

Summary of questions included in the DESNZ Public Attitudes Tracker, Autumn 2021 to Winter 2024

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The table below summarises the questions included in the Public Attitudes Tracker since the new time series was started in Autumn 2021.

The section headings relate to the topic reports in which the results are summarised.

Only questions relating to policies under the remit of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) are included. For results on topics such as consumer issues and workers' rights, which were included when the survey was run by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), see the releases for waves up to Spring 2023.

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| Net zero and climate change | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Awareness of Net Zero | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Concern about Climate Change | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Self-reported behaviours to tackle climate change | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Behaviours thought to impact on tackling climate change | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |

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| Trust in information sources on climate change | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Information on Climate Change mitigation | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Attitudes towards various aspects of climate change | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Expected impacts of Net Zero on the economy and on regular living costs in the short/long term | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Confidence the UK is on track to meet Net Zero | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Awareness of Great British Energy (New) | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Function of Great British Energy (New) | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Whether the UK is a global leader in climate change (New) | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |

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| Importance of the UK being a global leader in climate change (New) | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Renewable Energy | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Support for renewable energy | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Support for different types of renewables | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Attitudes towards renewable energy | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Attitudes towards solar/wind farm in local area | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Energy Infrastructure and Energy Sources | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Awareness of and support for fusion energy | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Attitudes towards fusion energy | | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Awareness of and support for shale gas (fracking) | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Awareness of small modular reactors | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Attitudes towards nuclear energy | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Support for nuclear energy | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |

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| Attitudes towards nuclear power plant in local area | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Awareness of and support for carbon capture and storage | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Awareness of hydrogen | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Trust in information on new and emerging energy sources | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Concerns about and attitudes towards energy security | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Use of UK vs imported oil and gas | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Awareness of the need for new electricity infrastructure | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Support for new electricity infrastructure in local area | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |

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| Information needs for electricity network construction (New) | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| Importance of different aspects of energy policy | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Awareness of greenhouse gas removals (GGRs) | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Heat and energy in the home | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Awareness of heating changes to meet Net Zero targets | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Awareness of low carbon heating | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Awareness of and likelihood of installing specific low carbon heating systems | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Attitudes towards low carbon heating systems | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |

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| Heating and cooling in the home | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Attention paid to heat used in the home | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Trusted sources of advice on heating systems | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Replacing heating systems | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Insulation in the Home | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Likelihood of installing solar panels | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Awareness of rental property standards | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Cooking appliances | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| Energy bills and tariffs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smart Meters | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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| Ways of monitoring energy use | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Thought given to energy saving in the home | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Energy saving/wasting behaviours | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Knowledge about ways to reduce energy use | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Changes in energy use | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Energy bill payment methods | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Concern about paying energy bills | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Energy bills in the context of other bills | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Actions taken as a result of increasing bills | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Attitudes towards government support for bills | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |

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| Perceived impact of renewables on energy bills | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Satisfaction with energy suppliers | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Switching energy supplier | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| Awareness of and likelihood of switching to time of use electricity tariffs | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Awareness of smart electric vehicle charging | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Awareness of and likelihood of purchasing smart appliances (These questions have been updated from Summer 2024) | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Level of comfort providing energy supplier access to smart appliance data and to control smart appliances | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |