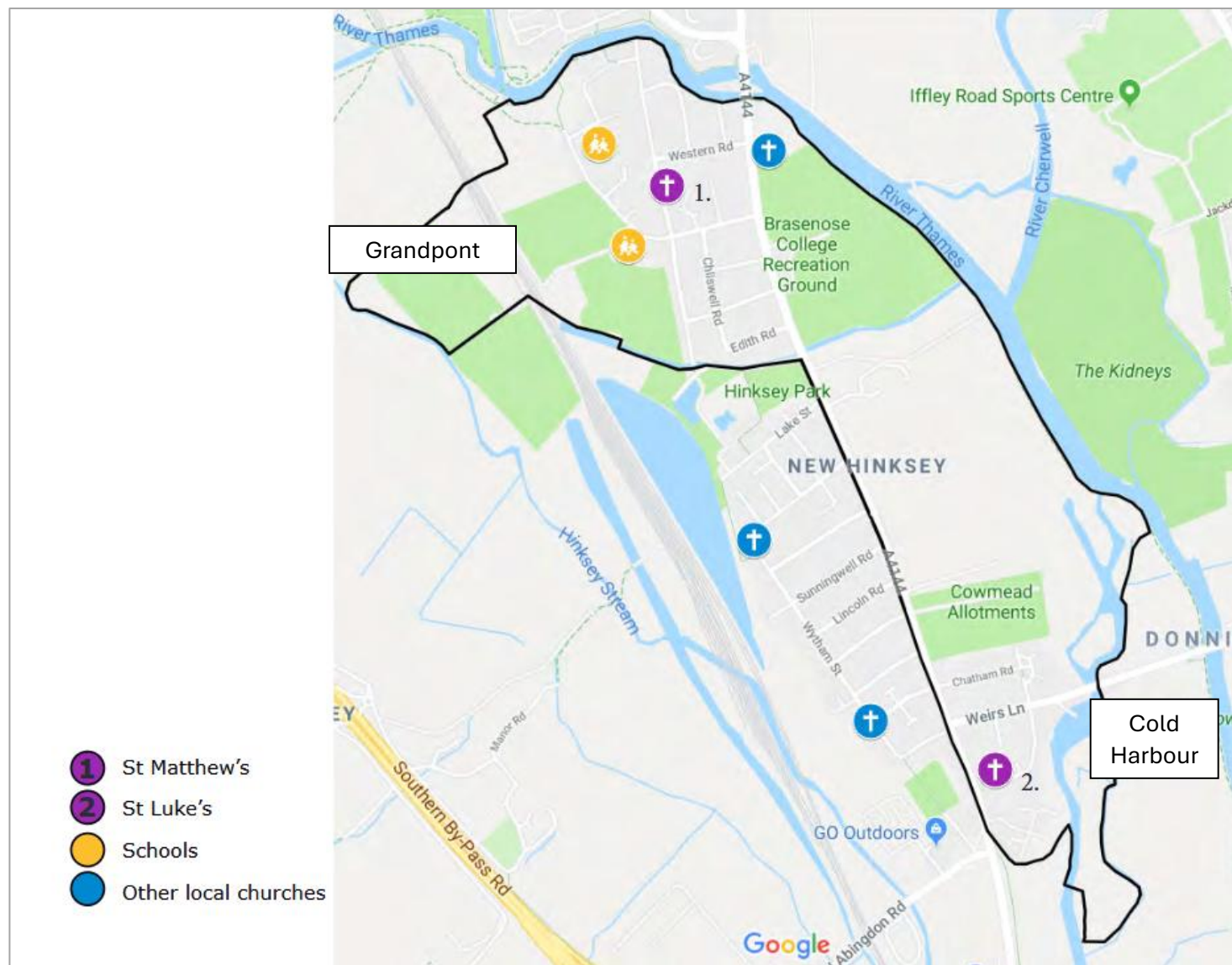


Analysis of the
1939 Register
for Grandpont and Cold Harbour, South Oxford

Ted Heaslip, October 2025



Grandpont:

Folly Bridge
 The Towing Path
 Marlborough Road
 Cobden Crescent
 Jubilee Terrace
 Buckingham Street
 Brook Street
 Western Road
 Whitehouse Road
 Chilswell Road
 Kinton Road
 Newton Road
 Edith Road
 Abingdon Road (up to and incl. no. 118)

Cold Harbour:

Abingdon Road (251 and odd nos. beyond)
 Pitt Road (now Chatham Road)
 Fox Crescent
 Weirs Lane
 Peel Place
 Canning Crescent

The graphs and other information on the following pages have been compiled from the 1939 Register, which was taken on 29 September 1939, four weeks after the outbreak of the Second World War. It recorded, street by street and property by property, people's addresses, their full names and dates of birth, their gender, marital status, occupation, and any war work that they were undertaking. An example is given overleaf.

The information was used to produce identity cards and, once rationing was introduced in January 1940, to issue ration books. The register was updated for many years afterwards (for example with women's married names), and it formed the basis of the NHS registration system.

For data protection reasons, records for people born less than a hundred years ago and still alive were redacted when the register was made publicly available in 2015, and in some cases this redaction has not yet been removed, even if those people have since died. Hence the data presented here are not complete. About 17% of the records are still redacted; all of these would have been children at the time. Men who were in the armed forces, or in the reserves, were absent, as they had already been called up by the time the register was taken on 29 September.

In order to carry out the analysis, a complete transcription of every record in all 19 streets in Grandpont and Cold Harbour (totalling just over 3,000 records) was made by Jo Price and Ted Heaslip. These were put into an Excel spreadsheet, and the data then analysed by Ted Heaslip according to a wide range of criteria.

This work was carried out as part of the [*24 Men of Grandpont and Cold Harbour 1939-45*](#) community history project in 2025.

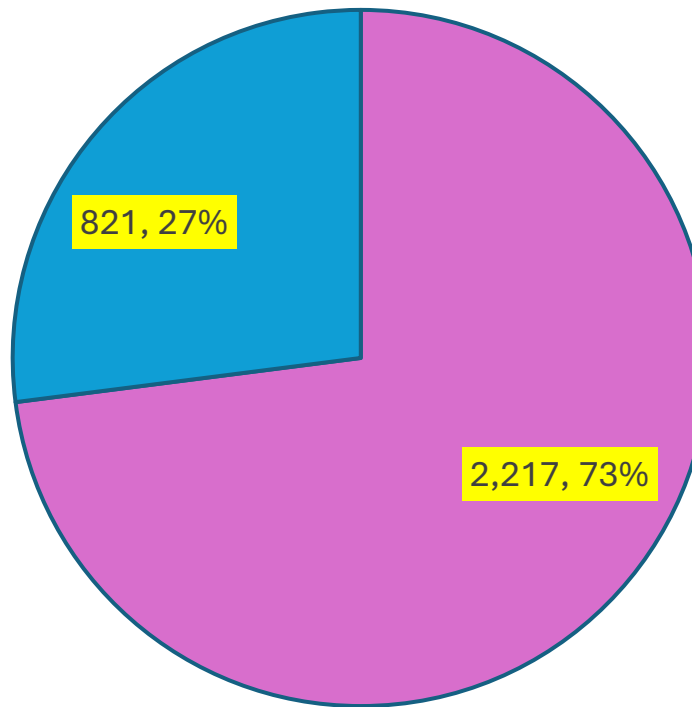
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ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.	SURNAMES AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or I.	M. or E.	BIRTH.	S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
	No. Sub. No.		5	6	Day. Year.	8 9	10
248 Marlborough Rd	312	2 BRINDLEY Albert E.	-	M	3 Jan 13	S	Coach Turner
250 ditto	313	1 TIMMS Edward	-	M	27 Feb 86	M	Postman - Non-deliv. boats
		2 TIMMS Elizabeth	-	F	31 Mar 84	M	Unpaid domestic duties
252 ditto	314	1 UNDERWOOD William A.	-	M	27 Jan 03	M	Milk Roundman
		2 UNDERWOOD Eileen R.	-	F	14 Dec 10	M	Unpaid domestic duties
		3 UNDERWOOD Kenneth J.	-	M	28 Aug 31	S	At School
		4 UNDERWOOD Malcolm H.	-	M	26 Jan 37	S	Under School Age
This record is officially closed.							
256 ditto	315	6 TOMLINE Eileen A.	-	F	21 Aug 18	M	Unpaid domestic duties
		1 FRANKLIN John	-	M	16 Oct 11	M	Painter, Decorator & Brickwork
		2 FRANKLIN Ellen C.	-	F	19 Oct 13	M	Unpaid domestic duties
258 ditto	316	1 BROOKES Michael T.	-	M	3 Dec 84	M	Clerk - Civil Service from Dept. of Health
		2 BROOKES Ellen S.	-	F	21 Apr 89	M	Unpaid domestic duties
		3 BROOKES Marjorie J.	-	F	6 Apr 16	S	Clerk - Profit & Loss Grocery
		4 BROOKES Zena E.	-	F	16 Jan 20	S	Factory Hand - Jam Manufactory
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260 ditto	317	7 BROOKES Michael G.	-	M	28 Aug 31	S	At School
		1 BANNISTER Amos	-	M	2 May 74	M	Baker
		2 BANNISTER Hannah	-	F	11 Apr 80	M	Unpaid domestic duties
262 ditto	318	1 HORWOOD Sidney	-	M	31 Aug 91	M	Shunter - G. & R.
		2 HORWOOD Emily M.	-	F	13 Jan 94	M	Unpaid domestic duties
		3 HORWOOD Joan E.M.	-	F	4 Apr 20	S	Photography Assistant
This record is officially closed.							
264 ditto	319	5 HORWOOD William P.	-	M	14 Feb 20	S	At School
		1 WALTON Edgar F.	-	M	19 Feb 03	M	Railway Signaller
		2 WALTON Lillian E.K.	-	F	15 Feb 05	M	Unpaid domestic duties
		3 WALTON Joy	-	F	11 Nov 28	S	At School
This record is officially closed.							
266 ditto	320	1 CROOK Lily F.	-	F	10 Apr 90	W	Superintendent of Public Conveyances - Oxford Corporation
		2 CROOK Ronald V.	-	M	15 Feb 20	S	Railway Locomotive Cleaner G.
		3 DRYVY Daisy F.	-	F	26 Feb 86	S	Cartwoman - Shop Cleaner
268 ditto	321	1 HEWER Florence M.	-	F	20 Mar 22	W	Domestic Worker
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		3 HEWER Kenneth	-	M	10 Mar 25	S	Telephone Messenger G.P.O.
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270	322	1 HAZELL Walter G.	-	M	20 Jan 71	M	Public Works Contractor Labourer
		2 HAZELL Nellie	-	F	11 Mar 72	M	Unpaid domestic duties
		3 HAZELL Walter S.C.	-	M	2 Nov 03	S	Radiator Assembler
X 116 Marlborough Rd	42	1 GREEN James F.	-	M	16 Sep 08	M	Contractors Assistant
		2 GREEN Kathleen E.	-	F	22 Oct 01	M	Unpaid domestic duties
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Sample page from the 1939 register showing the households at 248-270 Marlborough Road, Grandpont.

Redacted records have a black line through them.

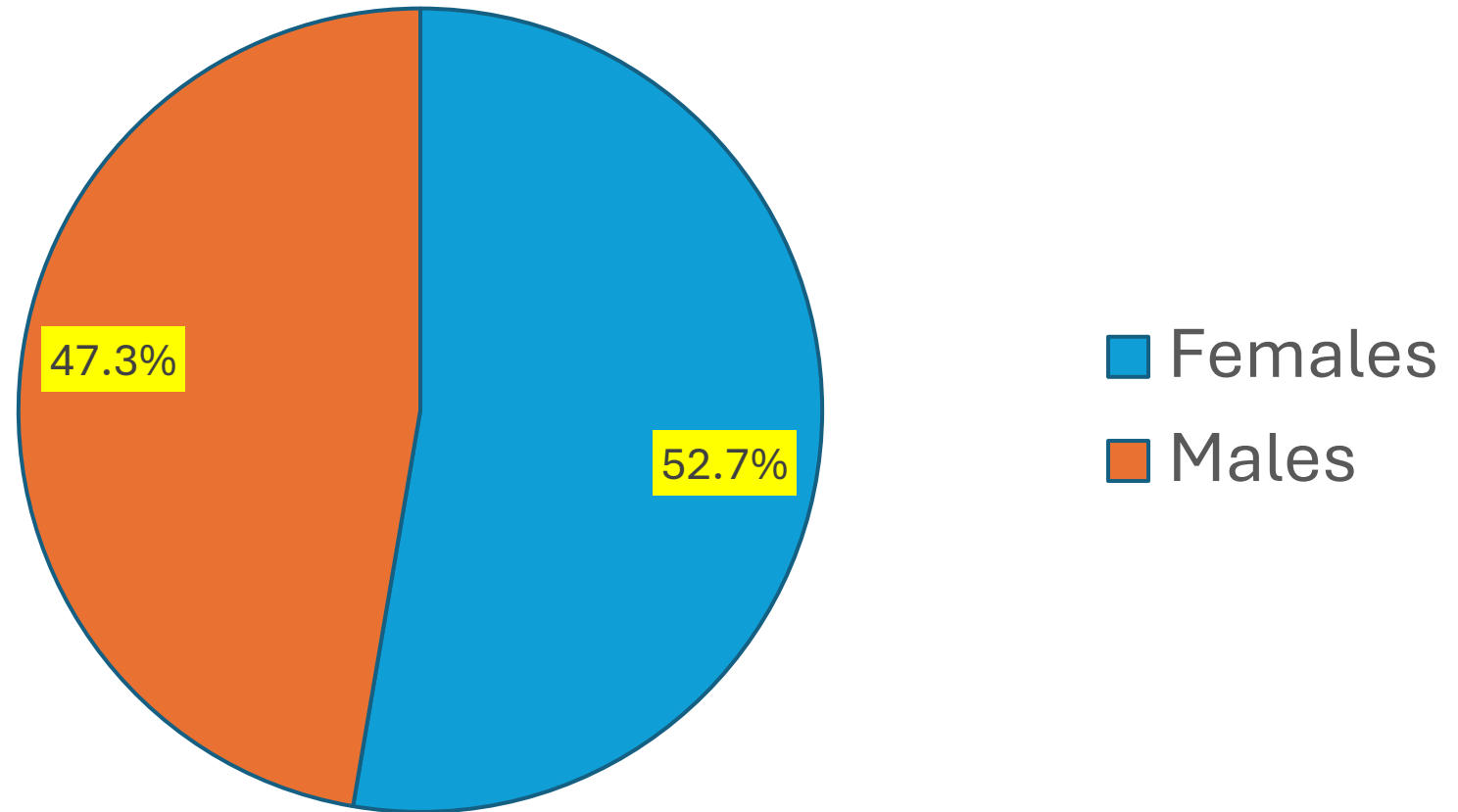
Population: 3,038 persons

(including redacted persons)

