

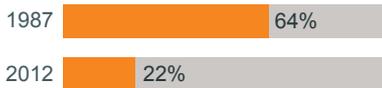


Britain is increasingly at ease with its diversity

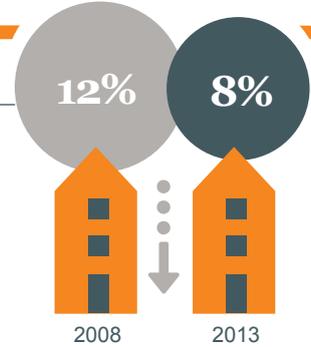
The country has good protection for individual rights and this has been strengthened by new legislation allowing same sex marriage.



Proportion of British people who believe that 'same sex relations are always wrong' has decreased



Public attitudes towards mental health have slightly improved: In England and Wales, the proportion who would 'not want to live next to someone who has been mentally ill' fell from 12% (2008) to 8% (2013)



Political representation is generally seeing improvements but elected politicians and local councillors remain highly unrepresentative of the population as a whole

In the 2015 UK Parliament

29.4% of MPs are women



The number of openly LGBT MPs (32) is reported to be the highest ever



6.3% of MPs are from ethnic minorities



Local councillors in 2013

Only 5% were aged 34 and under, 43.8% were aged 65 and over



Only 31.7% were women



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Only 4% came from an ethnic minority

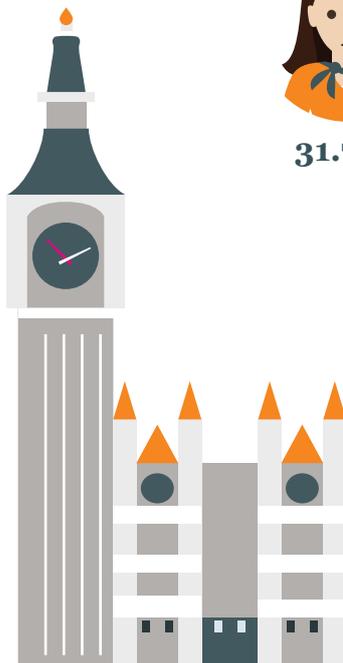


4.0%

13.2% had a long-term illness, health problem or disability



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Some people experienced harassment and abuse



Child sexual abuse and exploitation

A number of high profile independent inquiries highlighted serious concerns in relation to the prevention and investigation of child sexual abuse and exploitation.



People did not always receive the support they needed



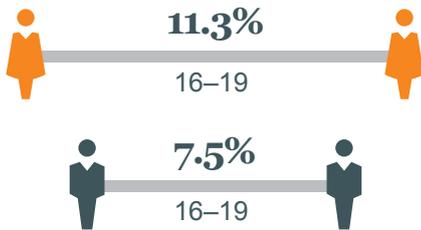
2013 figures show that

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of the 68,100 looked after children in England were living more than 20 miles from home

Some people were more affected by domestic abuse than others

Young women aged 16–19 years compared to young men aged 16–19



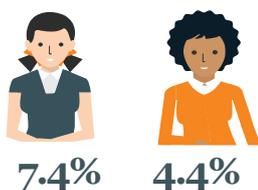
Disabled women compared to disabled men



Women with a household income of less than £10,000



White women compared to ethnic minority women



The closure of Young Offender Institutions has led to **1 in 5** children being held 50-100 miles from their home area (2011 data)



50-100 miles



2 in 3 children in the care system were separated from siblings also in care



Over 17,000 children were separated from their mothers who were imprisoned (2010 data)

17,000+



Almost **1 in 3** local authorities had closed day services for learning disabled people in 2012, with alternatives not provided or unclear



Risk of isolation, particularly in rural areas, as local authorities have **altered or withdrawn 2,000 bus routes**

28.3% of older people did not receive practical support that met their needs (2012 data)



The number of people receiving publicly-commissioned adult social care services fell

2009/10

1.7 million

1.3 million

2013/14

Using the evidence that we have gathered, there are areas where England has improved and got fairer, and areas where it has got worse. Improvements need to be made across the board to really aim for a fairer England.

All references available at: www.equalityhumanrights.com/IsEnglandFairer