Fuel poverty in Wales

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Latest estimates

As of April 2022, Welsh Government estimate:

45%

of all households (614,000) in fuel poverty with **up to 8% (115,000) in severe fuel poverty**

98%

of lower income households (217,700) in fuel poverty with **up to 41% (91,700) in severe fuel poverty** F vel Poverty: All households Action for Warm e cent and (no. of LAs)

Soaring energy bills

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AVERAGE ENERGY PRICES

Direct Debit

Energy Price Guarantee: £3,000 Average of £2,500/year. Then £2,500 £3,000/year from April. £1,971 *not* a cap on your overall bill £1,277 presented as a GB average, based £1,138 E1,042 on typical consumption variable by region and how you DOUBLE what it was last winter (2.5x from April) OCT-22 OCT-20 APR-21 OCT-21 APR-22 APR-23



Wholesale prices falling but pain far from over

Energy bills set to be over 2x historic average for rest of 2023

- Price Cap Q2 (Apr Jun): **£3,280**
- Price Cap Q3 (Jul Sep): c. £2,361*
- Price Cap Q4 (Oct Dec): c. £2,389*

*Source: Cornwall Insight

Cliff edge in support coming in April

