

# Continuous Household Survey 2023/24 QUESTIONNAIRE



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## Heat and Insulation Questions

**[HEAT]** Due to the environmental impacts which can result from using different types of fuels, there is considerable interest in what fuels people in Northern Ireland use to heat their homes. I would like to ask you some questions about your heating and use of fuel.

Even if you don't actually use it, what is the primary method of heating in your home..

RUNNING PROMPT/ SHOWCARD 3

INTERVIEWER NOTE: PRIMARY METHOD REFERS TO THE MOST OFTEN USED METHOD OF HEATING THE HOME

1. Gas Central Heating (mains gas only) → **[HEATSEC1]**
2. Oil Central Heating → **[HEATSEC1]**
3. Electric -Electric storage (e.g. Economy 7) → **[HEATSEC1]**
4. Electric – Other (includes Electric fire/heater/Dimplex radiators) → **[HEATSEC1]**
5. Open/Closed Fire or stove (with or without back boiler) → **[FUEL1]**
6. Other → **[HEAText]**
7. None? → **[INSUL1]**

**[HEAText]** Which of the other methods of heating do you use..

RUNNING PROMPT/ SHOWCARD 4

1. Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)
2. Biomass (wood pellets)
3. Air Source Heat Pump
4. Ground Source Heat Pump
5. Other? (Please specify) → **[HEATextOTH]**

**[HEATextOTH]** Please specify other primary method of heating home

*If HEAT=5*

**[FUEL1]** Could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn..

RUNNING PROMPT/CODE ALL THAT APPLY/SHOWCARD 5

1. Ordinary household coal (i.e. smoky)
2. Smokeless coal (i.e. low smoke)
3. Peat briquettes
4. Peat (sod, peat or turf)
5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry)
6. Wood (logs – unseasoned/wet)
7. Other wood products
8. Other (Please specify)? → **[FUEL1oth]**

**[FUEL1oth]** Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn.

*If FUEL1 = more than one response*

**[RANK1FUEL]** And could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn most often..

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2. Smokeless coal (i.e. low smoke)
3. Peat briquettes
4. Peat (sod peat or turf)

5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry)
6. Wood (logs – unseasoned/wet)
7. Other wood products
8. Other (Please specify)?

→ [RANK1oth]

**[RANK1oth]** Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn most often

*If HEAT=5*

**[HEATOFT]** When you burn sold fuel as your primary method of heating, may I ask how often you do this .  
 RUNNING PROMPT/ SHOWCARD 6

1. Daily
2. Evenings only
3. Weekends only
4. Winter months
5. Special occasions only e.g. Christmas
6. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEATOFToth]

**[HEATOFToth]** Please specify how often

**[HEATSEC1]** How do you control the central heating in your home?

RUNNING PROMPT/ SHOWCARD 7

1. Manual On/Off switch only
2. A timer or programmer
3. Boiler thermostat (located on the boiler)
4. Room thermostats (one or more throughout dwelling)
5. Smart Heating Controls
6. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEATSEC1OTH]

**[HEATSEC1OTH]** Please specify?

**[HEATSEC2]** Do your radiators have thermostatic radiator valves?

**[Interviewers note: Thermostatic radiator valves detect the temperature of the room, once the temperature you want is reached the valve will shut the radiator off and cool down, they typically have a numerical dial to allow the temperature of a room to be set at the preferred level.]**

1. Yes
2. No

**[HEATSEC3]** Do you use more than one method of heating?

1. Yes
2. No

→ [HEAT2]

→ [INSUL1]

**[HEAT2]** What is the secondary method of heating in your home..

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2. Oil Central Heating
3. Electric -Electric storage (e.g. Economy 7)
4. Electric – Other (includes Electric fire/heater/Dimplex radiators)

5. Open / Closed Fire or stove (with or without back boiler)
6. Other

→ [FUEL2]  
→ [HEAT2ext]

[HEAT2ext] Which of the other methods of heating do you use..

RUNNING PROMPT/ SHOWCARD 4

1. Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)
2. Biomass (wood pellets)
3. Air Source Heat Pump
4. Ground Source Heat Pump
5. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEAT2extOTH]

[HEAT2extOTH] Please specify other secondary method of heating home

*If HEAT2=5*

[FUEL2] Could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn..

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1. Ordinary household coal (i.e. smoky)
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3. Peat briquettes
4. Peat (sod peat or turf)
5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry)
6. Wood (logs – unseasoned/wet)
7. Other wood products
8. Other (Please specify)?

→ [FUEL2oth]

[FUEL2oth] Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn.

*If FUEL2= more than one response*

[RANK2FUEL] And could you please tell me which of the following solid fuels you burn most often..

RUNNING PROMPT/ SHOWCARD 5

1. Ordinary household coal (i.e. smoky)
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3. Peat briquettes
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5. Wood (logs – fully seasoned/dry)
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7. Other wood products
8. Other (Please specify)?

→ [RANK2oth]

[RANK2oth] Please specify the other type of solid fuel you burn most often

*If HEAT2=5*

[HEATOFT2] When you burn solid fuel as your secondary method of heating, may I ask how often you do this . . .

RUNNING PROMPT/ SHOWCARD 6

1. Daily
2. Evenings only
3. Weekends only

4. Winter months
5. Special occasions only e.g. Christmas
6. Other? (Please specify)

→ [HEATOFT2oth]

[HEATOFT2oth] Please specify how often

*If HEAT or HEAT2 = 2*

[HOUSOIL] When you need to order oil, do you ever shop around i.e. check oil prices with more than one oil company so you can order the cheapest option?

1. Yes → [INSUL]
2. No

[HOUSOILno] Are there any particular reasons why you do not?

CODE ALL THAT APPLY - RUNNING PROMPT - SHOWCARD 8

1. There isn't much difference in prices between companies
2. I like to use my local supplier as they are reliable
3. I can't be bothered / too much hassle
4. I don't have time
5. It's too complicated and I am unsure how to do this
6. I didn't know that I could shop around
7. Other- please specify
8. None

→ [HOUSOILOTH]

[HOUSOILOTH] Please specify other reason for not checking oil prices

[INSUL1] What form(s) of insulation are in your house..

RUNNING PROMPT/ CODE ALL THAT APPLY/SHOWCARD 9

1. Some windows double glazed
2. All windows double glazed
3. Wall insulation (cavity or solid)
4. Loft insulation
5. Other (please specify) → [INSULoth]
6. None?

[INSULoth] Please specify other form of insulation