

Welfare reform: contexts & research challenges

Welfare Reform in Scotland: research, policy and the third sector
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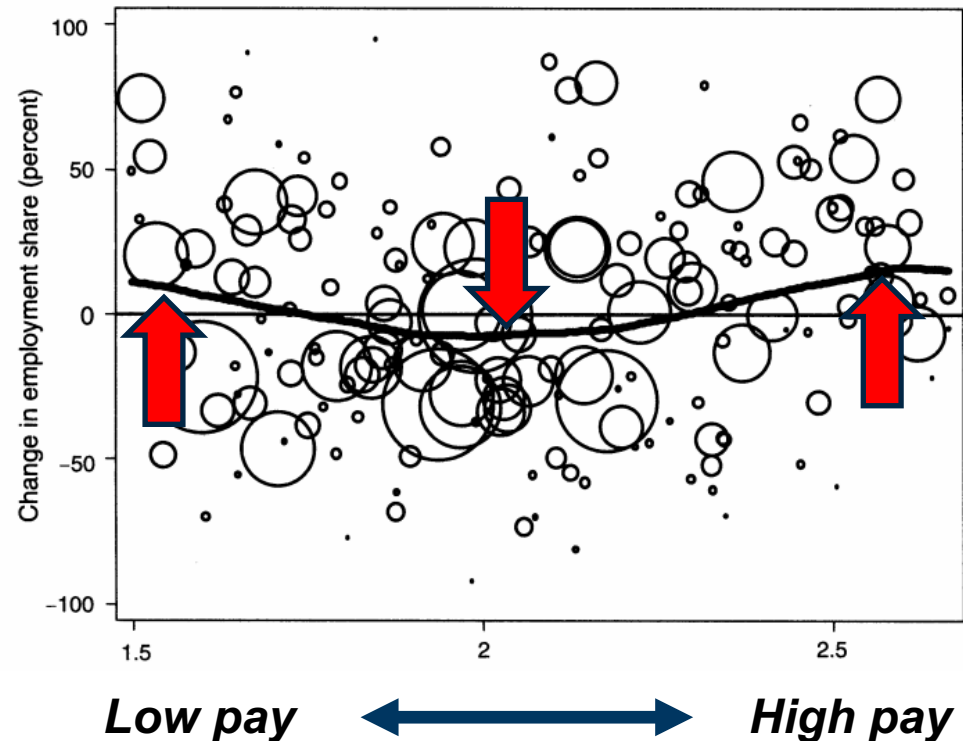


Changing contexts

- Labour market
- Housing system
- Urban system

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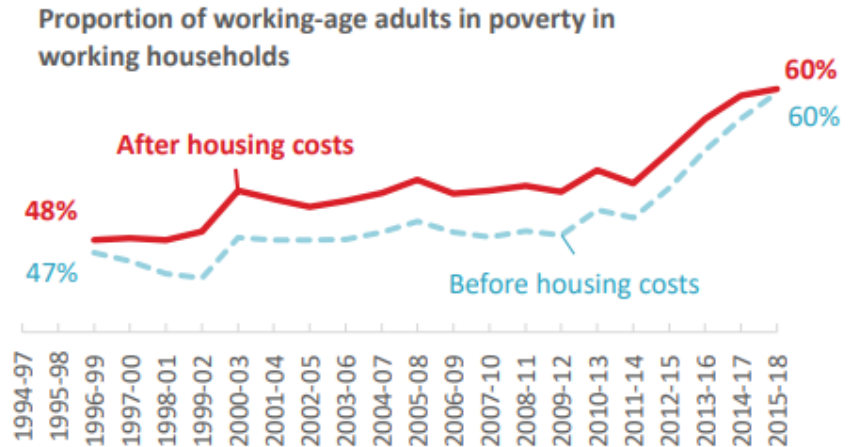
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**Change in employment 1993-2006 by wages
16 European countries**

