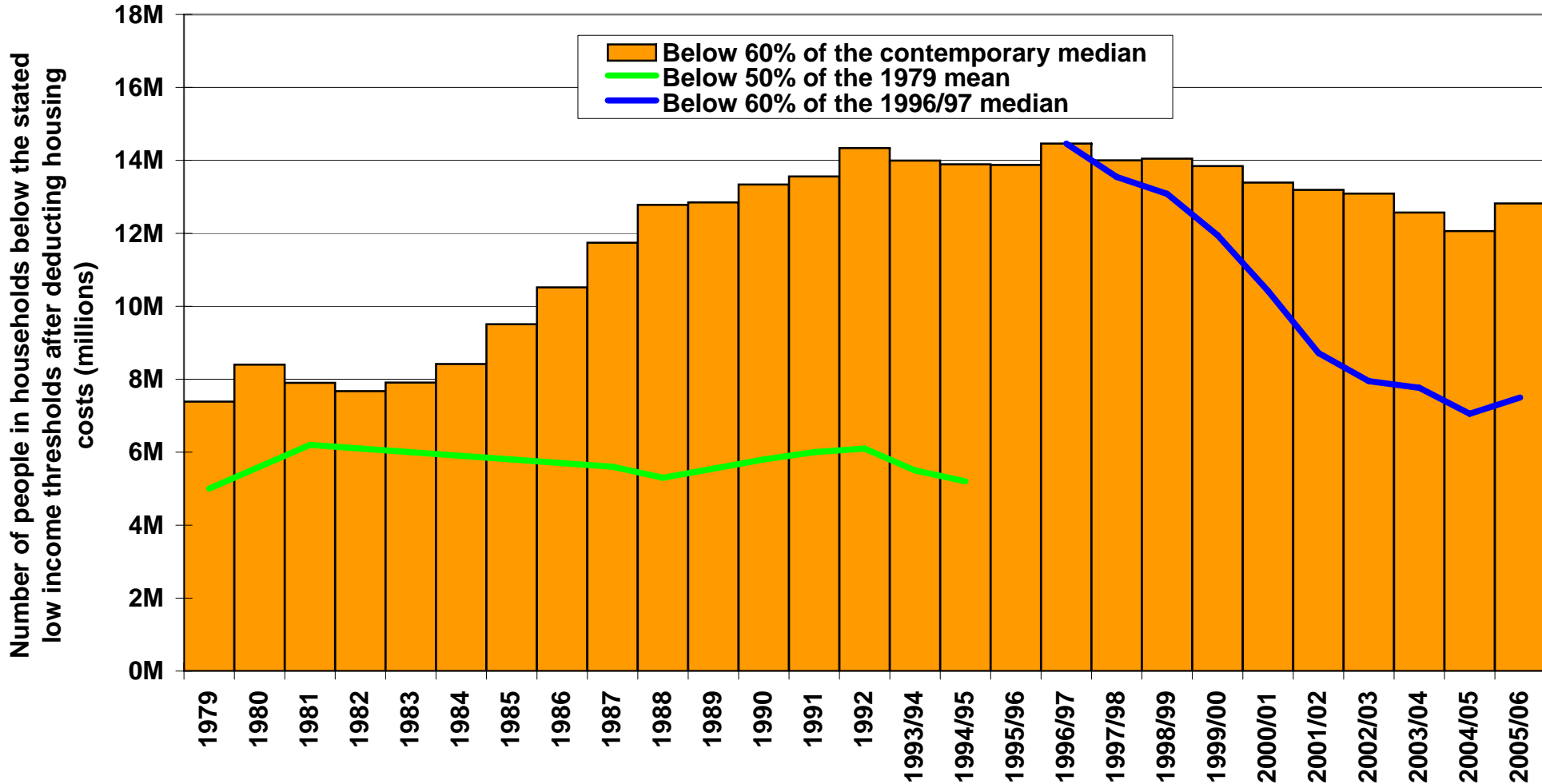


As real incomes have risen, the number of people below a fixed 1996/97 low income threshold has halved, from 14 million to 7 million



Source: Households Below Average Income, DWP (1994/95 onwards) and the IFS (earlier years); UK; updated June 2007