

YouGov / Independent Age Survey Results



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Fieldwork: 8th - 11th October 2024

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In previous years, the Winter Fuel Payment, an annual payment of either £200 or £300, was paid to all those past State Pension Age. From winter 2024, the Winter Fuel Payment will be paid ****only**** to those past State Pension Age who receive Pension Credit, or certain other benefits for those on low incomes including Universal Credit, and Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).
Are you eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment in winter 2024 under the proposed changes?

[Asked to those above the State Pension age; n=1059]

Yes, I will receive Winter Fuel Payment	7	4	7	6	6	4	8	6	7	1	9	8	2	13	6	8	7	7
No, I will NOT receive Winter Fuel Payment	88	91	87	94	90	93	86	89	88	96	87	86	95	79	91	86	86	89
I have applied for a relevant benefit such as Pension Credit and am waiting to hear if I will receive this (and Winter Fuel Payment)	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	3	0
I'm not sure	4	4	3	0	4	2	5	4	4	3	3	5	3	6	3	5	4	5

Thinking about the cost of energy this winter, which of the following measures, if any, do you expect to do due to changes to the Winter Fuel Payment?

[Asked to those who are ineligible for Winter Fuel Payment; n=960]

Only heat and spend most of time in one room

I expected to do this before changes were made to the Winter Fuel Payment and still do	20	15	19	24	27	17	20	17	22	22	21	18	17	27	24	18	20	19
I hadn't expected to do this before changes were made to the Winter Fuel Payment, but now do	29	33	20	24	29	25	31	27	30	31	28	28	26	31	29	28	24	30
I don't expect to have to do this	48	50	58	48	37	56	45	54	44	44	47	51	55	38	44	51	52	50
Don't know	3	2	2	4	6	3	3	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	2

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Wear outdoor clothing (e.g. coats and hats) indoors

I expected to do this before changes were made to the Winter Fuel Payment and still do	15	11	15	18	20	13	15	15	14	18	14	13	12	20	20	15	16	11
I hadn't expected to do this before changes were made to the Winter Fuel Payment, but now do	28	31	18	24	34	25	31	26	31	25	30	29	25	32	30	29	28	27
I don't expect to have to do this	54	55	65	55	41	60	51	57	52	52	53	56	60	45	48	52	55	59
Don't know	3	3	3	4	6	3	3	2	3	4	3	2	3	3	3	4	1	3

What impact, if any, do you think losing the Winter Fuel Payment will have on each of the following?

[Asked to those who are ineligible for Winter Fuel Payment; n=960]

Your physical health

Very positive	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	1	5	1	4	0	2
Somewhat positive	3	4	2	1	4	2	4	5	2	2	3	5	4	3	5	4	0	3
TOTAL POSITIVE	5	7	3	2	6	4	6	6	5	4	4	8	5	8	6	8	0	5
No impact at all	46	45	62	52	31	59	37	54	39	45	47	45	50	39	42	44	52	48
Somewhat negative	33	32	22	33	40	24	39	27	38	32	33	34	32	34	32	35	31	33
Very negative	11	10	9	7	20	9	12	8	14	15	14	8	10	12	16	11	9	9
TOTAL NEGATIVE	44	42	31	40	60	33	51	35	52	47	47	42	42	46	48	46	40	42
Don't know	5	5	3	6	3	4	5	5	5	4	3	6	3	7	4	4	8	5

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.