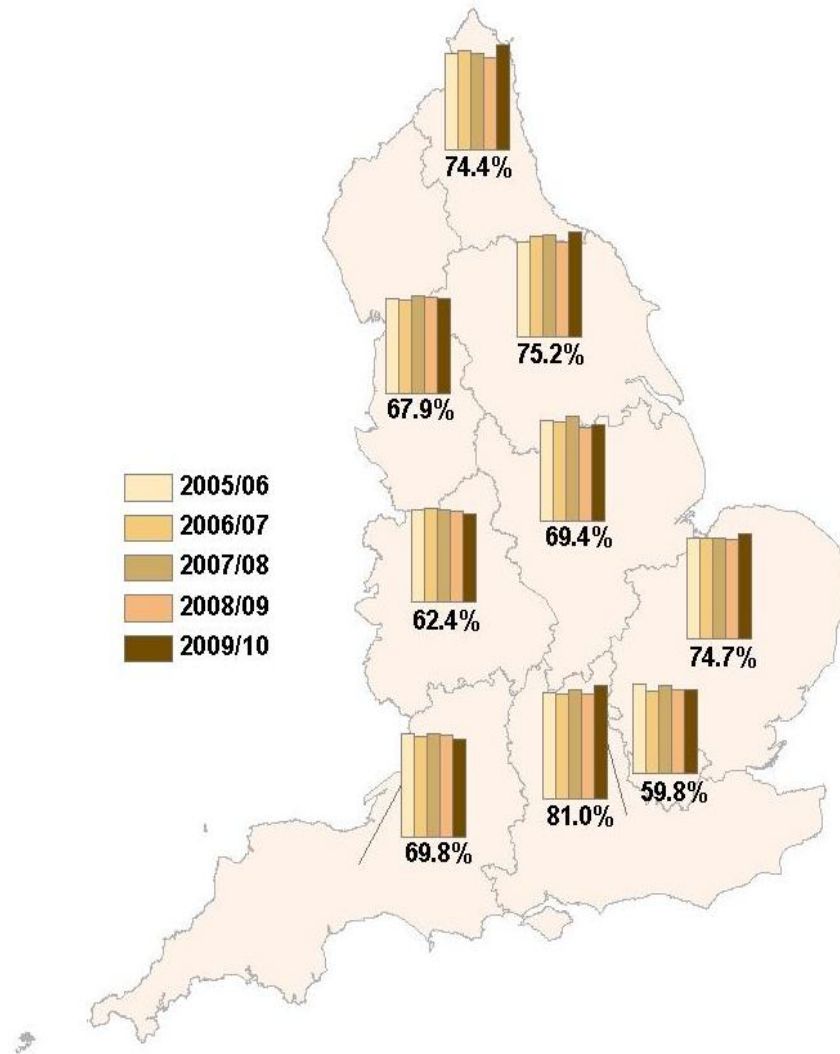


Heritage

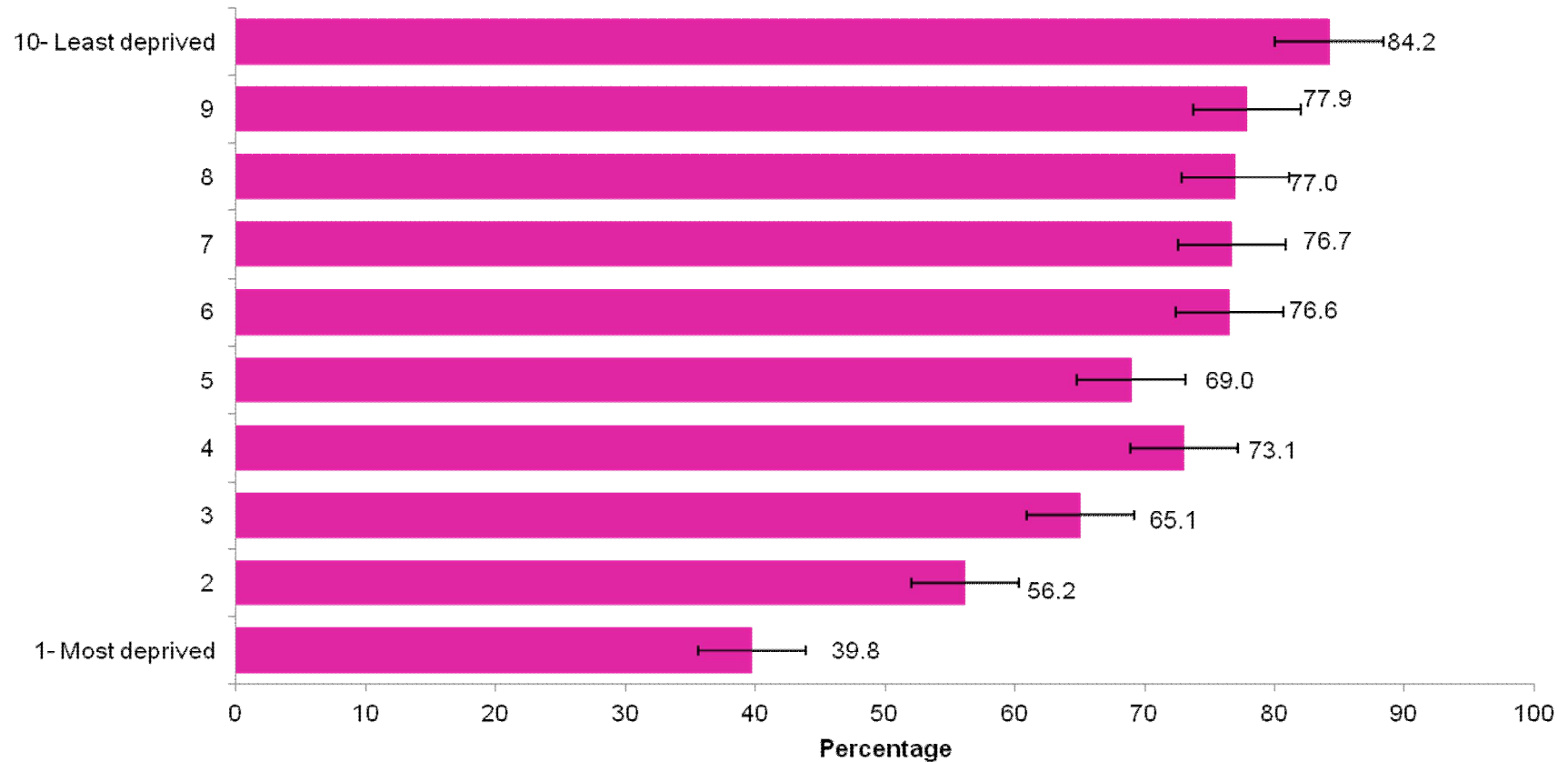


