

ORDER OF SERVICE

The choir sings the Introit

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Organist of Westminster Abbey 1623–25

Collect for the third Sunday after Epiphany

All sing the Hymn during which the procession, with Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, moves to places in Quire, the Lantern, and the Sacrarium.



PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen, all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

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All sit. The Right Honourable Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP, Leader of His Majesty's Most Loyal Opposition, reads the First Lesson

THEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelations 21: 1–4; 22: 1–2

Thanks be to God.

The Right Honourable Rishi Sunak MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, reads the Second Lesson

JESUS said to his disciples, ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25: 31–40

Thanks be to God.

Apocalypse (from [Ancient Greek ἀποκάλυψις](#) (*apokálupsis*) 'revelation, disclosure') is a [literary genre](#) in which a [supernatural](#) being reveals cosmic mysteries or the future to a human intermediary.^[1] The means of mediation include dreams, visions and heavenly journeys,^[2] and they typically feature symbolic imagery drawn from the [Hebrew Bible](#).

(wikipedia)



At the start of the service, the George Cross awarded to the NHS in 2022 was processed to the High Altar by May Parsons, the nurse who administered the world's first Covid-19 vaccine. She was accompanied by Kyle Dean-Curtis, St John Ambulance cadet of the year, and Enid Richmond, who worked for the NHS when it was founded in 1948.

The George Cross, the highest civilian award for gallantry, was presented to the NHS by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of its service to the country since its launch, including the exceptional efforts of its staff and volunteers during the Covid-19 pandemic.





Olympic games opening ceremony in London (2012)

“the NHS is the closest thing the English people have now to a religion”

Nigel Lawson, Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer in the 1980s



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Aneurin Bevan launching the NHS on 4 July 1948

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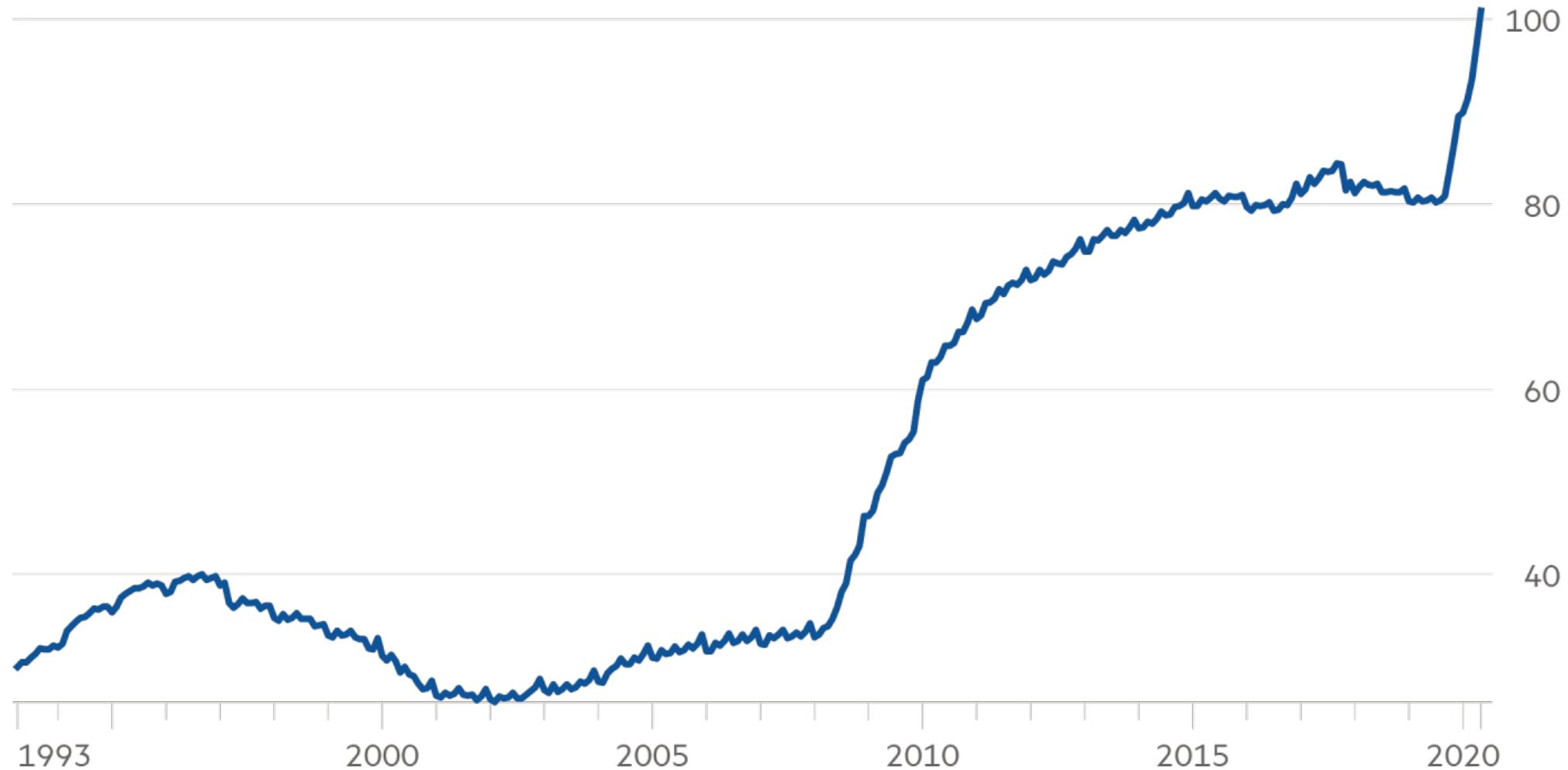
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Public debt rises above the size of the UK economy

