

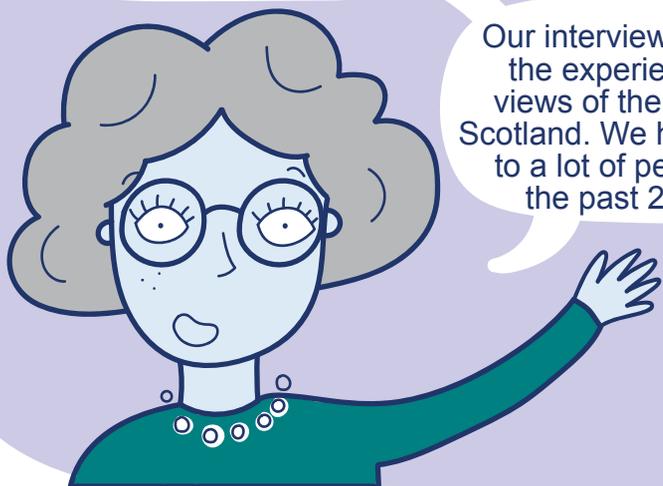


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# 20 YEARS OF SCOTLAND'S PEOPLE

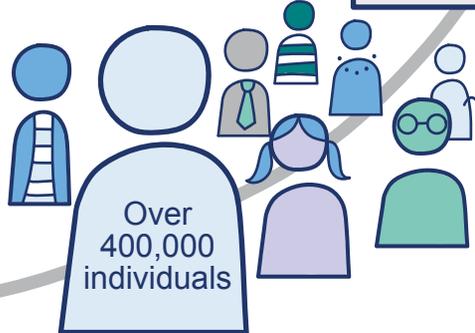
Hi! I'm Doris and I work in the Scottish Household Survey team.



Our interviewers collect the experiences and views of the people of Scotland. We have spoken to a lot of people over the past 20 years!

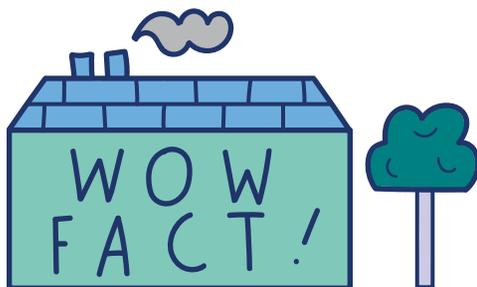
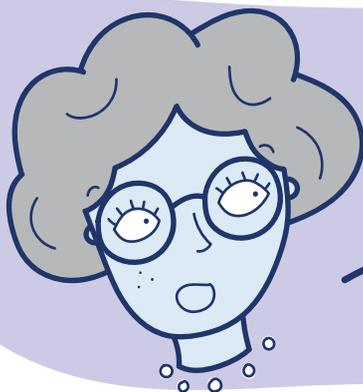