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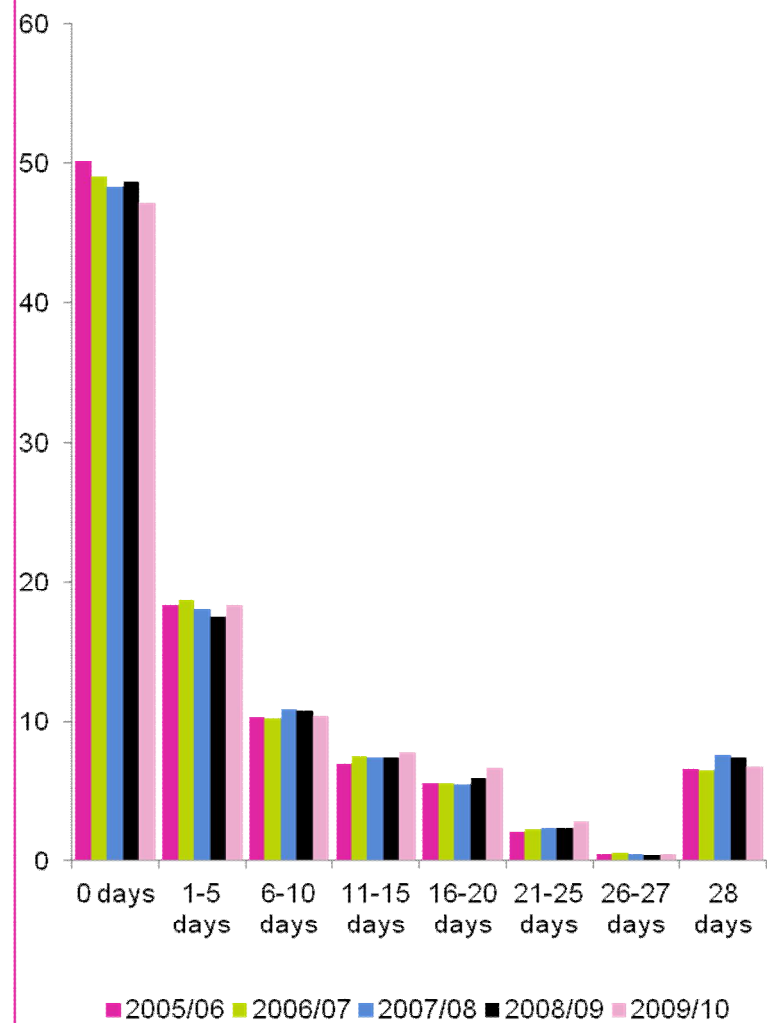