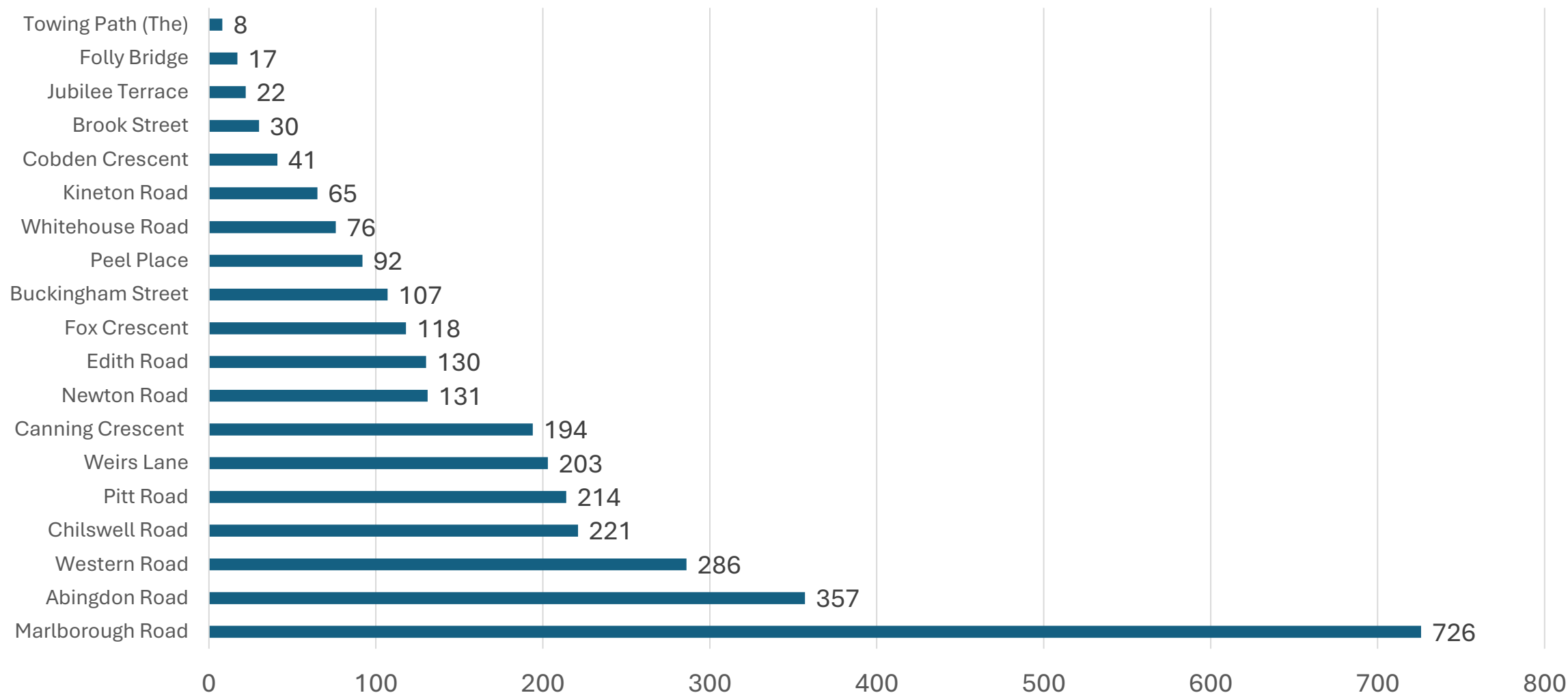


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Population by gender: females 53%, males 47%



Number of people living in each road



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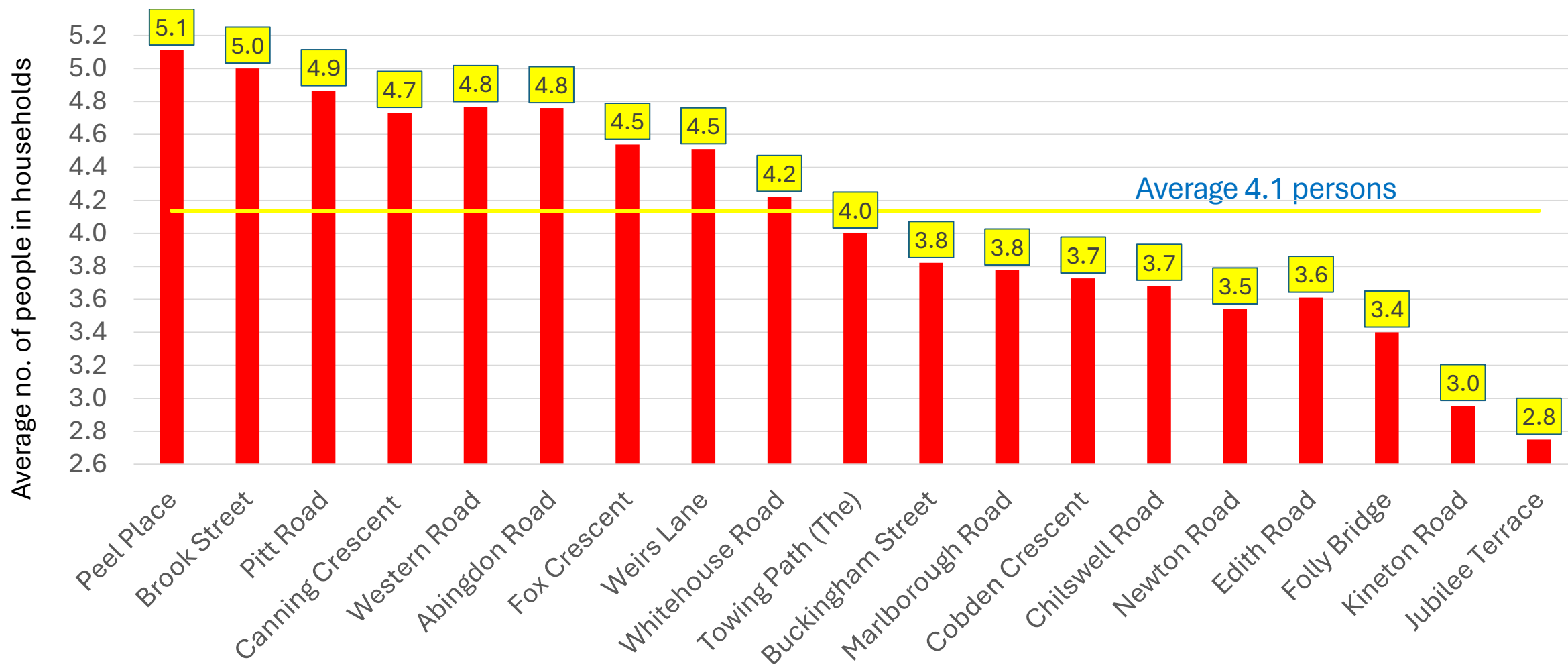
No. of people

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Average number of people in the household

Note the higher average sizes in Cold Harbour.

In Grandpont, Jubilee Terrace and Kinton Road had older populations, with more widows, a lower percentage of women, and fewer children.



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Distribution of household sizes

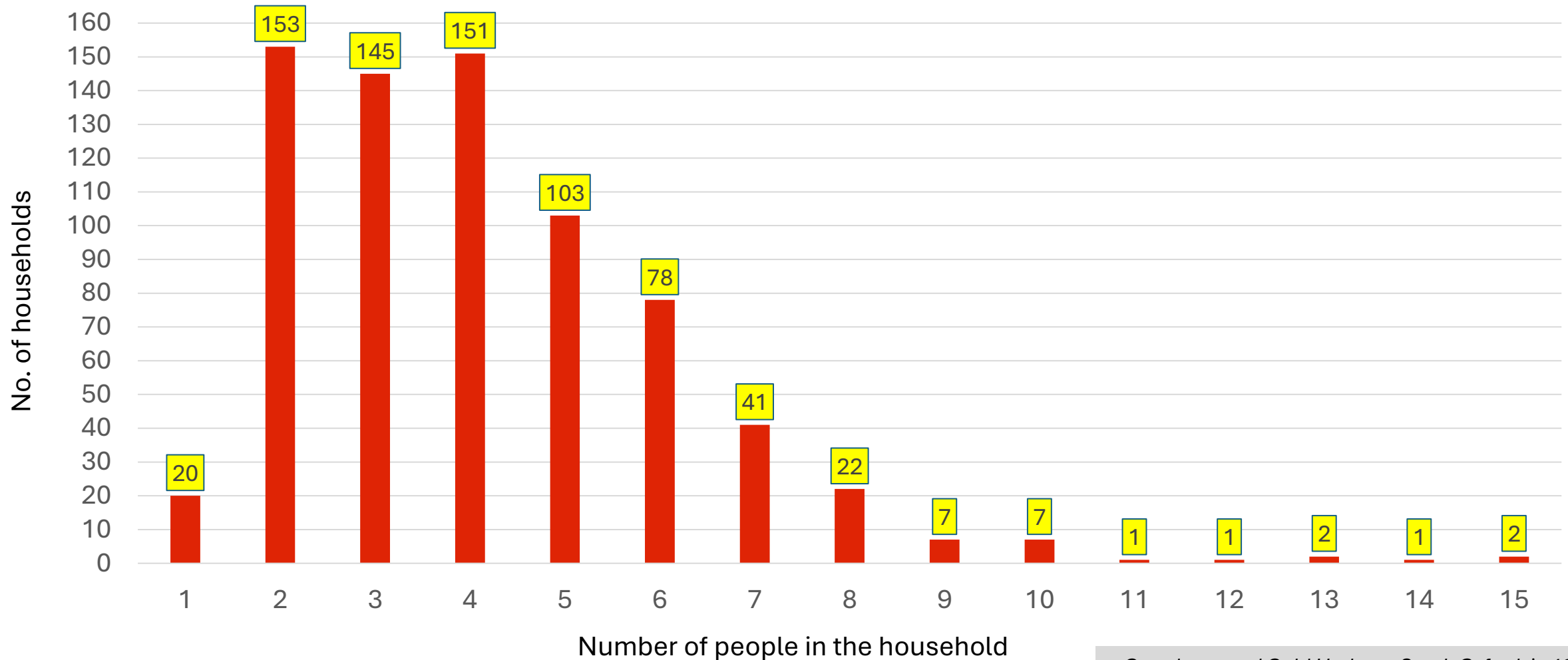
Few people lived alone; household sizes of 2 to 4 comprised 60% of the total.

15 members of the Martin family lived at 102 Marlborough Road. There were 15 people at 4-6 Abingdon Road, of which 13 were shop assistants.

14 people at 2 Abingdon Road, including a family of 8: a dancer, musician, engineer and plasterers.

12 people at 112 Abingdon Road, including a family of 5: a lecturer, headmaster and three students.

10 members of the Morgan family at 15 Western Road; and 10 members of the Nash family at 28 Western Road.



Houses in single occupancy

12 of these 20 households were occupied by widows or widowers; 2 were occupied by single people. In the 5 cases where the occupant was married, their partner may simply have been staying elsewhere on the night that the register was taken. There is one curious case at 43 Western Road, where a redacted child is unaccompanied by adults.

<u>Detail</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>M/W/S</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Marlborough Road	12	Kettle	Ernest W	M	30	Corporation Painter	With Lily Kettle in 1938; neither are there in 1946
Marlborough Road	17	Williams	Annie	W	77	UDD	With Thomas Williams in 1938; neither are there in 1946
Marlborough Road	19	King	Martha	M	67	Midwife Retired	Single occupancy since 1936, and in 1946
Marlborough Road	56	Grundy	Maud P	M	29	Drapery Shop Assistant	Living with Ronald Grundy in 1946 and Rowland Smart
Marlborough Road	134	Pollard	Lydia EB	S	54	Shorthand Typist retired	With Samuel Pollard since 1936; living with another couple in 1946, Samuel is no longer there
Cobden Crescent	11	Harris	Charles J	W	78	College Boatman Retired	Single occupancy since 1936 and in 1946
Jubilee Terrace	7	Austin	Martha	W	61	Office Cleaner	No data for Jubilee Terrace
Western Road	3	Keen	Edward	W	76	Retired Tailor and Outfitter	Single occupancy since 1936; he is living in 1946 with Russell Ball
Western Road	32	Corner	Mary C M	W	57	UDD	Living with Caroline Harris since 1936. Mary is still in single occupation in 1946
Western Road	43	Redacted		R			This is curious, why a redacted child is recorded as living alone.
Western Road	36A	Grain	Mary A R	W	71	UDD	Living alone since 1937.
Whitehouse Road	37	Barrett	Marie	S	55	Dressmaker	Living with Rose Wallis since 1936, but not in 1946
Chilswell Road	3	James	Lily P	W	65	UDD	Living with Reginald James since 1936, but Reginald is not there any more in 1946
Chilswell Road	6	Pumfrey	Kathleen M	W	67	UDD	Living with husband Arthur Robert in 1936 and two children, Sylvia and Arthur John; in 1938 and 1946 only Arthur John remained with her
Chilswell Road	66	King	Ernest	M	48	Storekeeper's Clerk	Living with Norah King since 1936 and in 1946, so Norah was probably just not at home when the census was done.
Newton Road	14	Haggis	Alice J	W	65	UDD	Single occupancy since 1936 and in 1946
Edith Road	9	Bell	Florence H	W	67	UDD	Single occupancy since 1936 but not there in 1946
Edith Road	28	Whiting	Mary A	W	68	UDD	Living with Vernon Whiting in 1936, single occupancy since 1937; took in another couple in 1946
Abingdon Road	106	McNair	Mary A	W	72	UDD	Living with Samuel McNair in 1936, but Samuel does not appear after 1936. She was not there in 1946, so may have died during the war?
Pitt Road	28	King	Annie K	M	42	Domestic	
Average age					60		