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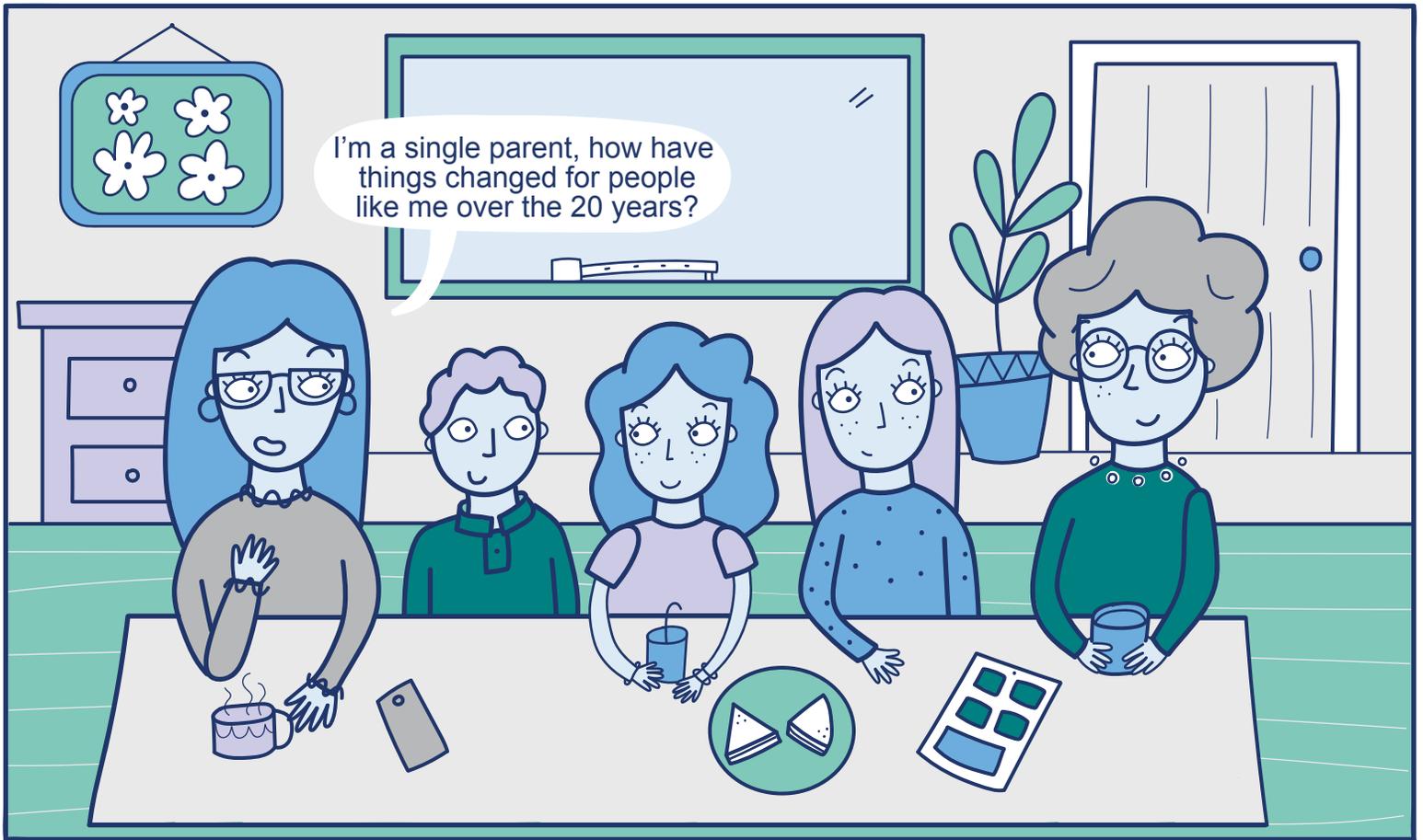


This data helps the Scottish Government and Local Authorities make informed decisions to make Scotland a better place to live.

Let's have a look together at the new data explorer and we can see how society has changed in Scotland over the last 20 years.

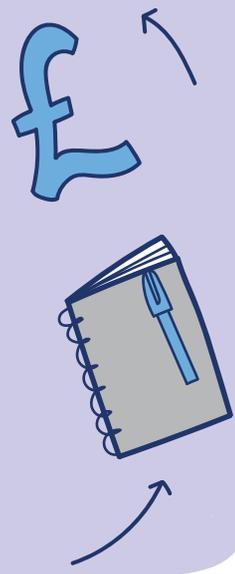


SHS interviewers collect information from over 10,000 people every year, and the survey has run non-stop for over 20 years!



I'm a single parent, how have things changed for people like me over the 20 years?

The data shows us that in 2019 there were more single parents in employment than 20 years ago, and many of them are managing better financially too.