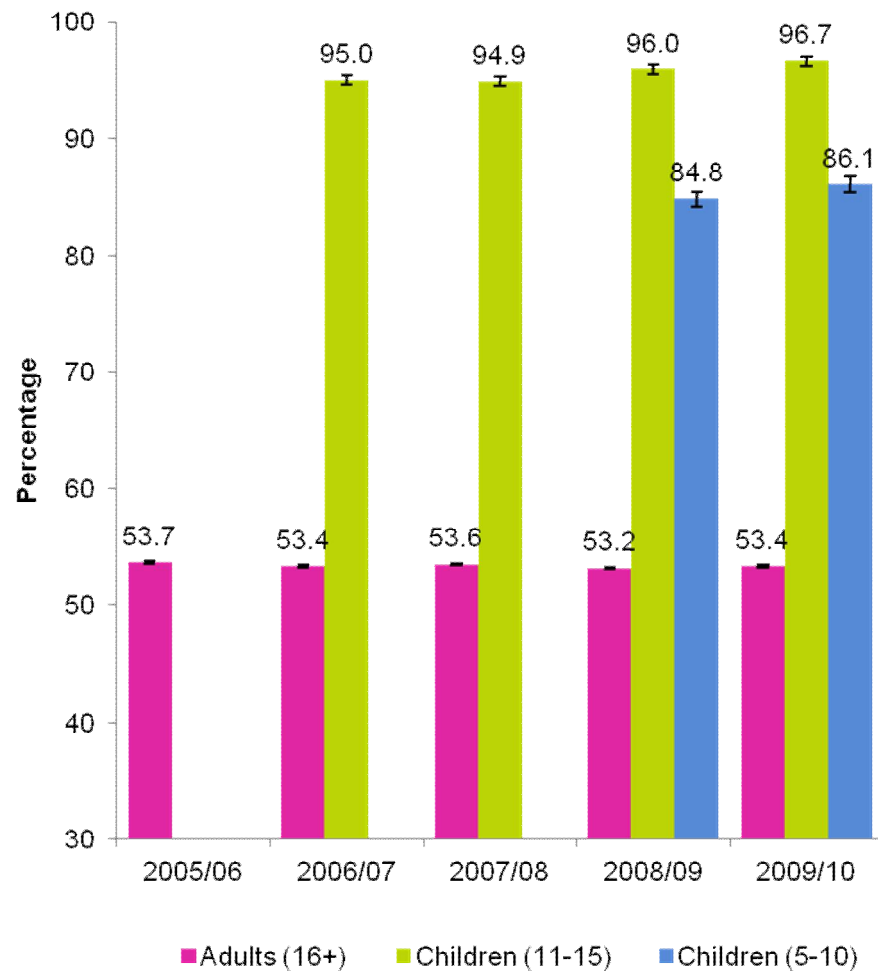
- No changes since 2005/06



