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## Extract A

### Trade Union Congress report on inflation

Inflation in **2023** has not been driven  
by pay, it was driven by energy and  
5 overseas commodity price shocks.  
While workers and their unions  
sought to protect themselves with  
higher wages, they are not driving  
price rises. But even though  
10 inflation originated from higher  
costs on international markets,  
the government has focused on  
measures that seek to reduce  
demand in the economy.

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**Extract A continued.**

**15     The Bank of England's response  
has been to rapidly raise interest  
rates from 0·1% to 5·25%. This  
approach hits some groups far  
harder than others. Costs have**

**20     increased rapidly for households  
with unsecured debt, people renting  
properties, those with outstanding  
mortgage payments and firms relying  
on credit. Bank and energy company**

**25     profits, city bonuses and salaries for  
certain professional and business  
services have risen.**

## Extract B

### **Food poverty and health**

**In June 2023, a School And Public Health Nurses Association (SAPHNA) report found a deterioration in**

**5 children’s health due to a rise in the cost of food. The Vice–Chair of the Local Government Association’s Community Wellbeing Board said:**

**10 “These findings are deeply concerning and show that a rise in the cost of living is having harmful effects on children’s health. Food inflation is at its highest for almost**

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**15      50 years and this is hitting the  
poorest households hardest. If a  
child has a free school meal, that will  
save their family £500 a year. This  
is now more important than ever.”**

**20      In October 2023, the Deputy  
Conservative Party Chair,  
Lee Anderson, claimed that “there is  
no poverty in Britain”. Mr Anderson  
said that he “doesn’t believe” in  
“poverty nonsense” and that the UK  
25      “is not an impoverished island”.**

## Extract C

### Child Poverty in 2023

Education is starting to be seen as a luxury, as the costs associated with getting a child to school and successfully engaging in education become too much. Many households are going without heating or washing due to the significant costs of doing so. This is leaving children without basic levels of hygiene and wellbeing, with many living in cold, damp homes. They cannot afford the basic standard of physical care required to make their attendance in education possible, let alone the essential resources required to travel to their education settings, or access learning online and at home.