**WOW FACT!**

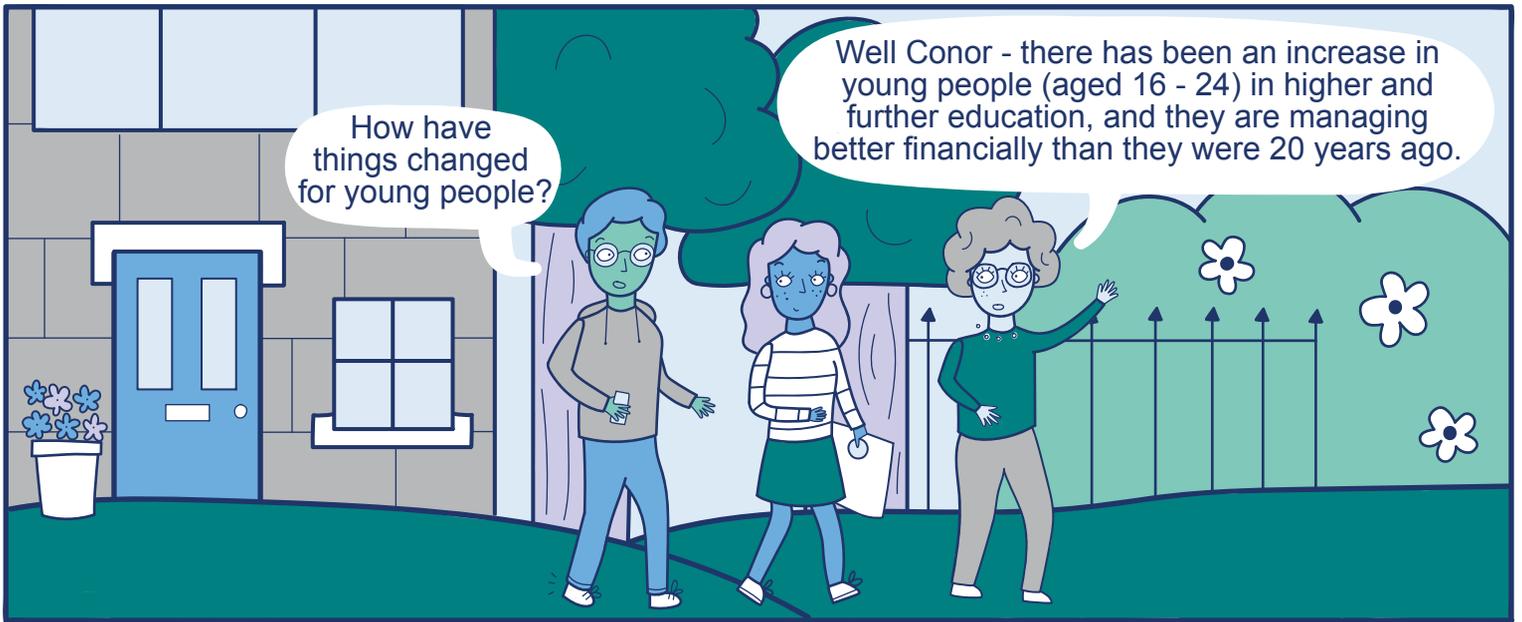
In 1999 42% of single parents looked after the home or family - in 2019 20% did.

Have the types of homes single parent families live in changed?

Yes Emma - more single parent families live in privately rented homes than they used to, and less live in socially rented homes.

So! To sum up, there's more single parents in work, many of them manage better financially, and more live in privately rented homes.

It should be noted that the definition of a single parent does not make any distinction between situations where a child has regular contact and/or partly resides with their other parent and a child who solely resides with and is cared for by one parent.



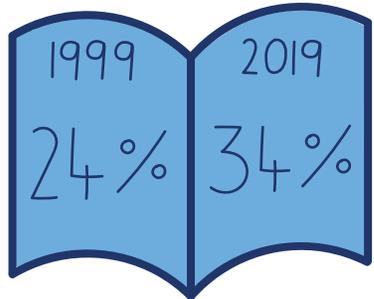
How have things changed for young people?

Well Conor - there has been an increase in young people (aged 16 - 24) in higher and further education, and they are managing better financially than they were 20 years ago.



Let's have a look at how education, employment and finances have changed...

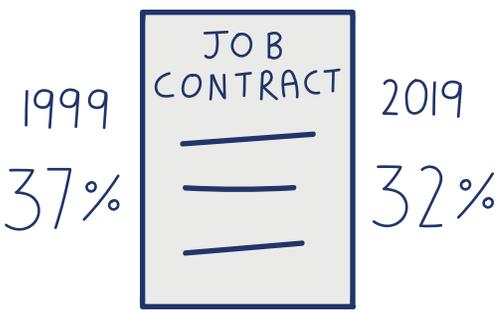
In further/ higher education



Unemployed and looking for work



Employed full-time



Manage very well/ quite well financially



Cool beans, and what about housing? I rent my flat.



Well Conor, in 1999 young people were more likely to socially rent their homes, but in 2019 they were more likely to privately rent. For this group, private renting increased from 30% to 56% over 20 years.

