

# YouGov / NEA Survey Results

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Over the last 12 months, as far as you are aware, has your household ever fallen behind on payments to your energy supplier?

Yes	8	5	11	3	6	8	8	8	10	9	9	3	5	11	8	12	8	8	9	10	6
No	83	90	84	89	91	88	81	85	55	82	88	93	86	79	83	83	85	84	81	78	85
Don't know	4	1	3	3	2	1	4	4	18	4	0	2	4	4	4	1	6	3	5	3	4
Prefer not to say	3	2	1	4	1	2	5	2	10	3	2	2	3	4	4	1	1	4	3	4	4
N/A My household doesn't have to pay energy bills	2	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	8	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	1	2	5	2

In which of the following ways, if any, have you reduced your usage of electric or gas heating devices in your home?

Had the heating on for less time than usual	59	60	66	64	65	61	53	65	37	61	66	59	61	57	59	55	63	60	62	54	58
Put on more layers at home instead of putting the heating on	58	57	66	60	64	58	49	66	44	59	65	54	59	55	58	58	58	60	56	53	58
Turned thermostat down	53	56	56	65	60	56	49	56	31	51	57	61	55	49	53	53	47	53	54	48	55
Heated fewer rooms than usual	27	27	30	29	29	26	24	29	25	23	31	29	27	27	27	24	27	29	27	25	26
Turned the heating off completely, even when it is cold inside	25	19	33	25	26	23	22	28	23	30	27	15	24	26	25	25	27	25	23	27	24
Gone to bed earlier than usual for warmth	22	21	27	15	21	24	18	25	13	23	25	19	19	25	21	28	21	26	21	20	19
Spent less time at home to avoid spend on heating (i.e. times in libraries/public transport/work etc)	9	7	13	8	9	7	8	10	13	11	9	5	9	9	9	11	8	10	9	12	8
Used your oven for heating	6	4	8	6	7	3	5	6	12	6	4	2	6	5	5	8	5	5	6	8	5
Used improvised fuels in a fire (stated fuels were clothes/books/waste/furniture)	2	2	3	0	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	4	5	1	2	1	1
Other	3	3	4	2	4	4	4	3	2	4	4	2	3	3	3	5	6	2	6	1	3
Not applicable – I have not reduced my usage of electric or gas heating devices in my home	11	13	7	11	8	14	14	8	14	10	9	15	10	13	11	11	14	12	11	12	10
Can't remember	4	1	3	2	2	1	5	2	15	4	0	1	3	4	4	1	1	4	3	6	4

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Over the last 12 months, as far as you are aware, has your household ever fallen behind on payments to your energy supplier?

Yes	8	3	5	4	14	21	17	13	9	5	4	16	10
No	83	92	91	69	71	60	75	66	73	67	91	69	68
Don't know	4	1	2	19	8	6	2	12	11	5	2	6	10
Prefer not to say	3	4	1	8	6	9	1	2	3	6	3	5	3
N/A My household doesn't have to pay energy bills	2	0	1	0	1	4	5	7	5	18	0	3	8

In which of the following ways, if any, have you reduced your usage of electric or gas heating devices in your home?

Had the heating on for less time than usual	59	60	68	48	56	43	56	48	45	42	63	53	46
Put on more layers at home instead of putting the heating on	58	56	66	33	58	41	52	60	47	36	60	52	51
Turned thermostat down	53	58	62	37	43	45	41	39	34	22	60	43	34
Heated fewer rooms than usual	27	31	25	25	22	19	29	34	27	13	28	23	27
Turned the heating off completely, even when it is cold inside	25	17	28	44	34	28	30	28	12	20	23	32	21
Gone to bed earlier than usual for warmth	22	19	22	21	22	21	28	29	16	16	21	23	22
Spent less time at home to avoid spend on heating (i.e. times in libraries/public transport/work etc)	9	7	9	11	11	11	10	10	11	9	8	11	10
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Used improvised fuels in a fire (stated fuels were clothes/books/waste/furniture)	2	2	2	4	3	1	1	1	3	0	2	2	1
Other	3	3	4	0	4	3	1	3	1	2	4	3	2
Not applicable – I have not reduced my usage of electric or gas heating devices in my home	11	13	10	4	9	13	14	15	17	12	11	11	15
Can't remember	4	2	1	2	4	6	5	12	9	20	2	4	13

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

**Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?**

I have already had to make cuts in other areas in my life to afford my energy bill, and expect I will have to make further cuts if prices increase further	<b>30</b>	26	37	23	28	31	27	33	20	35	36	22	26	36	30	39	27	32	31	31	29
I have already had to make cuts in other areas in my life to afford my energy bill, but do not expect to have to make any further cuts if prices increase further	<b>7</b>	6	7	6	7	7	8	6	12	7	6	6	7	7	7	5	10	7	7	10	5
<b>TOTAL MADE CUTS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>
I have been able to afford my energy bill so far, but expect to have to make cuts in other areas of my life if prices increase further	<b>34</b>	38	37	42	40	36	31	38	17	34	35	42	38	30	35	29	31	35	32	32	38
I have been able to afford my energy bill so far, and expect to be able to do so if prices increase further without making any cuts in other areas of my life	<b>18</b>	24	11	20	20	21	22	13	8	13	19	28	20	15	17	16	25	17	18	17	17
<b>TOTAL BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD ENERGY BILL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>
Not applicable – I am not responsible for paying my energy bills	<b>5</b>	2	4	5	2	2	5	6	28	4	2	1	5	5	5	8	3	5	5	4	6
Don't know	<b>5</b>	3	4	3	3	3	7	4	15	7	2	2	4	7	6	4	4	5	6	6	6

