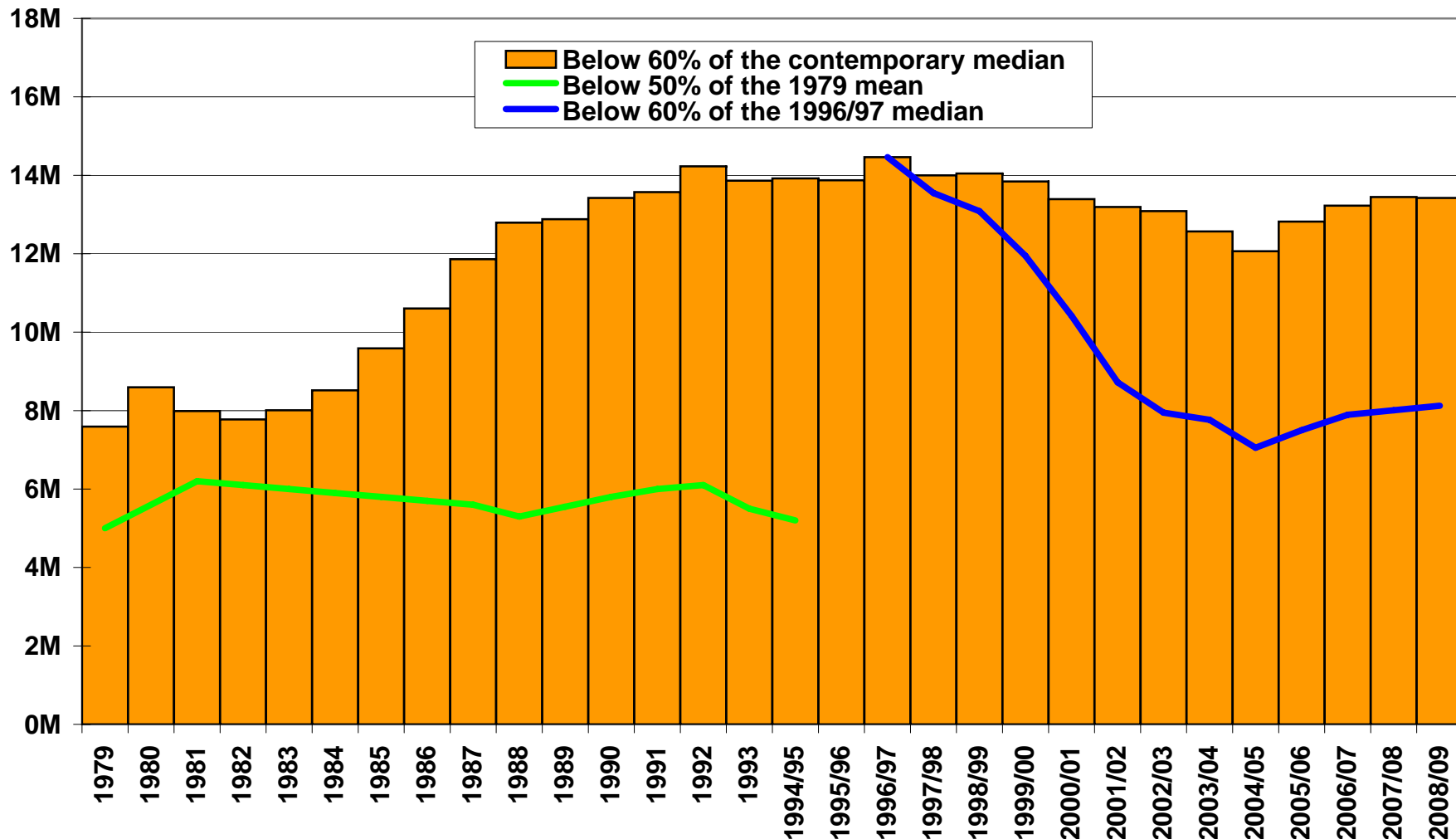


The number of people below a fixed 1996/97 low-income threshold is actually higher than a few years ago, after having previously halved in the late 1990s and early 2000s

Number of people in households below the stated low-income thresholds after deducting housing costs (millions)



Source: Households Below Average Income, DWP (1994/95 onwards) and the IFS (earlier years); UK; updated Aug 2010