

Area Profile: Britain's Leading Edge



Britain's Leading Edge

Local Authority Members	
Cornwall	Isles of Scilly
County Durham	Isle of Wight
Cumberland	North Yorkshire
Dorset	Rutland
East Riding of Yorkshire	Shropshire
Herefordshire, County of	Westmorland and Furness



Area Profile

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Datasets used:

- [Standard Area Measurements for Administrative Areas](#)
- [Census 2021: Build a custom profile](#)
- [Health Index scores, England](#)
- [Housing affordability in England and Wales](#)
- [UK Business Counts, NOMIS](#)
- [UK small area gross value added \(GVA\) estimates](#)
- [Gross value added \(balanced\) by industry](#)

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Census 2021 Topics

Health

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Population Characteristics



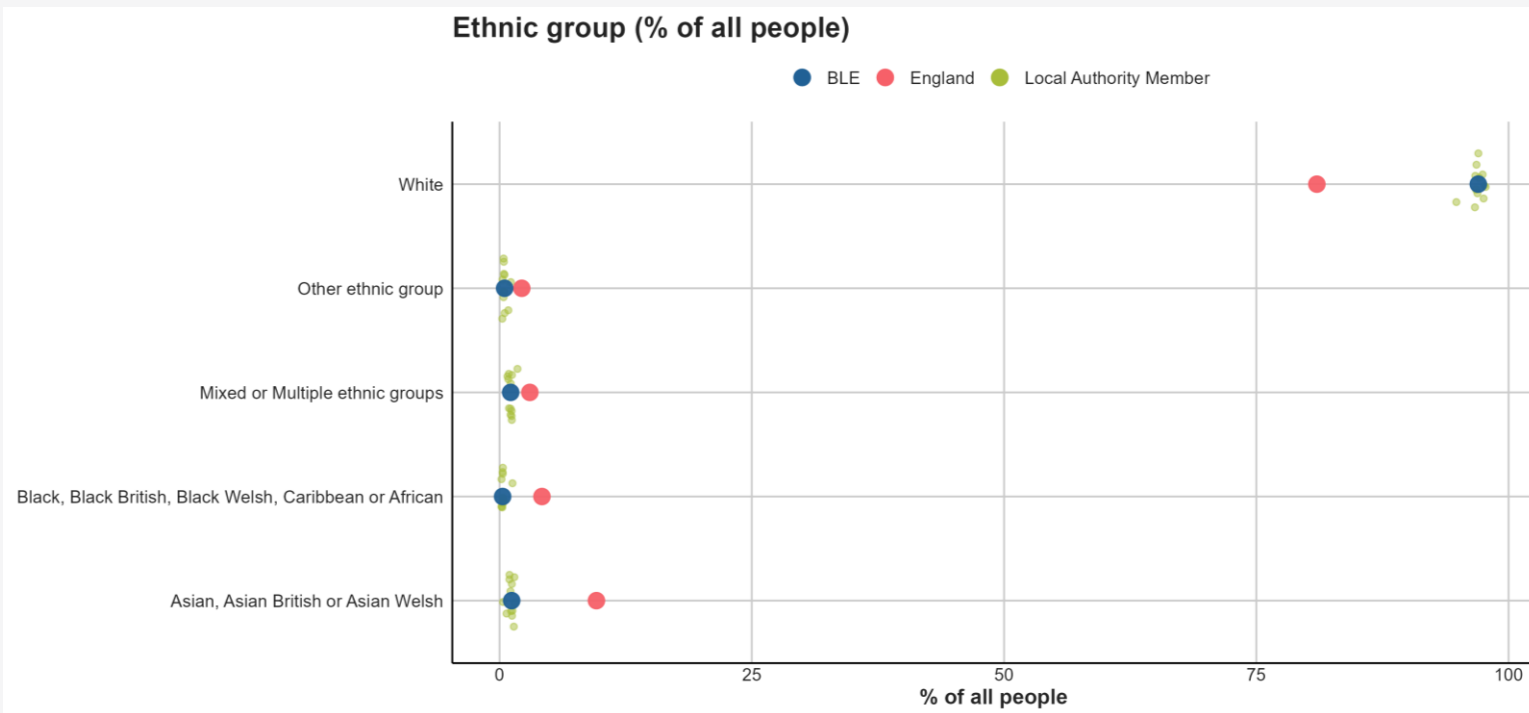
Population Size

Source: Population estimates - NOMIS, ONS

Year	BLE	England	BLE (%)
1990	3,198,100	47,699,100	6.70
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2000	3,322,800	49,233,300	6.75
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2010	3,503,200	52,642,500	6.65
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2020	3,602,800	56,326,000	6.40
2021	3,633,600	56,554,900	6.42
2022	3,659,800	57,106,400	6.41

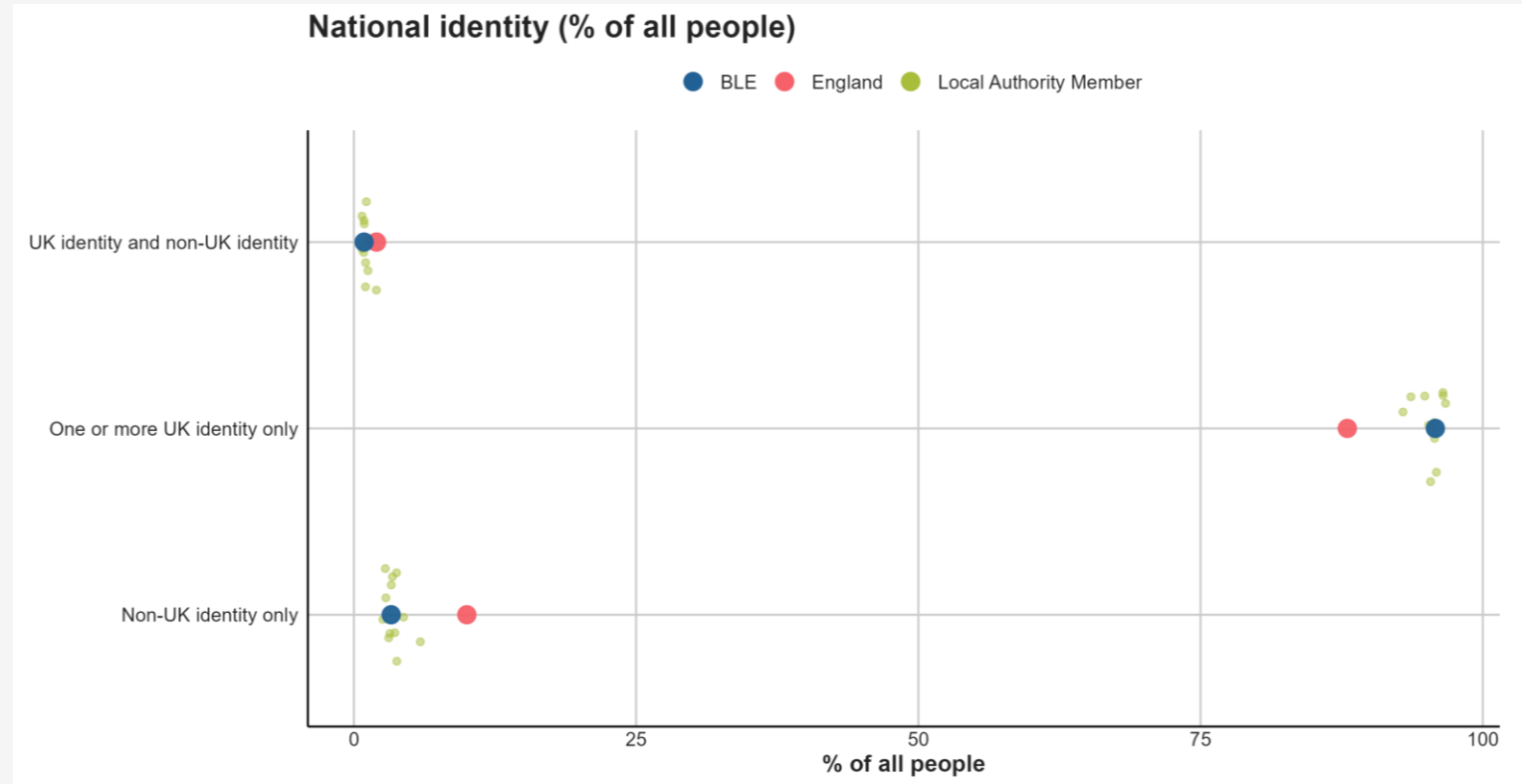
Ethnic Group by % of all people

Category	BLE	England
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	1.2	9.6
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	0.3	4.2
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	1.1	3
White	97	81
Other ethnic group	0.5	2.2



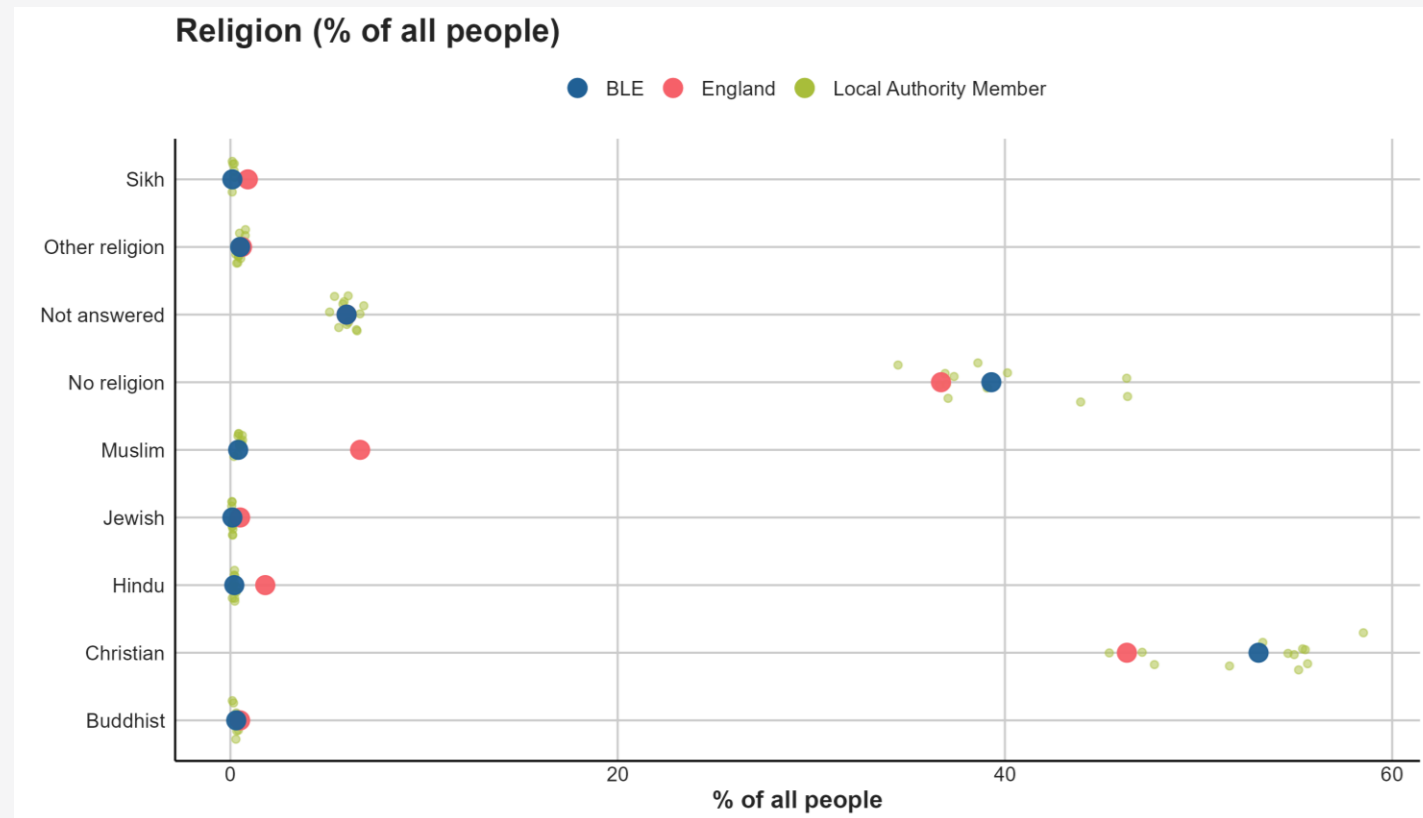
National Identity by % of all people

Category	BLE	England
One or more UK identity only	95.8	88
UK identity and non-UK identity	0.9	2
Non-UK identity only	3.3	10



Religion by % of all people

Category	BLE	England
No religion	39.3	36.7
Christian	53.1	46.3
Buddhist	0.3	0.5
Hindu	0.2	1.8
Jewish	0.1	0.5
Muslim	0.4	6.7
Sikh	0.1	0.9
Other religion	0.5	0.6
Not answered	6	6