**To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose the UK Government taking the following actions to improve the energy efficiency of accommodation?**

**Introduction of minimum energy efficiency standards for rented accommodation that landlords would have to meet before renting their properties out**

Strongly support	<b>41</b>	34	58	46	50	37	42	40	36	41	41	41	43	38	41	35	38	40	41	45	41
Somewhat support	<b>33</b>	39	24	31	33	35	32	34	25	32	37	35	35	31	33	35	39	37	30	29	32
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>
Somewhat oppose	<b>7</b>	10	5	5	6	9	9	6	13	6	7	7	7	7	8	4	7	7	7	7	8
Strongly oppose	<b>4</b>	5	3	5	2	5	5	3	3	3	5	3	4	4	4	6	2	3	5	4	3
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>	12	10	12	10	14	13	17	24	17	10	13	11	20	15	19	14	13	16	15	16

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I have already had to make cuts in other areas in my life to afford my energy bill, but do not expect to have to make any further cuts if prices increase further	<b>7</b>	6	6	31	8	10	8	4	3	8	7	9	5
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I have been able to afford my energy bill so far, but expect to have to make cuts in other areas of my life if prices increase further	<b>34</b>	40	38	30	34	29	22	16	16	23	39	30	17
I have been able to afford my energy bill so far, and expect to be able to do so if prices increase further without making any cuts in other areas of my life	<b>18</b>	28	18	13	7	9	14	4	12	10	23	9	8
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Not applicable – I am not responsible for paying my energy bills	<b>5</b>	1	1	0	6	2	3	27	36	20	1	5	28
Don't know	<b>5</b>	3	3	2	6	12	8	12	14	22	3	8	15

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Somewhat support	<b>33</b>	35	37	39	28	25	34	34	24	29	36	29	30
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>63</b>
Somewhat oppose	<b>7</b>	10	6	25	5	5	7	8	3	8	8	5	7
Strongly oppose	<b>4</b>	5	4	6	1	3	2	1	7	2	4	2	3
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
Don't know	<b>15</b>	13	13	8	11	29	10	22	33	31	13	15	27

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**Grants for landlords to upgrade the energy efficiency of their properties**

Strongly support	19	17	25	18	22	17	19	20	21	21	18	16	19	19	19	21	17	16	20	22	20
Somewhat support	35	34	38	32	39	31	32	37	37	33	37	36	37	32	34	38	42	35	31	37	34
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>
Somewhat oppose	18	22	16	24	18	20	22	15	15	18	18	21	19	18	18	17	19	20	18	17	18
Strongly oppose	11	14	9	14	9	16	13	9	4	10	14	12	12	10	11	9	8	11	12	9	11
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>
Don't know	17	13	13	13	12	16	14	19	24	18	14	15	14	21	17	14	13	17	18	16	17

**Tax incentives for landlords if they successfully upgrade the energy efficiency of their properties**

Strongly support	17	14	21	20	19	14	18	15	20	17	18	14	16	17	17	15	13	13	17	21	18
Somewhat support	39	42	37	36	41	38	39	38	28	39	39	42	41	35	38	37	48	40	37	40	36
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>
Somewhat oppose	16	18	16	15	17	18	16	16	13	15	17	17	17	14	15	20	18	16	15	13	16
Strongly oppose	11	12	13	13	9	14	12	9	9	10	13	11	11	10	11	11	6	12	12	8	12
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
Don't know	18	14	13	17	13	17	15	22	31	19	13	17	15	23	19	18	15	19	19	18	19

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**Grants for landlords to upgrade the energy efficiency of their properties**

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Somewhat support	35	34	36	45	38	27	35	35	35	27	35	35	33
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>
Somewhat oppose	18	22	19	31	11	17	21	13	8	16	21	15	12
Strongly oppose	11	15	12	8	7	5	9	5	7	8	13	7	6
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>
Don't know	17	15	15	6	14	28	13	24	34	38	15	17	30

**Tax incentives for landlords if they successfully upgrade the energy efficiency of their properties**

Strongly support	17	14	14	14	26	20	15	18	17	9	14	22	16
Somewhat support	39	40	41	34	35	30	42	32	29	49	40	35	34
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>
Somewhat oppose	16	18	18	23	15	12	15	12	10	3	18	14	10
Strongly oppose	11	12	12	24	9	8	8	8	8	8	12	9	8
<b>TOTAL OPPOSE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>
Don't know	18	16	16	4	15	30	20	30	36	30	16	20	32

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