

BEIS Public Attitudes Tracker: Revision Note Winter 2021, UK

Revision May 2022

After the publication of the Winter 2021 reports, some minor errors were discovered. Following investigation of these, we decided to change the base for some analyses. All revisions relate to the Heat and Energy in the Home Winter 2021 report. More details are provided below.

Revision 1: Likelihood to install low carbon heating systems

Some minor errors were spotted relating to the original figures on likelihood of installing a low carbon heating system (previously Figure 2.2). This involved a number of figures which were wrong by 1 percentage point and one which was wrong by 2 percentage points, so these did not change the overall narrative.

While investigating these figures, we decided to change the base for these results to assist interpretation. Previously the figures were based on people living in owner occupier households and excluded those who said this was not their decision to make. This has been replaced by two new charts based on:

- a) All respondents
- b) Respondents living in owner-occupier households

Both of these charts now include the response option “not my decision to make” in the base.

Giving the sampling and weighting methodology for the survey, we believe this is a more useful and accurate way of presenting these figures. (See the Technical Overview for more details).

Revision 2: Likelihood to replace heating system

A similar approach to the one described above has also now been applied to the results on likelihood of replacing a heating system. Previously, the base for these results excluded those who said this was not their decision to make. These are now based on all respondents. The revised figures are:

- “I would consider replacing my heating systems while it is still working” has changed from 27% to 19%.
- “I will only replace my heating system when my current one breaks down or starts to deteriorate” has changed from 70% to 50%.

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- “Don’t know” has changed from 4% to 3%.
- The response option “Not applicable – not my decision to make” has been added and accounts for 28%.

Figure 5.1 and the accompanying text has been revised as have the results by subgroup.

Revision 3: Insulation in the Home Figure 6.3

Figure 6.3 (previously referenced 6.4) had two incorrect results. These are:

- The response option “Never thought about it” for loft insulation has changed from 0% to 9%.
- The response option “Never heard of it” for loft insulation has changed from 3% to 0%.

As a result of the revisions, the BEIS Public Attitudes Tracker Heat and Energy in the Home Winter 2021 report has now been republished with changes to the charts and associated text.



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