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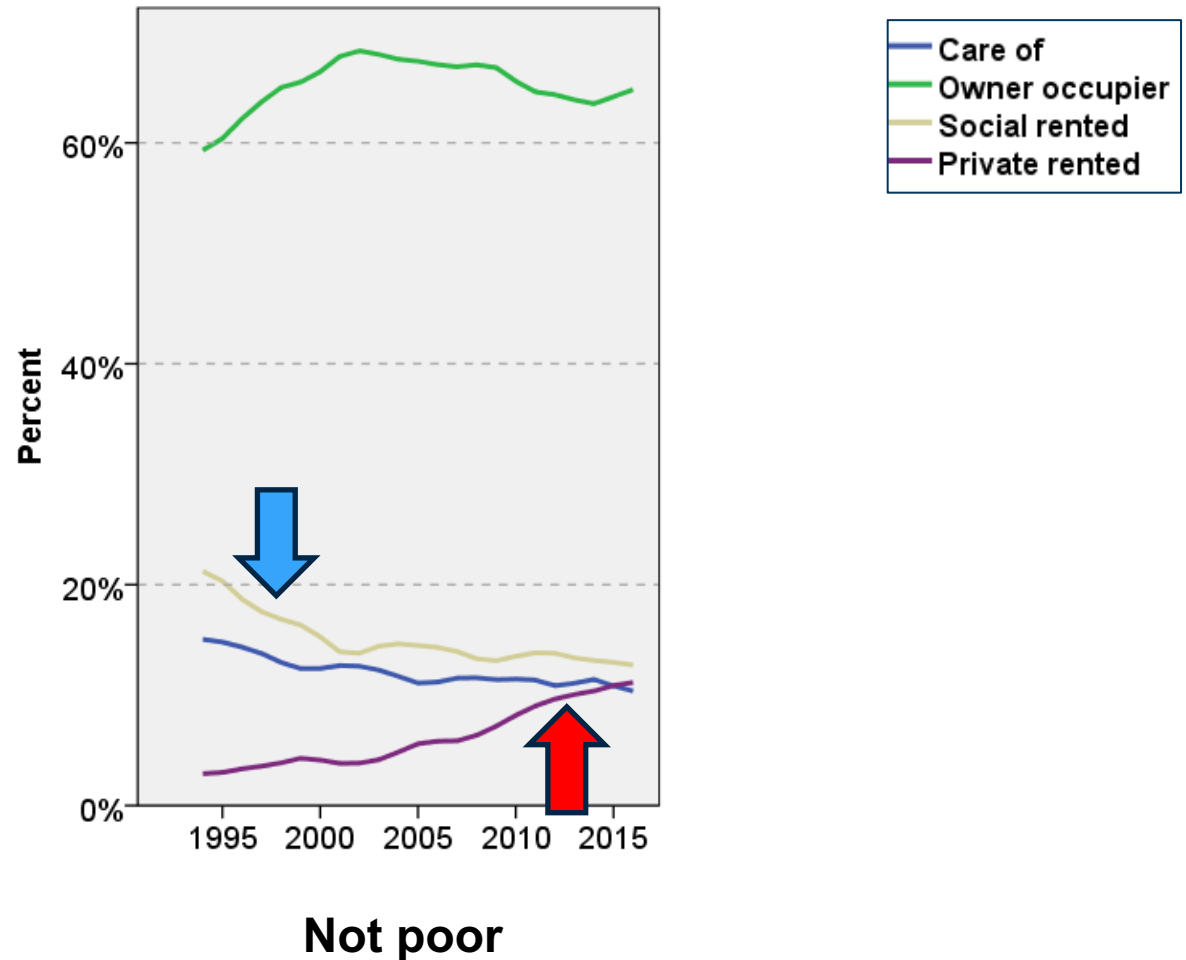


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- Labour market polarisation
- Rise of in-work poverty
- Exclusionary forms of employment
- **1-in-3** people in employment in ***exclusionary employment***:
 - 1-in-6 in poverty
 - 1-in-6 in low quality work
 - 1-in-10 has poor security
- ***Of these***, 1-in-3 reports no progress over last five years