No. = house number

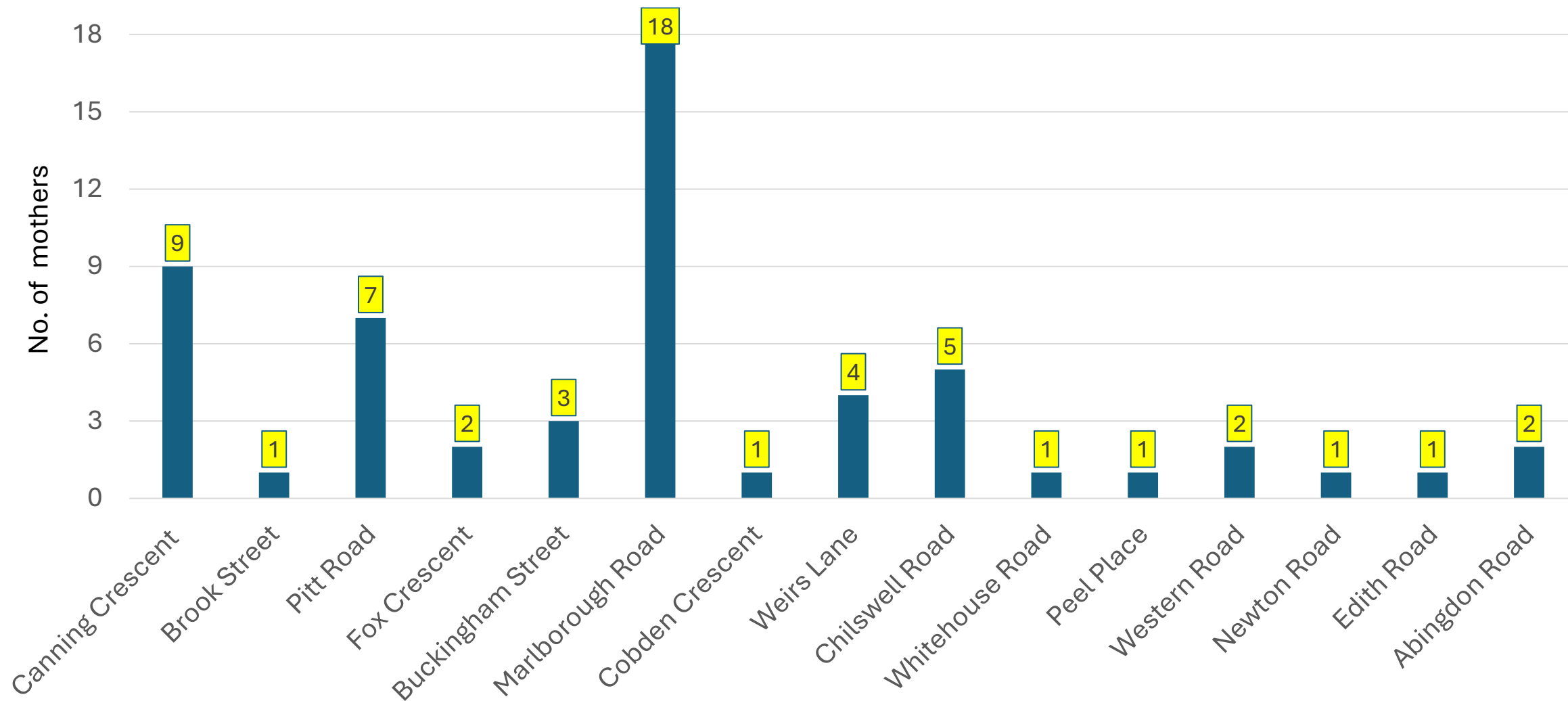
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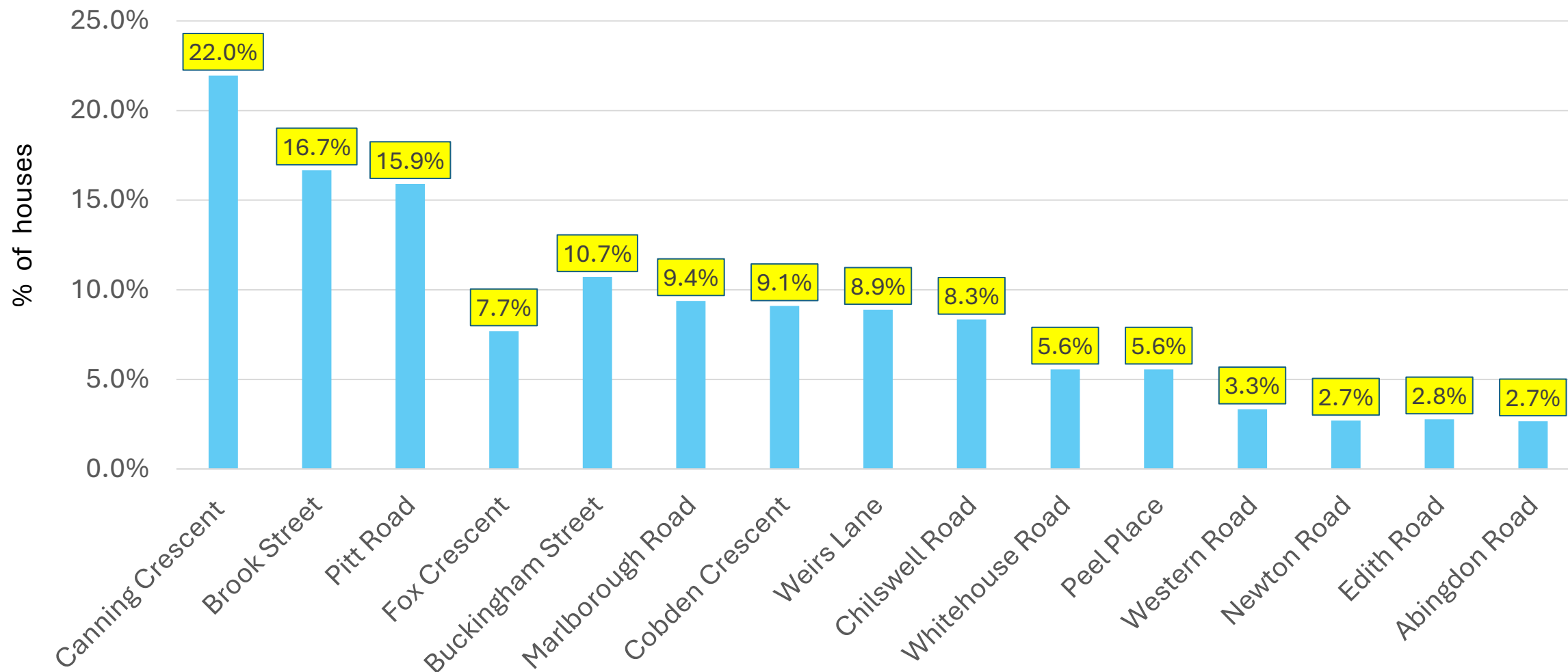
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Percentage of mothers whose husbands were not present



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Mothers whose husbands were not present (1)

<u>Road</u>	<u>Ho</u>	<u>Ch</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Marlborough Road	5	1	R	Sussex	Hilda M	40	D	Hilda, Daily Domestic, is divorced, but employed. There is a young married couple in the household without children
Marlborough Road	6	2	R	Temple	Roma J	30	M	The mother, UDD, is married. Father probably at war
Marlborough Road	6	1	4	Davis	Muriel G	28	M	The mother, UDD, is married. Father probably at war
Marlborough Road	4	1	R	Grantham	Lydia A	26	M	There is a 54-year-old widow in the household, who might help with the child. Mother is UDD.
Marlborough Road	5	3	2,R,R	Cooper	Mary	26	M	There is a 78-year-old widow in the household, who might help with the child. Mother is UDD.
Marlborough Road	2	1	R	Badnell	Frances E	22	M	Although married, UDD, lives alone with the child
Marlborough Road	7	1	R	Gillespie	Marion F	22	M	Mother is a Domestic. 5 different names in the household of 7.
Marlborough Road	6	1	6	Horn	Rosina I	33	M	Mother is UDD. There is a young married couple in the household with their own child, and otherwise a single, employed male
Cobden Crescent	2	1	R	Wiltshire	Elsie M	35	M	Elsie is married, UDD, but lives on her own with the child. Father probably at war
Buckingham Street	6	2	12	Fowler	Bertha G M	34	M	Mother is UDD, two children, one at school, one redacted. Father probably at war
Brook Street	7	3	8,R,R	Busby	Doris M	35	M	Mother is UDD. Perhaps the old widowed lady, 82, helps out. Father probably at war
Chilswell Road	8	6	14,4,R,R,R,R	Collins	Sarah	40	M	40-year old mother, married, UDD, with 6 children (14 year old shop worker, 4 year old, and 4 redacted). Father probably at war
Chilswell Road	3	1	R	Flegg	Jessie L	34	M	30-year old mother, married, UDD, with child; her father, widowed, lives there too
Chilswell Road	8	2	R	Coombs	Clara E	28	M	28-year old, married, domestic servant. Father probably at war There is a 24 year-old in the household, employed as mother's help

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Mothers whose husbands were not present (2)

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Edith Road	4	3	6,5,R	Gray	Ivy F A	33	M	33-year old, UDD, with 3 children, 6, 5 and one redacted. Father probably at war
Abingdon Road	4	2	5,R	Henry	Brenda S	44	M	44-year old, married, UDD with 2 children, 5 and one redacted. Father probably at war
Canning Crescent	7	4	R,R,R,R	Theobald	Rosina	39	M	39-year old , UDD. Father probably at war; there is a further married couple in the household, so that the children might be theirs
Canning Crescent	5	2	R,R	Porter	Muriel	28	M	28-year old ,UDD. Father probably at war
Canning Crescent	3	2	R,R	Collins	Bertha	27	M	27-year old ,UDD. Father probably at war
Canning Crescent	5	4	14,R,R,R	Palmer	Ethel L	46	M	46-year old widow ,UDD.
Canning Crescent	7	2	R,R	Whittaker	Doris R	25	M	25-year old married ,UDD. Father probably at war
Canning Crescent	5	1	R	Brown	Martha	35	M	35-year old married ,UDD. Father probably at war
Fox Crescent	3	2	5,4	Archer	Florence C	27	M	27-year old , married, UDD, 2 children, 4 and 5 years old. Father probably at war
Fox Crescent	4	3	R	Scragg	Norah	25	M	27-year old , married, UDD, living on her own with 3 redacted children. Father probably at war
Peel Place	5	5	R	Miles	Alice	35	M	35-year old , married, UDD, 5 redacted children and a 12 year old at school , possibly evacuee. Father probably at war
Pitt Road	3	2	R	Gardner	Hilda M	30	M	30-year old , married, UDD, living on her own with 2 redacted children. Father probably at war
Pitt Road	7	1	5	Baker	Grace M	34	M	34-year old, married, unpaid domestic, 1 child. Father probably at war. There is another married couple with child in the household who can help out.
Pitt Road	6	1	R	Smith	Elsie V	34	M	34-year old, married,employed, 1 redacted child. Father probably at war. There is another married couple with child in the household who can help out.
Pitt Road	4	2	R	Tottingham	Gladys M	42	M	42-year old, married,UDD, 1 redacted child. Father probably at war.

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Mothers whose husbands were not present (3)

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Weirs Lane	6	1	R	Williams	Ivy E	27	M	27-year old, married,UDD, 1 redacted child. Father probably at war. There is another married couple in the household who can help out.
Weirs Lane	6	5	R	Mackenzie	Mabel L	30	M	30-year old, married,UDD, living on her own with 5 children. Father probably at war.
Weirs Lane	5	4	R	Bowler ?	Florence A	39	M	39-year old, married,UDD, living on her own with 4 children. Father probably at war.
Marlborough Road	6	1	R	Thomas	Maude A	59	S	The mother, Domestic House keeper, appears to be single, but it is not obvious whose child this is
Marlborough Road	6	1	1	Longman	Emily	47	S	Emily, Boxmaker-Hand, widowed mother, 73, lives in the household, as does her older married sister, Johanna, 47, UDD
Marlborough Road	5	1	R	Gillard	Gladys	40	S	Gladys' profession is not mentioned. She lives with an old married couple and a single woman, daily maid, aged 45.
Marlborough Road	5	1	2	Breakspear	Hilda	27	S	The grandmother, aged 60, looks after the child? It is unclear whether the child belongs to Hilda, Domestic Servant, or to her 17-year old sister, Linda
Marlborough Road	3	1	R	Young	Doris W	37	S	Doris, Shorthand Typist, lives with her mother, who looks after the child? Her mother, 68, is listed as single.
Western Road	6	3	R	Richardson	Ethel L	27	S	Mother, Domestic with 3 children. There is a registered foster-parent, Marjorie, 31 and single, living in the household, so I imagine she looks after the children
Western Road	5	2	R	Jeffrey	Jesse	66	S	Mother, UDD with 2 children. Unclear whose they are. There is a young waitress, 20, single, in the household and Jesse's older widowed sister, 70.
Abingdon Road	6	1	R	Benning	Audrey J	20	S	20-year old , single, clerk. Father probably at war. The head of the house is probably a 47-year old divorcee who takes in lodgers, since there are 5 separate names in the household of six.
Marlborough Road	7	2	R	Stevens	Dora R	50	W	Dora, Household Duties, is widowed
Marlborough Road	4	1	R	Cross	Ethel L	42	W	Ethel is widowed without employment
Marlborough Road	13	1	R	Clarke	Nora	69	W	Mother is a Morning Housemaid. Not obvious whose child this is. Widowed grandmother looks after the child?

