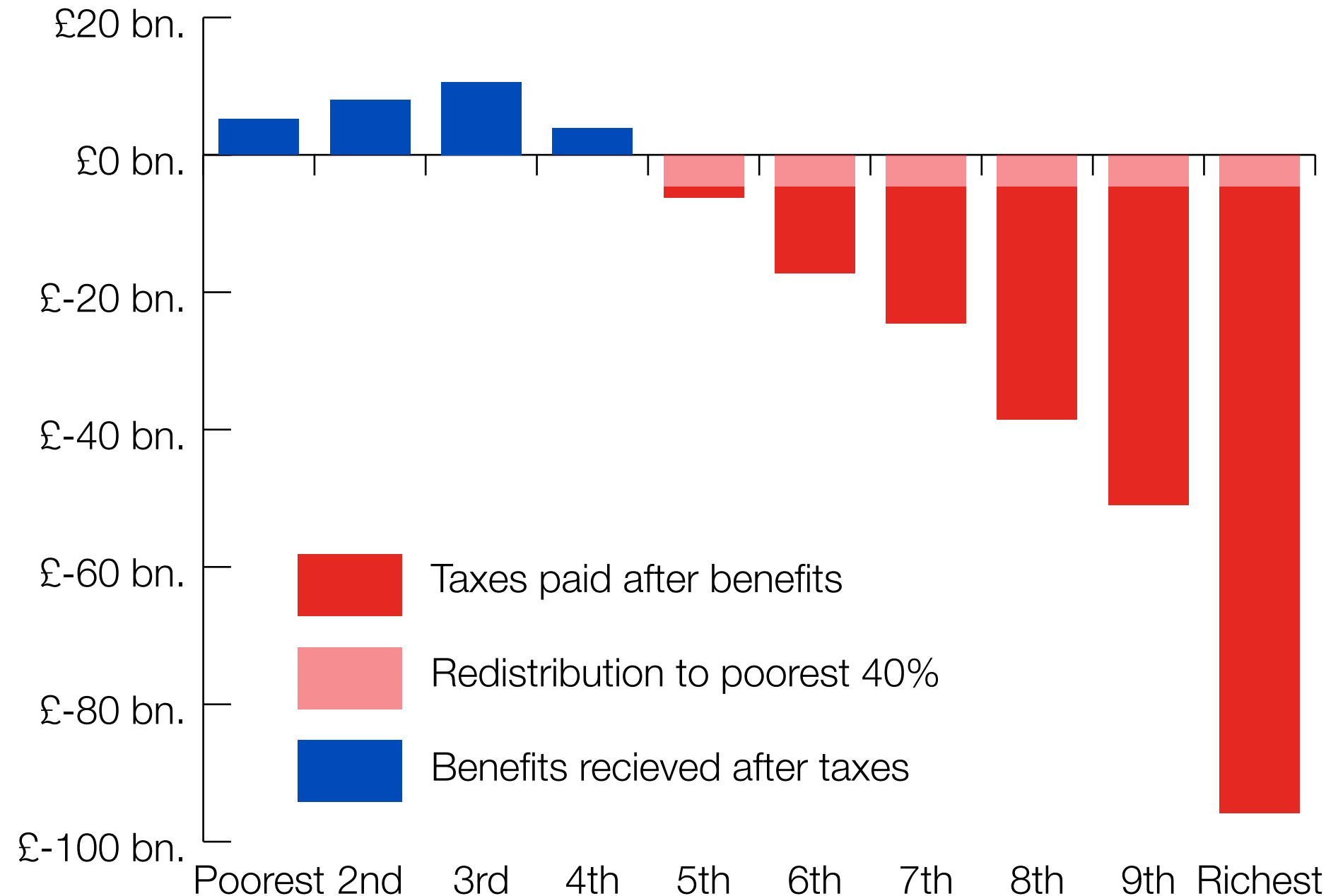


The poorest 40% receive more in benefits than they pay in taxes. In total the real (post-tax) cost of benefits is £27.8 billion or 1.4% of GDP. The vast majority of taxes go towards public services which benefit everyone.

The real cost of benefits is very small (1.4% of GDP)



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