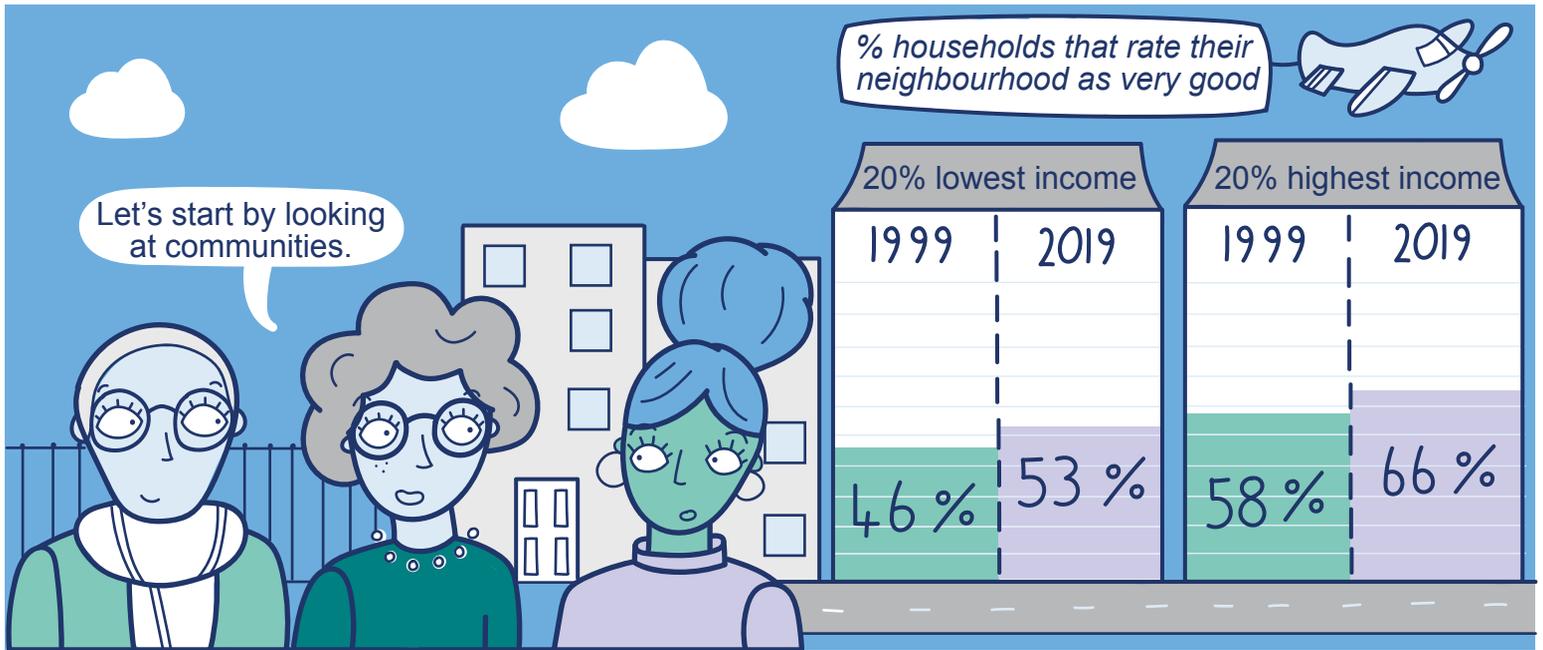
WOW FACT!



Since 1999, the percentage of young owner occupiers has almost halved.



So, more young people are in education and have money in their pockets, but they are more likely to privately rent and less likely to own their homes.



In terms of housing, people on higher incomes are more likely to own their own home, and they always have been. However, by 2019 more people on lower incomes owned their homes than before.



% of Owner Occupiers over the 20 years



So, in summary, higher income households are more likely to own their own homes and be happier with their neighbourhood than lower income households.