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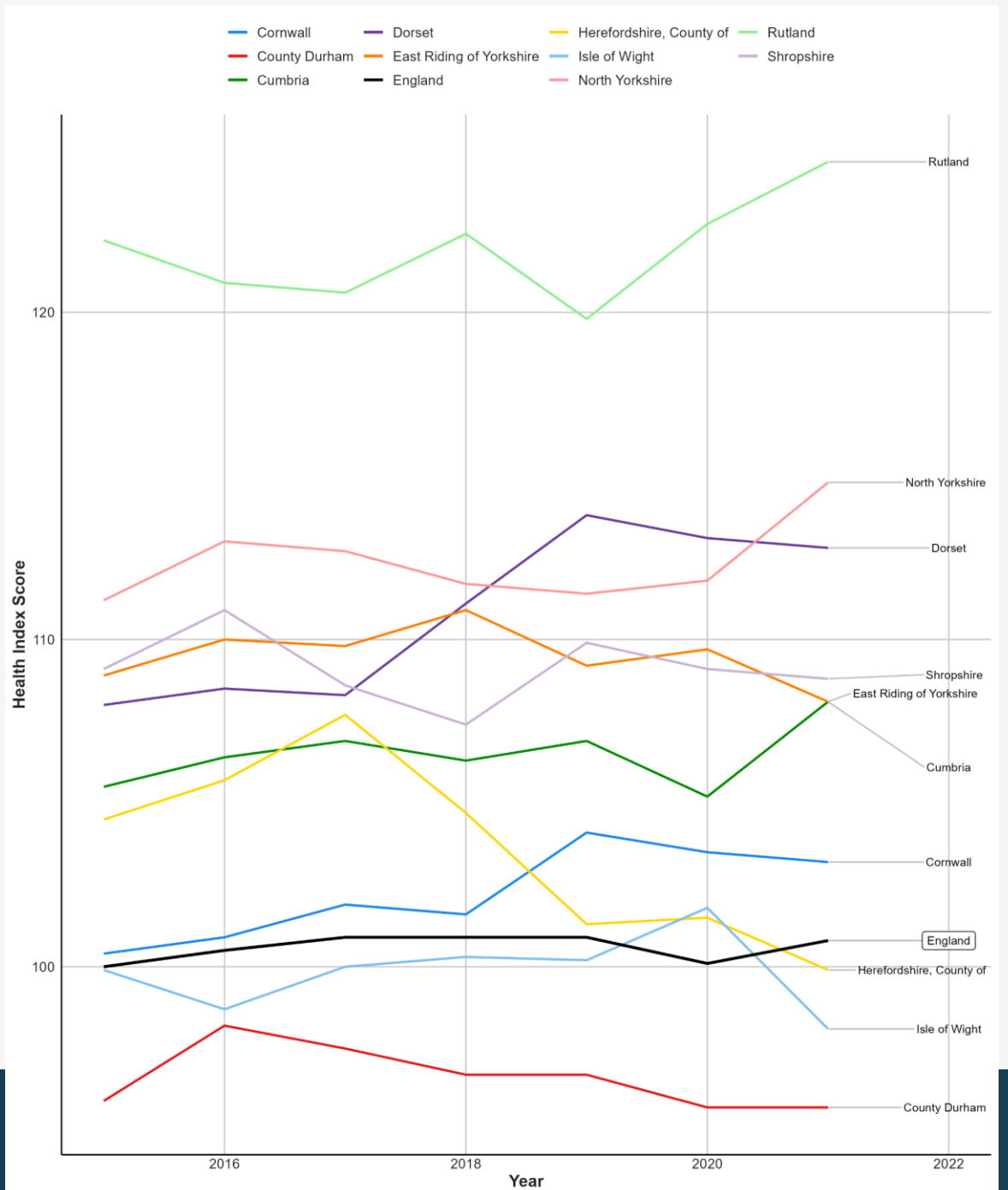
Health and Disability



Health Index Score, 2015 - 2021

Source: Health Index - ONS

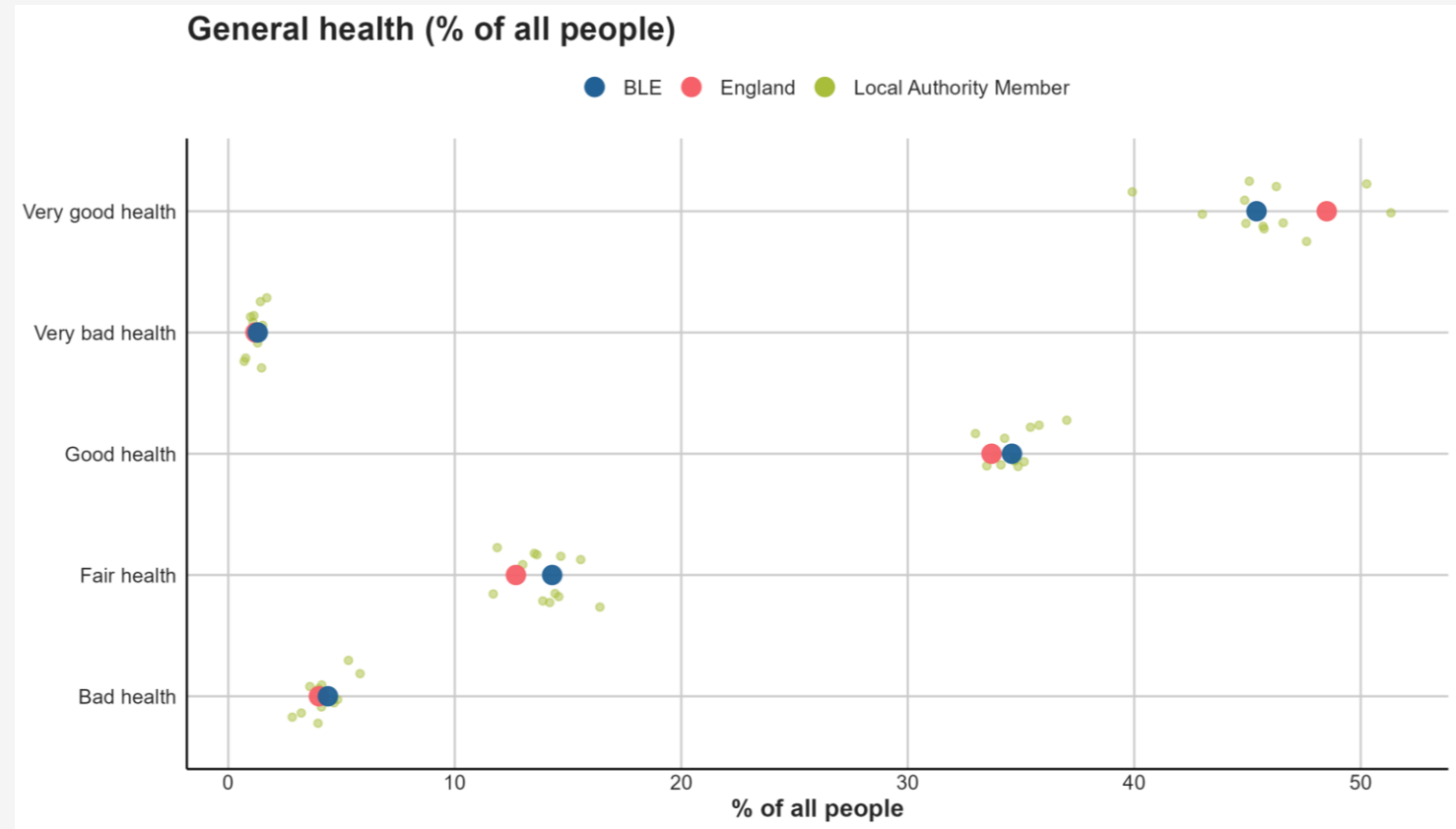
Geography	Health Index Score, 2021
Rutland	124.6
North Yorkshire	114.8
Dorset	112.8
Shropshire	108.8
Cumbria	108.1
East Riding of Yorkshire	108.1
Cornwall	103.2
England	100.8
Herefordshire, County of	99.9
Isle of Wight	98.1
County Durham	95.7



General health by % of all people

Category	BLE	England
Very good health	45.4	48.5
Good health	34.6	33.7
Fair health	14.3	12.7
Bad health	4.4	4
Very bad health	1.3	1.2

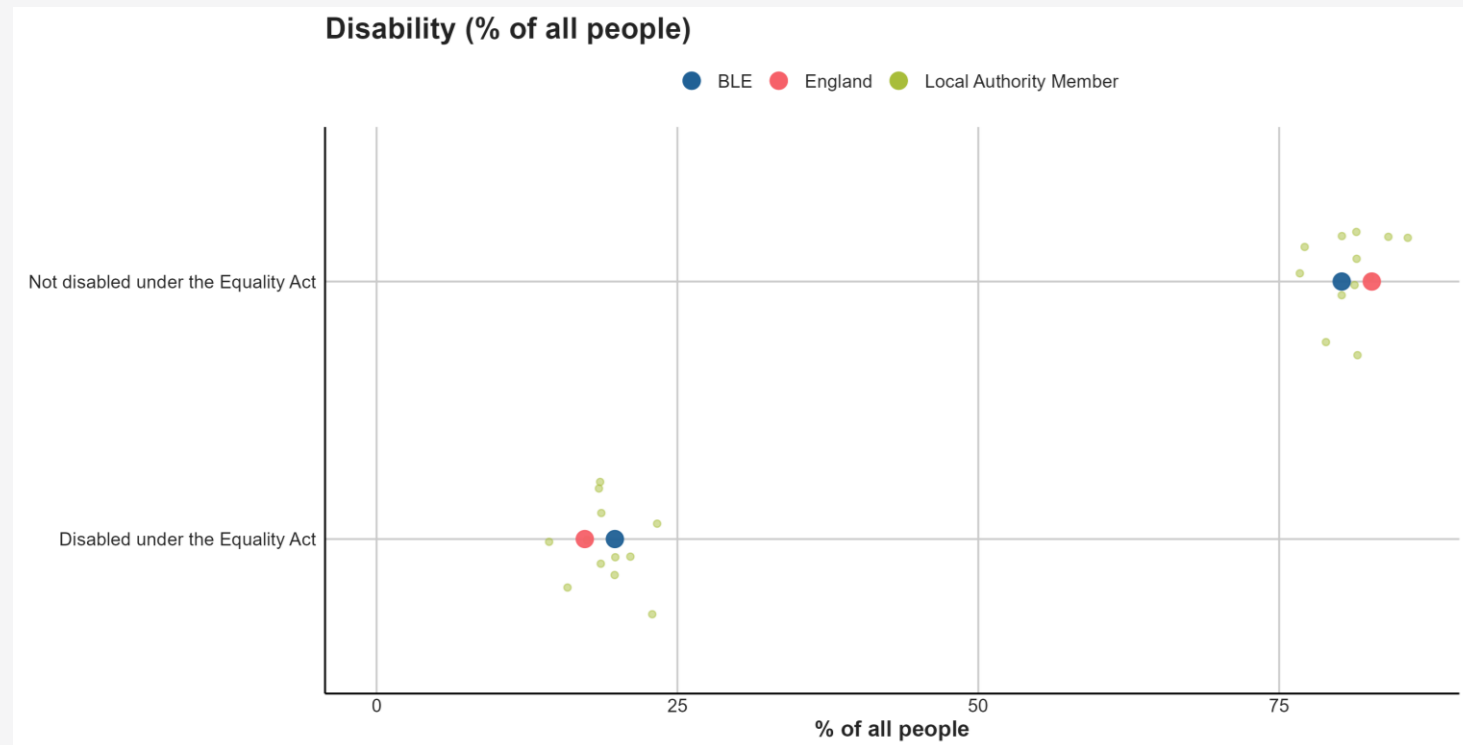
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Disability by % of all people

Category	BLE	England
Disabled under the Equality Act	19.8	17.3
Not disabled under the Equality Act	80.2	82.7

