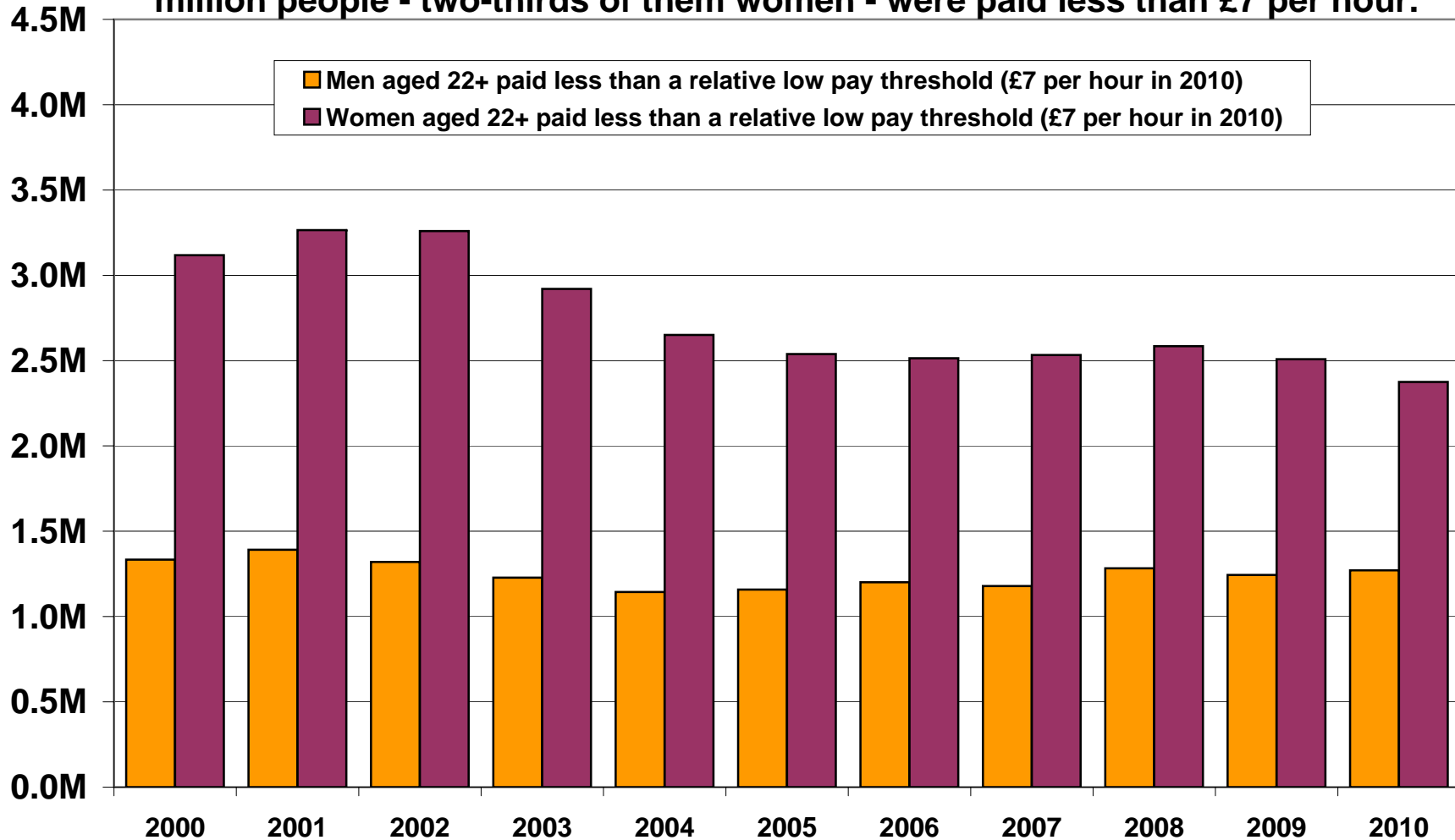


The proportion of employees aged 22 and over who were low paid fell between 2002 and 2005 but has not changed much since then. In 2010, 3½ million people - two-thirds of them women - were paid less than £7 per hour.

Number of employees aged 22 to retirement earning less than a hourly threshold set at £7 for the latest year and deflated for earlier years in line with the average rise in earnings (millions)



Source: Calculations based on ONS estimates; UK; updated Dec 2010