Summary of questions included in the DESNZ Public Attitudes Tracker, Autumn 2021 to Summer 2025

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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. New questions asked in Summer 2025 are highlighted in yellow.

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| Net zero and clima | ate chang | е | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Awareness of | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Clean Power | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2030 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Function of Great | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| British Energy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whether the UK | | | | | | | | | | | | √ | | |
| is a global leader | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| in climate change | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Importance of the | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| UK being a global | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| leader in climate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| change | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Renewable Energy | y | I. | | • | | | | | | I. | | | | |
| Support for | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| renewable energy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Support for | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| different types of | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| renewables | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attitudes towards | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| renewable energy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attitudes towards | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| local solar/wind | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attitudes towards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| local community | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| benefits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Energy Infrastruct | ture and E | nergy So | urces | • | | | • | | | • | | | | |
| Awareness and | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| support for fusion | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | √ | | |
| 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 ¹ | | √ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | √ | √ | √ |
| Attitudes towards low carbon heating systems | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | √ | | |

¹ This question was asked again in Spring 2025 and Summer 2025, however only air source and ground source heat pumps were included. The full list of low carbon heating systems will continue to be included in the Winter 2025 wave but more frequent tracking of air source and ground source heat pumps will take place in spring and summer waves.

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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 tari | ffs | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 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) | | | | √ | | | | | | | V | | | ~ |
| Level of comfort providing energy supplier access to smart appliance data and to control smart appliances | | | | | | | | | | | √ | | | ~ |
| Awareness of flexible energy reward schemes | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |

| Likelihood to use a | | | | | | | ✓ | |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| flexible energy | | | | | | | | |
| reward scheme | | | | | | | | |