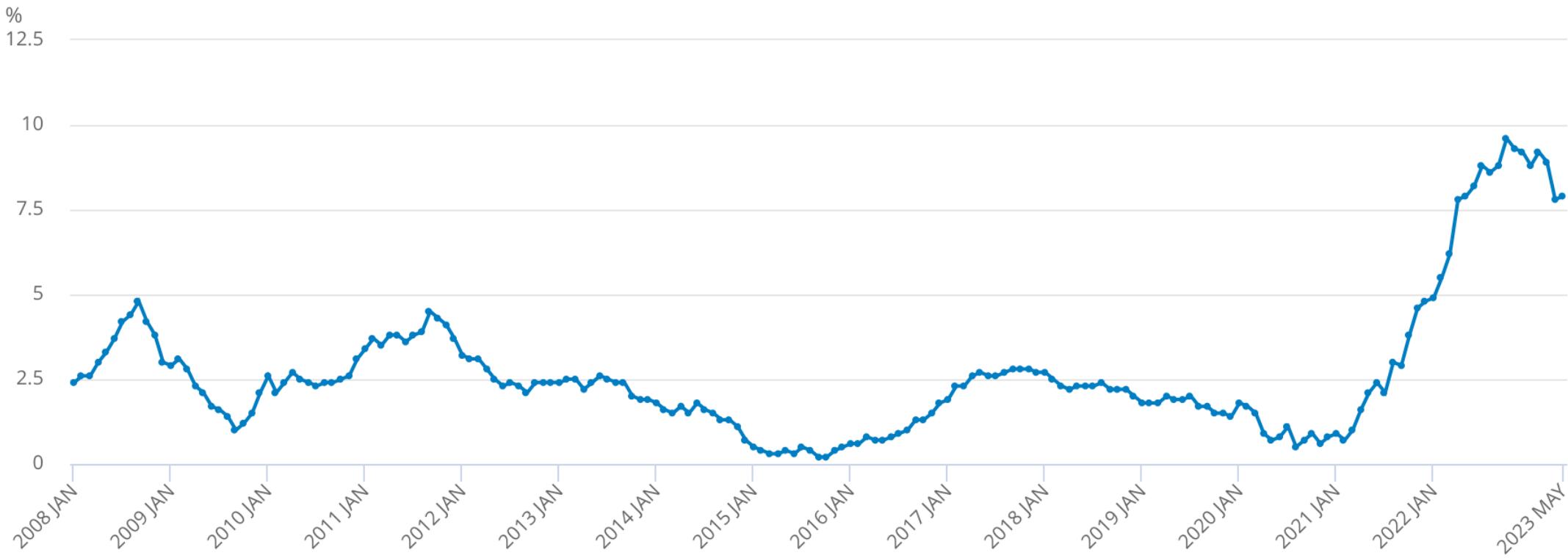
Public sector net debt as a % of GDP



Source: ONS, HMT

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Inflation rate in the UK

Press release

NHS staff receive pay rise

Average basic pay for a first year junior doctor will increase from £29,300 to £32,300 and for a junior doctor in core training with 3 years' experience it will increase from £40,200 to £43,900. For consultants and SAS doctors on pre-2021 contracts, this is on top of the 4.5% pay rise they received last year. Some staff will also benefit from performance pay, overtime, pay progression and pay rises from promotion, alongside the pay uplift.

(13 July 2023, i.e. the start date of the doctors' strike)

