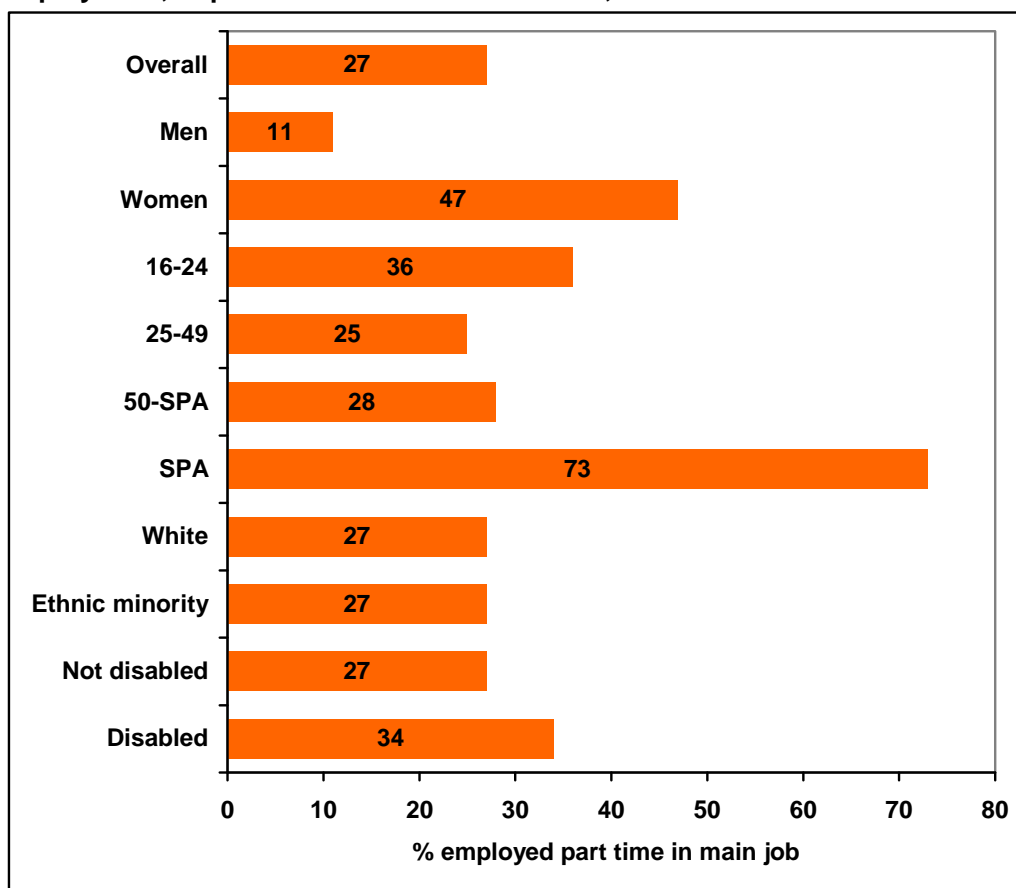


## - PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT -

More than one-quarter (27%) of the South West's population of working age are employed part time<sup>1</sup>. This compares to 24% for the UK as whole. People of state pension age and women are considerably more likely to work part time than younger workers and men. This is likely to reflect, in part, older workers preferences for a phased approach to retirement (i.e. reduced hours) and the desire for some women to combine work with caring for a home and/or family. Disabled people and young people (aged 16-24) are also more likely to work part time than average the latter partly because it includes full-time students who also have jobs. The higher proportion of disabled people working part time may also reflect a preference for reduced hours of work as a way of managing their condition. Given the relatively small ethnic minority population and the likely size of the confidence intervals attributed to the estimate, it is unlikely that the higher levels of part-time working amongst ethnic minorities identified in the survey is statistically difference from that of the White population.

**Figure 9: Percentage of employed residents of working age in part-time employment, September 2007 to October 2008, South West**