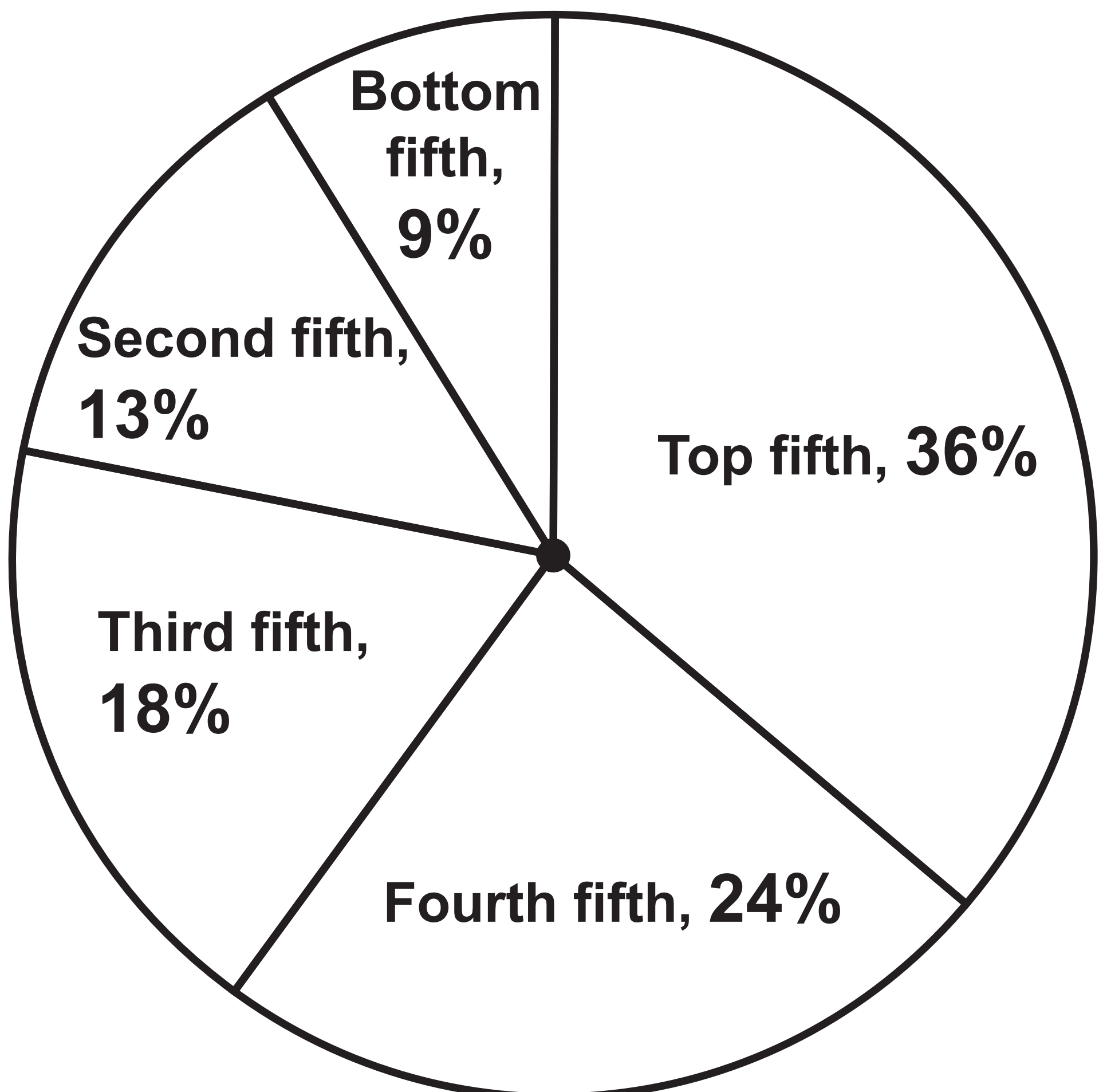


The index for bread prices in the United Kingdom from 2018 to 2023

Year	Average price white sliced bread (800 grams)	Index
2018	£1·05	100
2019	£1·07	102
2020	£1·05	100
2021	£1·06	101
2022	£1·20	114
2023	£1·36	

## Extract E

**How total household disposable income was shared between quintiles in the UK in 2022**



## Extract F

**Small number of large multinational firms dominate cloud computer services**

**In October 2023, the Office of**  
**5 Communications (Ofcom), the UK**  
**Government–approved regulatory**  
**authority for the broadcasting,**  
**telecommunications and postal**  
**10 infrastructure services market to the**  
**Competition and Markets Authority**  
**(CMA). This was for an independent**  
**market investigation to consider**  
**whether there are competition**

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**Extract F continued.**

**15      concerns and, if so, what  
interventions might improve the  
supply of these important services  
for UK customers.**

**20      Cloud services allow remote access  
to computing resources. They are  
being rapidly adopted by many  
businesses and have become an  
essential part of how many digital  
services are delivered to consumers.  
25      Ofcom has estimated that the market  
for cloud services in the UK was  
worth up to £7·5 billion in 2022.**

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**Extract F continued.**

**30 In its study, Ofcom identified several features in the supply of cloud services that make it more difficult for customers to switch cloud suppliers.**

**The features that Ofcom is most concerned about are:**

- 35 • Egress fees – charges that cloud customers must pay to move their data to another supplier**
- 40 • Discounts – that may incentivise customers to use only one cloud provider**