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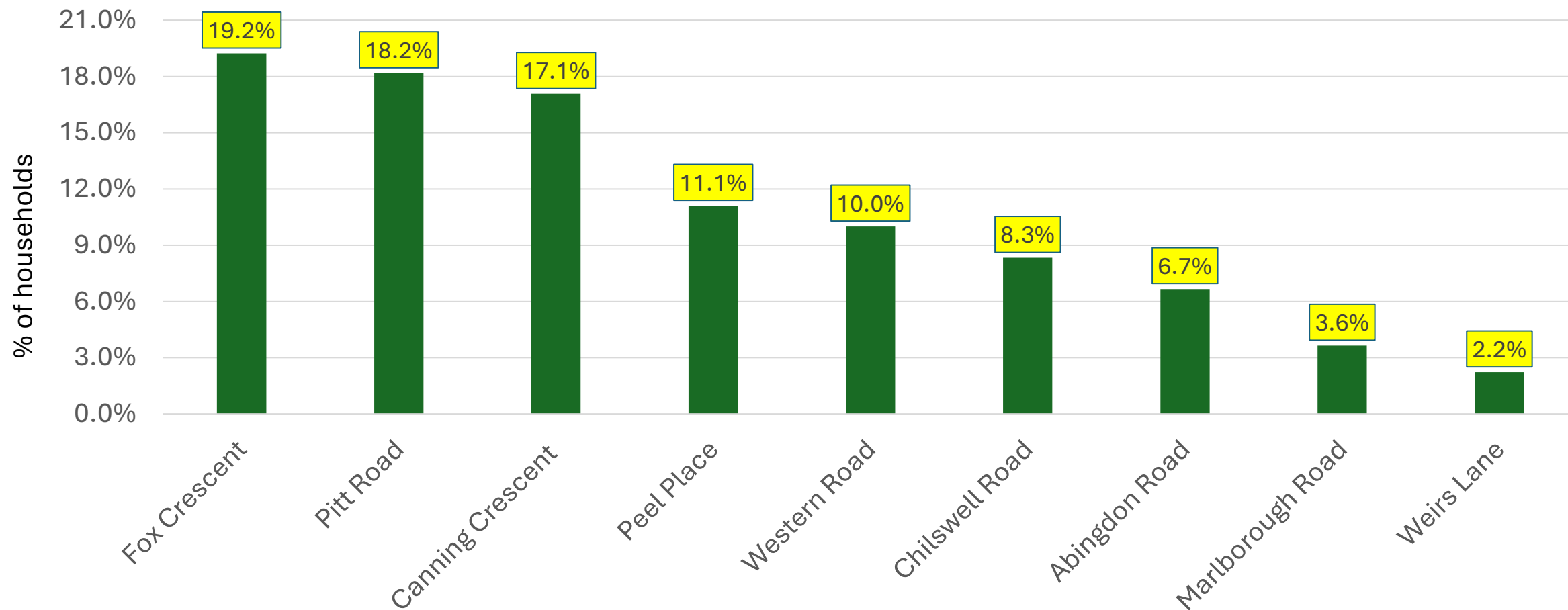
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Marlborough Road	4	1	R	Comley	Florence E	57	W	Mother is UDD. Widowed lady, aged 57 , but the child is 10. Otherwise she lives with her other daughters, 17 and 20 years old, both single.
Marlborough Road	5	2	R	Hewer	Florence M	55	W	Not clear who looks after the child since all have occupations. The mother is a domestic worker and perhaps brings the child to her workplace.
Buckingham Street	9	3	R	French	Winifred M	41	W	Mother, Household Duties, with 3 children. There are nine in the household, including 5 males, all employed
Buckingham Street	5	1	R	Shelley	Sarah A	53	W	There is another married couple in the household, young, with one child. The wife is UDD and perhaps helps to look after the children.
Whitehouse Road	6	1	R	Martin	Alice M	51	W	51 year old widow, UDD, with 3 children, 19, 16 and R.
Chilswell Road	2	1	R	Tideswell	Rosa	47	W	There are otherwise two elderly ladies of private means in the household
Chilswell Road	4	2	R	Symonds	Florence M	57	W	47-year old widow, newsvendor, with redacted child, living alone in the house. It is unclear who looks after the child.
Newton Road	8	4	R	Harris	Jane P	54	W	57-year old widow, UDD, with 3 children, 19, 15 and R. Perhaps there is state support; the 19-year old works for the Post Office
Canning Crescent	7	3	11,R,R	Lanighan	Arabella I	48	W	54-year old, widowed, UDD, with 4 children, one of whom is 25, shorthand typist, the other three redacted.
Canning Crescent	7	5	14,8,5,R,R	Sawyer	Alice B	39	W	48-year old widow , household duties. There are two adult children earning income for domestic duties
Canning Crescent	5	3	14,12,R	Cannon	Bessie	49	W	39-year old widow , UDD, state supported?
Pitt Road	4	3	12,8,R	Wakefield	Minnie J	49	W	49-year old widow ,UDD. 30-year-old son, Boat Repairer, single, lives at home.
Pitt Road	4	3	R	Simmonds	Elizabeth A	38	W	49-year old , widowed, UDD, living on her own with 3 children, 12, 8 and redacted.
Pitt Road	5	3	R	Boswell	Eliza	20	W	38-year old widow, UDD, living on her own with 3 children, 1 year old and two redacted
Weirs Lane	7	3	R	Harris	Nellie	49	W	20-year old, widowed, 3 children, unpaid domestic. Lives with her elder brother, single
								49-year old, widowed,UDD, 6 children, two of which are under 16.

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Percentage of households containing at least one child under 16 seemingly without their family

It is likely that these children were evacuees; almost all were schoolchildren with an average age of 11. Cold Harbour was well represented.



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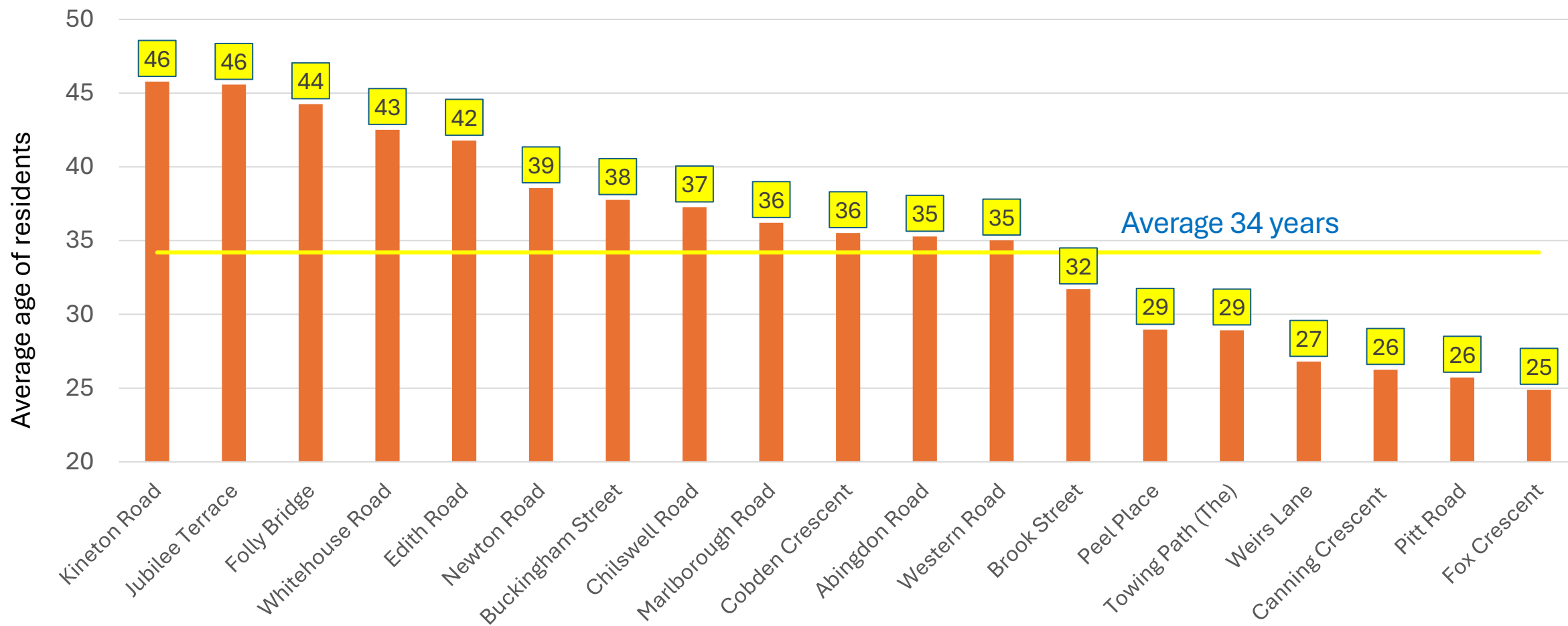
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Average age in years – how times have changed!

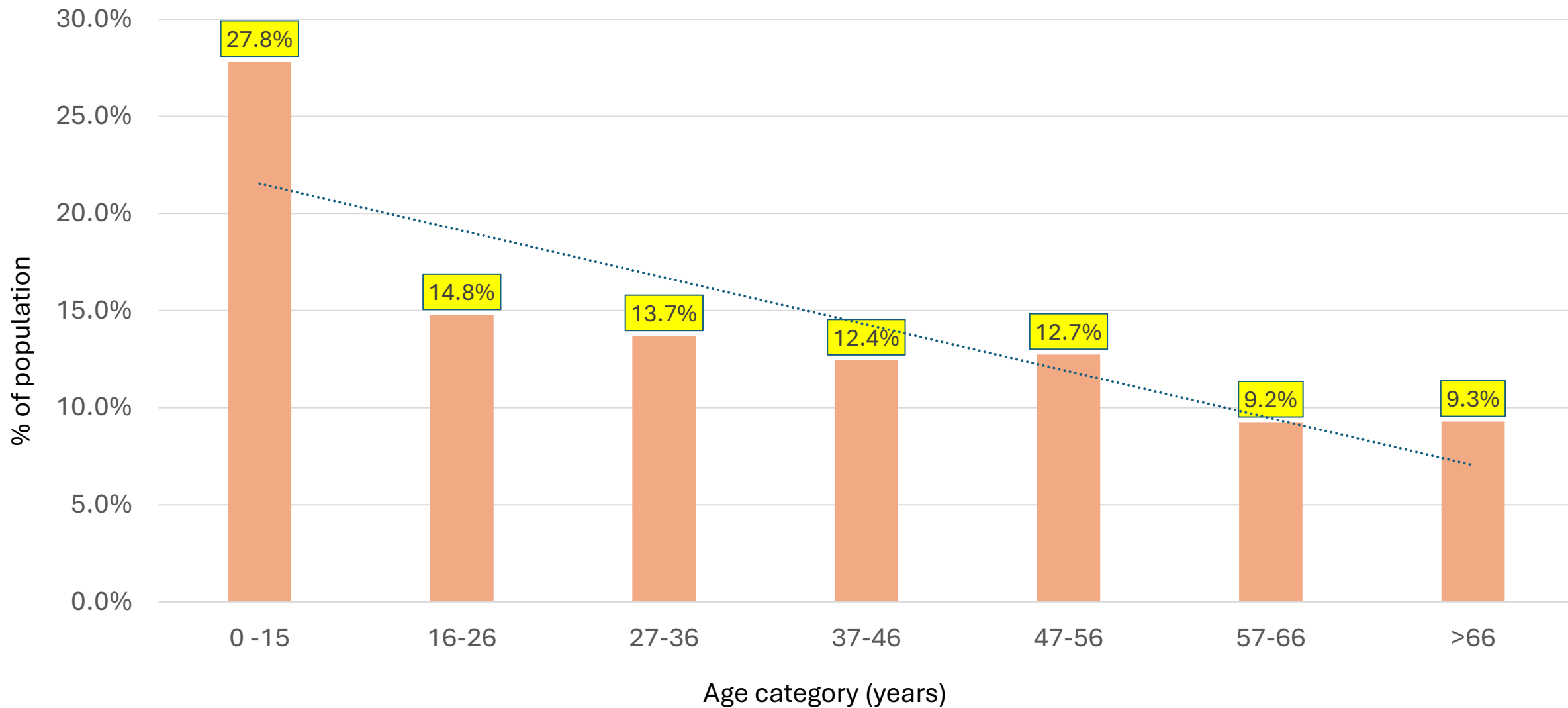
Households in Cold Harbour were on average much younger than in Grandpont, due to a higher proportion of children.

Kinton Road and Jubilee Terrace had older populations with far fewer children.

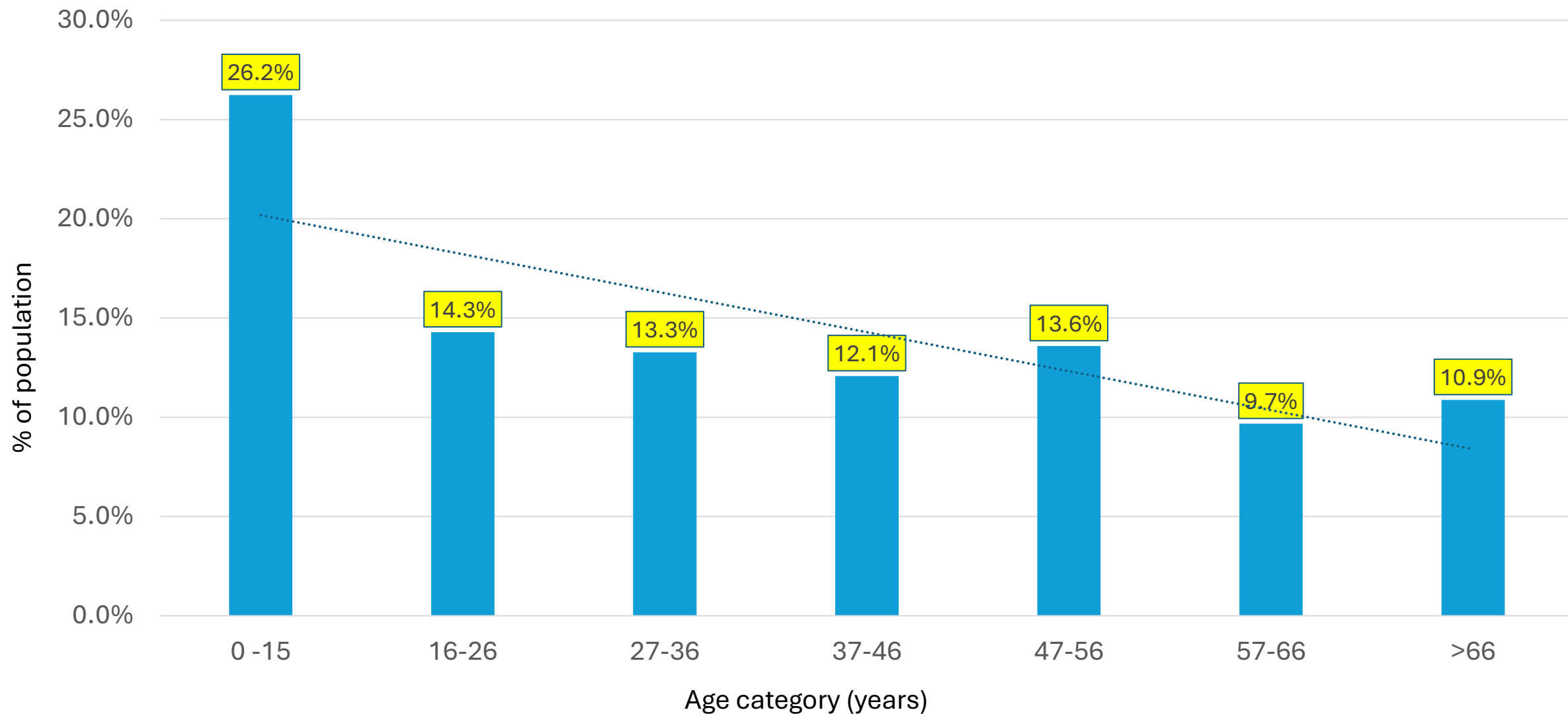
The Towing Path had just 2 families with 2 children each.



