

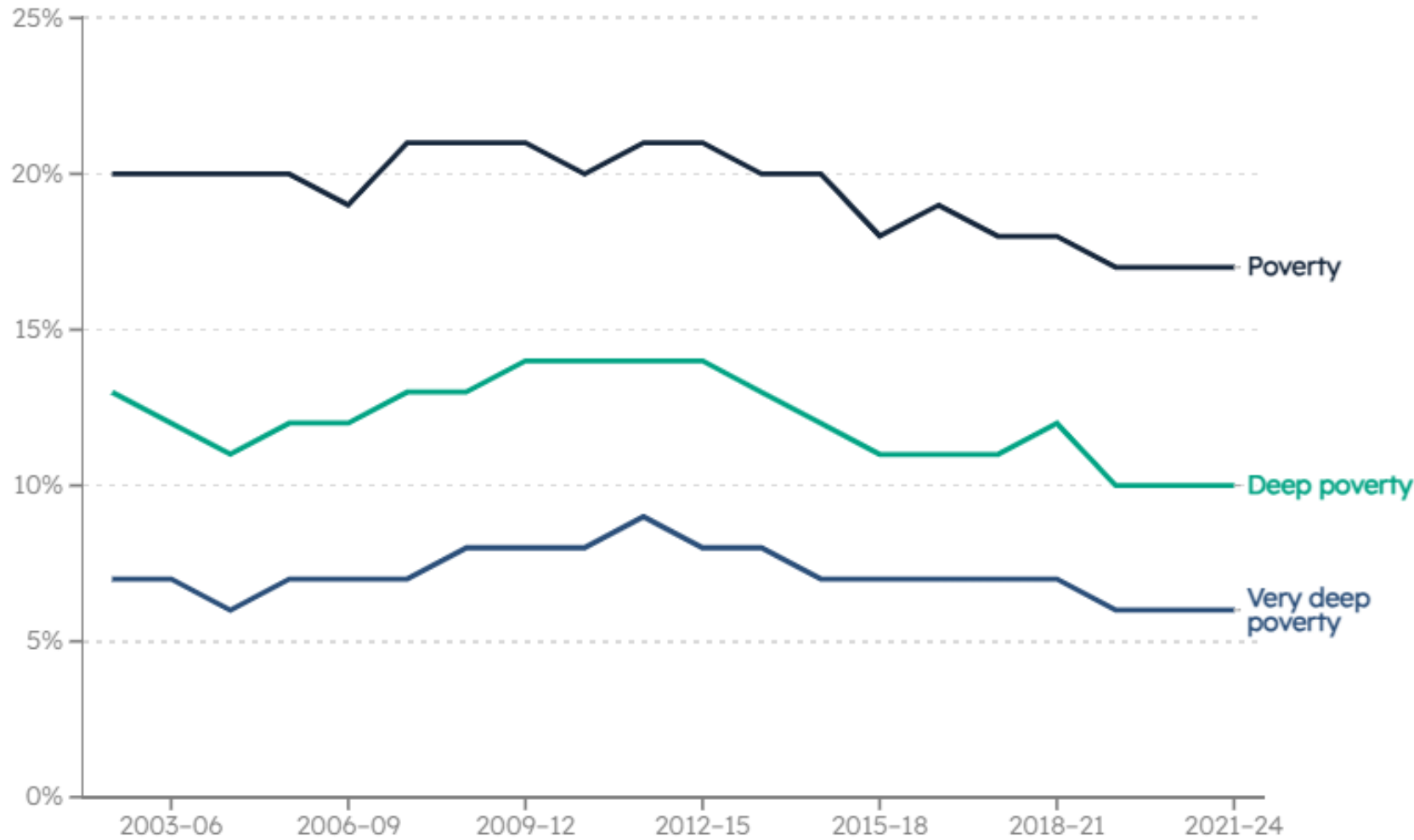


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# Poverty in Northern Ireland 2025



# Progress on reducing poverty rates has stalled



Source: JRF analysis of Understanding Society



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**110,000**

children are growing up in  
poverty

**330,000**

people can't afford what they  
need

## Local Government District

## Poverty Rate

Derry City &amp; Strabane

24

Causeway Coast and Glens

23

Fermanagh &amp; Omagh

22

Mid Ulster

20

Newry Mourne &amp; Down

19

Ards &amp; North Down

18

Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey

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Belfast City

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Mid &amp; East Antrim

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Armagh City, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon

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Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh City