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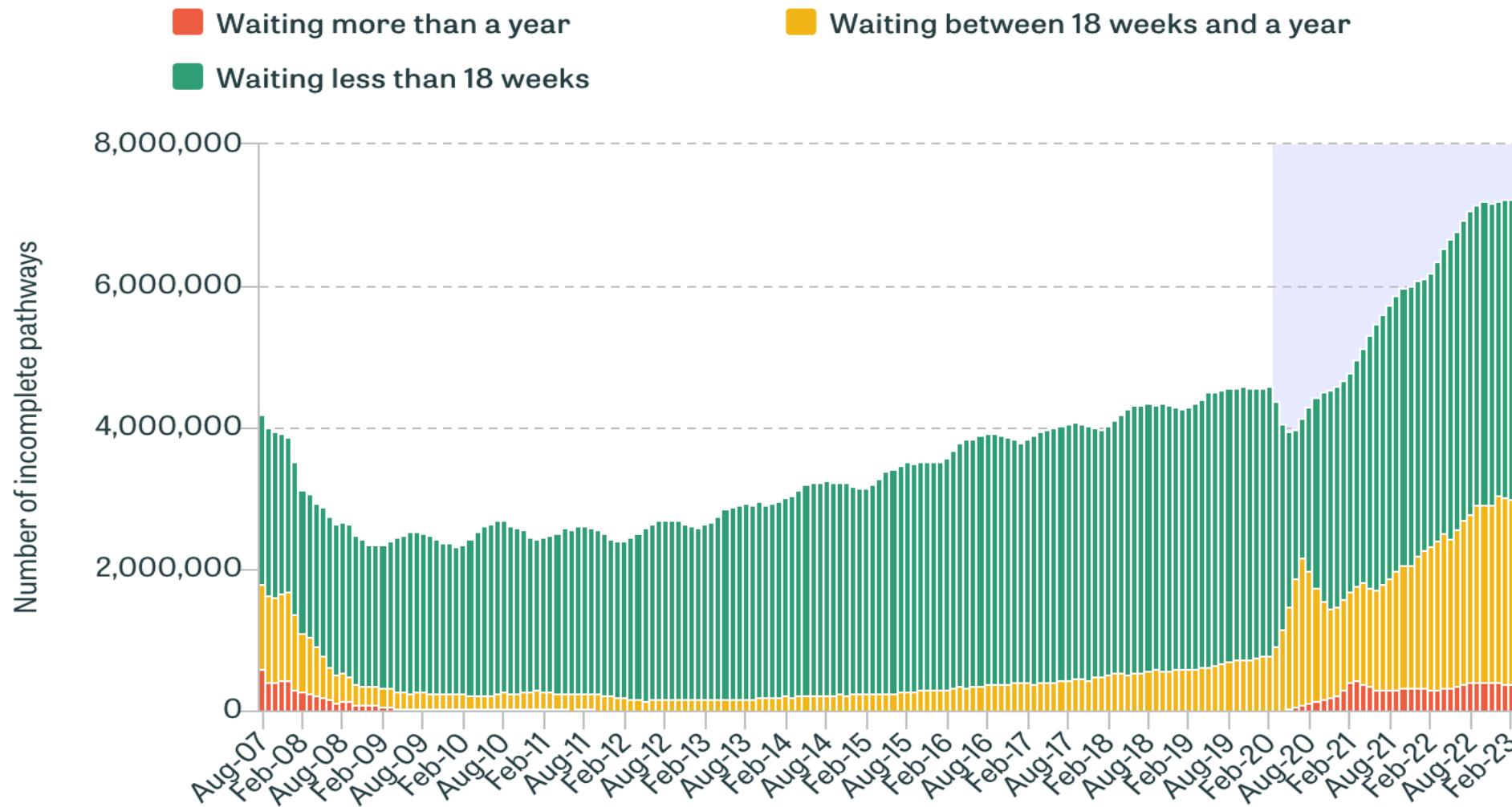
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NHS England Waiting List

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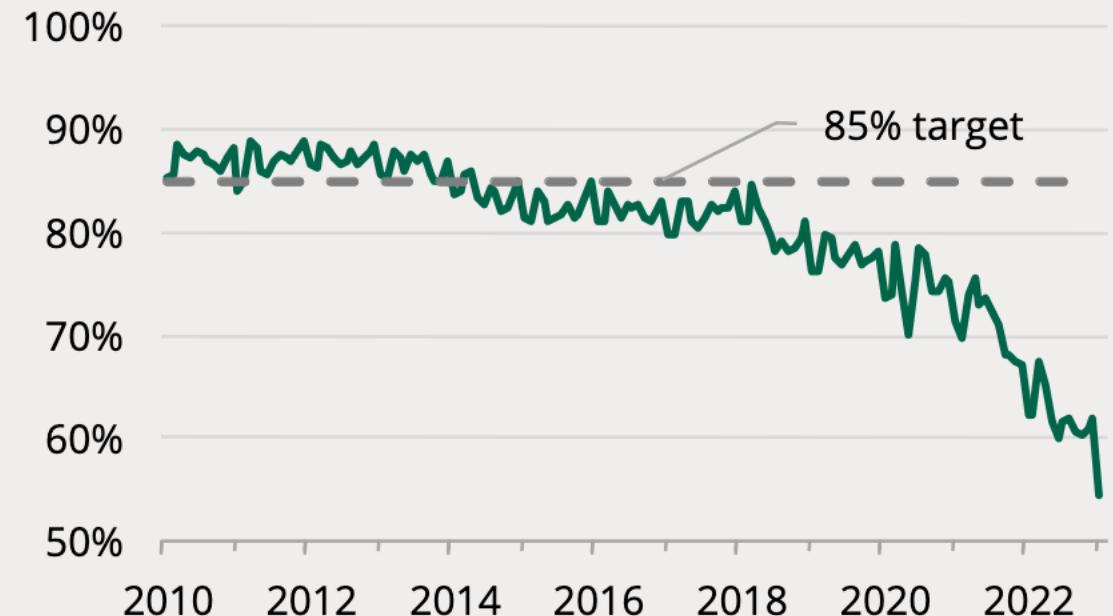