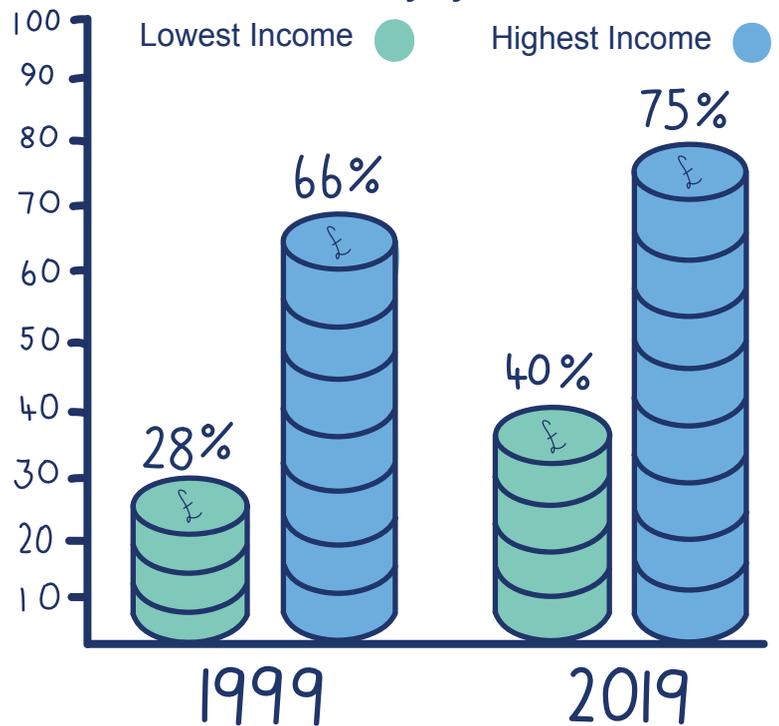
Can we tell how households are managing financially?

Yes we can Darren, and we can also look at the difference between those households with the highest and lowest incomes.

Knowing about the types of households who are not managing well helps the Scottish Government support families through policies like the Child Poverty Strategy.

Every child, every chance

### Households that are managing well financially by income



There has been an increase in the number of households managing well financially.



So overall there has been an increase in households managing well financially and a decrease in households not managing well.

You can see that those on lower incomes don't manage as well as those on higher incomes. However, the number of people on lower incomes that are managing well financially has increased.

**WOW FACT!**

Over the last 20 years people in rural areas have managed better financially than people in urban areas.



**WOW FACT!**

In 1999, nearly half of people aged 60+ owned their homes outright - by 2019 this increased to two-thirds.

By 2019, more older people were in employment, more owned their homes than before and they were managing better financially too.



Have things changed for women over these 20 years?

I'm glad you asked Viktoria - yes, since 1999 there has been an increase in women working, with more working full-time and self employed in 2019.

Also, there are less women that stay at home to look after the home or family.

**WOW FACT!**  
Over the 20 years, there has been an increase in women working.

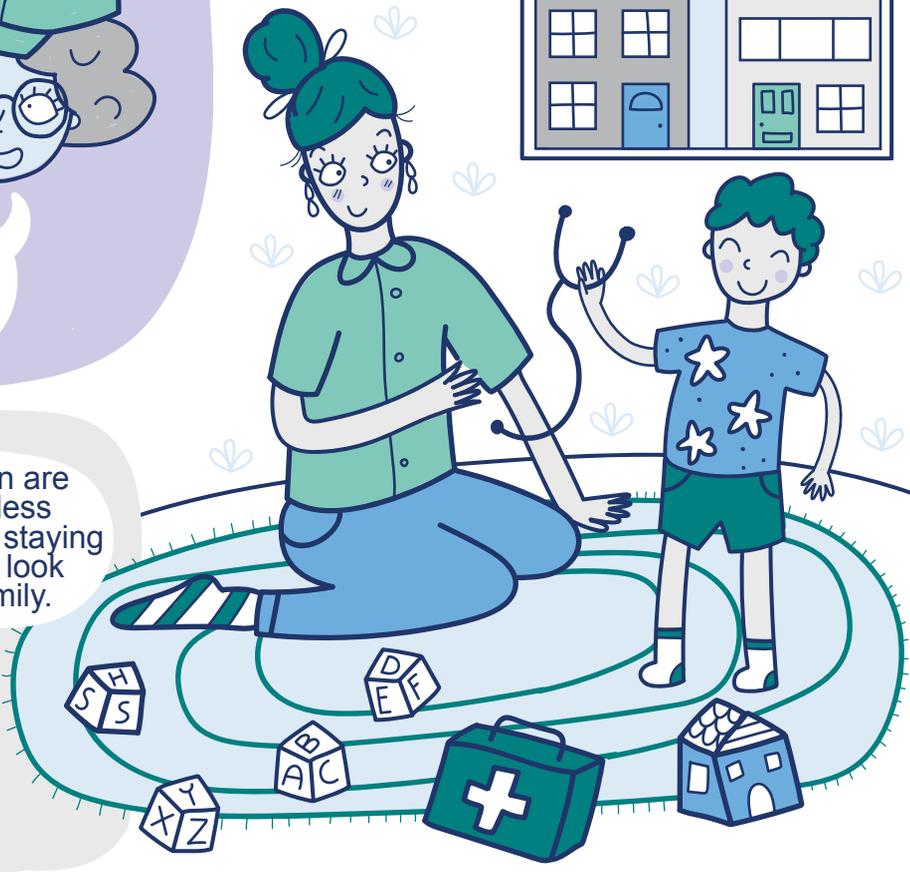
Let's take a look in more detail at how employment has changed for women over the last 20 years...