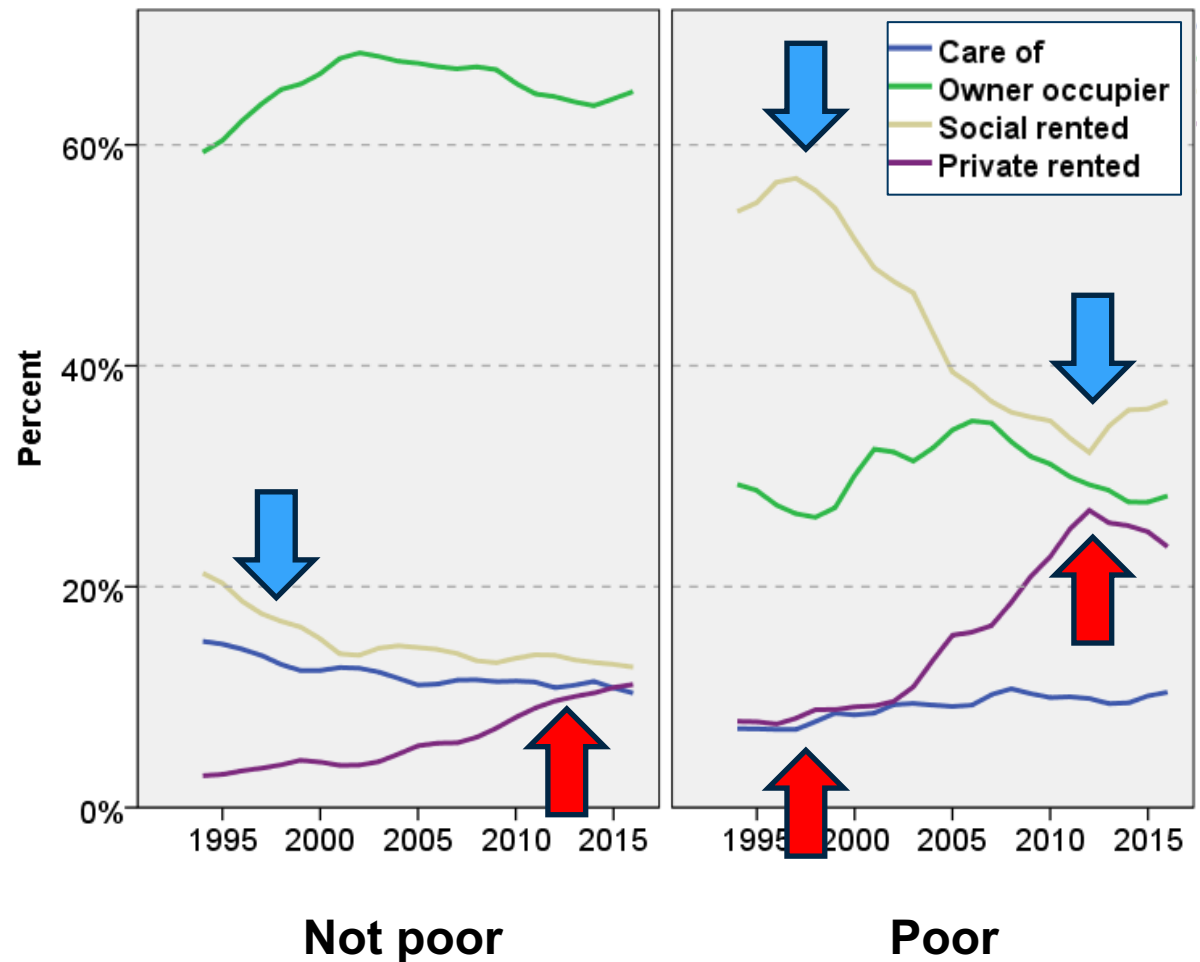
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