Source: Institute for Fiscal Studies

Patients spending over 4 hours in major A&E



Cancer: 62 days to treatment after GP referral

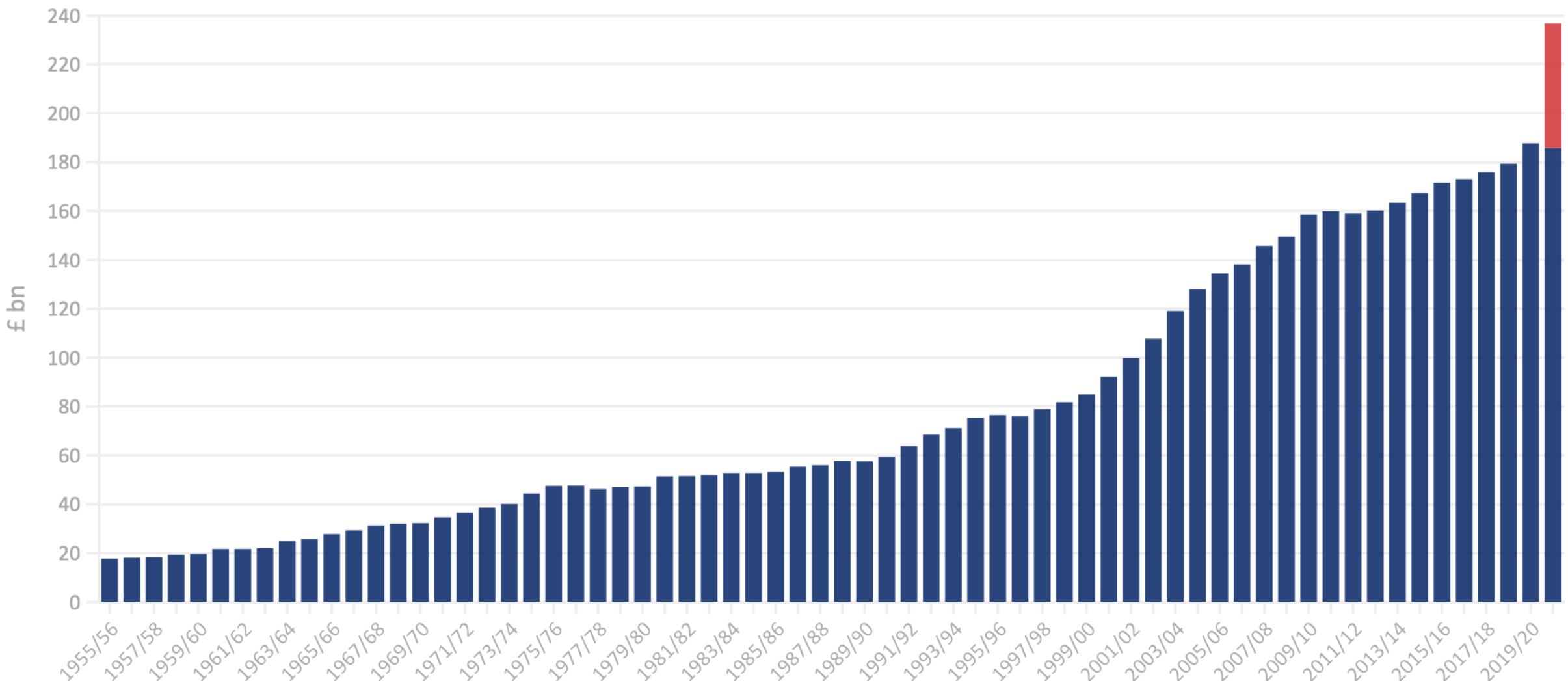


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UK Historical Health Expenditure, 1955/56 to 2020/21

£bn (real terms, 2023/24 prices)