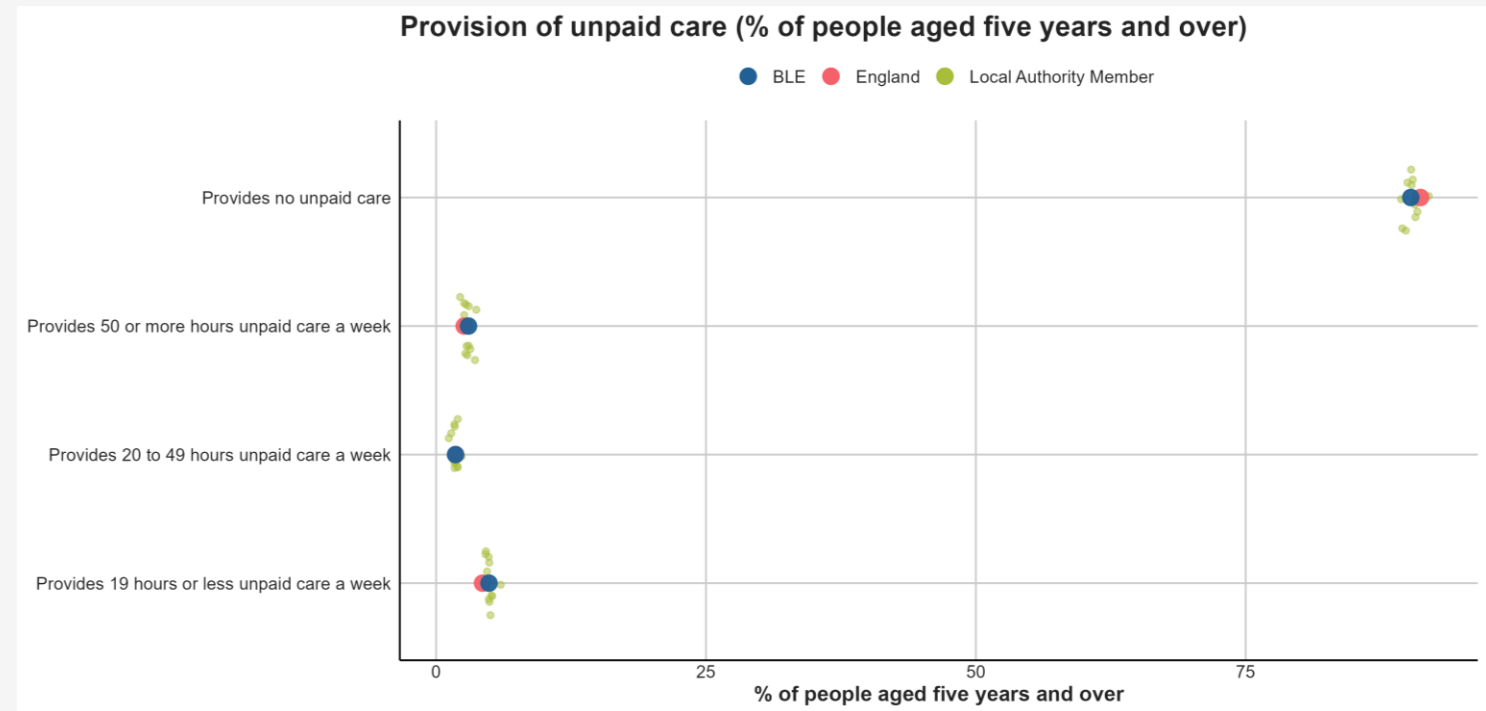
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Provision of Unpaid Care by % of people aged five years and over

Category	BLE	England
Provides no unpaid care	90.3	91.2
Provides 19 hours or less unpaid care a week	4.9	4.3
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	1.8	1.8
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	3	2.6

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Households and Housing

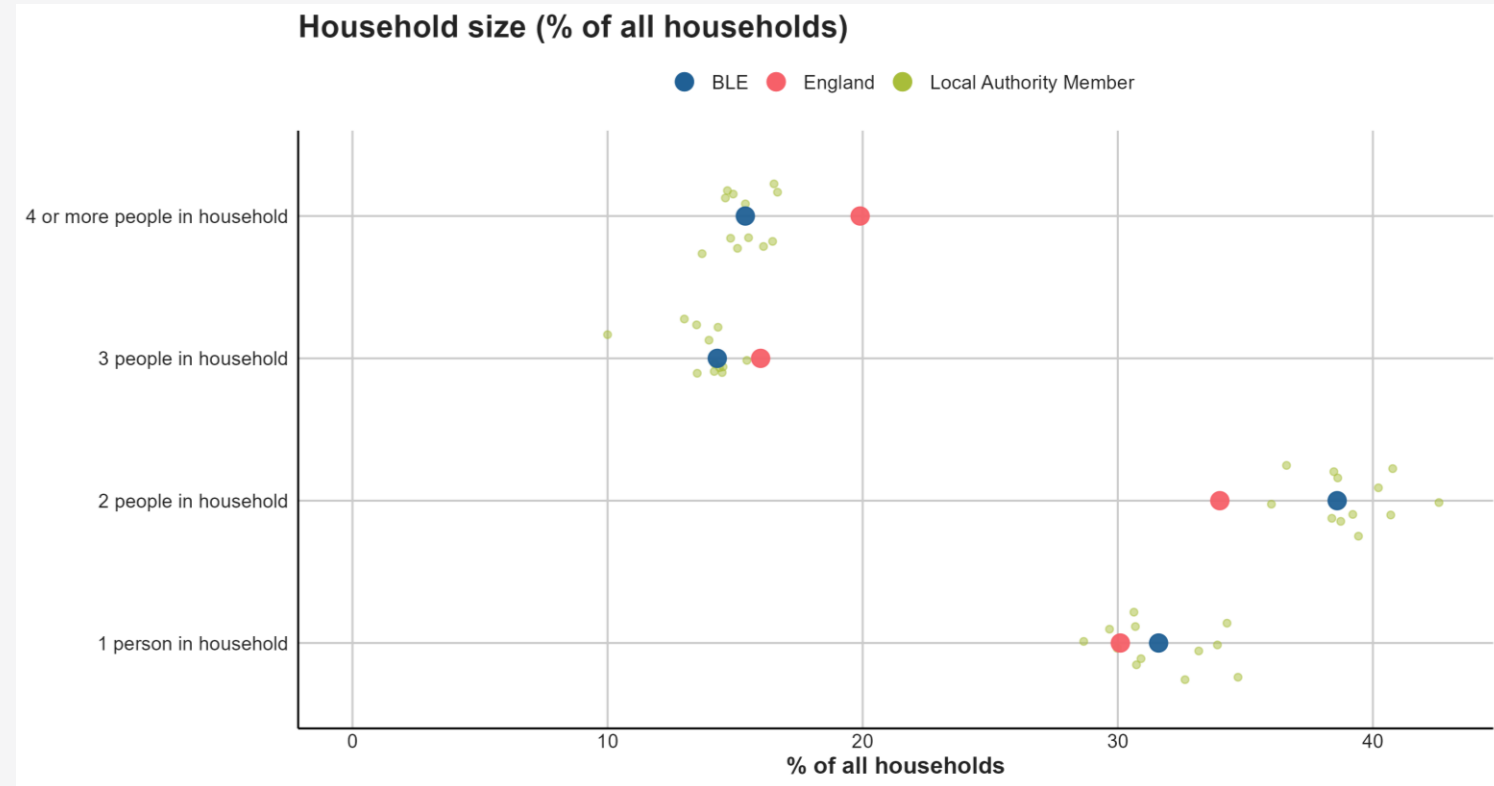


Number of Households

Category	BLE	England	%
Total households	1,613,100	23,436,100	6.88

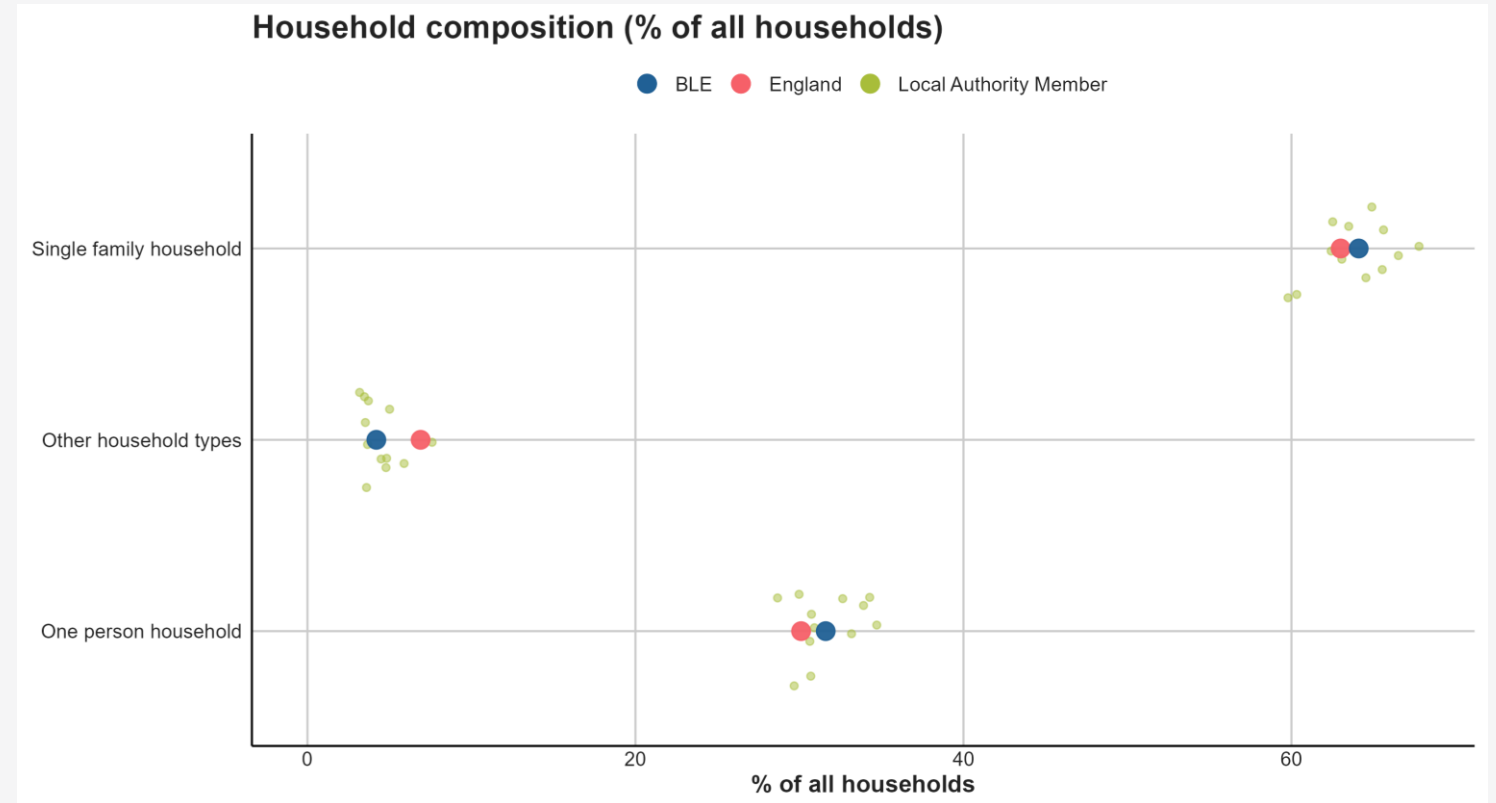
Household size by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
1 person in household	31.6	30.1
2 people in household	38.6	34
3 people in household	14.3	16
4 or more people in household	15.4	19.9



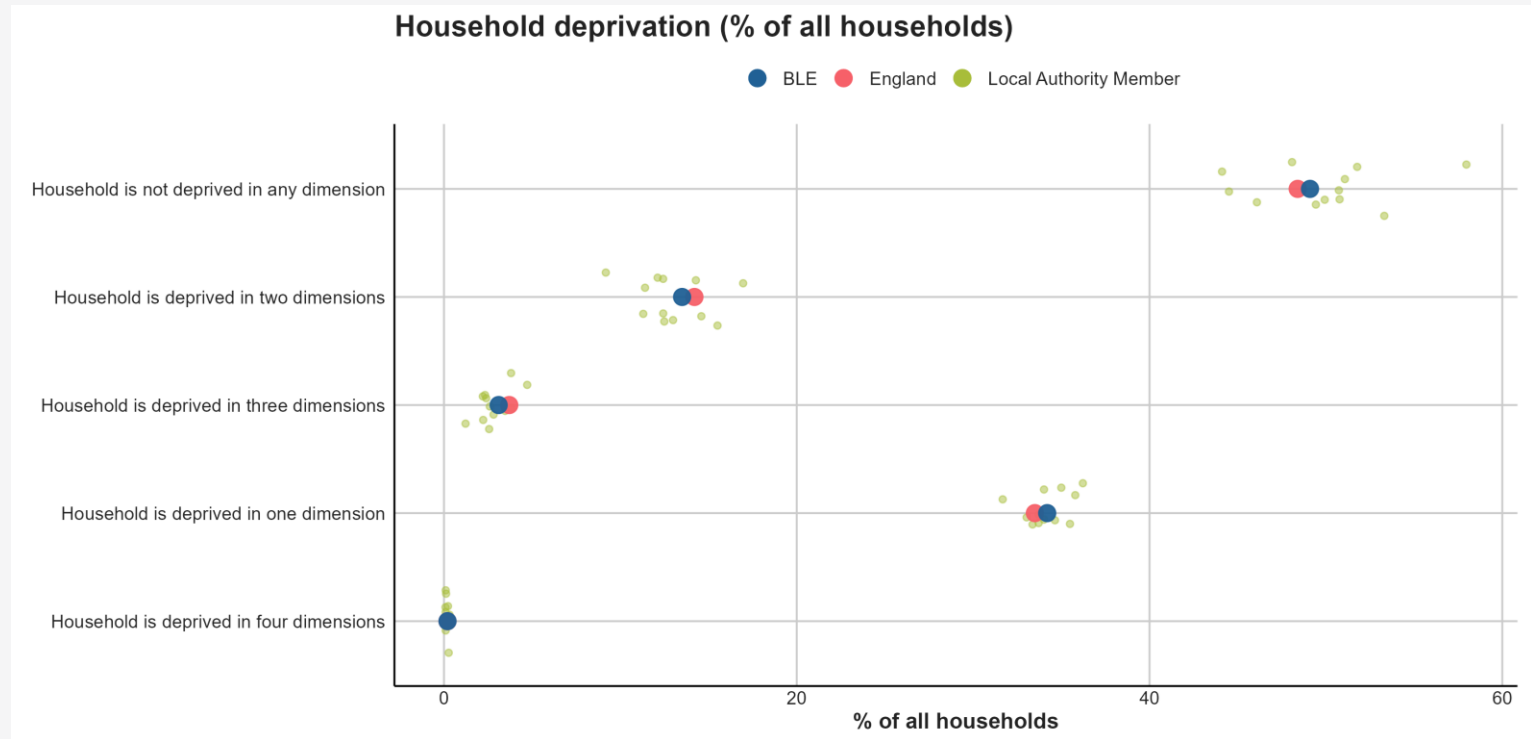
Household composition by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
One person household	31.6	30.1
Single family household	64.1	63
Other household types	4.2	6.9