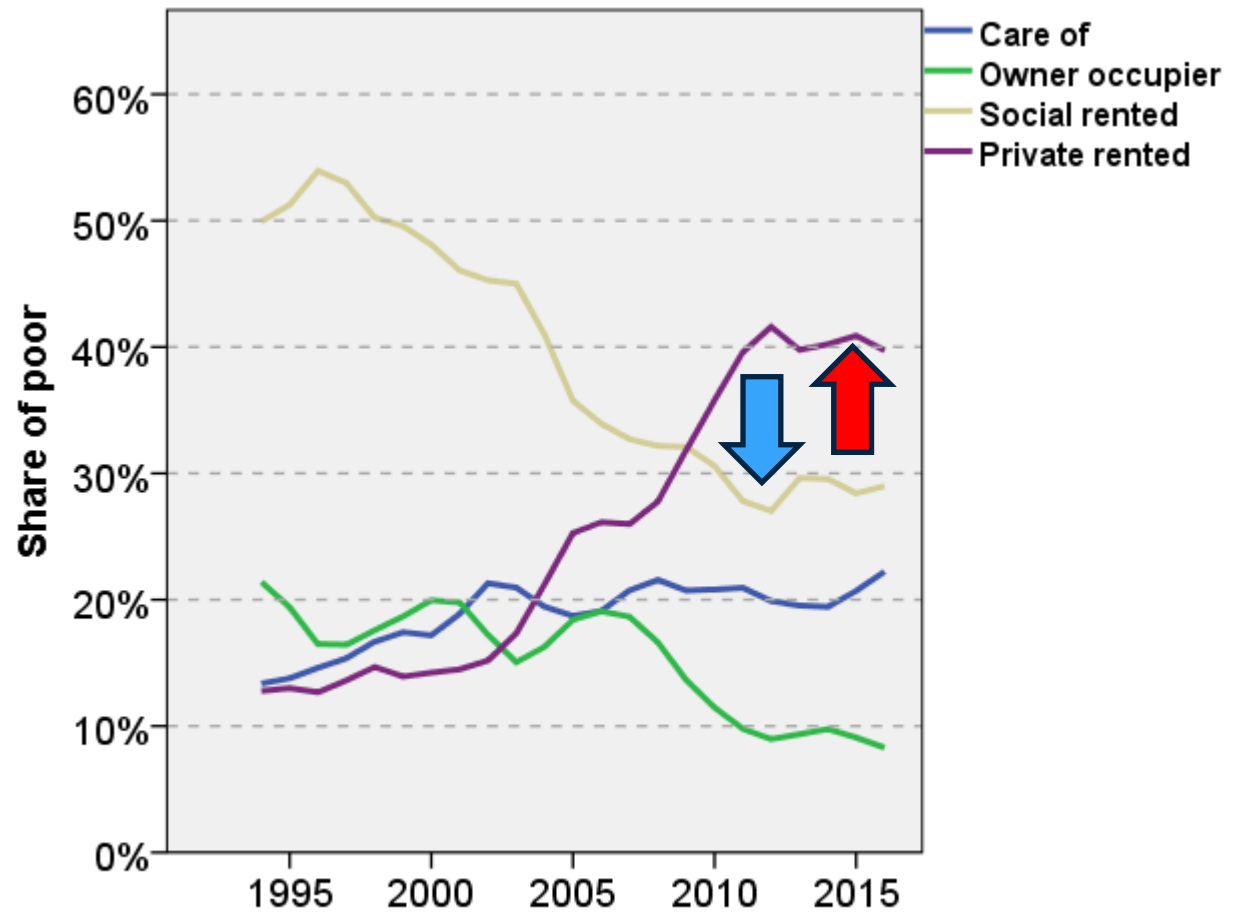


