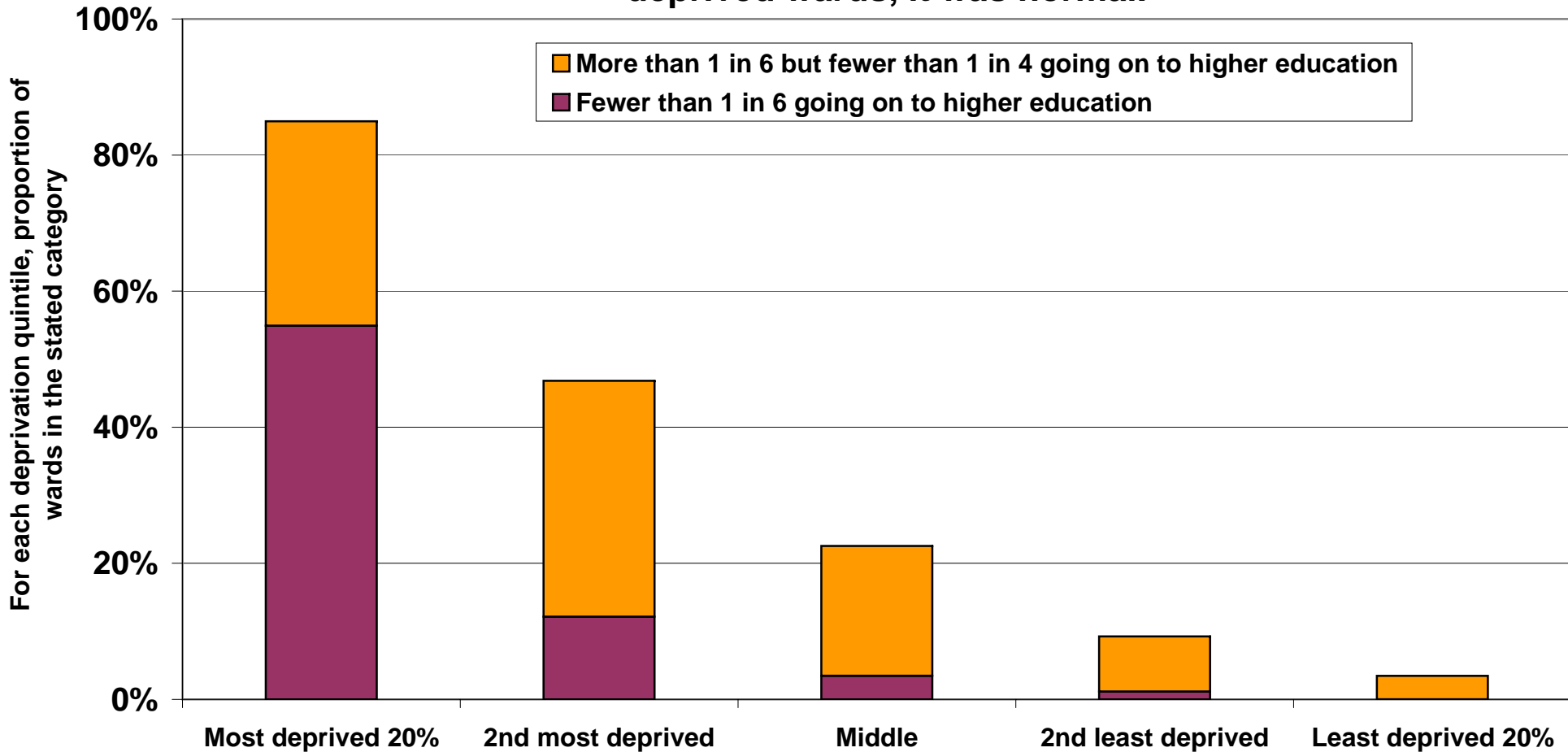


In the most deprived wards, it was rare at the end of the 1990s for more than a quarter of 18-year-olds to go to higher education. In the least deprived wards, it was normal.



Wards ranked by deprivation level
Source: Participation Of Local Areas (POLAR), HEFCE; the data is the average for 1997 to 1999