Household deprivation by % of all households

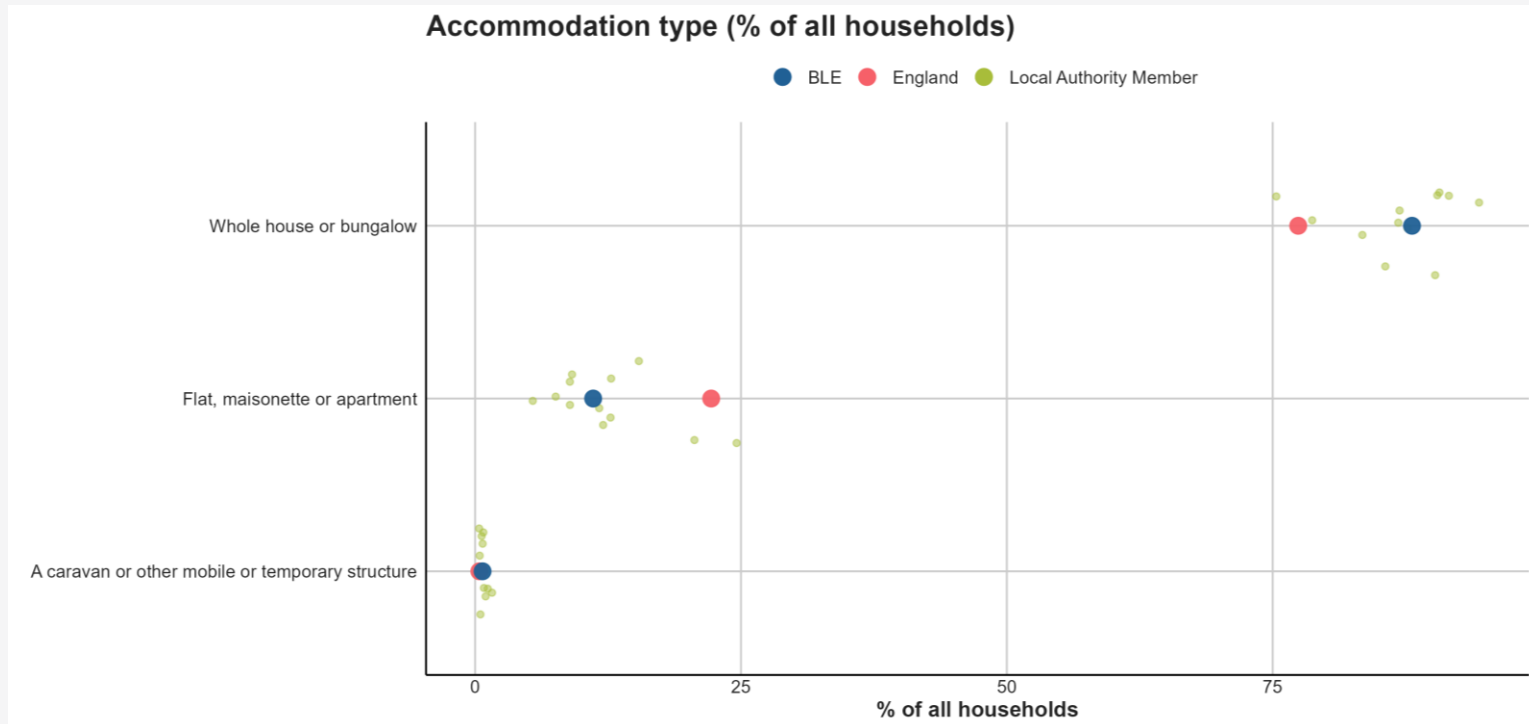
Category	BLE	England
Household is not deprived in any dimension	49.1	48.4
Household is deprived in one dimension	34.2	33.5
Household is deprived in two dimensions	13.5	14.2
Household is deprived in three dimensions	3.1	3.7
Household is deprived in four dimensions	0.2	0.2



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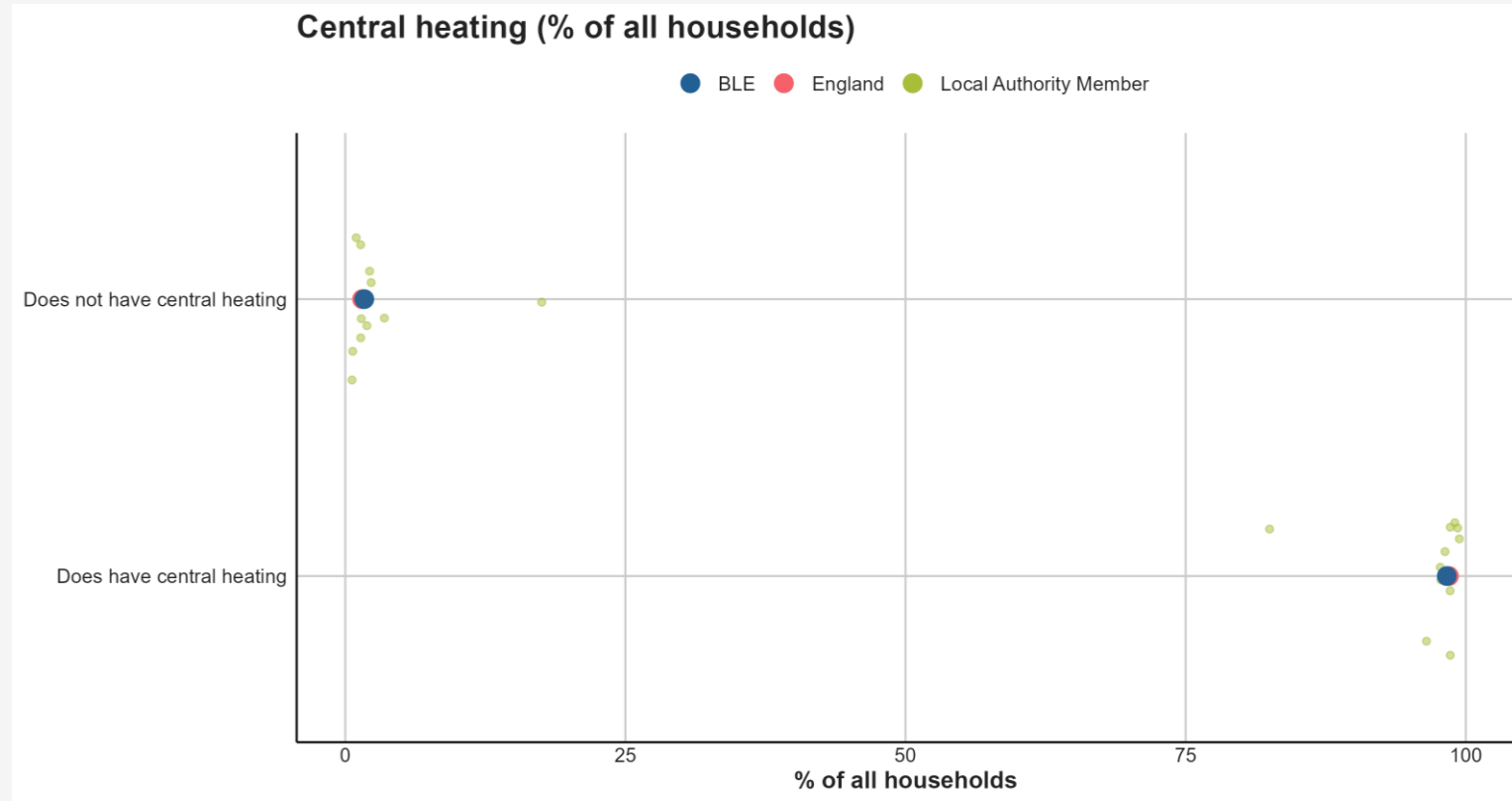
Accommodation type by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
Whole house or bungalow	88.1	77.4
Flat, maisonette or apartment	11.1	22.2
A caravan or other mobile or temporary structure	0.7	0.4



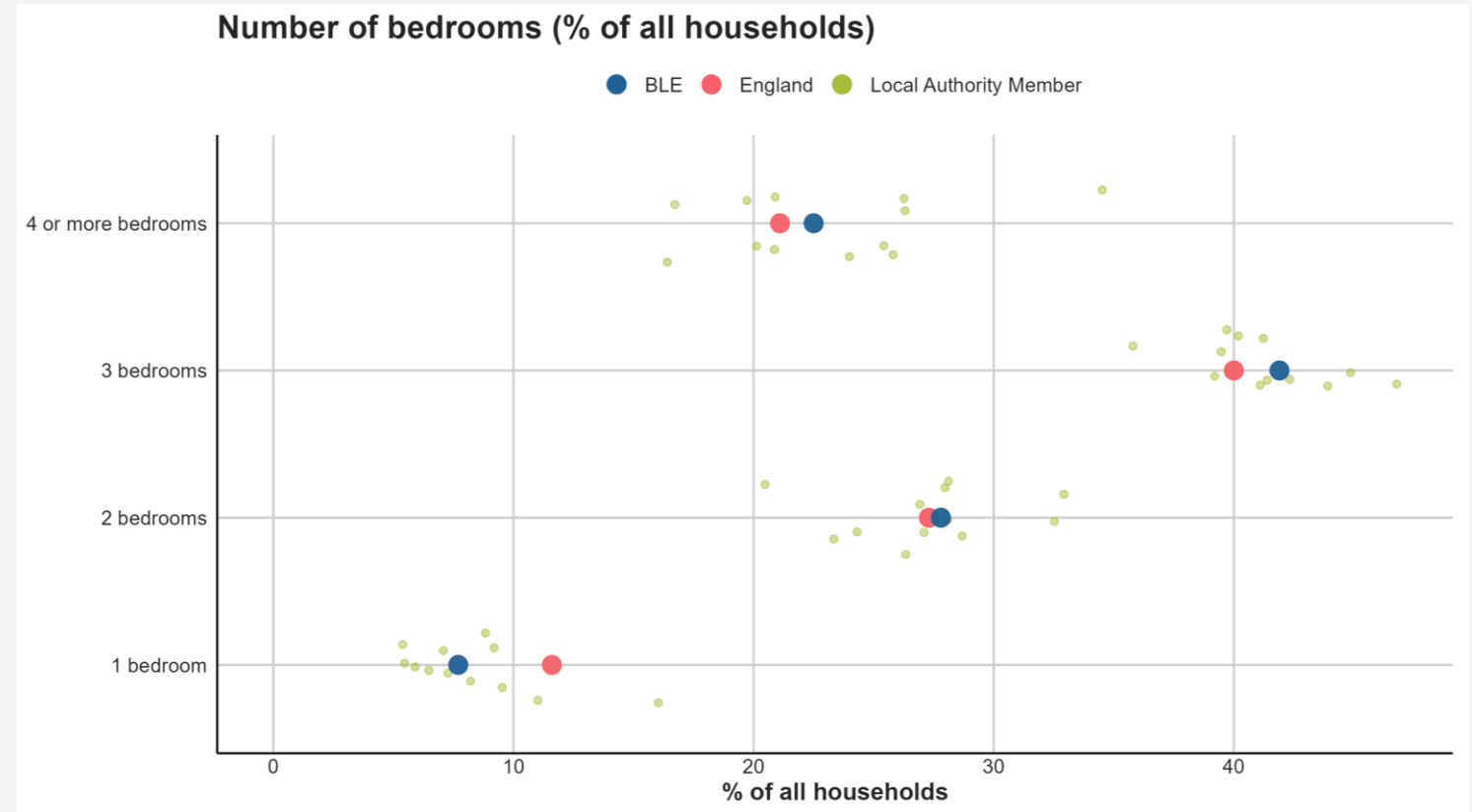
Central heating by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
Does not have central heating	1.7	1.5
Does have central heating	98.3	98.5