The effect of area level deprivation is considerable

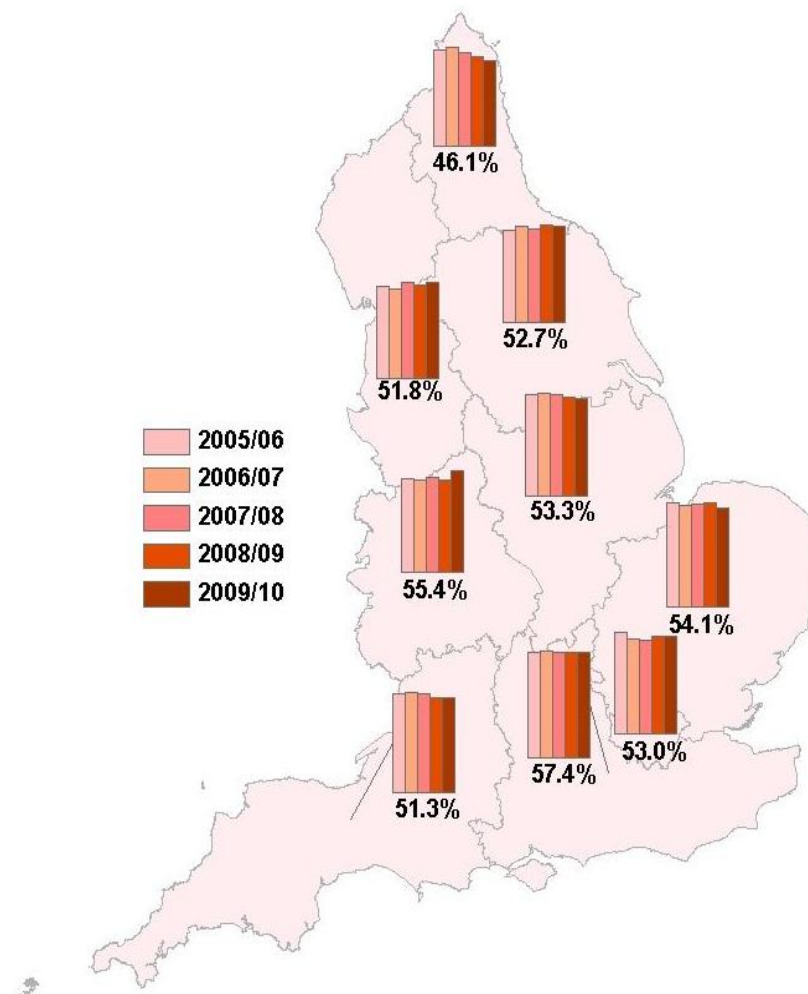


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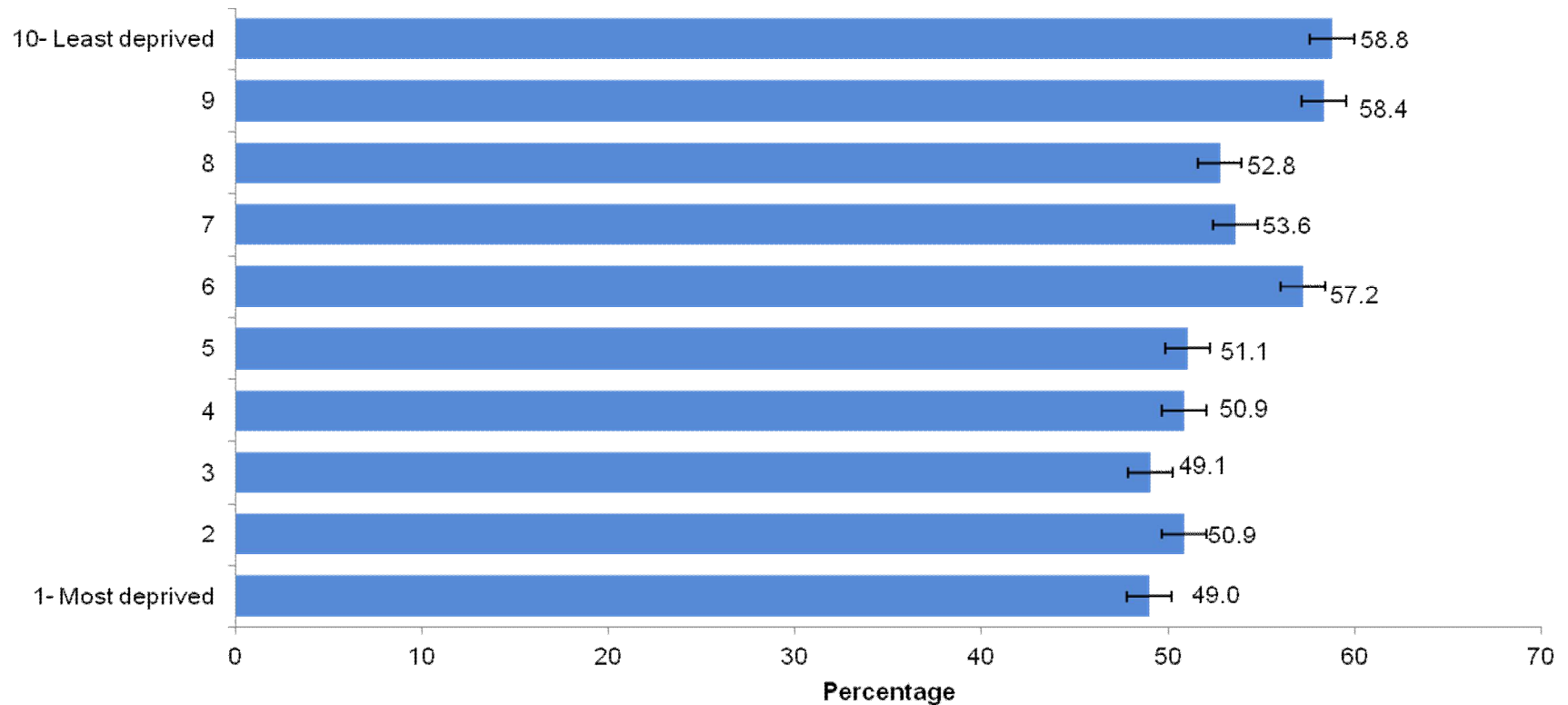


Regional breakdown

- Participation in active sport is fairly evenly spread across regions



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Further information and contacts:

DCMS:

www.culture.gov.uk

Taking Part:

http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/research_and_statistics/4828.aspx

NetQuest:

http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/research_and_statistics/6762.aspx

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