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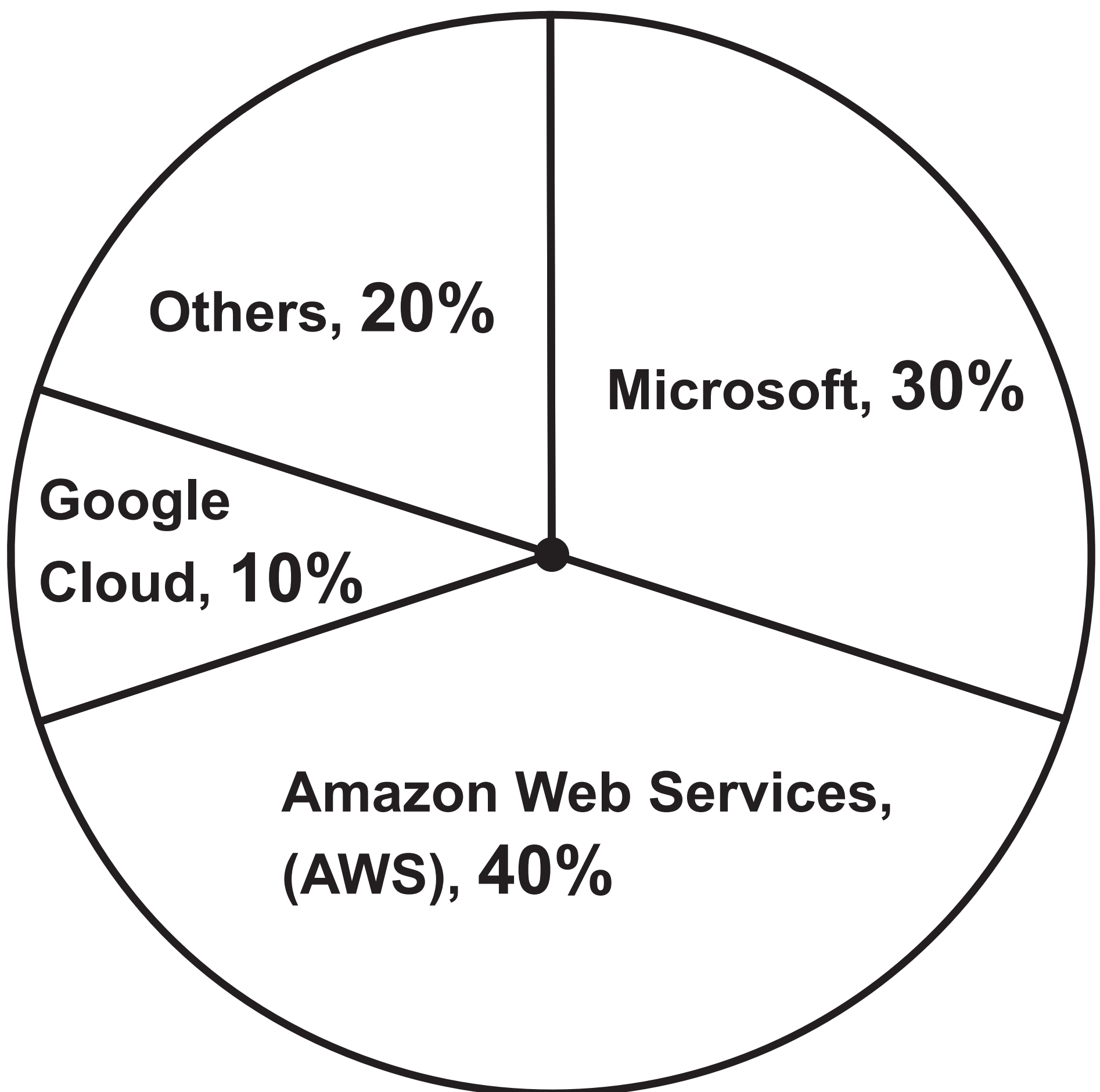
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## **Extract F continued.**

- **Technical barriers to switching – that may prevent customers from being able to switch between different cloud suppliers.**

## Extract G

### UK cloud computer services market share, 2023



## Extract H

**Will artificial intelligence (AI) replace people?**

**Despite their limitations ChatGPT and other recently released**

- 5 AI models hold the promise of automating all sorts of tasks that were previously thought to be only in the realm of human creativity, reasoning, writing, creating graphics**
- 10 and summarising and analysing data. This has left economists unsure how jobs and overall productivity might be affected.**