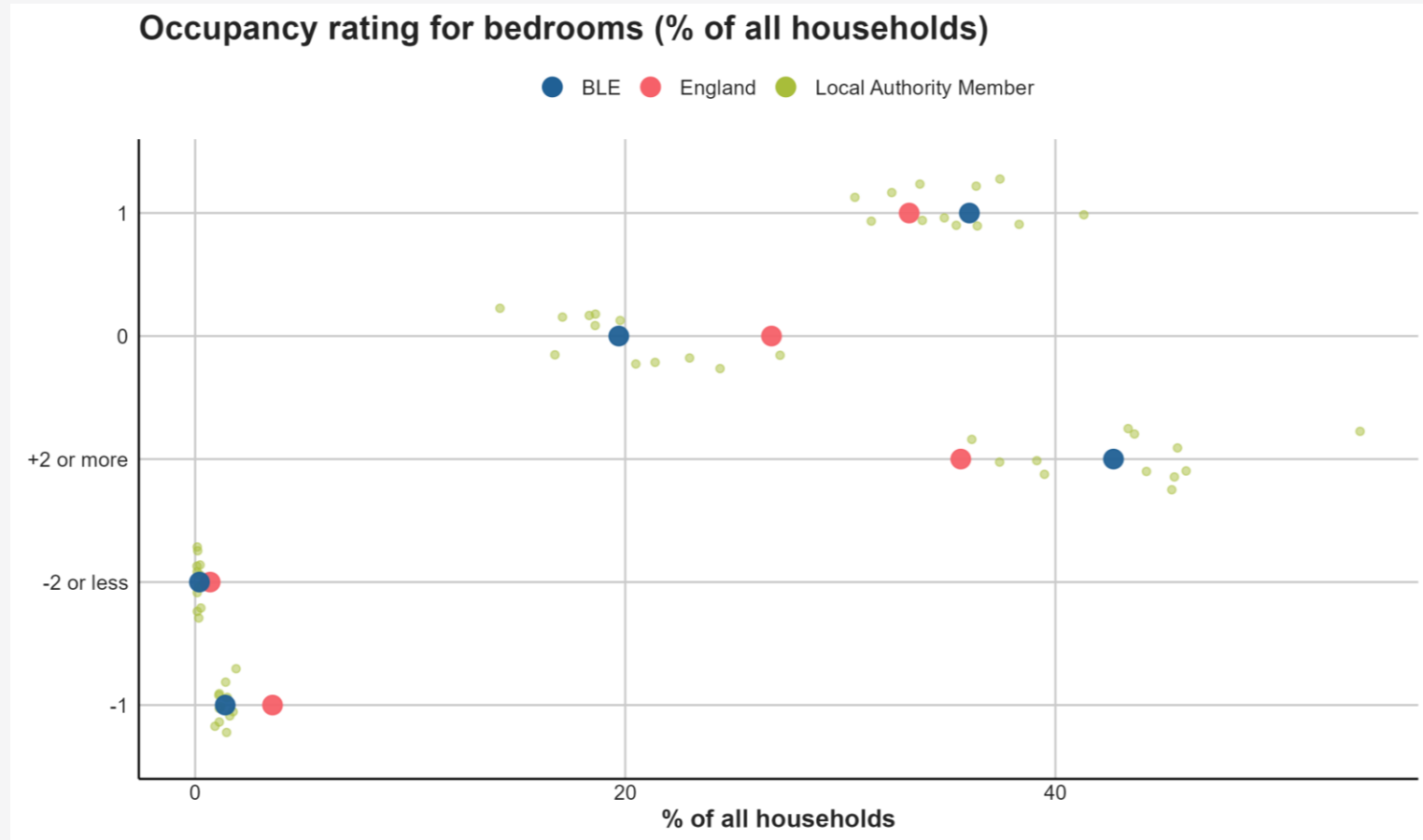
Number of bedrooms by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
1 bedroom	7.7	11.6
2 bedrooms	27.8	27.3
3 bedrooms	41.9	40
4 or more bedrooms	22.5	21.1



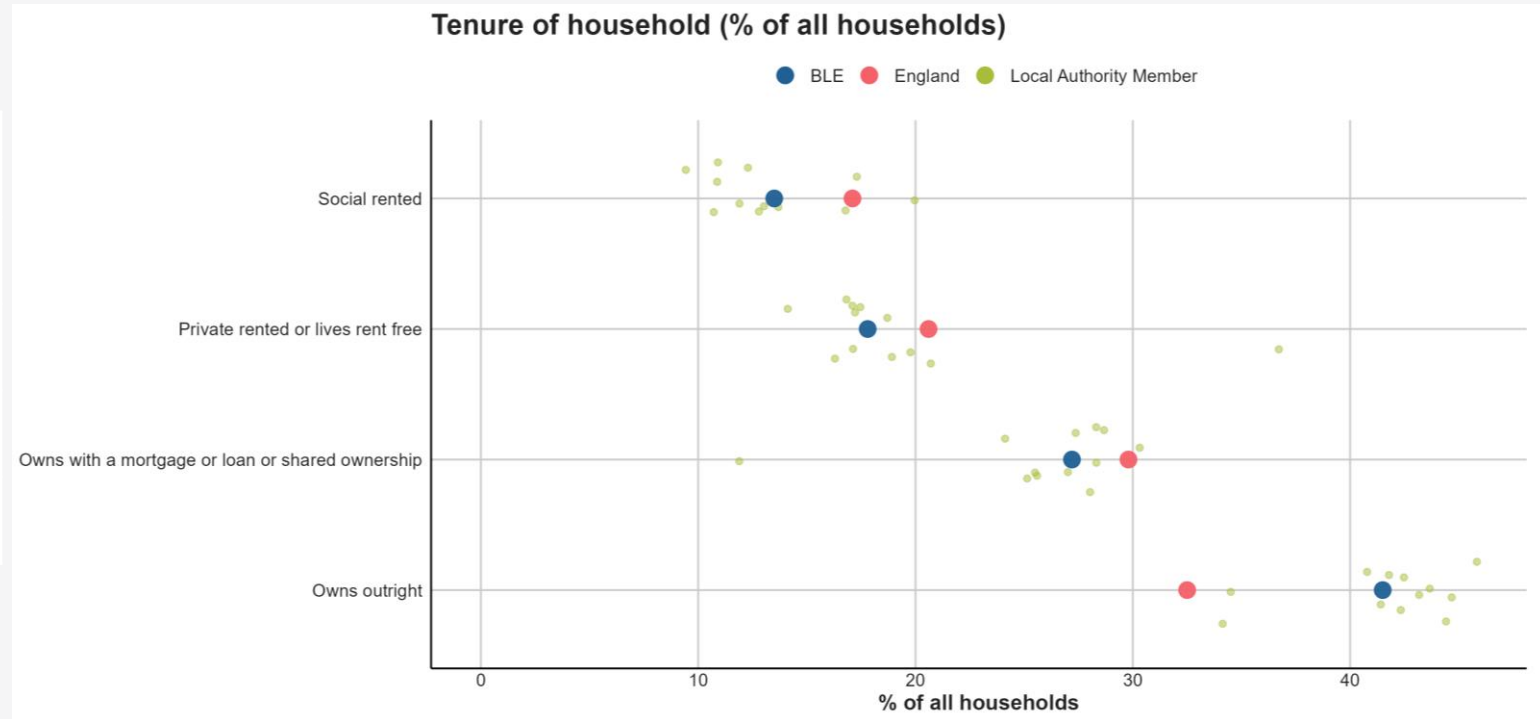
Occupancy rating for bedrooms by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
+2 or more	42.7	35.6
1	36	33.2
0	19.7	26.8
-1	1.4	3.6
-2 or less	0.2	0.7



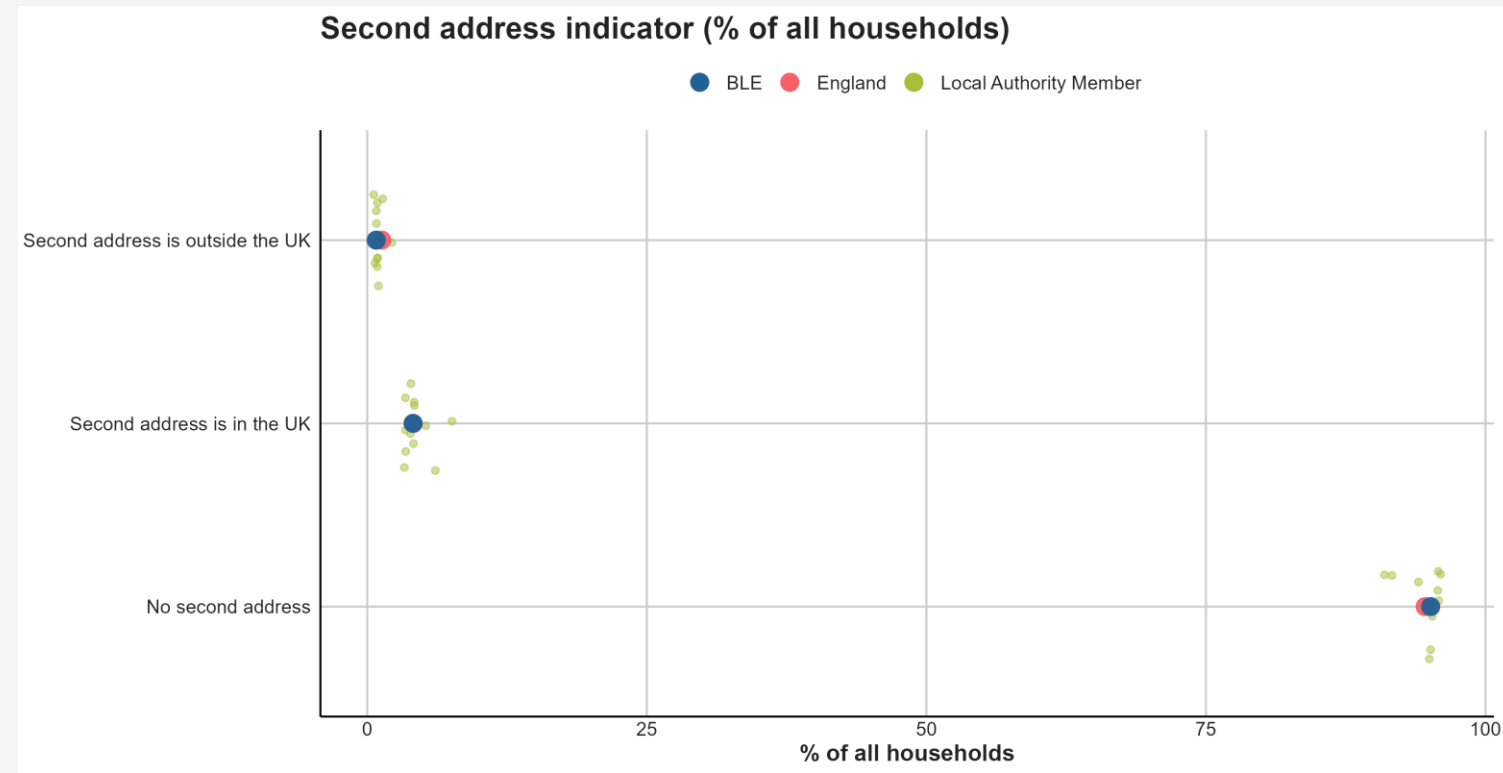
Tenure of household by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
Owns outright	41.5	32.5
Owns with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership	27.2	29.8
Social rented	13.5	17.1
Private rented or lives rent free	17.8	20.6



Second address indicator by % of all households

Category	BLE	England
No second address	95.1	94.6
Second address is in the UK	4.1	4.1
Second address is outside the UK	0.8	1.3