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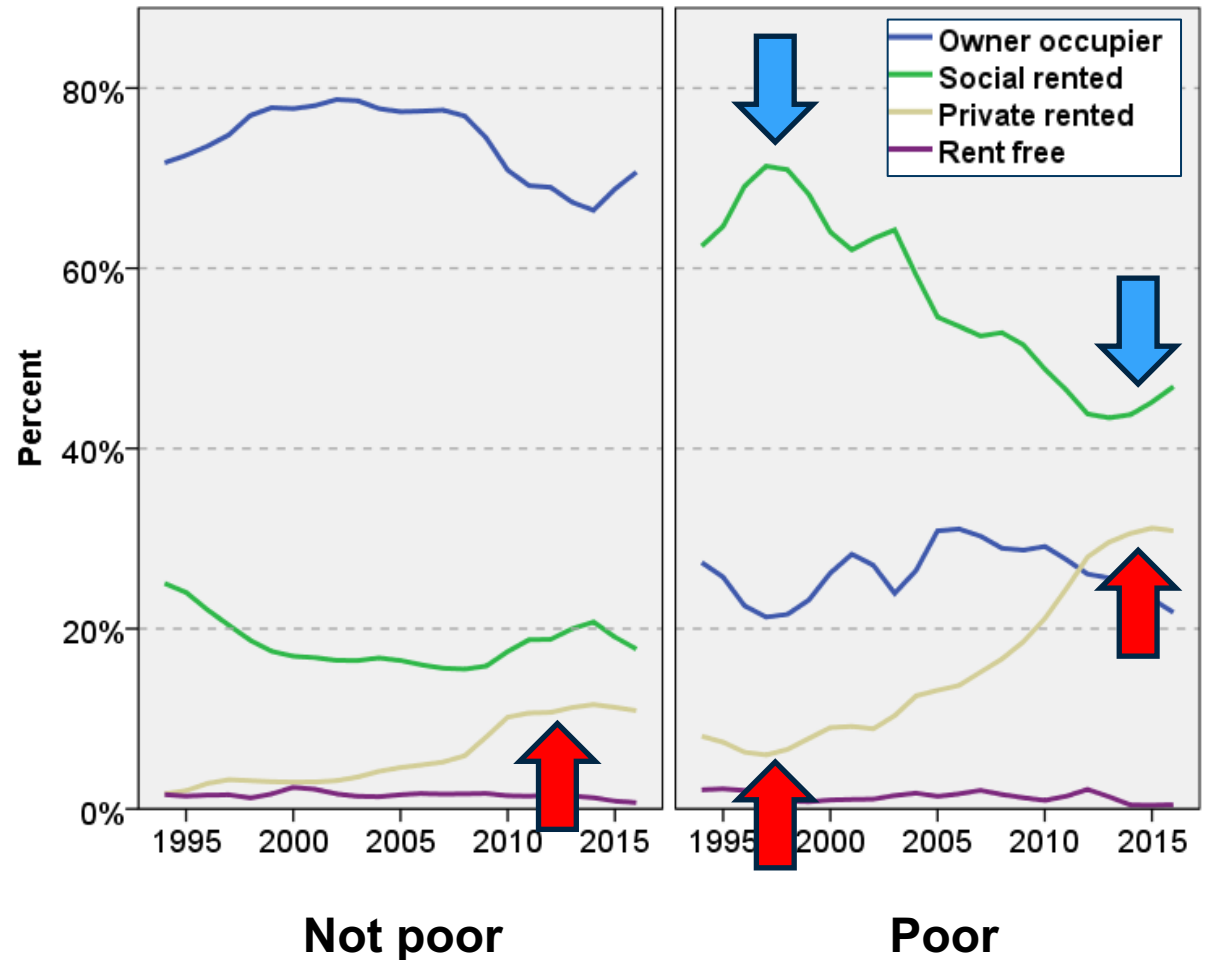


Scots Under 40 in poverty



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Changing urban system

- Suburbanisation of poverty
- New locations for disadvantage
- New forms of disadvantage
- Displacement of low income groups from inner urban locations
- Rising proportions in older, cheaper suburbs – less concentrated, less visible
- Some locational advantages but more disadvantages, esp. transport/access?
- Disconnection from traditional communities, services and representation/voice?

Researching welfare reform

- Criticisms of UK Government for lack of evidence to support welfare reforms
 - Impacts on labour market and welfare claims
 - Wider impacts – health, education, crime ...
- Opportunities from new research infrastructure:
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- Realising this potential requires:
 - Commitment to evidencing welfare reforms
 - Commitment to data sharing – SG, DWP, others
 - Engagement with research during policy design