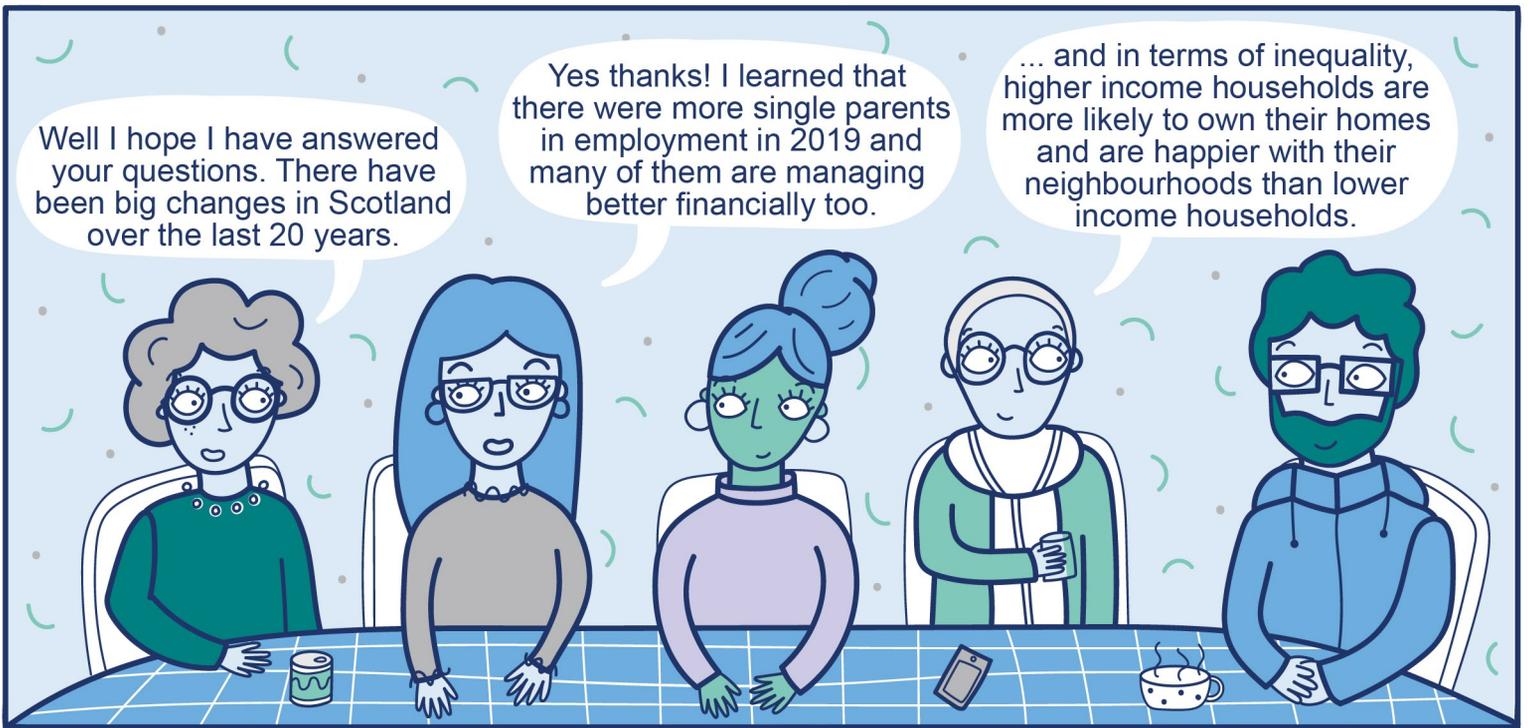
	1999	2019
Self-employed	2%	4%
Working full-time	25%	31%
Looking after home or family	15%	7%

What about for women with children?

Well, the proportion of women with children who are looking after the home or family has also dropped.

Wow! So more women are working overall, and less women with children are staying out of employment to look after the home or family.