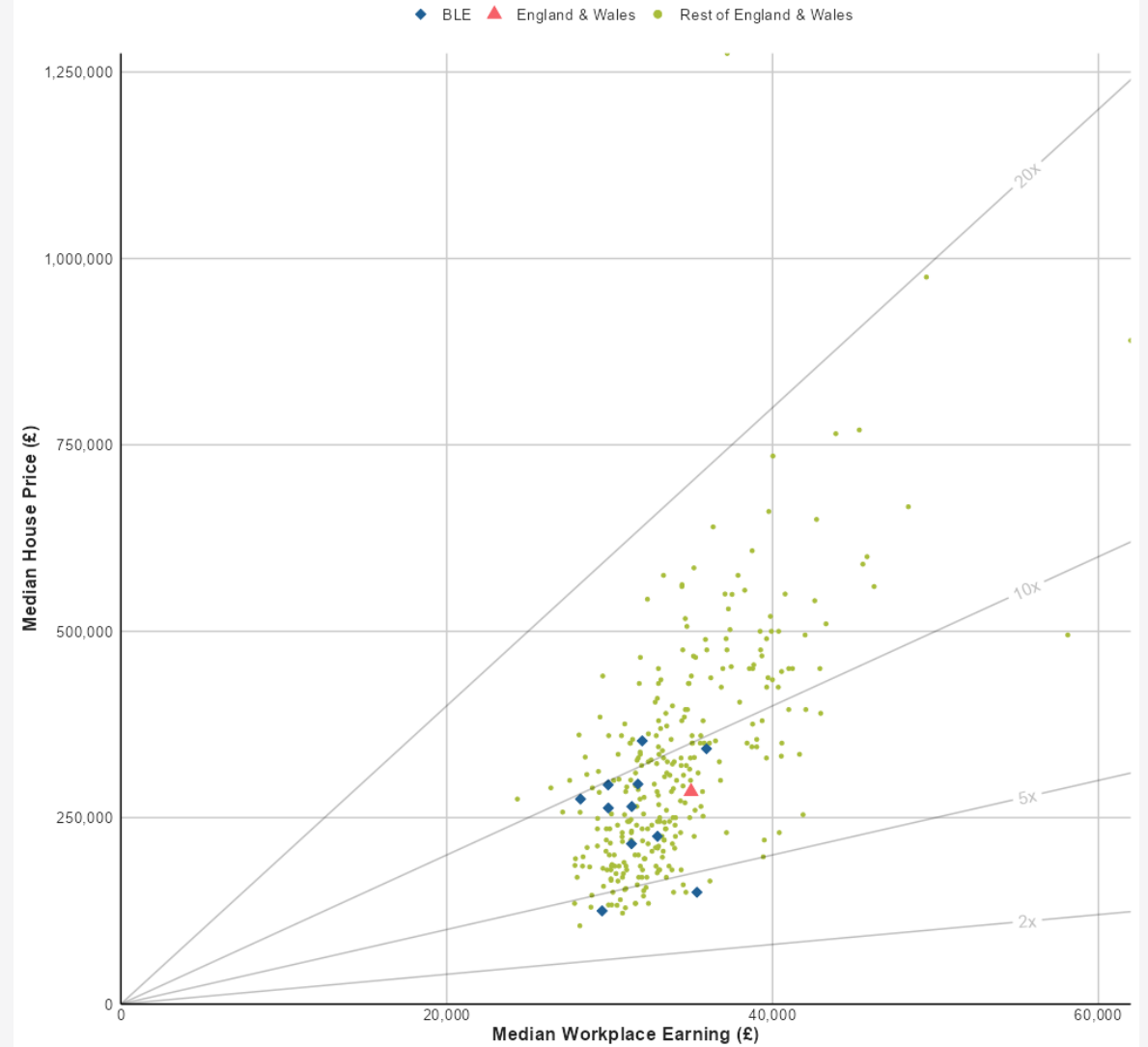


Housing Affordability

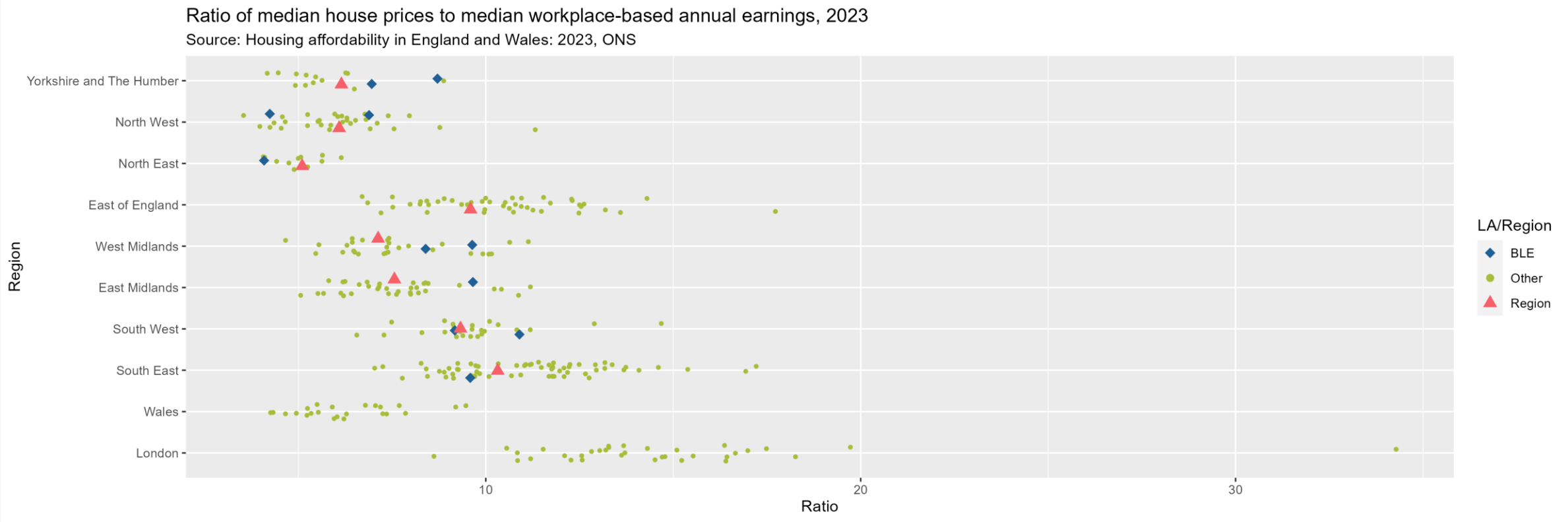
BLE Member	2023 Ratio
Dorset	11.03
Herefordshire, County of	9.83
Isle of Wight	9.75
Rutland	9.53
Cornwall	9.3
North Yorkshire	8.79
Shropshire	8.45
England & Wales	8.14
East Riding of Yorkshire	6.86
Westmorland and Furness	6.83
Cumberland	4.24
County Durham	4.23
Isles of Scilly	[x]

Ratio of median house prices to median workplace-based annual earnings, 2023

Source: Housing affordability in England and Wales: 2023, ONS



Housing Affordability



Employment and Skills

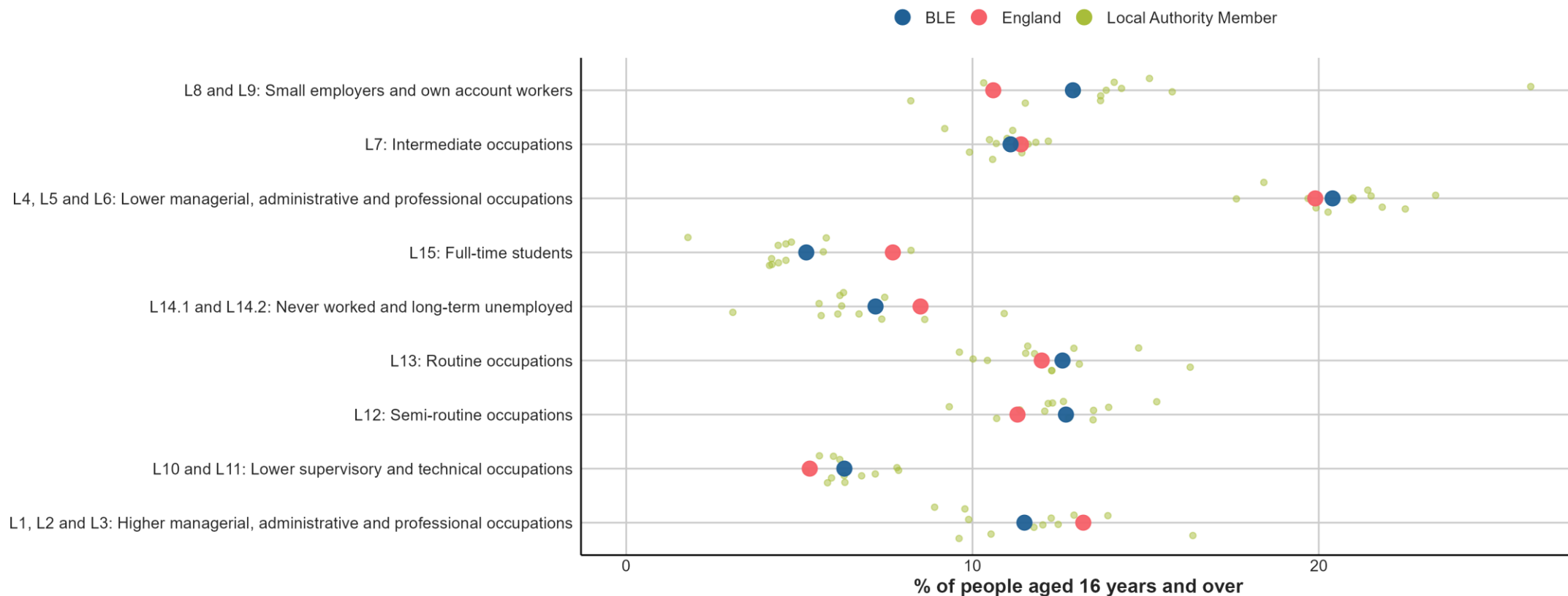


Socio-economic Classification

% people aged 16 years and over

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Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) (% of people aged 16 years and over)

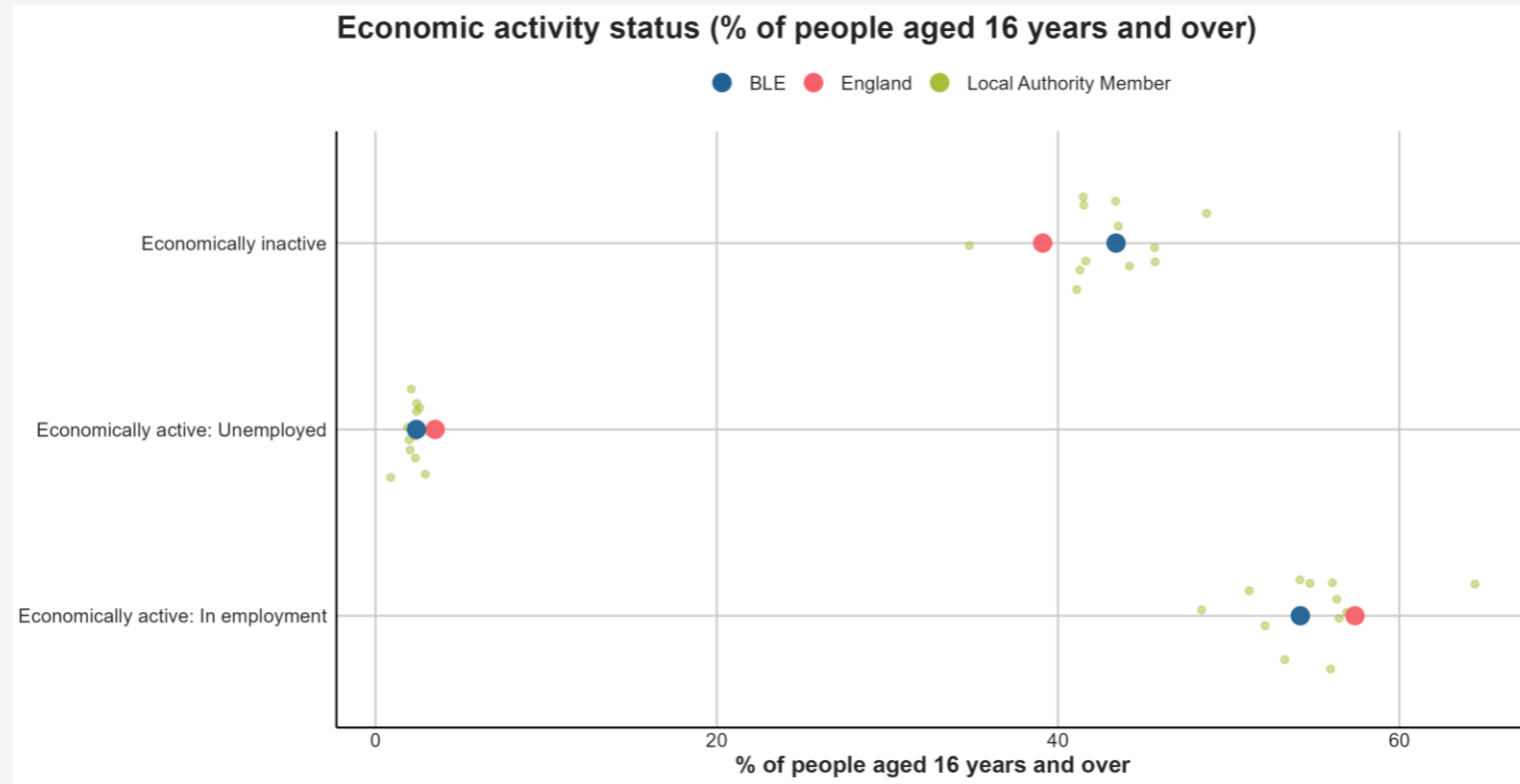


Economic activity status

% people aged 16 years and over

Category	BLE	England
Economically active: In employment	54.2	57.4
Economically active: Unemployed	2.4	3.5
Economically inactive	43.4	39.1