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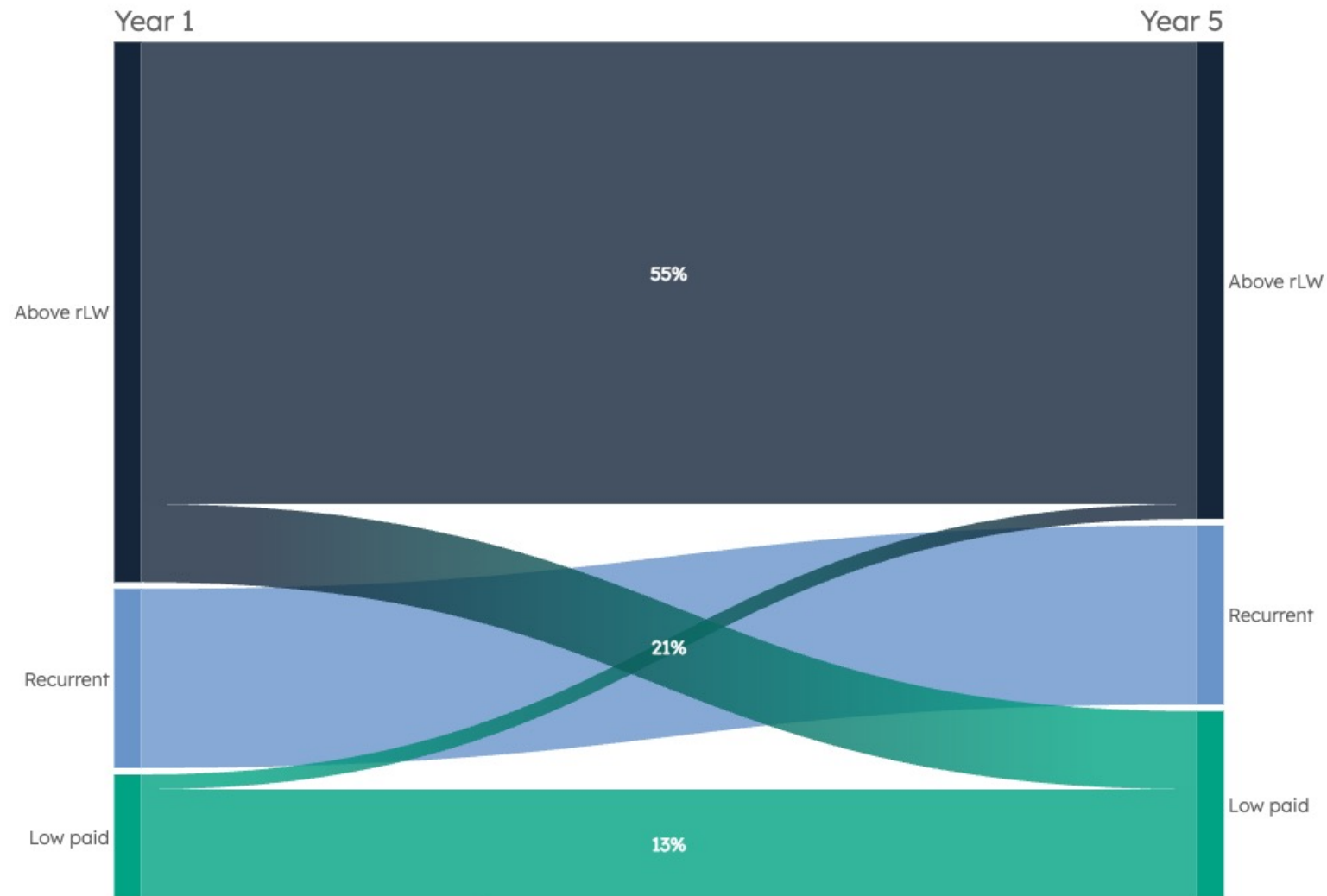


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**6 in 10 children**  
in poverty in NI  
live in households  
where at least one  
adult is in work

# Low pay is prevalent



# Key Structural Bottleneck: Childcare

"Working more hours to get more money really isn't an option. I'd need more childcare"

"I've had to reduce my hours because my youngest is autistic and I find it difficult with childcare for him...It's just because his needs are so complex"





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**3 in 10** private  
renters in NI are  
**living in poverty**



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Nearly half of  
adults (46%) in NI  
have **less than**  
**£1500 in savings**

2029/30 outcomes

Child Poverty rate

Children lifted out of poverty

2029/30 outcomes	Child Poverty rate	Children lifted out of poverty
Baseline scenario	22%	
Child Payment	18% ↓	20,000
Child Payment plus early year and baby boost	17% ↓	23,000



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**What's your reaction to our findings about poverty in NI?**

**It's ridiculous**

**A better future is possible.**

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