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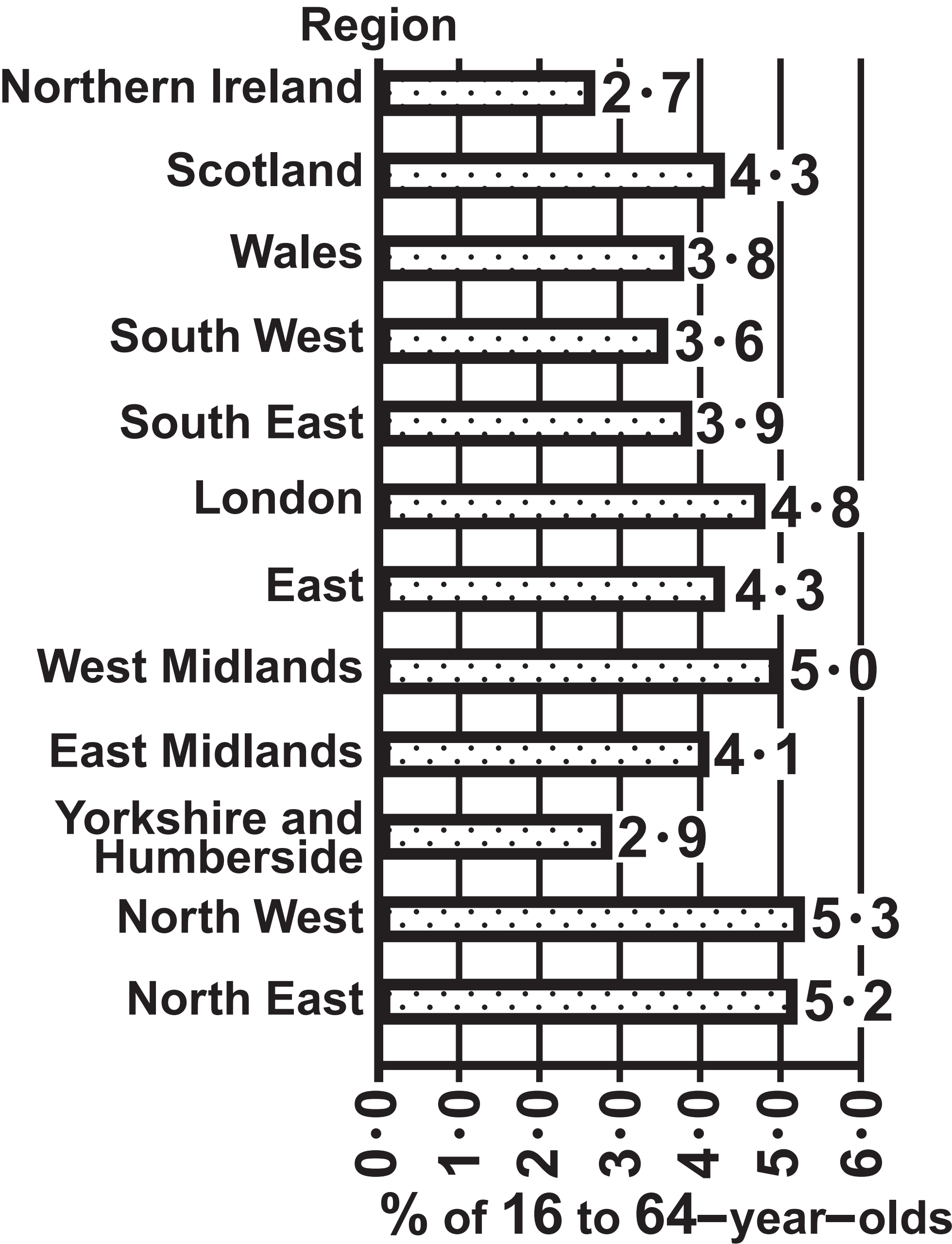
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**For all the amazing advances in AI  
15 and other digital tools in the last  
10 years, their record in improving  
prosperity and widespread economic  
growth is discouraging. Although  
a few investors and entrepreneurs  
20 have become very rich, most people  
have not benefitted. Some jobs  
have completely disappeared after  
being automated.**

UK unemployment by region,  
September 2023



# **Sources**

## **Extract A**

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## **Extract B**

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**Extract D**

**(Source: adapted from <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/czoh/mm23>)**

**Extract E**

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**Extract H**

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**Extract I**

**(Source adapted from: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/regionallabourmarket/september2023>)**