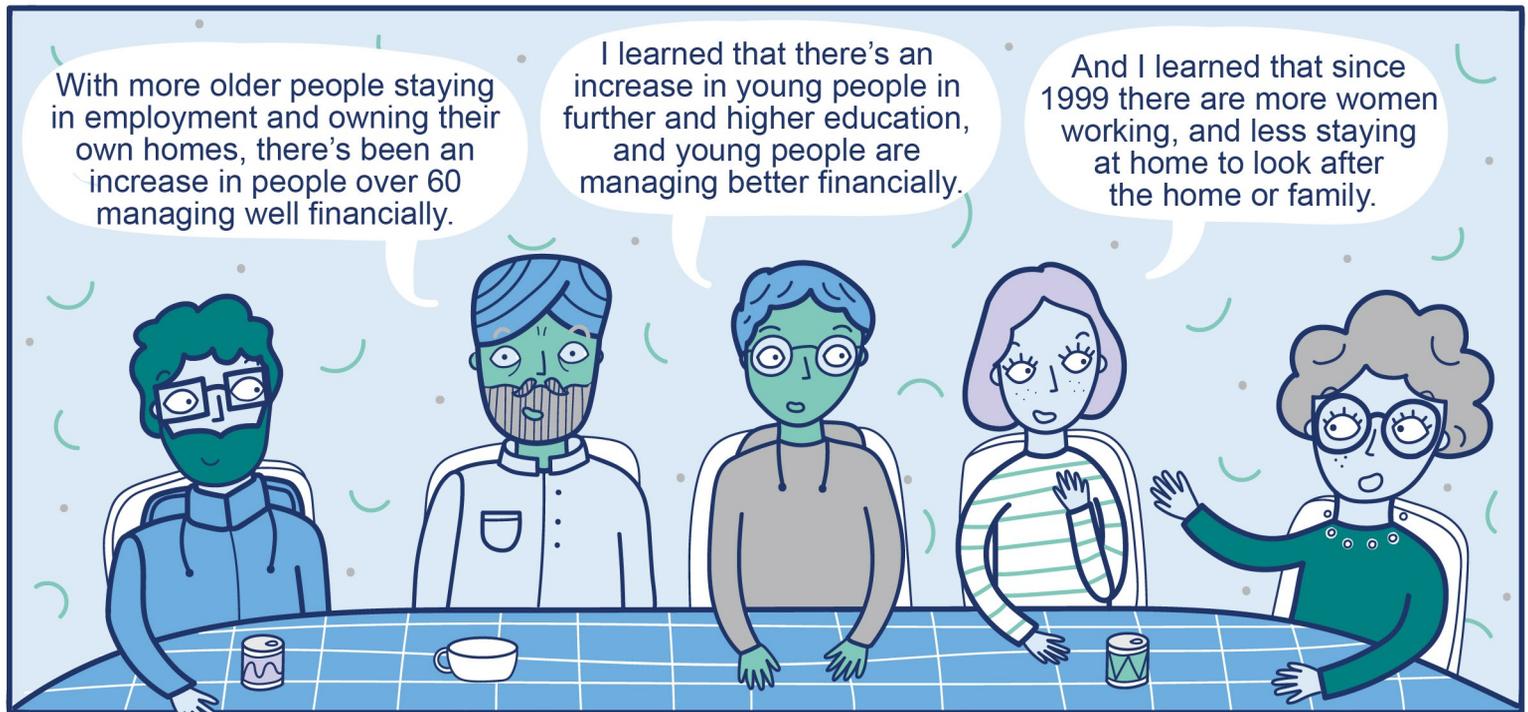




Well I hope I have answered your questions. There have been big changes in Scotland over the last 20 years.

Yes thanks! I learned that there were more single parents in employment in 2019 and many of them are managing better financially too.

... and in terms of inequality, higher income households are more likely to own their homes and are happier with their neighbourhoods than lower income households.



With more older people staying in employment and owning their own homes, there's been an increase in people over 60 managing well financially.

I learned that there's an increase in young people in further and higher education, and young people are managing better financially.

And I learned that since 1999 there are more women working, and less staying at home to look after the home or family.

If you'd like to know more, take a look at the data explorer online or get in touch with the Scottish Household Survey team.



If you are selected to take part in the survey, please get involved and help shape Scotland.

Special thanks to the interviewers and surveyors at Ipsos MORI, and to all the people of Scotland who gave their time to take part.



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