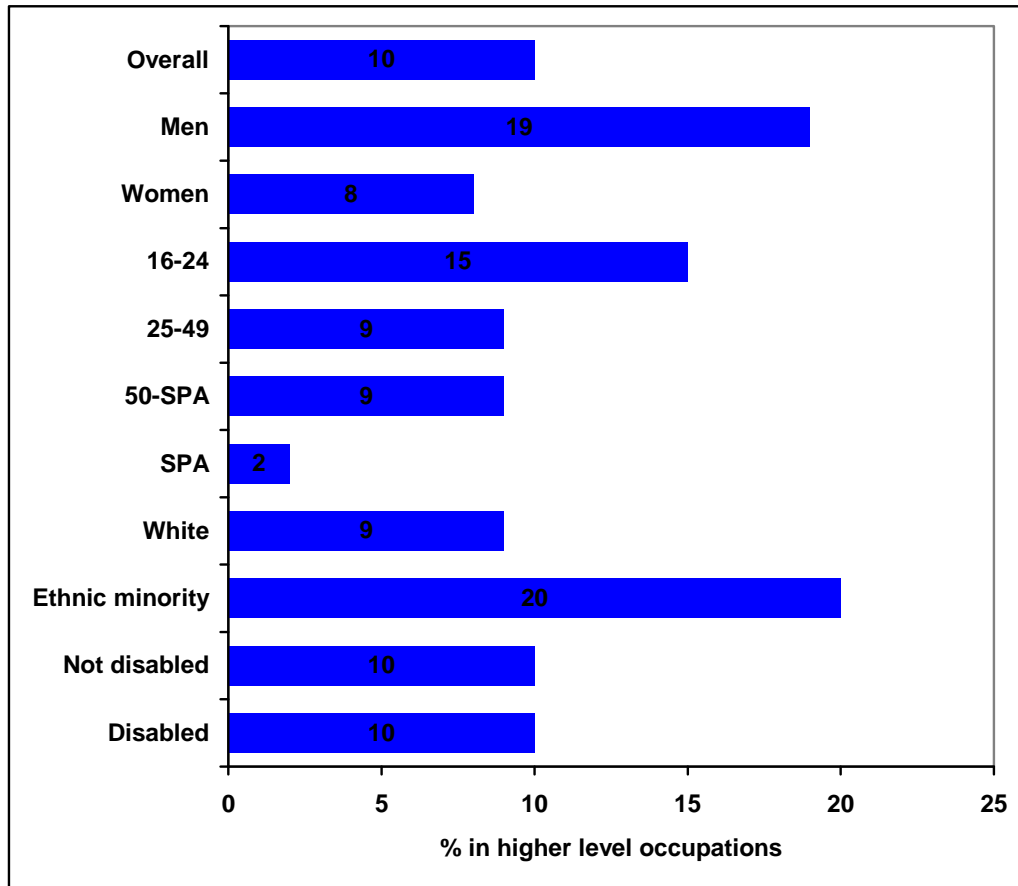


Source: Annual Population Survey (UK Data Archive)

<sup>1</sup> Main job only.

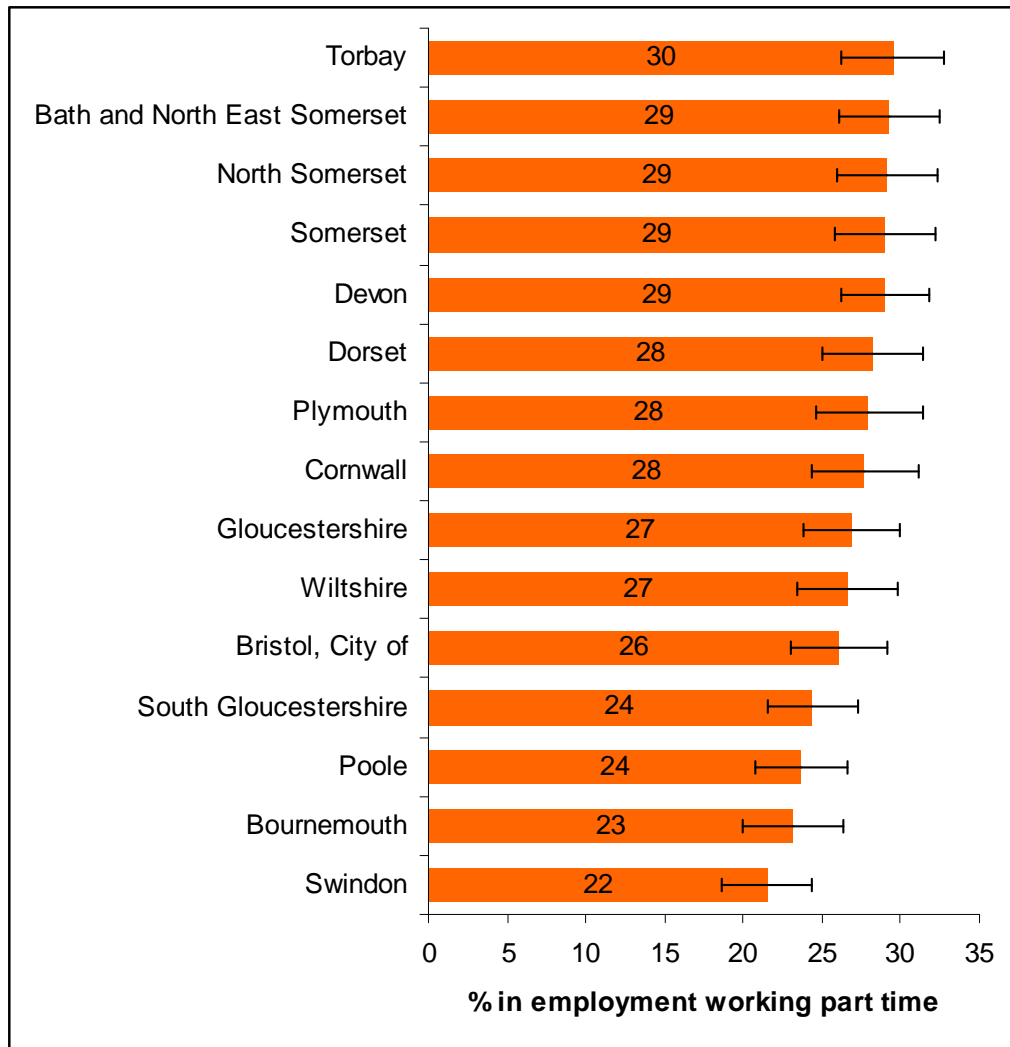
UK survey estimates suggest that one-in-ten part-time workers could not find full-time work. Ethnic minority groups, men and young people are considerably more likely to be working part time for this reason. Women and part-time workers of state pension age are least likely to be working reduced hours involuntarily.

**Figure 10: Percentage of part-time employees of working age who could not find a full-time job, September 2007 to October 2008, United Kingdom**



Source: Annual Population Survey

**Figure 11: Percentage of employed residents working part-time by higher tier local authority area, September 2007 to October 2008, South West**



Source: Annual Population Survey