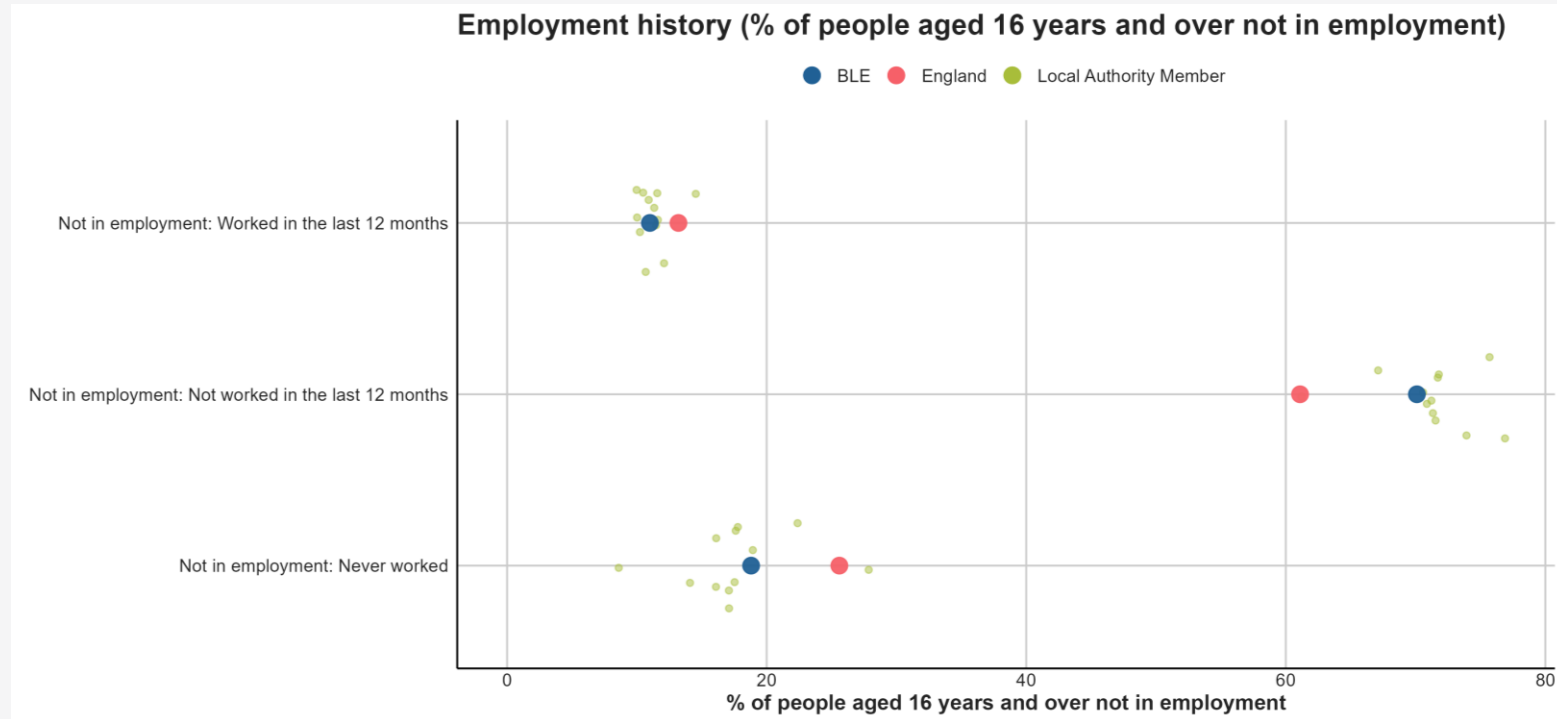
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Employment history % people aged 16 years and over not in employment

Category	BLE	England
Not in employment: Worked in the last 12 months	11	13.2
Not in employment: Not worked in the last 12 months	70.1	61.1
Not in employment: Never worked	18.8	25.6

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Occupation by % people aged 16 years and over in employment

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Hours per week worked % people aged 16 years and over in employment

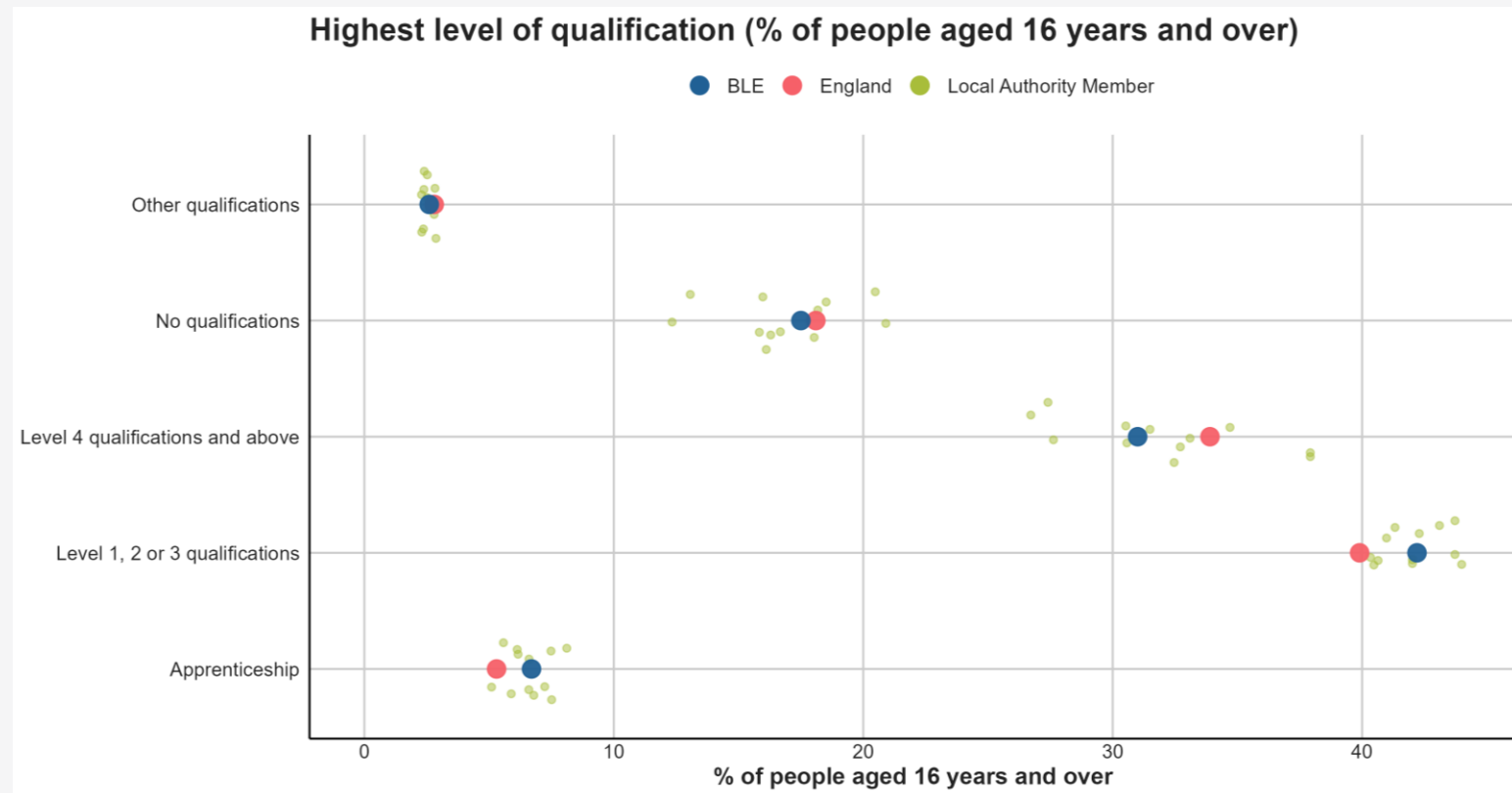
Category	BLE	England
Part-time: 15 hours or less worked	11	10.3
Part-time: 16 to 30 hours worked	21.3	19.5
Full-time: 31 to 48 hours worked	55.6	59.1
Full-time: 49 or more hours worked	12.1	11.1

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Highest level of qualification % people aged 16 years and over

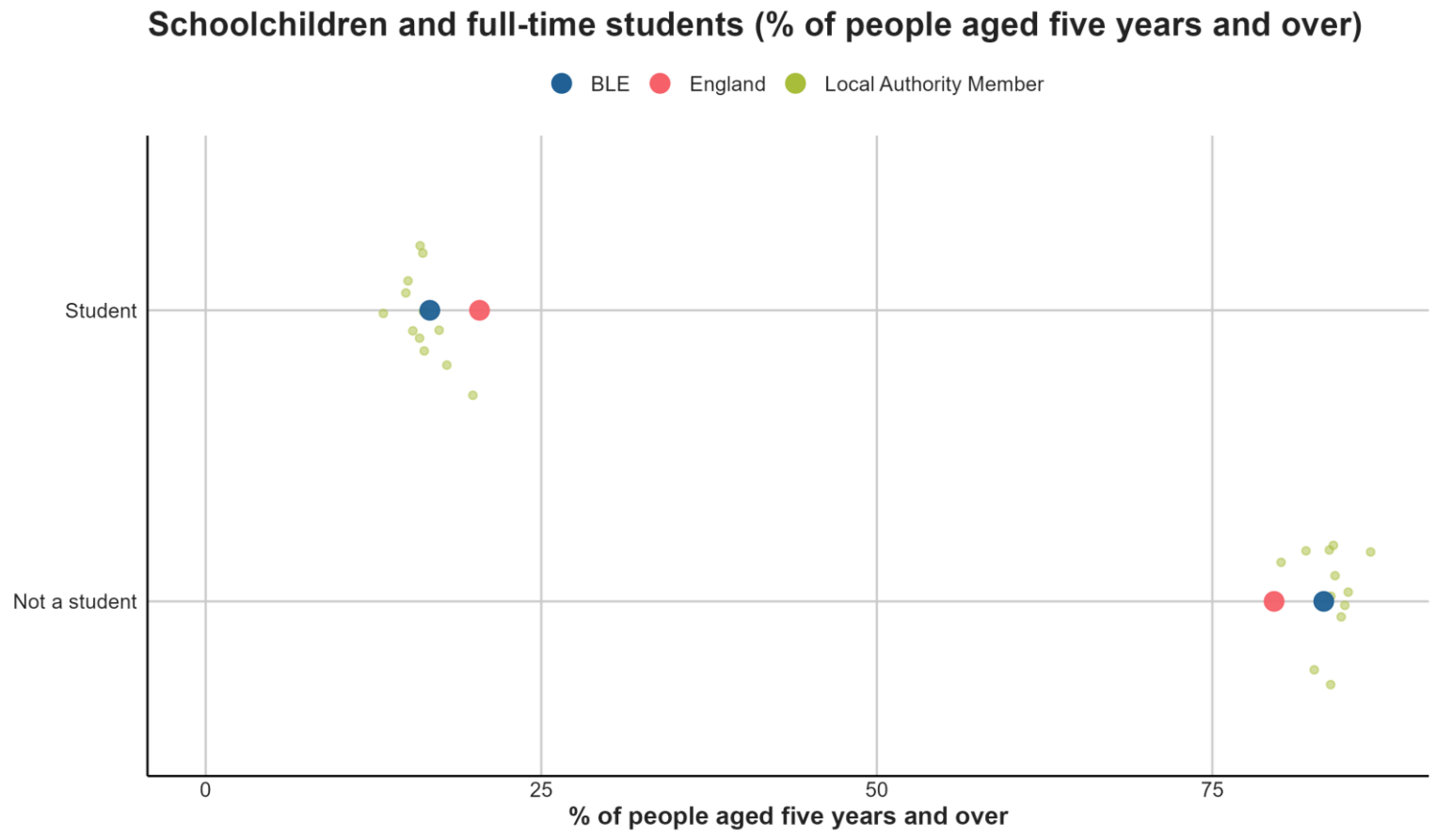
Category	BLE	England
No qualifications	17.5	18.1
Level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications	42.2	39.9
Apprenticeship	6.7	5.3
Level 4 qualifications and above	31	33.9
Other qualifications	2.6	2.8



