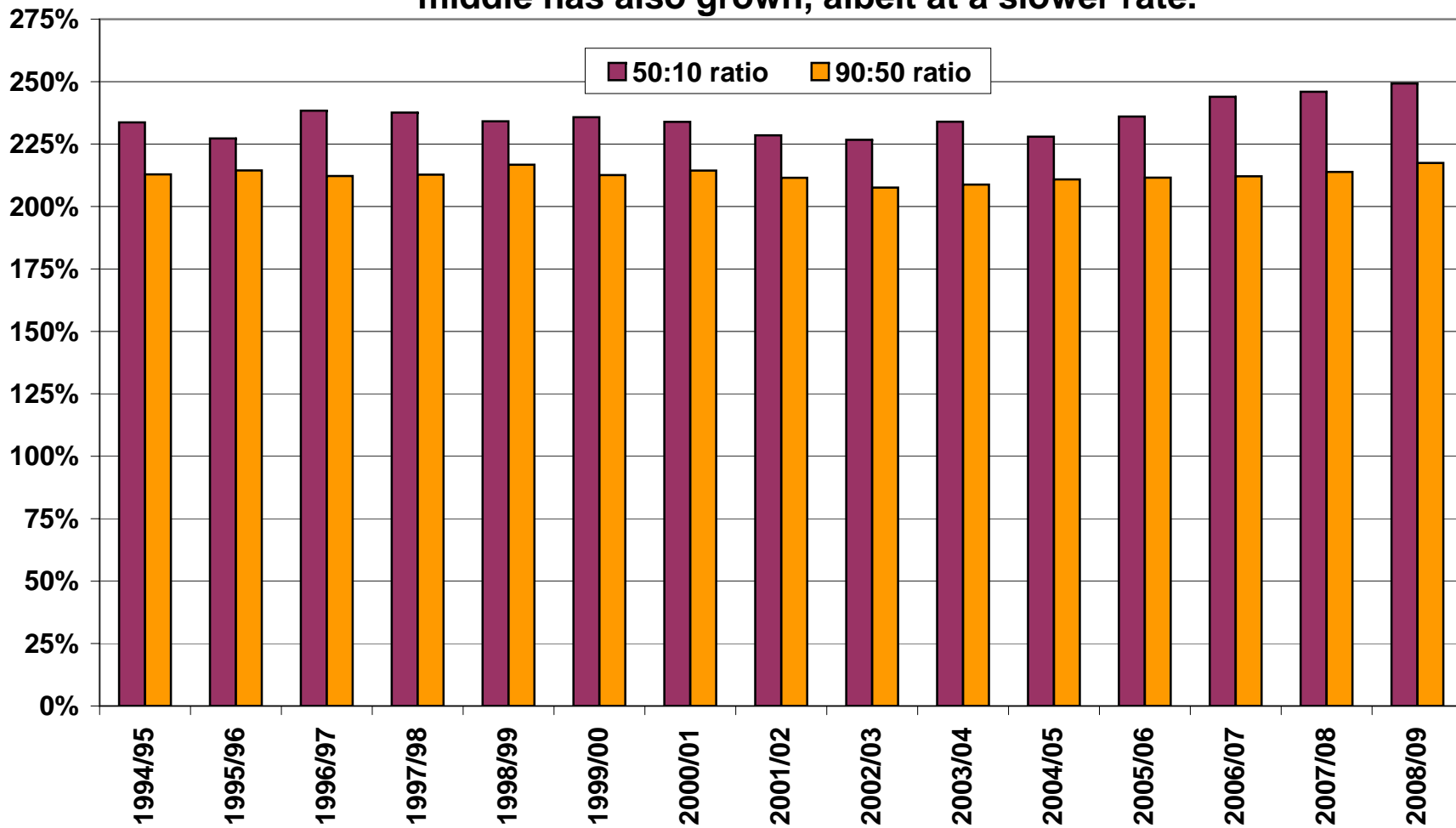


The gap between the middle of the income distribution and the bottom has grown substantially in recent years. The gap between the top and the middle has also grown, albeit at a slower rate.

Ratio of the incomes after deducting housing costs between the 50th percentile (i.e. median) and the 10th percentile, and between the 90th percentile and the median



Source: Households Below Average Income, DWP; Great Britain; updated Feb 2011