

# **West Sussex Fuel Poverty Statistics**

## **Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice**

2024 release, 2023 and 2022 data

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## Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive overview of fuel poverty in West Sussex, using the latest release of official fuel poverty statistics for England by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. This is our second annual report analysing this data, the first of which can be found on our [website](#).

The latest regional data is from 2023 and can be found here: [Fuel poverty detailed tables 2024 \(2023 data\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The sub-regional data was released for 2022 and can be found here: [Sub-regional fuel poverty data 2024 \(2022 data\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The purpose of this report is to identify which districts in West Sussex (and which wards within these districts) have high levels of fuel poverty so that we can target these areas through our energy advice service and the distribution of hardship grants, in order to help tackle fuel poverty in our communities.

## Fuel Poverty Definition

Fuel poverty refers to the scenario in which a household must spend a considerable proportion of their household income to keep their home at a reasonable temperature.<sup>1</sup> In England, the Government defines fuel poverty using the 'Low Income Low Energy Efficiency'<sup>2</sup> indicator, whereby a household is fuel poor if:

1. They are living in a property with an energy efficiency rating of band D-G, and
2. Their residual income after energy costs would be below the poverty line.

The three key elements in determining whether a household is fuel poor are, therefore:

1. Household income
2. Household energy requirements
3. Fuel prices

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<sup>1</sup> House of Commons Library, 'Fuel poverty in the UK', 2024.

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-8730/>

<sup>2</sup> Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, 'Fuel poverty statistics', 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fuel-poverty-statistics#:~:text=Fuel%20poverty%20in%20England%20is,of%20band%20D%20or%20below>

## Methodology

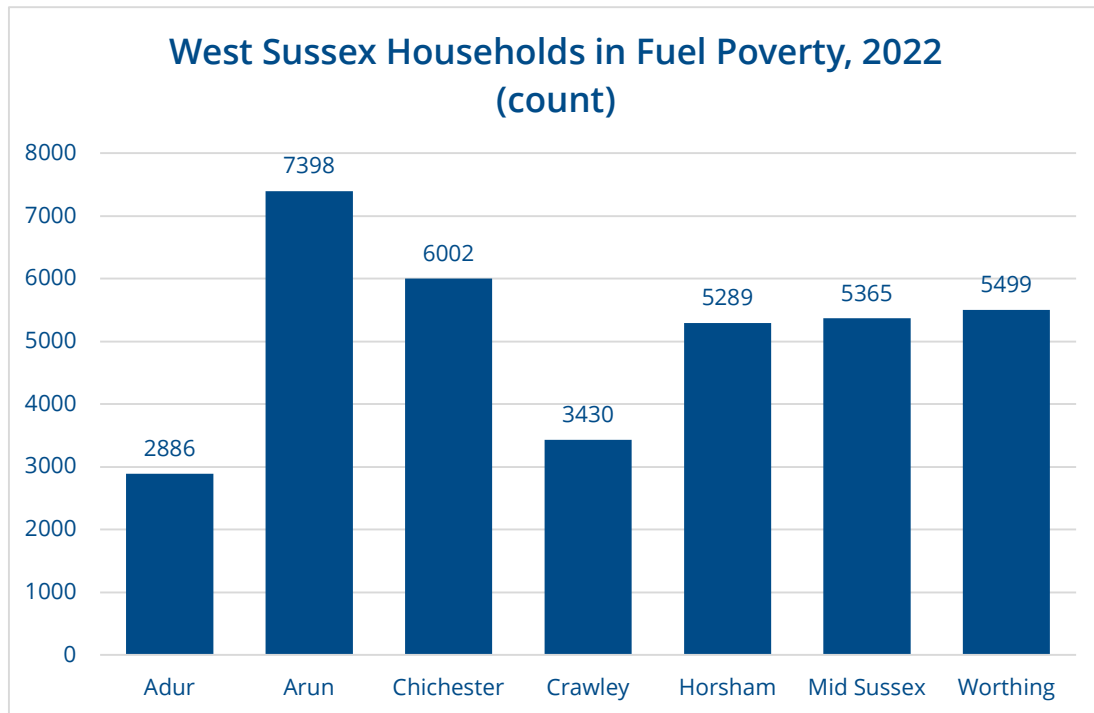
All data is taken from [Fuel poverty statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/fuel-poverty-statistics)

Methodology document [Sub-regional fuel poverty in England, 2024 \(2022 data\): methodology document \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118144/sub-regional-fuel-poverty-in-england-2024-2022-data-methodology-document.pdf)

