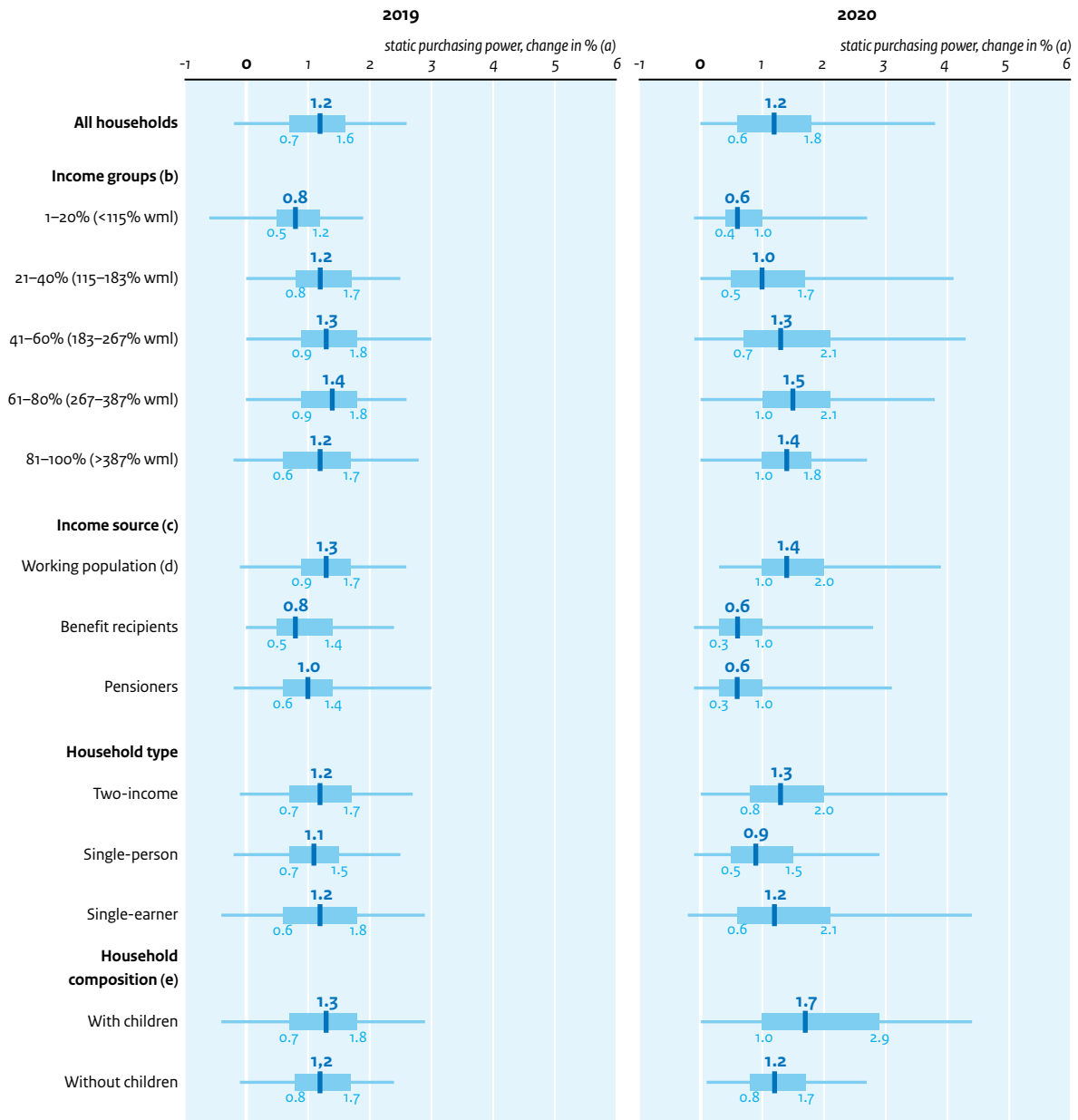
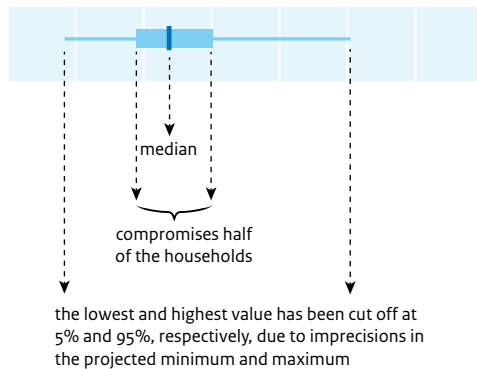


## Purchasing power development



### How to read the table?



The 'median' is the middle value of a series of figures, ordered from low to high. A median purchasing power development of 1.3% for all households means that, for half of them, purchasing power development will be 1.3% or less, while, for the other half, it will be 1.3% or more. For half of the households, purchasing power development will be within the blue bar, with one quarter below and one quarter above the median. For the other half, purchasing power development will be outside this range. The box plot's whiskers show the lowest and highest development in purchasing power.

- (a) Not including incidental changes in income.
- (b) Gross labour income or welfare benefits on household level; the national minimum wage (nwm) in 2019 is around 21,045 euros. Income groups have been divided into five groups of equal size in ascending order of income, each containing 20% of all households.
- (c) The categorisation according to source of income is based on the highest income source per household, with households of which the main income is derived from investments or products having been categorised under the employed. Households on early retirement income or student grants as their main source of income have been excluded.
- (d) Changes in purchasing power for the employed do not include incidental wage changes, such as bonuses received or lost.
- (e) The categorisation according to household composition is based on the presence of children of up to eighteen years and excludes pensioner households.