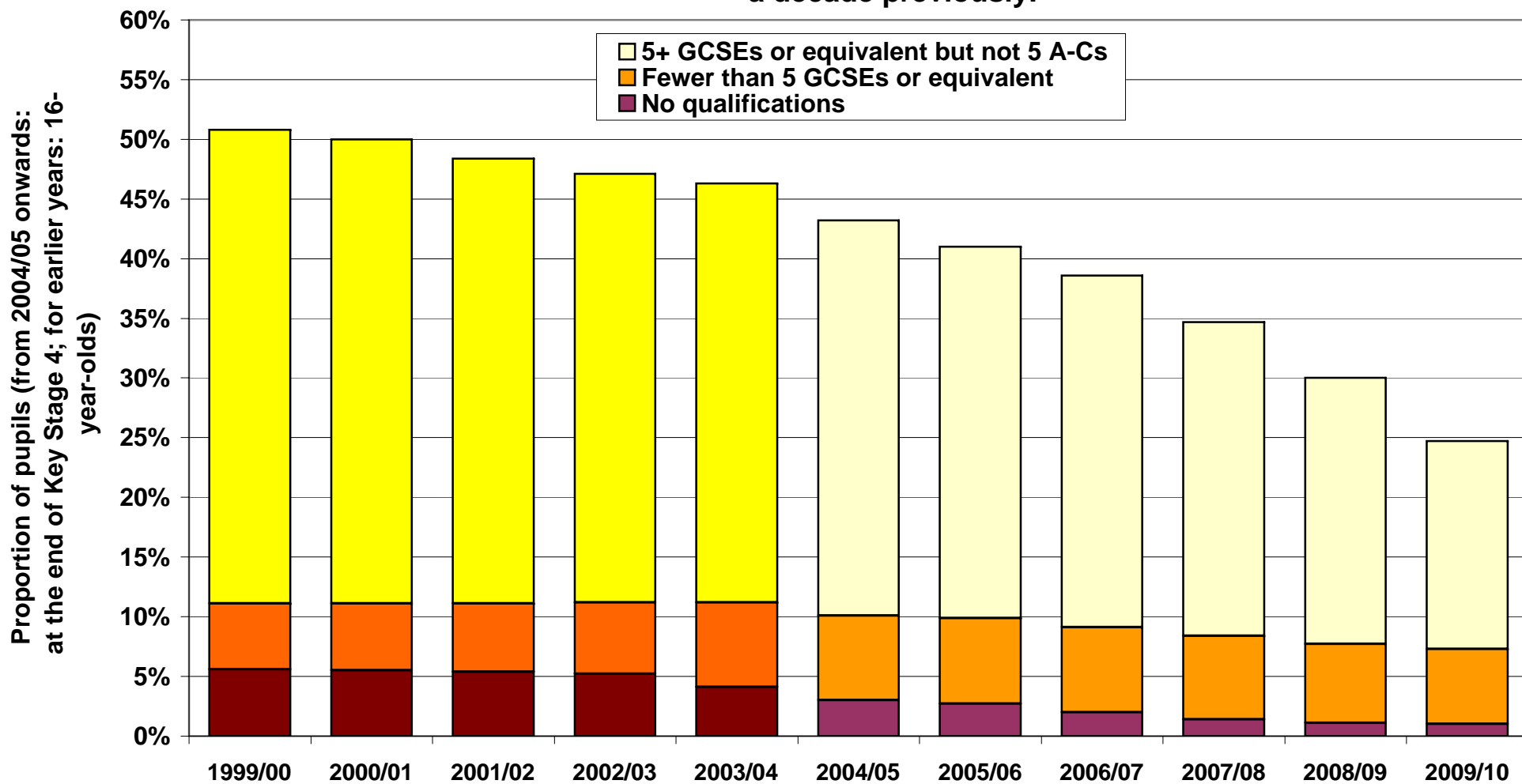


**7% of pupils in England obtained fewer than 5 GCSEs in 2009/10, down from 10% in the mid 2000s. 25% obtained fewer than 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, down from 50% a decade previously.**



Source: Statistical Releases from DfE; England; updated Jan 2011