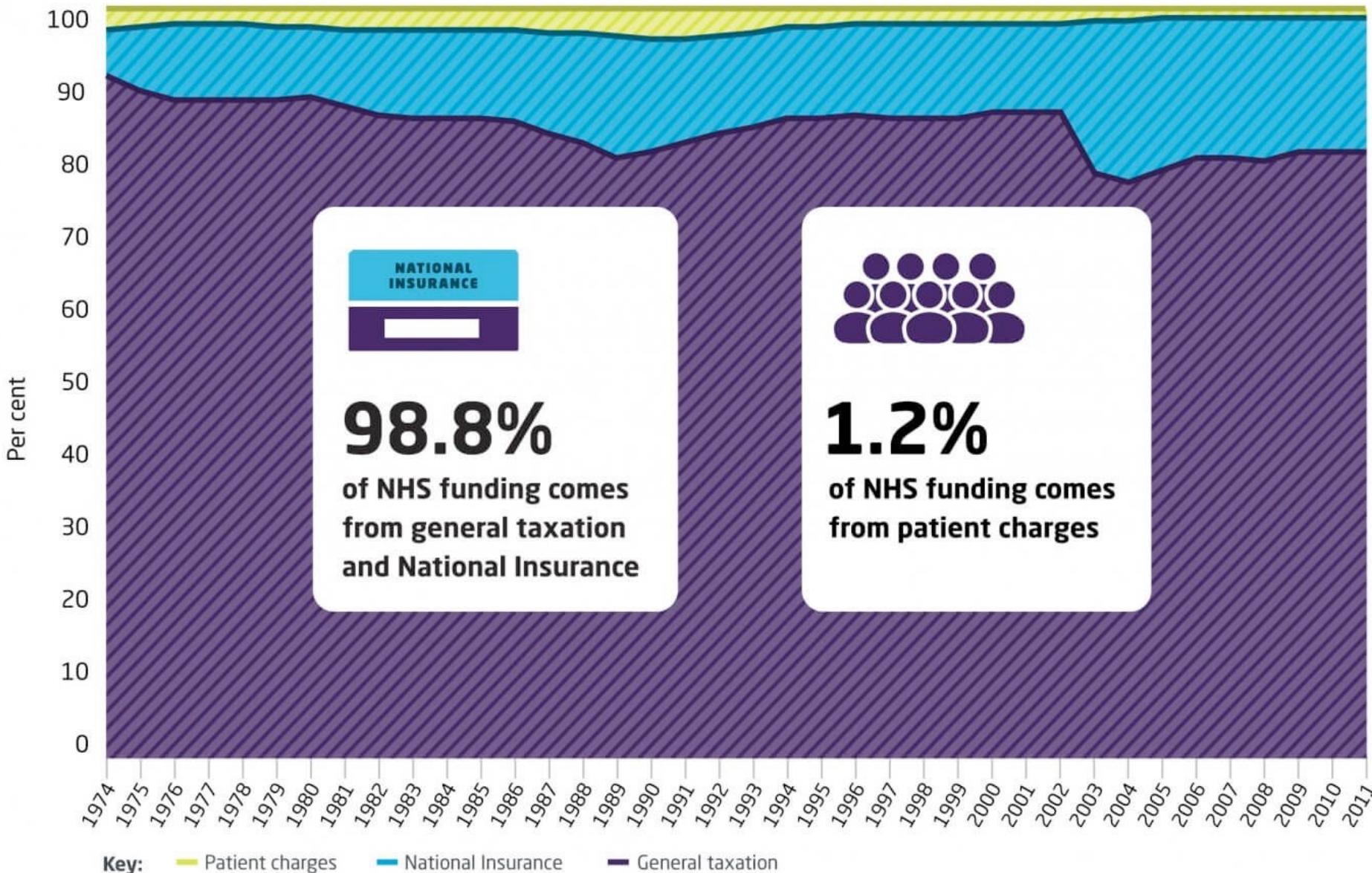
■ UK Health Expenditure ■ COVID funding



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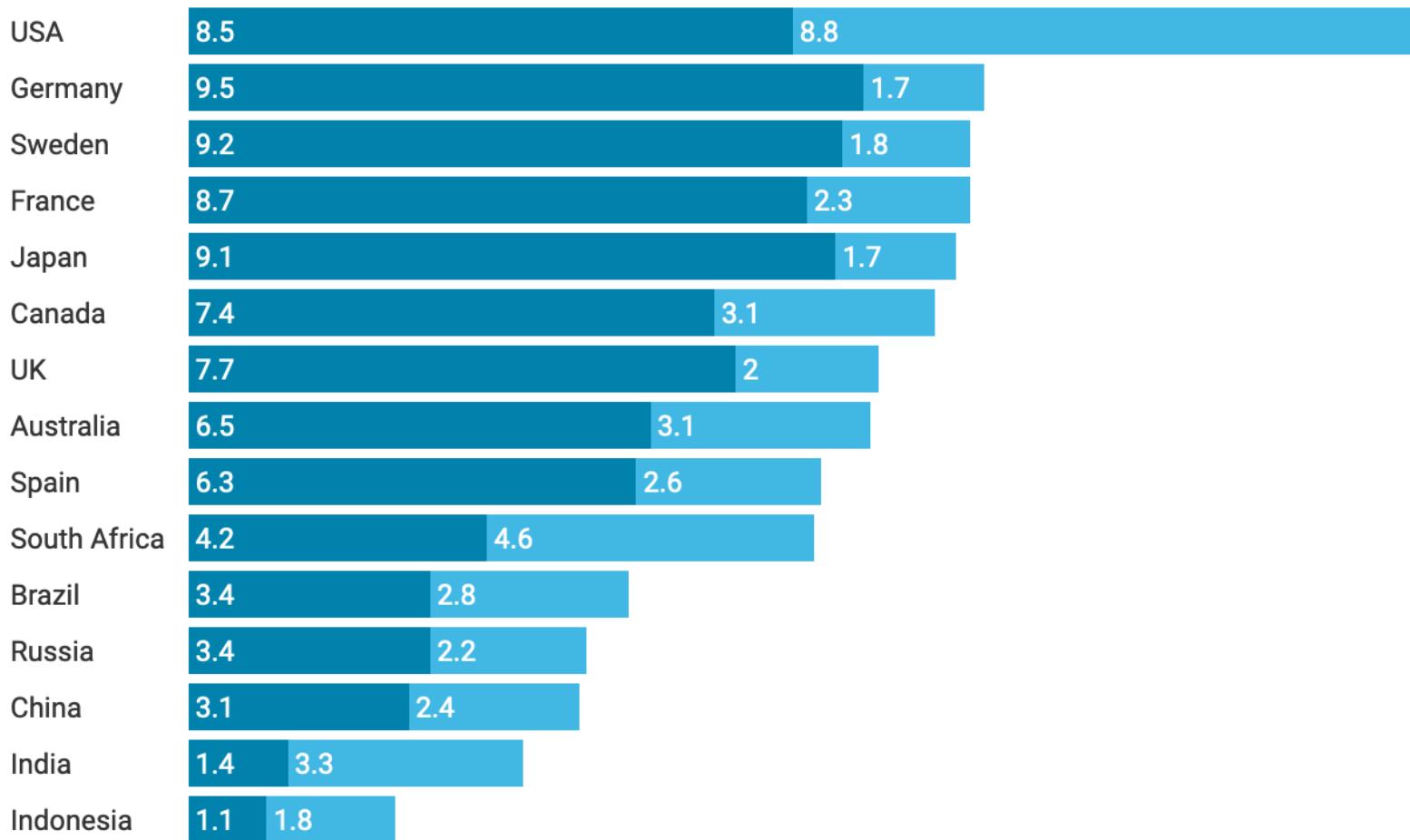


