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INEQUALITY AND COVID-19 IN THE UK



- In April 2020, less than 1 in 2 women were working full-time hours, compared to 58% of men. (1)
- Working class women were more likely to be furloughed than men or other women. (2)
- 1 in 3 working mothers have lost work or hours due to loss of childcare (44% for BAME mothers). (1)



- People from Black ethnic groups mostly likely to be diagnosed with Covid-19. (3)
- People of Bangladeshi had twice the risk of death from Covid-19 than people of White British ethnicity. (3)
- About two thirds of deaths among NHS workers were among people from ethnic minorities (22% of the workforce). (4)

(1) *Coronavirus crossroads: Equal pay day 2020 Report*, The Fawcett Society.

(2) *Carrying the work burden of the COVID-19 pandemic: Working class women in the UK*, Women's Budget Group.

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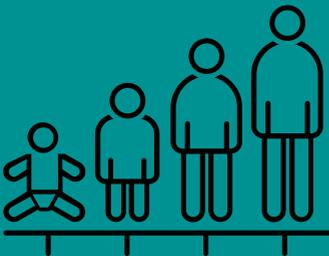
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- From January to November 2020, 6 out of 10 people who died from Covid-19 were disabled. (5)
- Covid-19 death rates were 4 to 6 times higher for those with learning disabilities than the general population. (6)



- 51% of households earning £6–10,000 have home internet access, compared with 99% of households with an income of £40,000+. (7)



- Younger people have experienced increased levels of mental health problems relative to other ages groups since the start of the pandemic. (8)
- Between February 2020 and February 2021, the number of young people claiming unemployment benefits increased by 124%. (9)

(5) [Covid-19 related deaths by disability status in England \(24 Jan–20 Nov 2020\)](#), Office for National Statistics.

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(7) [Exploring the UK's digital divide](#), Office for National Statistics.

(8) [Longitudinal changes in mental health and the Covid-19 pandemic: Evidence from the UK Household Longitudinal Study](#), Daly, Sutin & Robinson, (2020).

(9) [Youth unemployment statistics](#), House of Commons Library.