

From: [Redacted] **Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022 9:11 AM
To: Energy Statistics Mailbox <Energy_Statistics_Mailbox@gov.scot>
Subject: Energy Bill Cost Average corrections

Hi there

On the Scottish Energy Statistics Hub there is a breakdown of domestic energy bills by local authority area.

We believe that it is misleading/incorrect to add both the average electricity bill to average gas bill to arrive at a average total bill. It is largely true but for some local authority areas the proportion of households with access to a gas supply is considerably lower than elsewhere in Scotland.

In the Western Isle about 1500 households have gas out of approx. 15000 households. Therefore the average electricity bill is high as the majority of households have electric heating. For those with gas heating their electricity consumption is likely to be lower vs electrically heated homes. This is also true in other areas with large numbers of households offgas including Argyll and Bute. Your table suggests that Argyll and Bute has the highest average bills but this is only because two averages have been added as if all had equal access to each power source. The information also only relates to regulated dual fuels and does not include any information on oil/lpg or solid fuels. It is misleading to say that these are average Scottish energy bills. These at best are average dual fuel bills.

<https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-scottish-energy-statistics/?Section=ConsumerEngagement&Subsection=Bills&Chart=AverageBillLA>

There should not be an addition of the two values made where gas is not the vast majority of the heating source in a local authority area.

I hope you are able to correct this or provide a warning about the conclusions that could be drawn. I am aware that the media have picked up on the chart but are not able to interpret this correctly.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Energy Action Scotland [Redacted]

From: [Redacted] **Sent:** Monday, February 7, 2022 9:01 AM
To: Energy Statistics Mailbox <Energy_Statistics_Mailbox@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Average annual energy bill prices by local authority

Hi [Redacted],

That's great, thanks for getting back to me and for your help!

Kind regards,
[Redacted]

From[Redacted] > **On Behalf Of** Energy_Statistics_Mailbox@gov.scot
Sent: 07 February 2022 08:28
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Energy_Statistics_Mailbox@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Average annual energy bill prices by local authority

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Hi [Redacted],

Thank you for your email.

To answer your question, the statistics at local authority level are based on 2020 data. The provisional 2021 data is from BEIS and splits Scotland into north and south (this feeds into the gas and electricity cost break down tabs). This data is not available for 2021 at local authority level yet.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 03 February 2022 16:42
To: Energy Statistics Mailbox <Energy_Statistics_Mailbox@gov.scot>
Subject: Average annual energy bill prices by local authority
Importance: High

Hi,

I'm hoping you might be able to help me. Data provided here on the Scottish Energy Statistics Hub gives average gas and electricity bill breakdowns by local authority: <https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-scottish-energy-statistics/?Section=ConsumerEngagement&Subsection=Bills&Chart=AverageBillLA>

I am not clear about what date(s) this data is based on, as some of the sources (and the header on top of the interactive map) cite 2020, while others cite 'provisional 2021'.

It would be really helpful if someone familiar with the data could explain the exact dates that the average is based on, because it is important that we know what the fuel cap would have been at the time.

I am only interested in the top line figures on average bills.

Thank you, I would appreciate any comment on this as soon as possible, as we are reporting on potential bill rises.

Kind regards,
[Redacted] **DCT Media**

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 April 2022 07:16
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Mailbox responses and additional hub updates

Hi [Redacted],

One eir response ready for you to check: [Redacted]

On the caveat about the average bills, does it make sense to remove mention of total bills from the commentary and focus on the highest and lowest electricity and gas bills? We can then talk about the average total bill figure to say something like: “the average total bill figures by Local authority are an indicative estimate and caution should be employed interpreting these figures due to the varying number of households who have access to a gas supply”.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Energy Statistics
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From: [Redacted] **Sent:** 04 April 2022 08:33
To: [Redacted] >
Subject: Mailbox responses and additional hub updates

Morning [Redacted],

[Redacted]

You'll have seen all the comms activity on the publication last week and the email from [Redacted] in the mailbox and we'll need to make some changes to the hub. First one is easy enough – changing more than 50% to around 50% on [this](#) page. It's the last paragraph. Second one is a bit trickier. Can you have a think about the caveat that needs to be added to [this](#) page to reflect it is only an indication of costs per LA and assumes all households in the LA are dual fuel.

Thanks,

[Redacted]
Energy Statistics
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My working pattern is Monday to Thursday

Heat Map: <https://heatmap.data.gov.scot/>
Energy Statistics Hub: <https://scotland.shinyapps.io/Energy/>