Sources of funding for the NHS



Health expenditure as a % of GDP (2016 or nearest year)

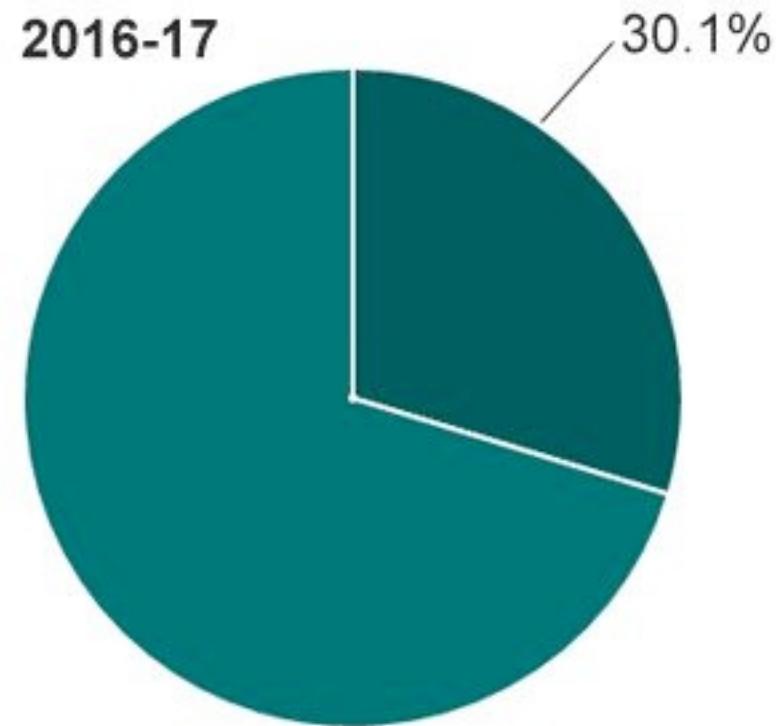
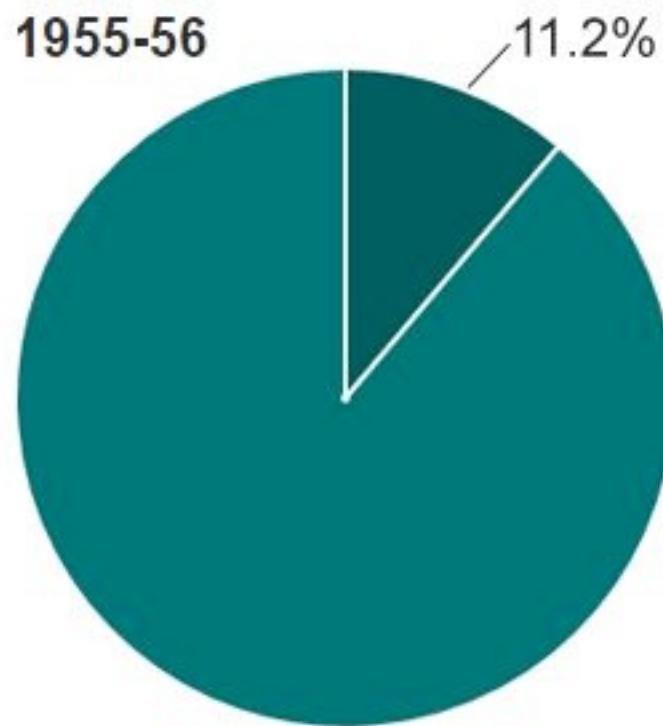
■ Government spending ■ Voluntary/out-of-pocket



Source: OECD Health Statistics 2017, WHO Global Health Expenditure Database. • [Get the data](#)