Schoolchildren and full-time students

% people aged five years and over

Category	BLE	England
Student	16.7	20.4
Not a student	83.3	79.6

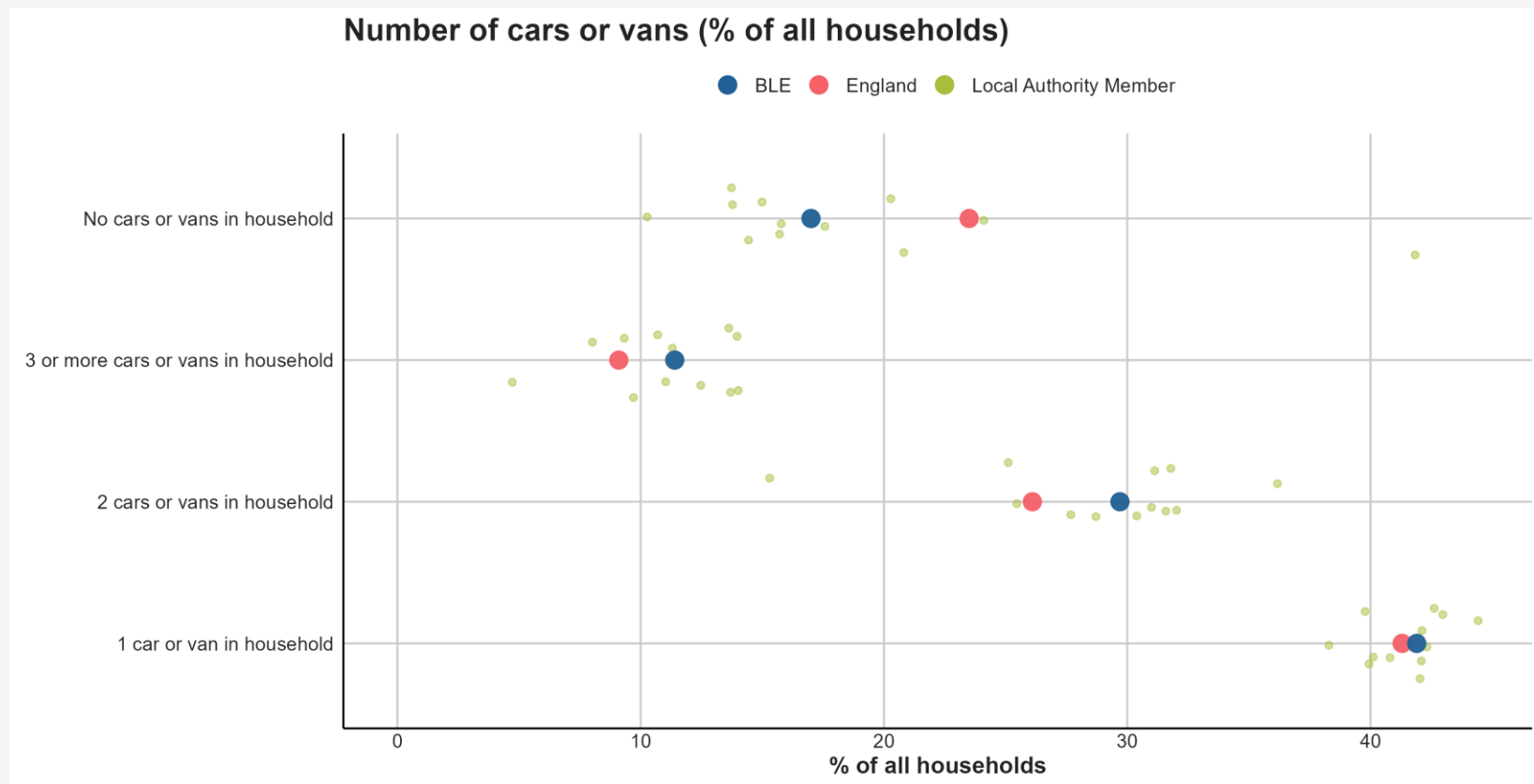


Travel and Transport



Number of cars or vans by % of all households

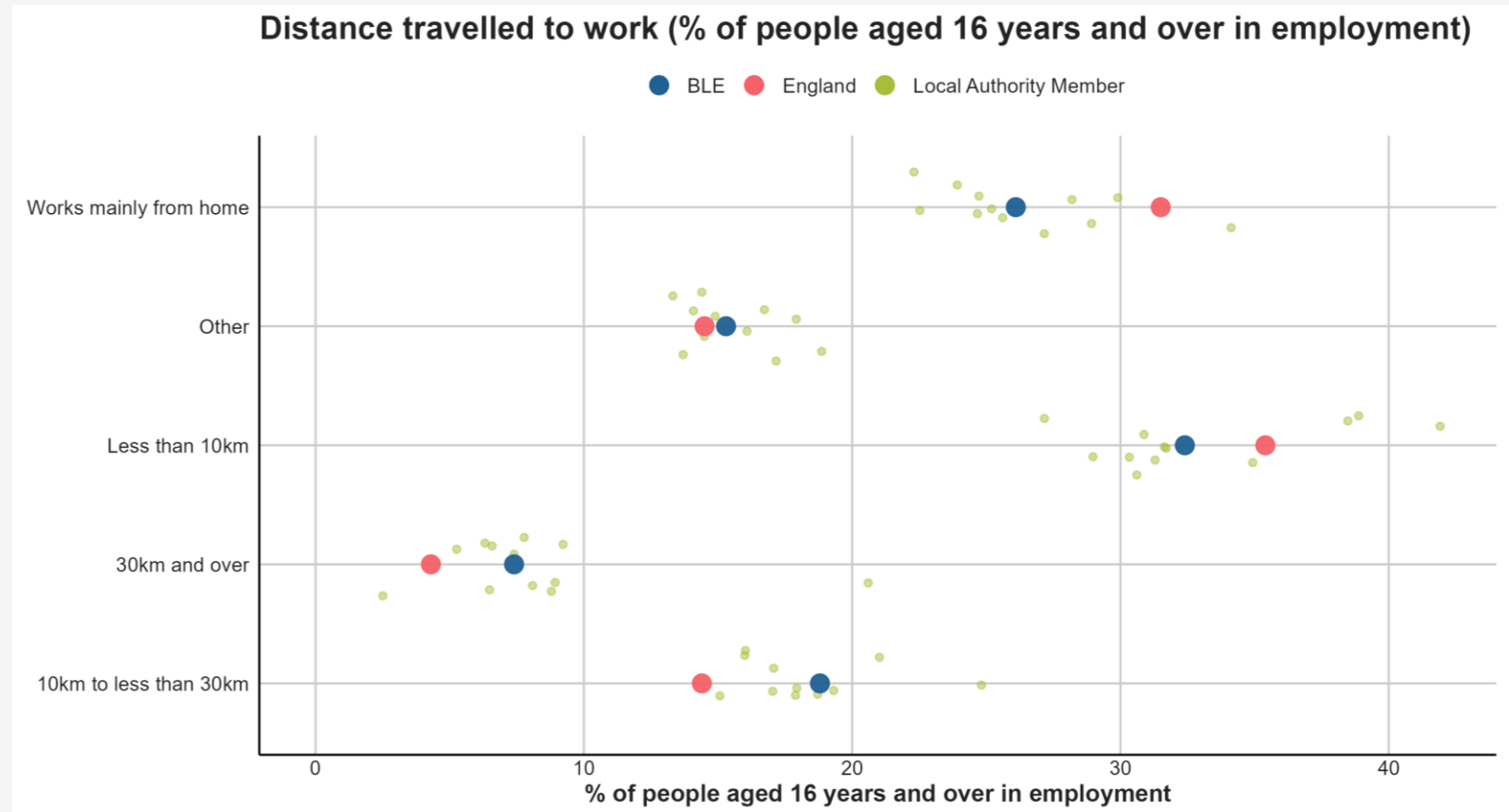
Category	BLE	England
No cars or vans in household	17	23.5
1 car or van in household	41.9	41.3
2 cars or vans in household	29.7	26.1
3 or more cars or vans in household	11.4	9.1



Distance travelled to work % of people aged 16 years and over in employment

Category	BLE	England
Less than 10km	32.4	35.4
10km to less than 30km	18.8	14.4
30km and over	7.4	4.3
Works mainly from home	26.1	31.5
Other	15.3	14.5

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Method of travel to workplace

% of people aged 16 years and over in employment

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Labour Market



UK Business Counts, 2023

Number of Enterprises that were live March 2023 by SIC2007 industry section

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Industry	BLE	England	BLE %
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	25,415	92,065	27.6
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1,210	7,140	16.9
B Mining and quarrying	120	875	13.7
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	510	4,390	11.6
I Accommodation and food service activities	13,230	145,800	9.1
C Manufacturing	8,935	116,505	7.7
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	520	7,590	6.9
F Construction	22,005	329,920	6.7
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,010	63,690	6.3
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	21,825	350,265	6.2
S Other service activities	5,700	95,905	5.9
L Real estate activities	5,795	101,765	5.7
P Education	2,405	43,000	5.6
N Administrative and support service activities	11,170	202,520	5.5
Q Human health and social work activities	5,070	95,125	5.3
K Financial and insurance activities	2,835	53,475	5.3
H Transportation and storage	5,575	113,500	4.9
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	18,235	373,195	4.9
J Information and communication	5,710	173,385	3.3
T Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods-and services-producing activities of households for own use	0	0	0.0
U Activities of extraterritorial organisations and bodies	0	5	0.0

Regional GVA(B) by Industry by ITL3, 2022

** Incl. Leicestershire CC and Rutland

SIC07 Industry		Current Price Estimates £ million		
		BLE **	England	% BLE
AB (1-9)	Agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying	4,742	16,323	29.1
C (10-33)	Manufacturing	17,495	176,148	9.9
I (55-56)	Accommodation and food service activities	5,478	60,892	9.0
T (97-98)	Activities of households	214	2,686	8.0
O (84)	Public administration and defence	6,629	92,904	7.1
DE (35-39)	Electricity, gas, water; sewerage and waste management	2,763	39,120	7.1
L (68)	Real estate activities	17,027	248,169	6.9
F (41-43)	Construction	8,038	120,684	6.7
S (94-96)	Other service activities	2,224	33,700	6.6
G (45-47)	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	11,968	204,611	5.8
Q (86-88)	Human health and social work activities	8,384	144,577	5.8
P (85)	Education	6,715	115,914	5.8
H (49-53)	Transportation and storage	4,006	69,502	5.8
R (90-93)	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,182	27,512	4.3
N (77-82)	Administrative and support service activities	3,940	102,136	3.9
M (69-75)	Professional, scientific and technical activities	5,960	168,481	3.5
J (58-63)	Information and communication	2,454	136,202	1.8
K (64-66)	Financial and insurance activities	2,108	180,704	1.2
Total	All industries	111,328	1,940,267	5.7

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Q (86-88)	Human health and social work activities	7,481	144,577	5.2
F (41-43)	Construction	6,207	120,684	5.1
G (45-47)	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	9,580	204,611	4.7
P (85)	Education	5,360	115,914	4.6
R (90-93)	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,005	27,512	3.7
H (49-53)	Transportation and storage	2,421	69,502	3.5
N (77-82)	Administrative and support service activities	3,078	102,136	3.0
M (69-75)	Professional, scientific and technical activities	4,291	168,481	2.5
J (58-63)	Information and communication	1,638	136,202	1.2
K (64-66)	Financial and insurance activities	1,594	180,704	0.9
Total	All industries	89,757	1,940,267	4.6

Environmental Value Added



Standard Area Measurements (hectares), 2022

Area Type	Britain's Leading Edge	England	BLE %
Total Extent	3,228,092	13,292,996	24.3
Area of Inland Water	8,036	15,188	52.9

[Standard Area Measurements \(Latest\) for Administrative Areas in the United Kingdom \(V2\) | Open Geography Portal \(statistics.gov.uk\)](#)

Woodland area (hectares), 2020

Area Type	BLE	England	BLE %
Standard Area	3,162,593	13,031,049	24.3
Woodland Area	295,549	1,319,528	22.4
% Woodland	9.3	10.1	

Source: Woodland Area Local Authority, 2020 - Forest Research

Local Authority District (2020)	Woodland area as a proportion of standard area
Carlisle	18.76
Ryedale	15.08
Scarborough	14.35
Isle of Wight	13.67
South Lakeland	13.57
Dorset	12.17
Herefordshire, County of	11.69
Copeland	10.49
Cornwall	9.43
Shropshire	9.37
County Durham	8.61
Hambleton	7.35
Harrogate	7.29
Allerdale	6.89
Rutland	6.64
Eden	6.19
Selby	6.12
Richmondshire	5.32
Craven	4.79
East Riding of Yorkshire	3.93
Isles of Scilly	3.31
Barrow-in-Furness	3.22

Renewable electricity by local authority, 2022

Type	Number of Installations			Installed Capacity (MW)			Renewable electricity generation (MWh)		
	BLE	England	BLE %	BLE	England	BLE %	BLE	England	BLE %
Anaerobic digestion	143	503	28	82	467	18	418,602	1,725,257	24
Animal biomass	-	5	-	-	117	0	-	-	-
Cofiring	-	1	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
Hydro	144	371	39	13	43	29	40,378	102,298	39
Landfill gas	37	364	10	66	877	8	73,426	1,487,864	5
Municipal solid waste	3	60	5	64	1,367	5	-	-	-
Offshore wind	2	34	6	539	11,038	5	-	7,879,740	-
Onshore wind	1,335	4,218	32	874	3,074	28	1,874,020	6,772,809	28
Photovoltaics	101,751	1,016,386	10	1,784	12,494	14	1,614,406	11,461,148	14
Plant biomass	70	297	24	2,769	4,107	67	11,382,469	12,823,584	89
Sewage gas	17	170	10	4	247	2	9,287	132,280	7
Wave/Tidal	-	1	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
Total	103,502	1,022,410	10	6,195	33,831	18	15,412,589	42,384,980	36