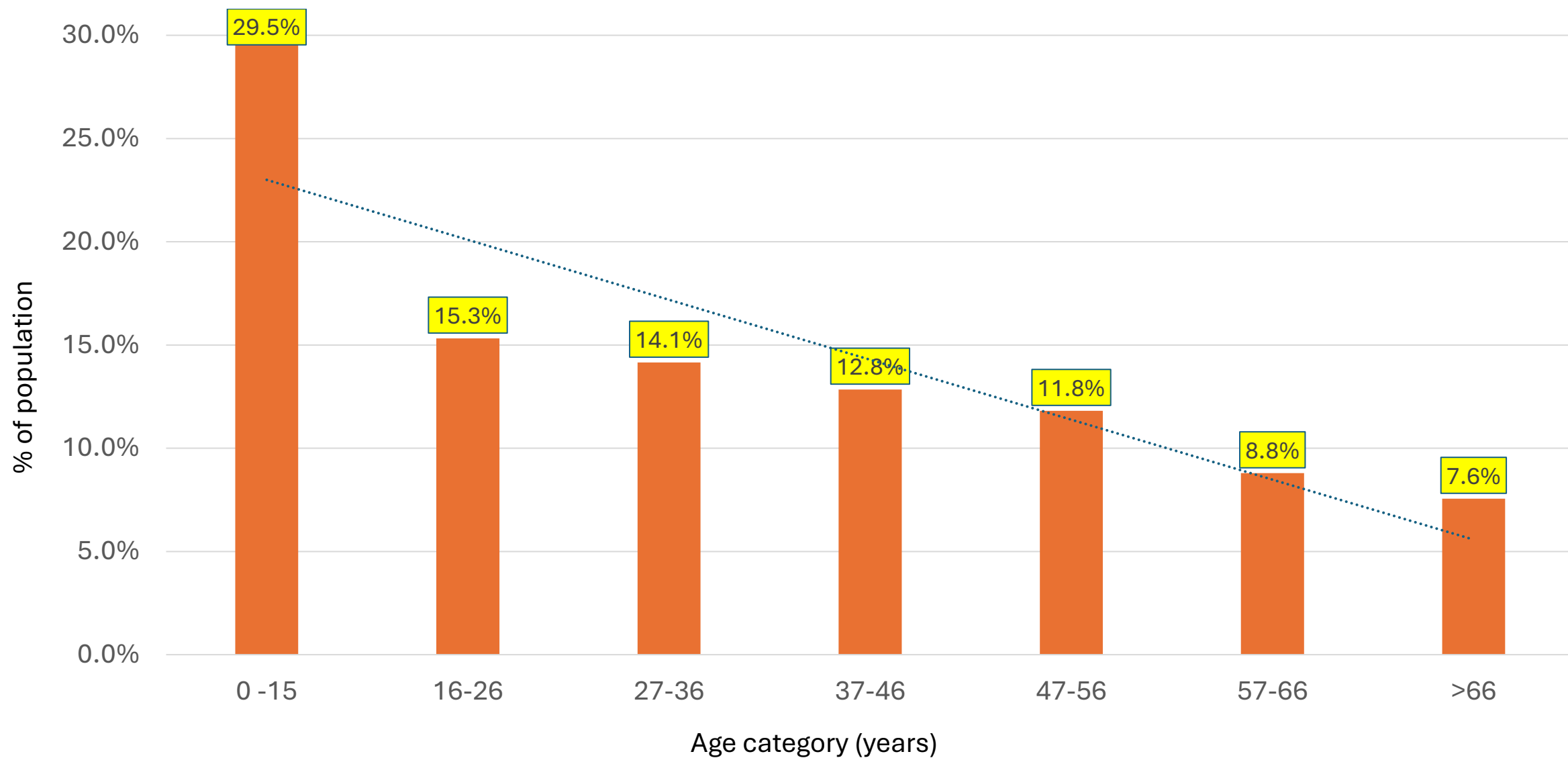
Age distribution in years



Age distribution in years - female

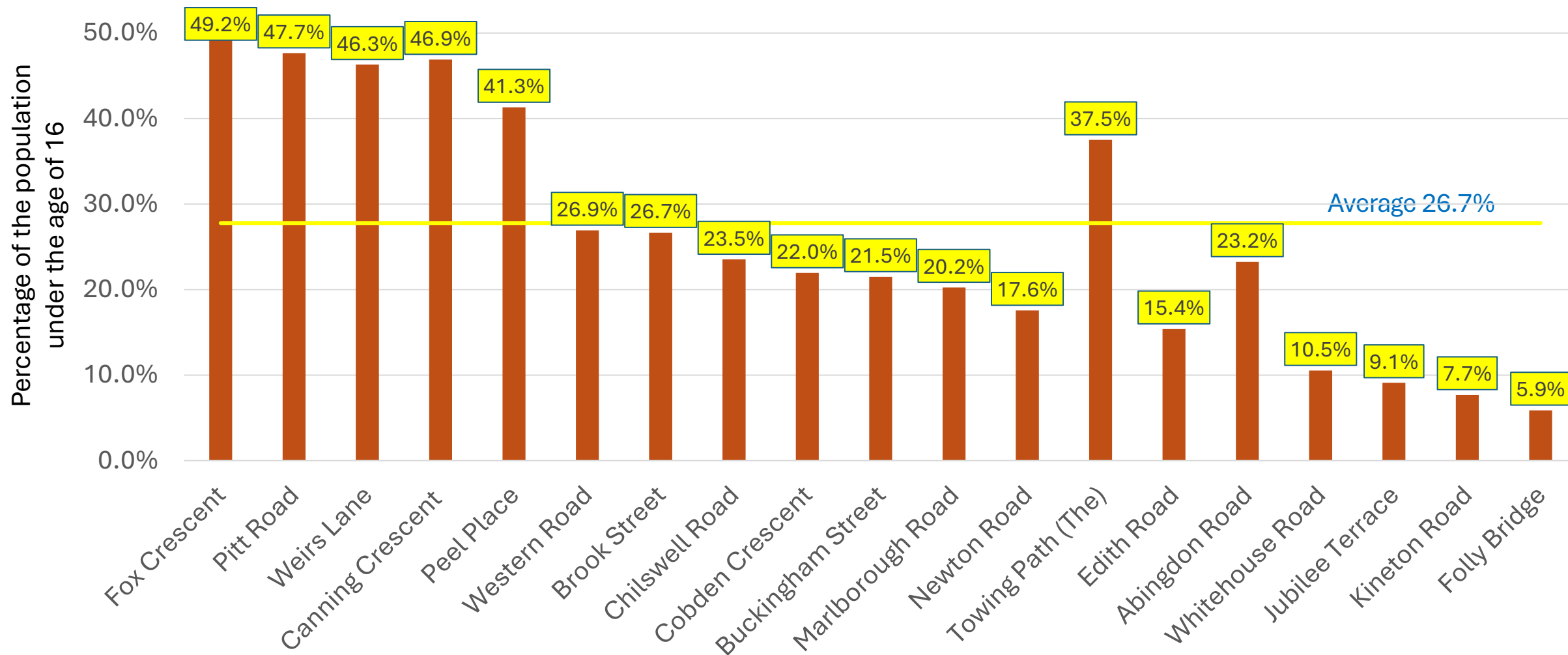


Age distribution in years - male



Percentage of children (under 16)

There appear to have been considerably higher proportions of children living in Cold Harbour than in Grandpont.

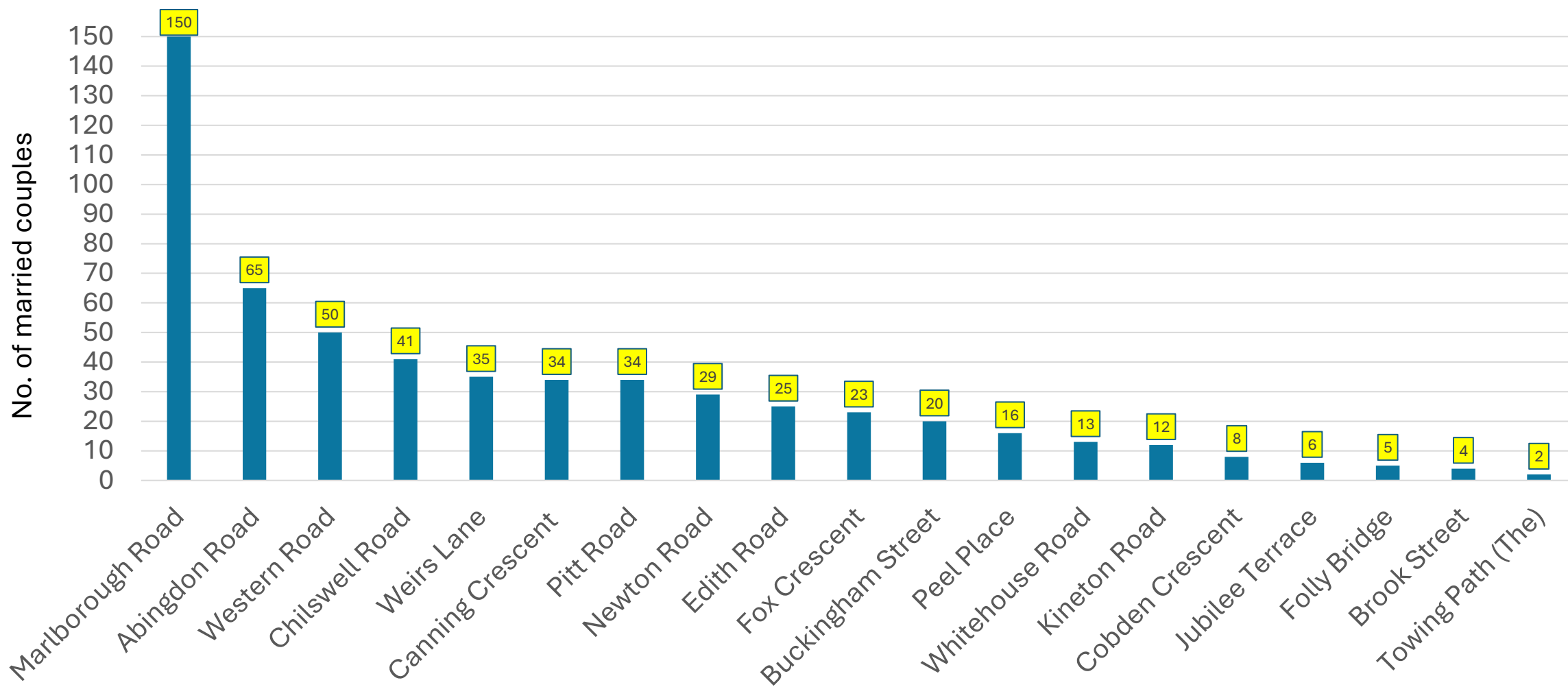


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Number of married couples; total 572

The figure for Marlborough Road is so much higher only because of its large population size.



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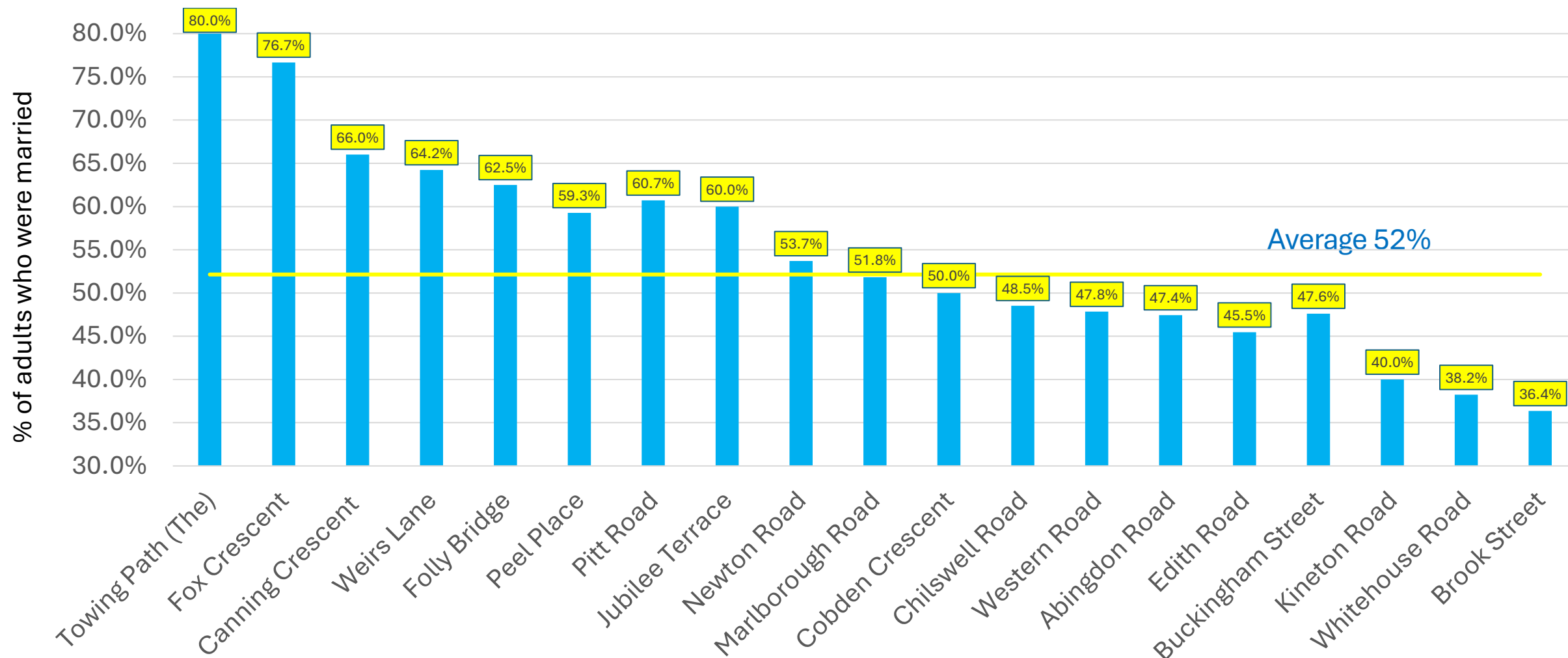
Grandpont and Cold Harbour, South Oxford, in 1939

Married couples as a percentage of adults

Figures for Cold Harbour were higher than for Grandpont.

Kinton Road had more widowed and more single working adults. Brook Street had a number of married persons not living with their partners.

Whitehouse Road had the highest percentage of single adults of any road.



