

In July 2016, the Welsh Government released new statistics to estimate the levels of fuel poverty in Wales. Research was carried out by Building Research Establishment (BRE) and the data covered 2012-2016

Key Findings

- Decrease in the number of fuel poor households in Wales - by 6% in 4 years
- 29% (364,000 households) in 2012 to an estimated 23% (291,000 households) in 2016
- Reason for the decrease - rising incomes, energy efficiency improvements and reductions in energy prices
- Re-evaluates the previous estimate produced by the Welsh Government (ie the 30% (386,000) households in fuel poverty in 2012)
- Impact of energy efficiency measures - reduced the levels of fuel poverty in all households by approx 80,000 households (6%) and in vulnerable households by approx 73,000 households (7%)
- Severe fuel poverty - down from 5% in 2012 (64,000) to 3% (43,000 households) in 2016
- Vulnerable households - down from 31% in 2012 (328,000 households) to 24% in 2016 (261,000 households)
- Social housing - down from 33% (73,000) in 2012 to 27% (61,000) in 2016
- Local authority level data
- Levels of fuel poverty for Wales are higher than in England but lower than in Scotland or Northern Ireland

Projected number of households in fuel poverty 2012 to 2016

	Number of households in fuel poverty (000s)	Percentage of households in fuel poverty (%)
2012	364,000	29
2013	351,000	28
2014	376,000	30
2015	305,000	24
2016	291,000	23

Projected number of households in severe fuel poverty 2012 to 2016

	Number of households in fuel poverty (000s)	Percentage of households in fuel poverty (%)
2012	64,000	5
2013	61,000	5
2014	63,000	5
2015	46,000	4
2016	43,000	3

Projected number of vulnerable households in fuel poverty 2012 to 2016

	Number of households in fuel poverty (000s)	Percentage of households in fuel poverty (%)
2012	328,000	31
2013	315,000	29
2014	337,000	32
2015	274,000	26
2016	261,000	24

Projected number of social housing tenants in fuel poverty 2012 to 2016

	Number of households in fuel poverty (000s)	Percentage of households in fuel poverty (%)
2012	73,000	33
2013	71,000	32
2014	77,000	34
2015	64,000	28
2016	61,000	27

Local authority levels – 2015

Local Authority	All Households	Fuel Poor Households	Percentage Fuel Poor
Anglesey, Isle of	29808	7220	24.22%
Gwynedd	51099	14029	27.45%
Conwy	49849	11890	23.85%
Denbighshire	39442	9176	23.26%
Flintshire	62110	13590	21.88%
Wrexham	55533	12241	22.04%
Ceredigion	30684	7643	24.91%
Pembrokeshire	51761	12083	23.34%
Carmarthenshire	76771	18934	24.66%
Swansea	100787	24394	24.20%
Neath Port Talbot	58780	14450	24.58%
Bridgend	56976	12873	22.59%
The Vale of	52100	11692	22.44%

Glamorgan			
Cardiff	138858	33060	23.81%
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	97015	25437	26.22%
Caerphilly	72541	17641	24.32%
Blaenau Gwent	29600	7863	26.56%
Torfaen	37480	8704	23.22%
Monmouthshire	37215	8073	21.69%
Newport	59547	14073	23.63%
Powys	56844	13825	24.32%
Merthyr Tydfil	23618	6102	25.84%