Change in proportion of public services budget spent on health

■ NHS ■ Rest of budget

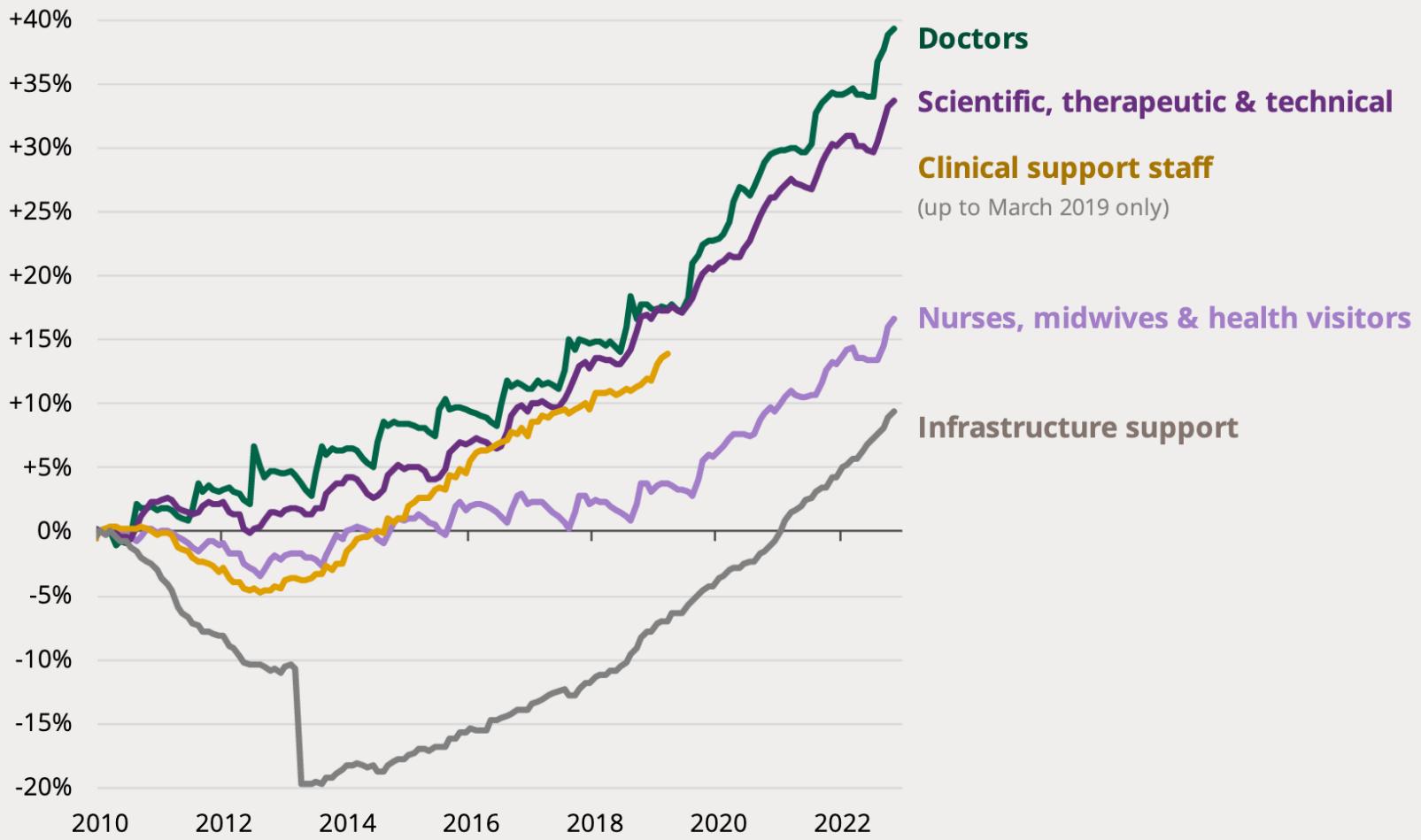


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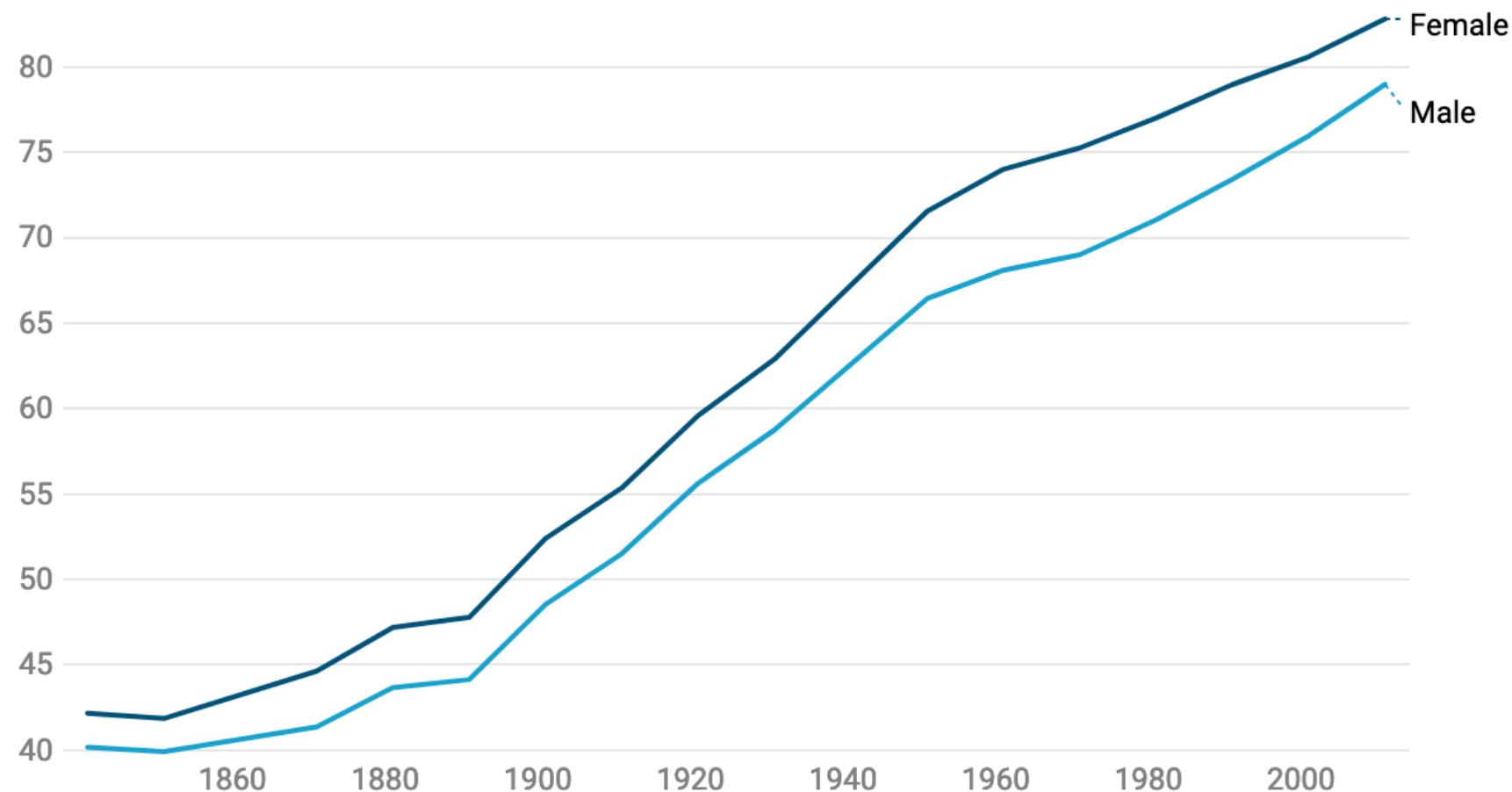
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The number of doctors has increased faster than other NHS staff groups