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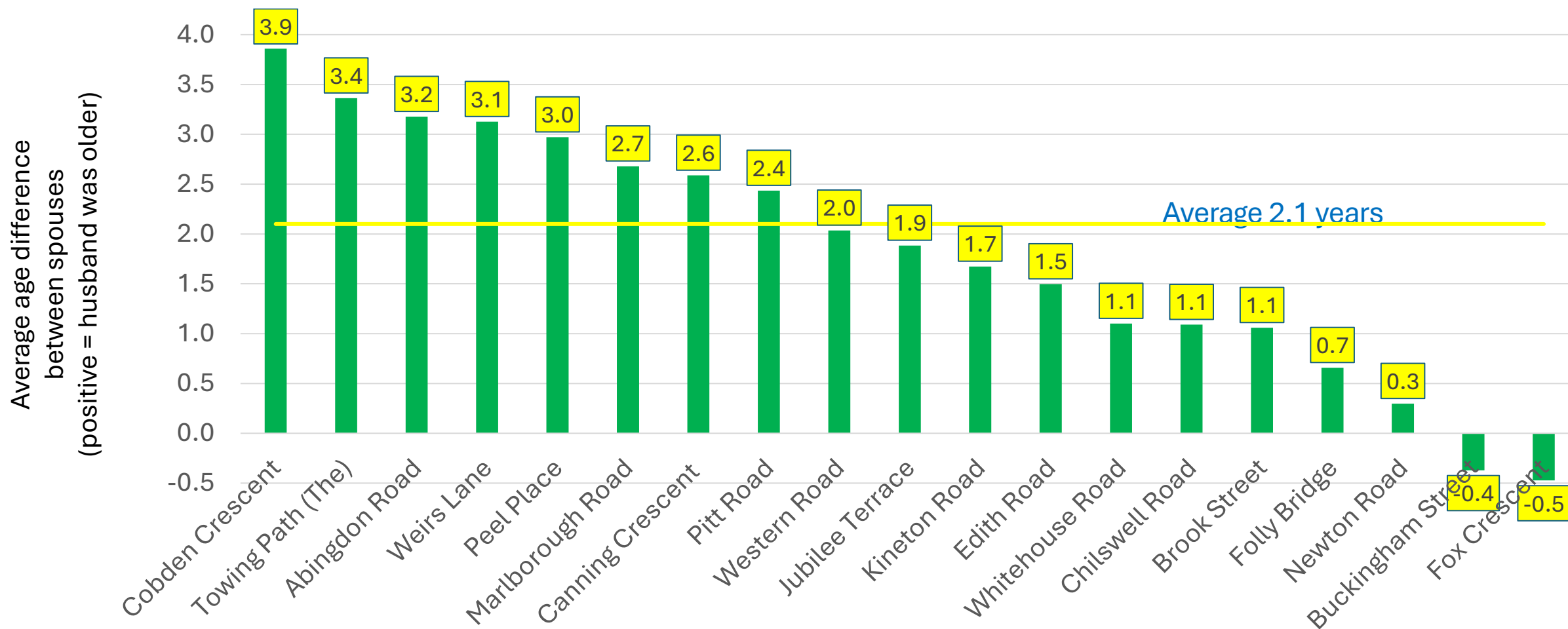
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Age difference in years between spouses

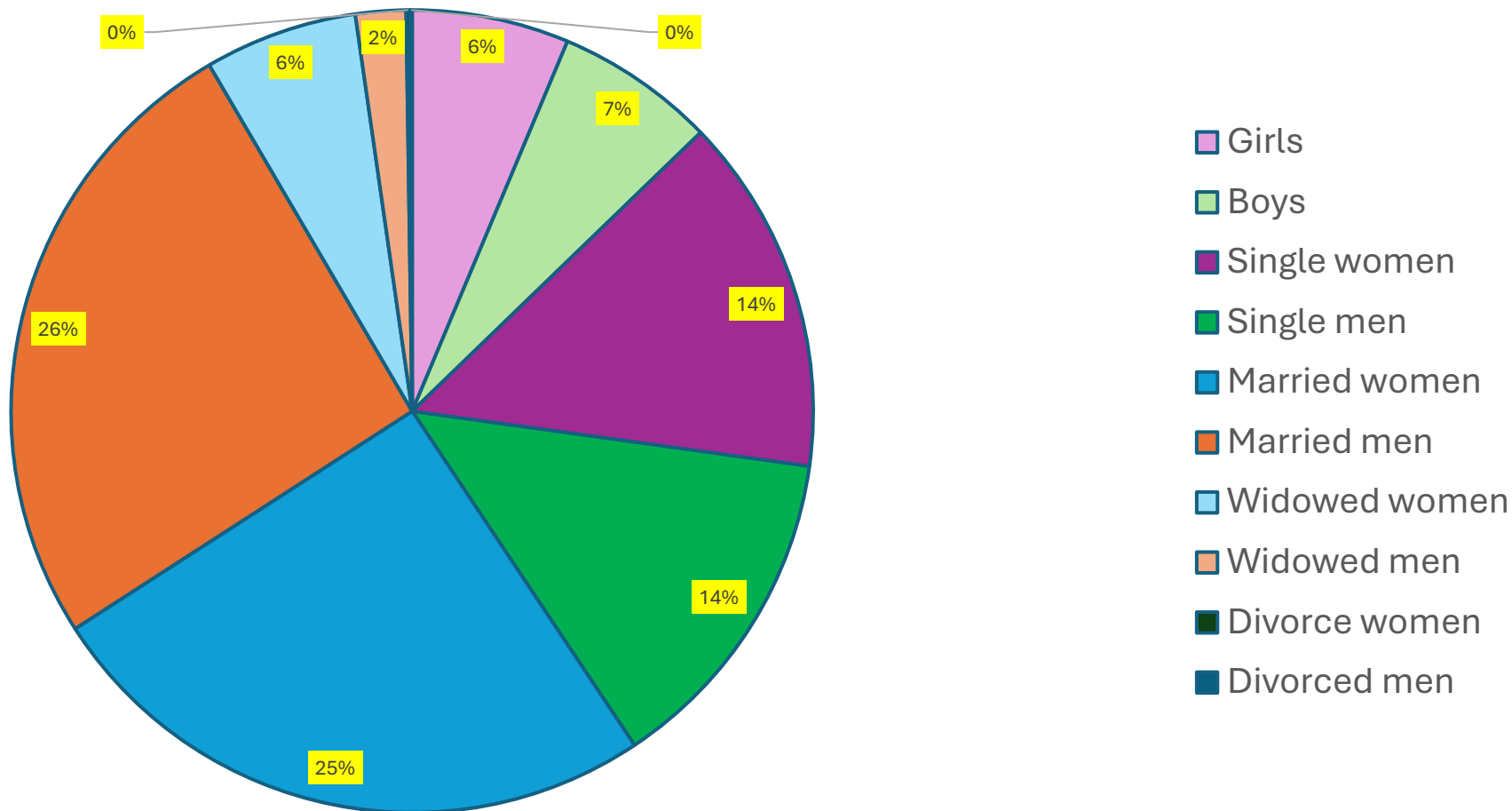
On average husbands were 2.1 years older than their wives but:

In Marlborough Road, Cyril Taylor, grocer, was 28 years older than his wife Ruby; John Wright, road repairer, was 26 years older than his wife Mary; and William Watts, journeyman tailor, was 20 years older than his wife Brenda.

In Abingdon Road, Edward Cropp, medical practitioner, was 21 years older than his wife Elizabeth.



Girls and boys (aged under 16); single, married, widowed, divorced adults (aged 16 and above)

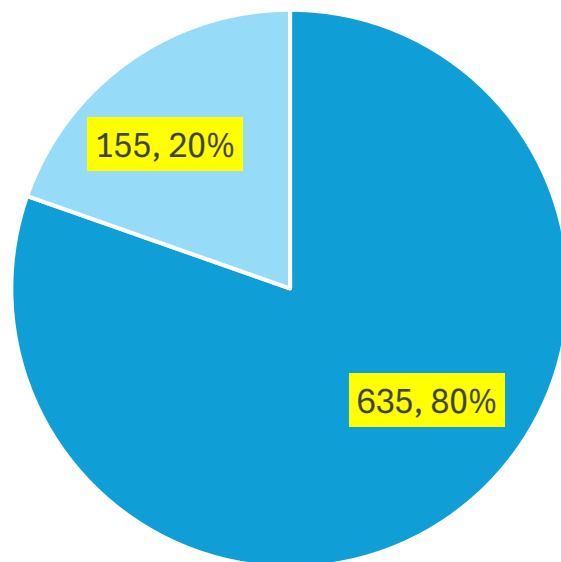


Married, widowed or divorced

Widowed: there were, as you would expect, many more widowed women than widowed men.

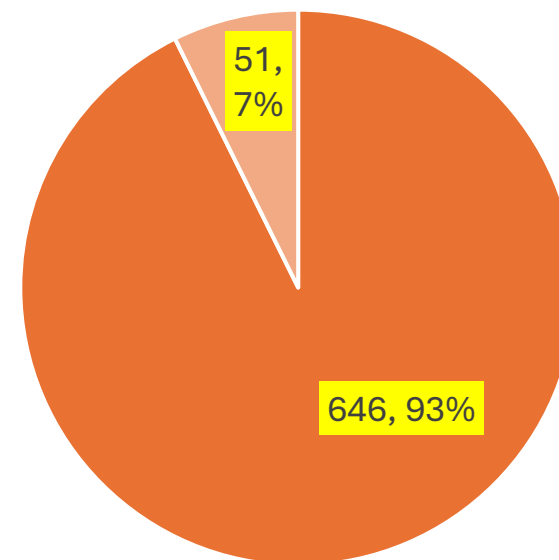
Divorced: there were only 4 divorced women and 2 divorced men; how times have changed!

Married and widowed women



■ Married women ■ Widowed women

Married and widowed men



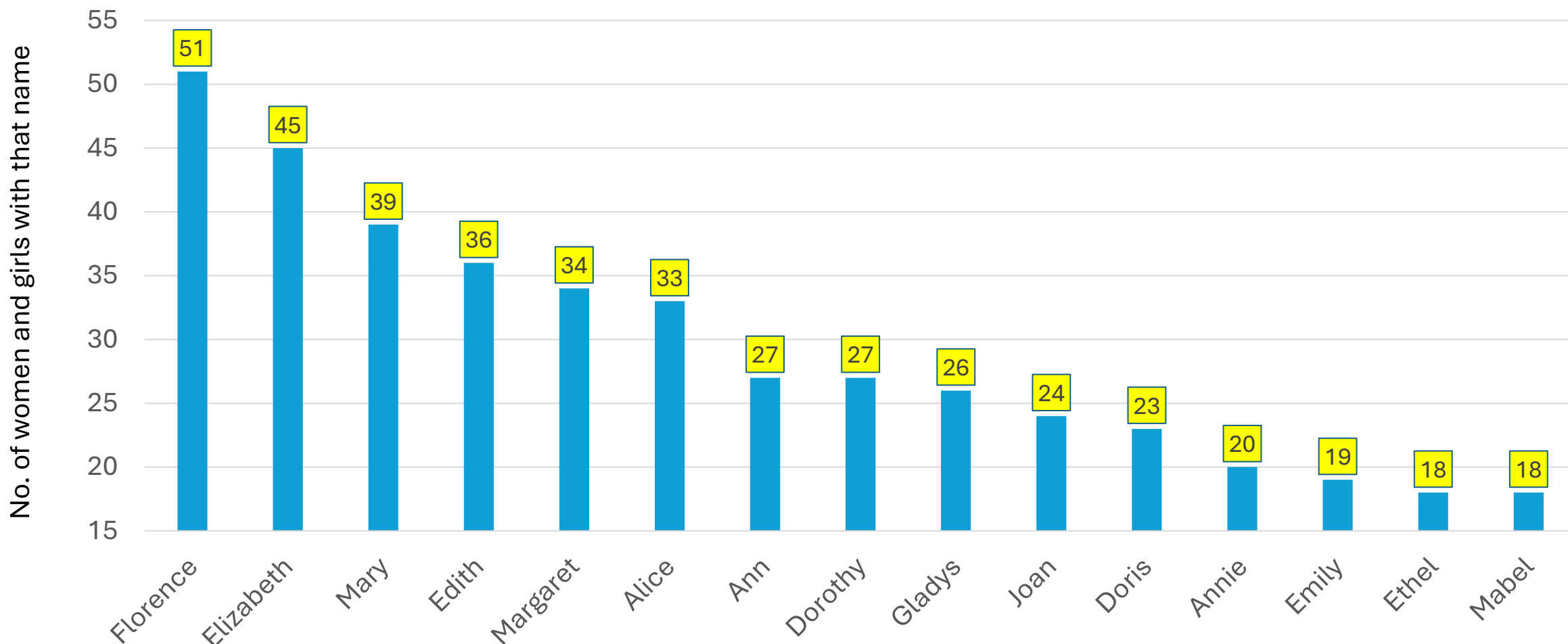
■ Married men ■ Widowed men

Most popular women's and girls' names

Adding Ann, Anne and Annie together pushes the name into second place!

Names beginning A, E, F and M account for nearly 50% of the total.

There is a 25% greater variation within female names than within male.

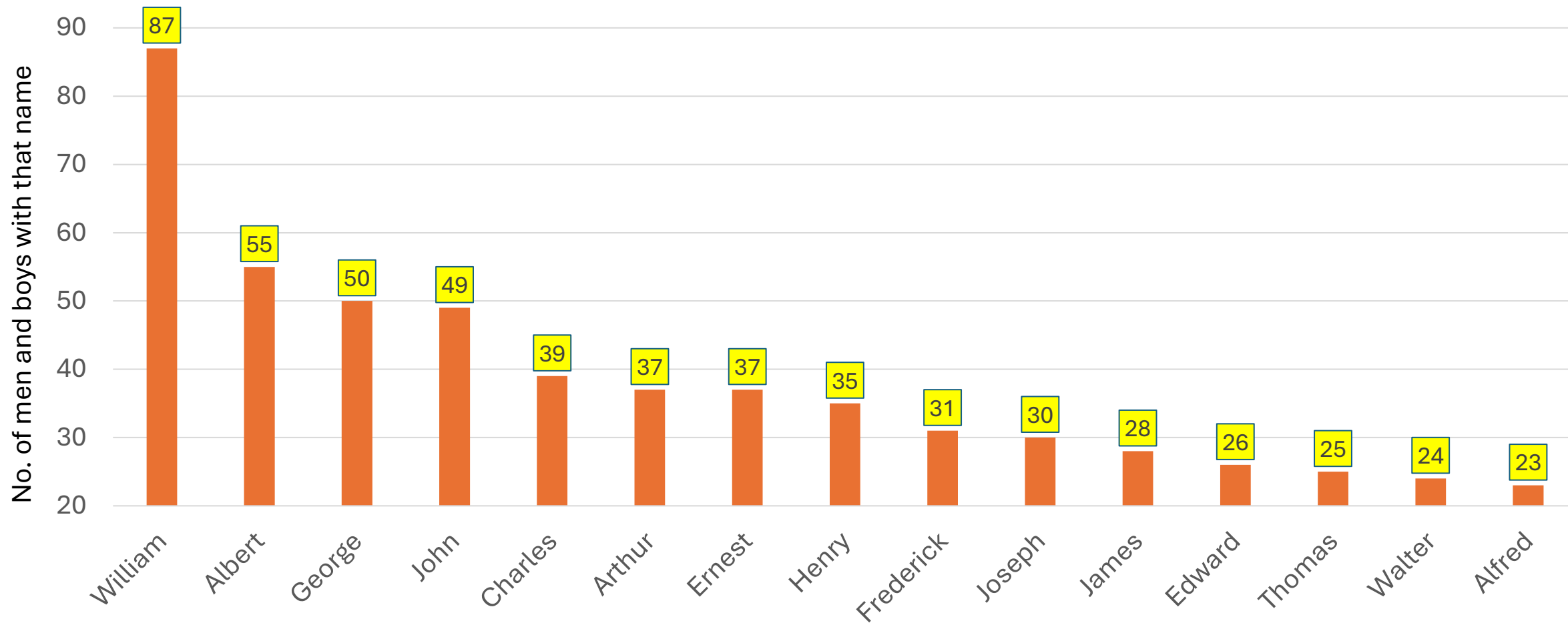


Most popular men's and boys' names

There is a very clear winner!