Cumulative percentage change since January 2010 by staff group, FTE, England

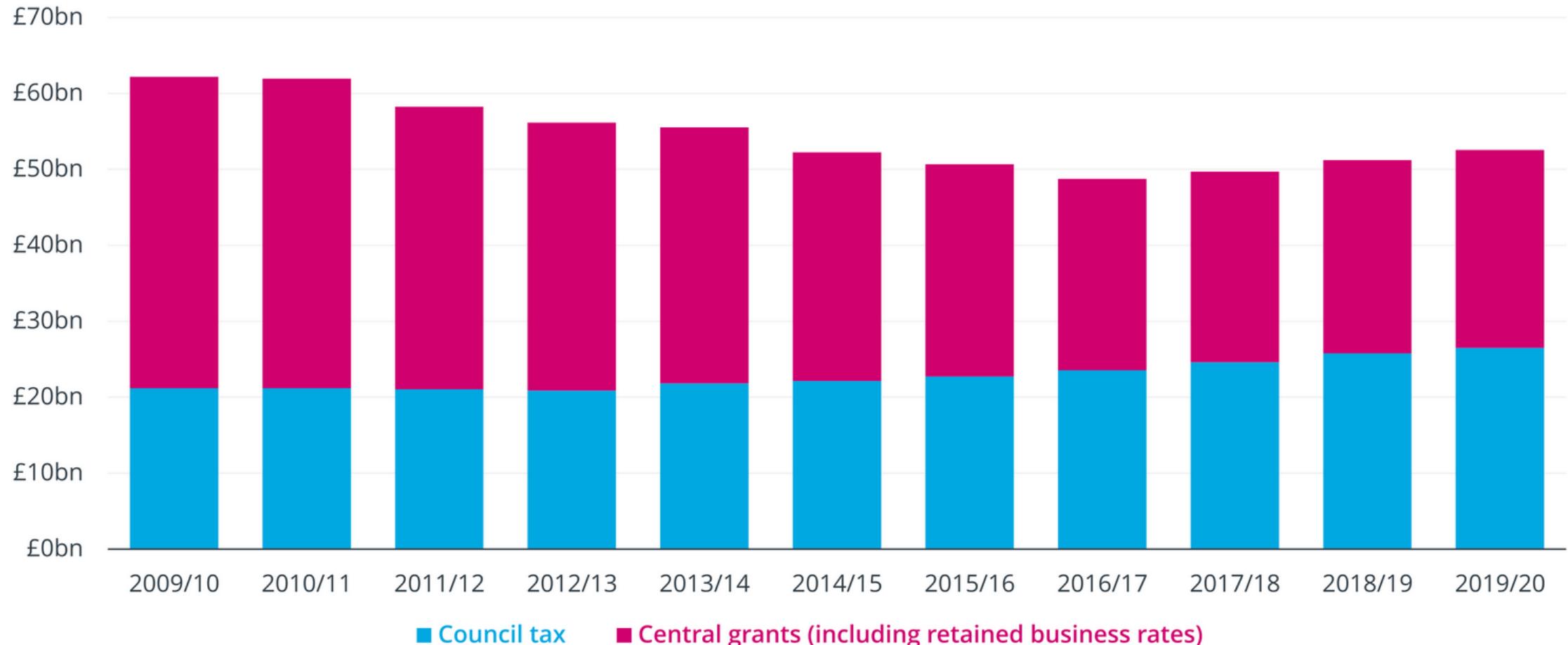


Life expectancy by census year



Source: [ONS • Get the data](#)

Local authority revenues by source (2019/20 prices)



Source: Institute for Government analysis of MHCLG, Local Authority Revenue expenditure and financing in England: individual local authority data - revenue outturn. Excludes grants for education services, police and public health. 2019/20 includes one month of emergency Covid-related funding (March 2020) which increased the proportion of funding from government grants.



Recent A&E attendance is similar to pre-Covid levels

Average daily attendances in England, monthly data