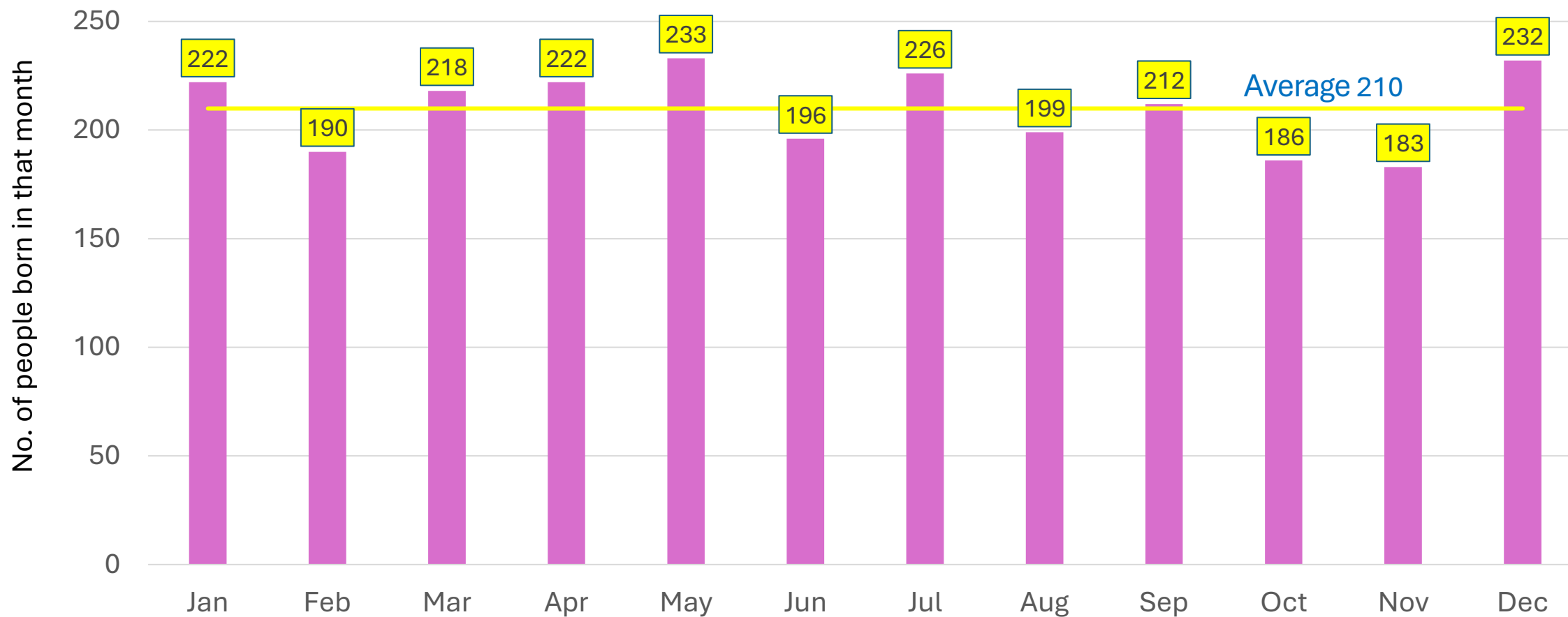
Names beginning A, E, J, R and W account for nearly 50% of the total.

Kings' names are well represented: William, George, John, Charles, Henry, James, Edward, and Alfred. Perhaps we can hope for some future kings: Ernie, Tom, Joe, Fred and Wally!



Months of birth

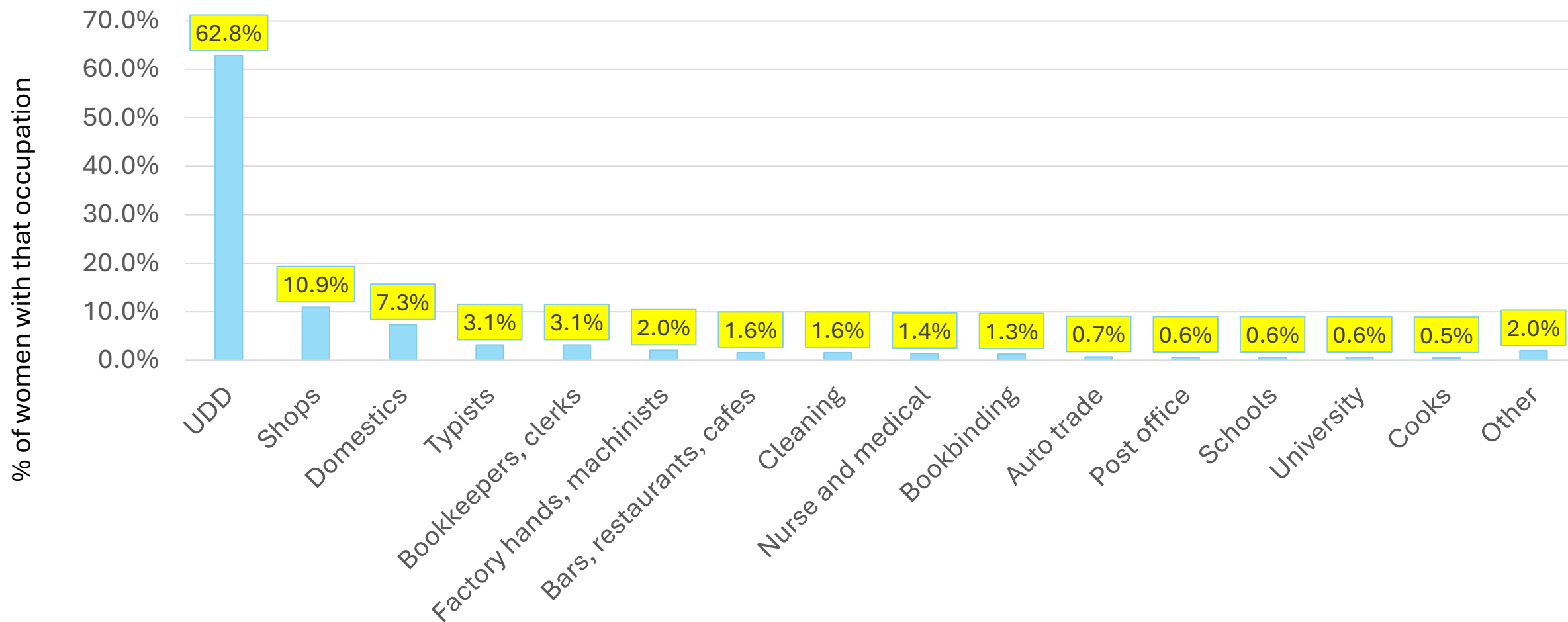
An even distribution, with no real surprises. Conception in Jan-Feb was relatively unpopular, becoming more popular in Mar-Apr, falling away in May, and increasing from June to August!



Women's occupations

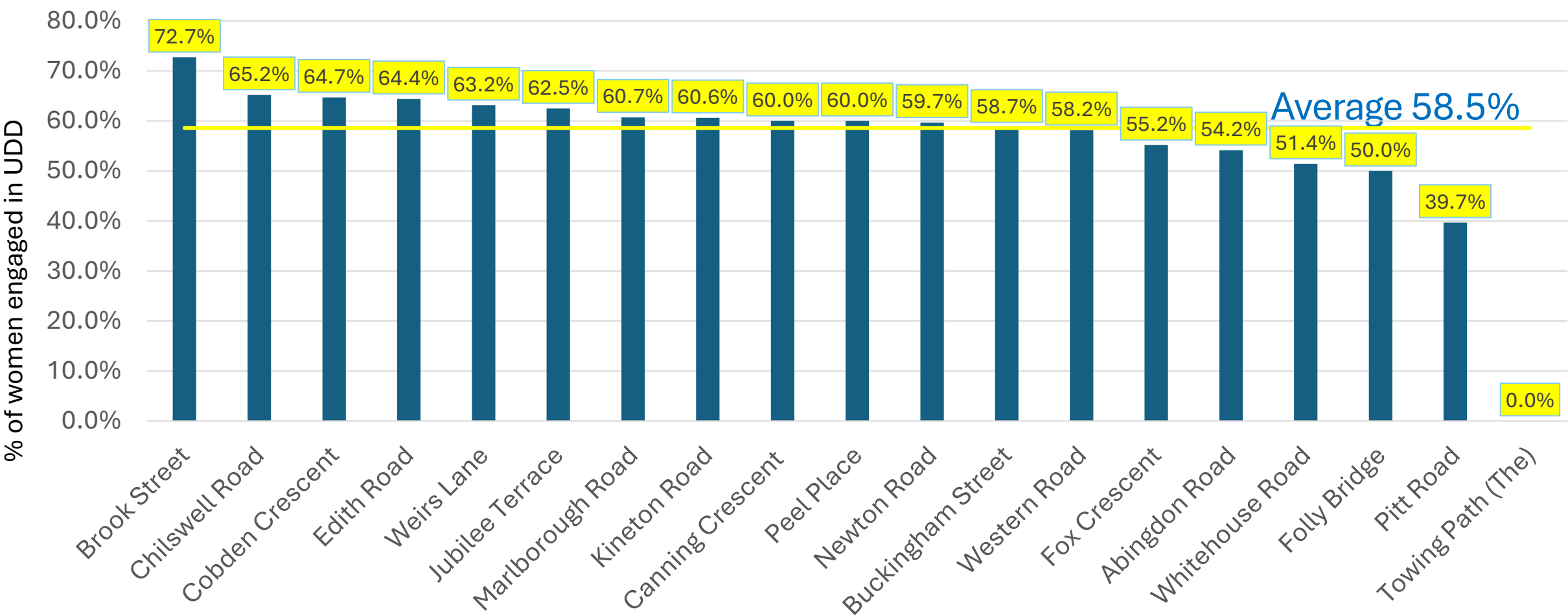
There was a very clear winner – Unpaid Domestic Duties (UDD), i.e. housewife.

In 1939 paid jobs for women outside the home seem to have still been limited to retail and service roles.



Percentage of women engaged in ‘unpaid domestic duties’

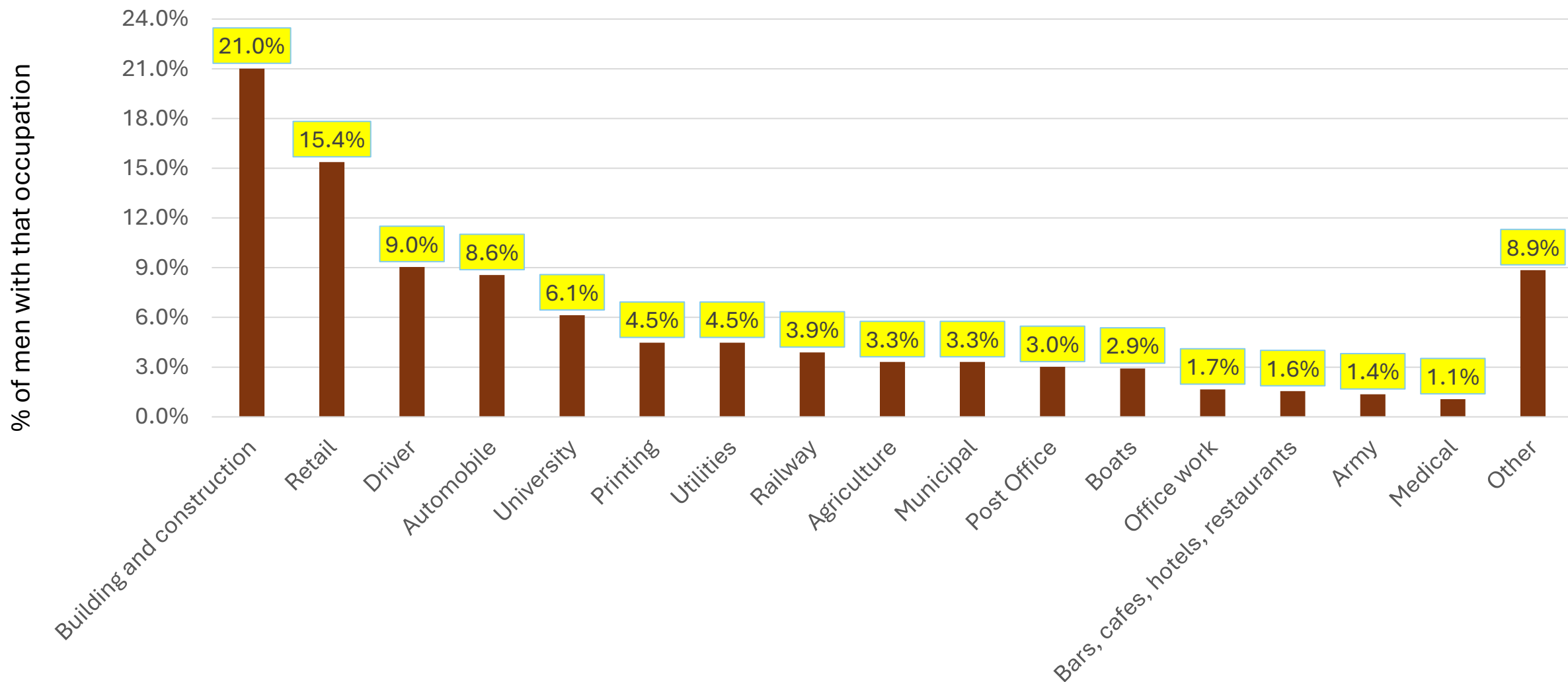
Brook Street had only 13 adult females, of which only 3 were single.
 Abingdon Road and Whitehouse Road had a much greater percentage of single females than average.



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Men's occupations

Job descriptions indicate that this was a working-class and lower middle-class area.



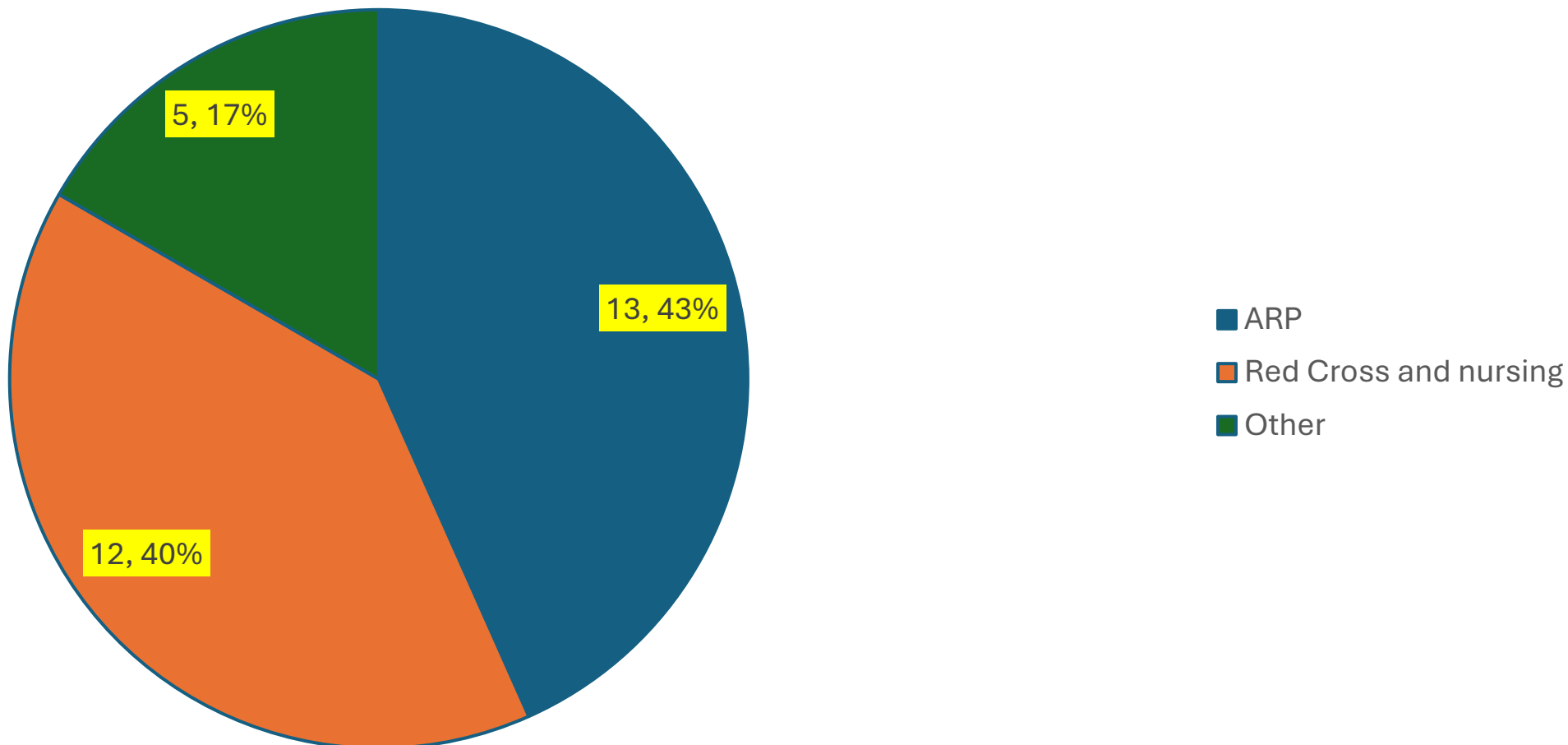
Women volunteering for war work

The volunteers represent 7.1% of the women aged between 16 and 36.

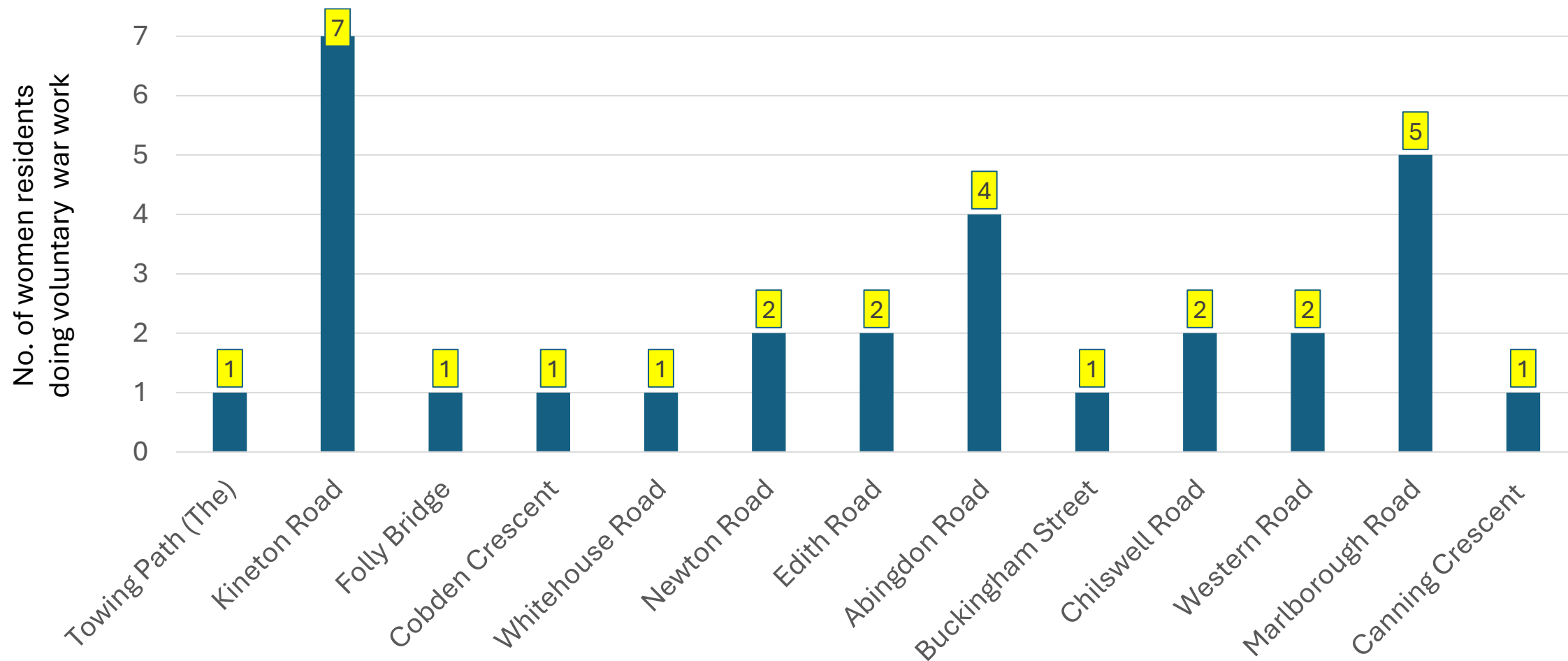
Air Raid Precautions duties (ARP): average age 37; 3 married.

Red Cross: average age 31; 3 married.

Other: average age 23; all single.

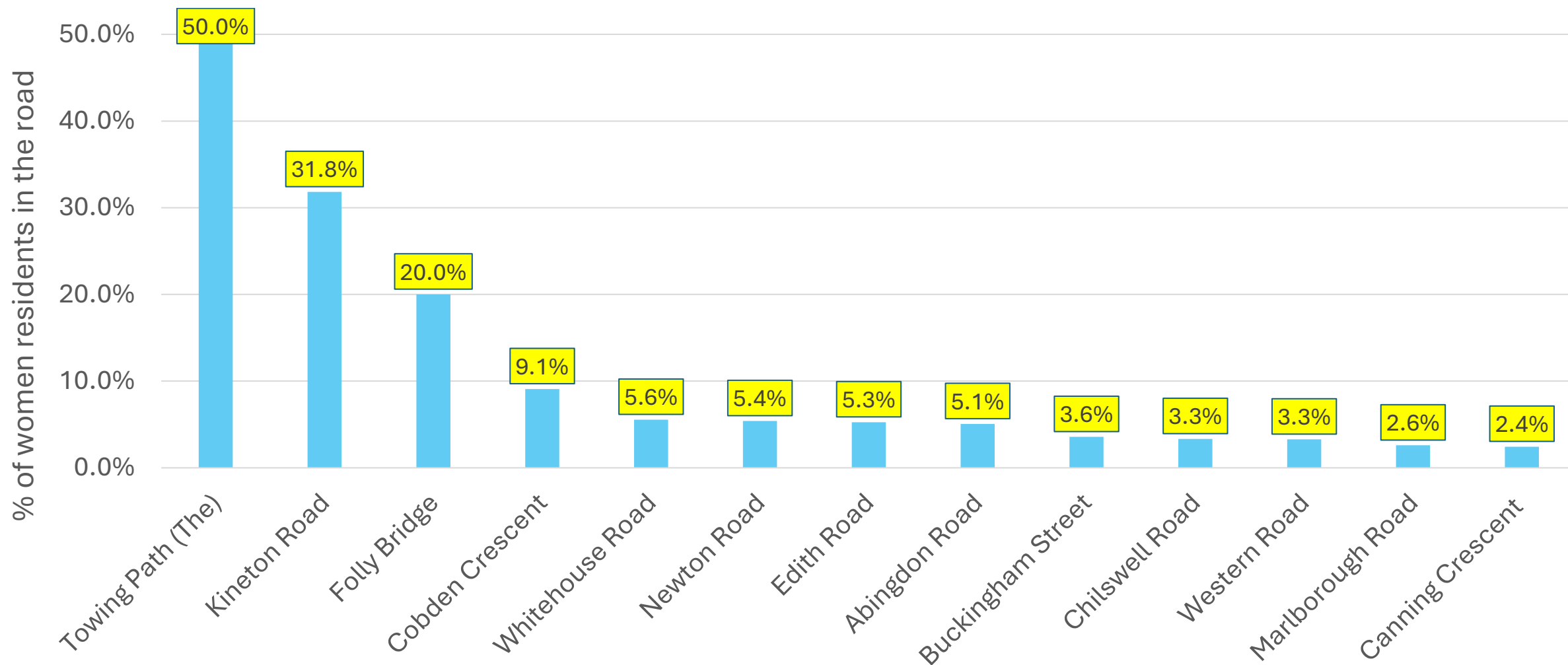


Women volunteering for war work



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A patriotic effort from the Towing Path, Kinton Road and Folly Bridge.



Women volunteering for war work (1)

<u>Road</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>War work</u>
Abingdon Road	G.H	Holdsworth	Jenie APG	63	M	UDD	A.R.P. Reserve
Abingdon Road	62	Leach	Alice E	27	S	Comptroller General –Inland Rev	A.R.P. St Aldate's Post Office
Abingdon Road	68	Jefferies	Marjorie	47	M	UDD	Civil Nursing Reserve
Abingdon Road	108	Andrews	Florence M	52	M	UDD	Air Raid Warden
Buckingham Street	7	Pelda	Meredith	19	S	A.T.S. Pay Clerk	Oxfordshire Company
Canning Crescent	25	Messenger	Constant EH	23	S	Laundry Worker	St John's Ambulance
Chilswell Road	11	Symonds	Margaret R	19	S	Clerical Assistant P.O.	Nursing Auxiliary
Chilswell Road	44	King	Maud M	62	S	Millinary Buyer and Manageress	Auxiliary Red Cross
Cobden Crescent	15	Cordery	Freda E	21	S	Typist Bookkeeper	Women's Air Transport Auxiliary
Edith Road	2	Wood	Gertrude L	39	S	Nurse	A.R.P. Nursing
Edith Road	31	Richardson	Elsie M	36	S	Draper's Shop Assistant	Nursing Mobile
Folly Bridge	I.H.	Dare	Primrose DL	21	S	Unpaid domestic	Women's Auxiliary Air Force
Kineton Road	16	Loynd	Leta E	25	S	Stencilist (Copying)	A.R.P. (Control Room)
Kineton Road	19	Harold	Connie	24	S	Shorthand Typist	A.R.P. First Aid
Kineton Road	20	Arnold	Lilian	46	S	Dressmaker	A.R.P. First Aid Service, St Aldates

M/S = married/single

UDD = unpaid domestic duties

A.R.P. = Air Raid Precaution

A.T.S. = Auxiliary Territorial Service

G.H.= Grandpont House

I.H. = Isis House

Women volunteering for war work (2)

<u>Road</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>First name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>War work</u>
Kineton Road	1	Bellamy	Sophie	42	M	UDD	Nursing Auxiliary
Kineton Road	3	Rowan	Viola I	25	S	Clerk - H.M. Ordnance Dept.	Nursing Auxiliary
Kineton Road	16	Loynd	Jean Alice	21	S	Local Government Officer	Nursing Auxiliary
Marlborough Road	2	Huntley	Bronwen M	32	M	UDD	Civil nursing reserve
Marlborough Road	78	Steptoe	Eva G	34	S	Ledger Clerk	British Red Cross A.R.P.
Marlborough Road	121	Wells	Frances H	39	M	UDD	A.R.P. Warden Volunteer
Marlborough Road	144	Bridger	Henrietta N	46	S	Housekeeper (Boarders)	A.R.P. Warden
Marlborough Road	149	Mills	Marjorie I	20	S	Counting House Clerk	Red Cross Reserve
Newton Road	19	Haycock	Constance M	20	S	Grocer's Assistant	St John's Ambulance Brigade
Newton Road	24	Harris	Kathleen B	25	S	Shorthand Typist	A.R.P. Service Control Room
Towing Path (The)	L.B.H.	Strange	Joan I	20	S	Typist	A.R.P. Nursing
Western Road	1	Bonner	Elsie A	31	M	Proprietress General Store	Voluntary A.R.P. Women
Western Road	29	Haynes	Margaret	18	S	Child's Nurse	Training Auxiliary Nurse
Whitehouse Road	21	Liebster	Miriam	34	S	Organising Secretary	Voluntary Park Service Hackney

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A.R.P. = Air Raid Precaution

L.B.H. = Long Bridges House

Number of earners compared to number of people in the household

There are 10 households of 7 people financed by a single earner.

<u>Size of household</u>	<u>No. of earners</u>					Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	
1	6					6
2	184	80				264
3	92	73	19			184
4	69	31	28	7		135
5	29	14	11	12	1	67
6	21	11	14	9	1	56
7	10	3	3	2	2	20
8	2	3	1	1	1	8
9		1	1	2		4
10			1		1	2
11						
12						
13						
14						
15		1				1

Number of earners compared to number of children in the household

<u>No. of earners</u>	<u>No. of children</u>												Totals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	105	66	34	20	11	2							238
2	32	19	7	5	3	1						1	68
3	12	10	8	1	2								33
4	7	4	2	1									14
5	2	1			1								4
6													
7													
8		1											1

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Ted Heaslip, October 2025