## Analysis

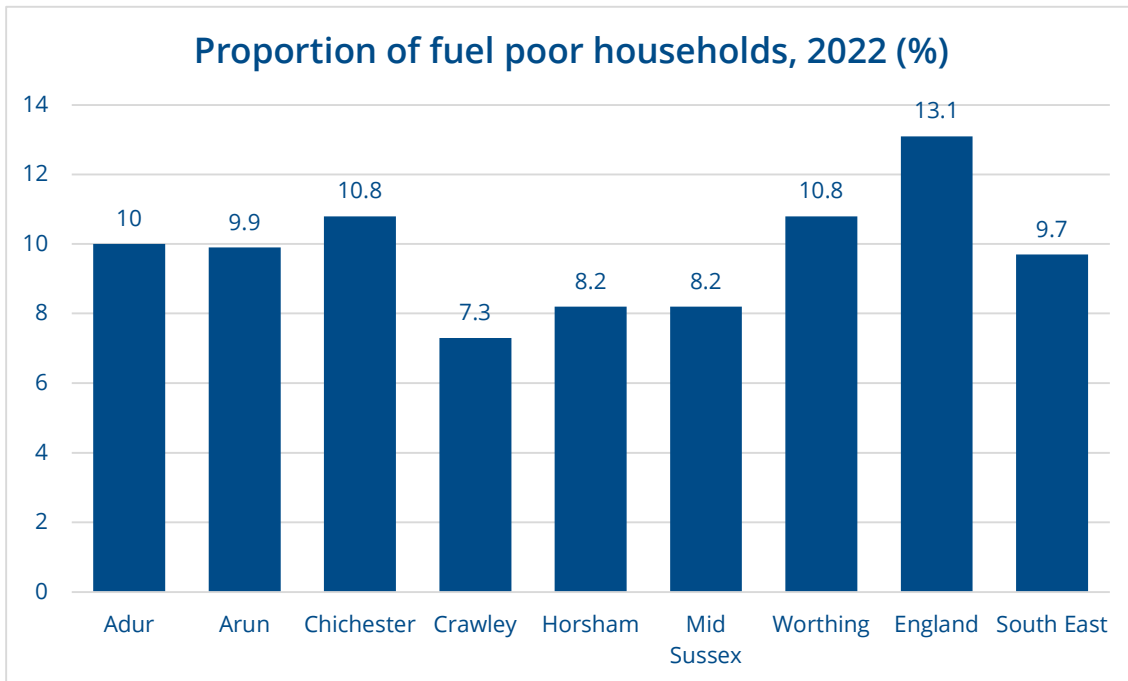
### Households in fuel poverty in West Sussex local authorities, 2022 count

In terms of the count of households in fuel poverty in West Sussex, Arun has by far the highest number of fuel poor households, with 7398 households in fuel poverty in the district. This is closely followed by Chichester, which has 6002 fuel poor households.



### Fuel poverty rate in West Sussex local authorities, compared to England and the South East, 2022

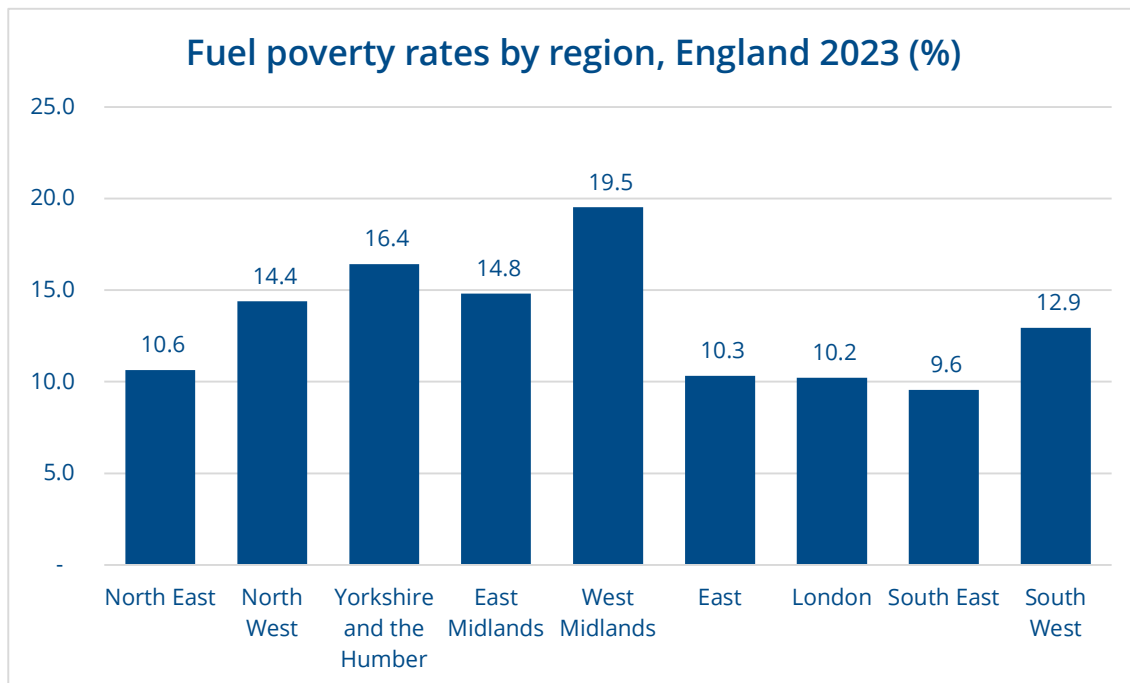
In terms of the proportion of fuel poor households relative to population, Crawley has the lowest rate of fuel poverty in the county at 7.3%, while Worthing and Chichester have the joint highest rate of fuel poverty at 10.8%. In comparison, the average across England is 13.1% and 9.7% in the South East.



### Fuel poverty rates on regional level, 2023

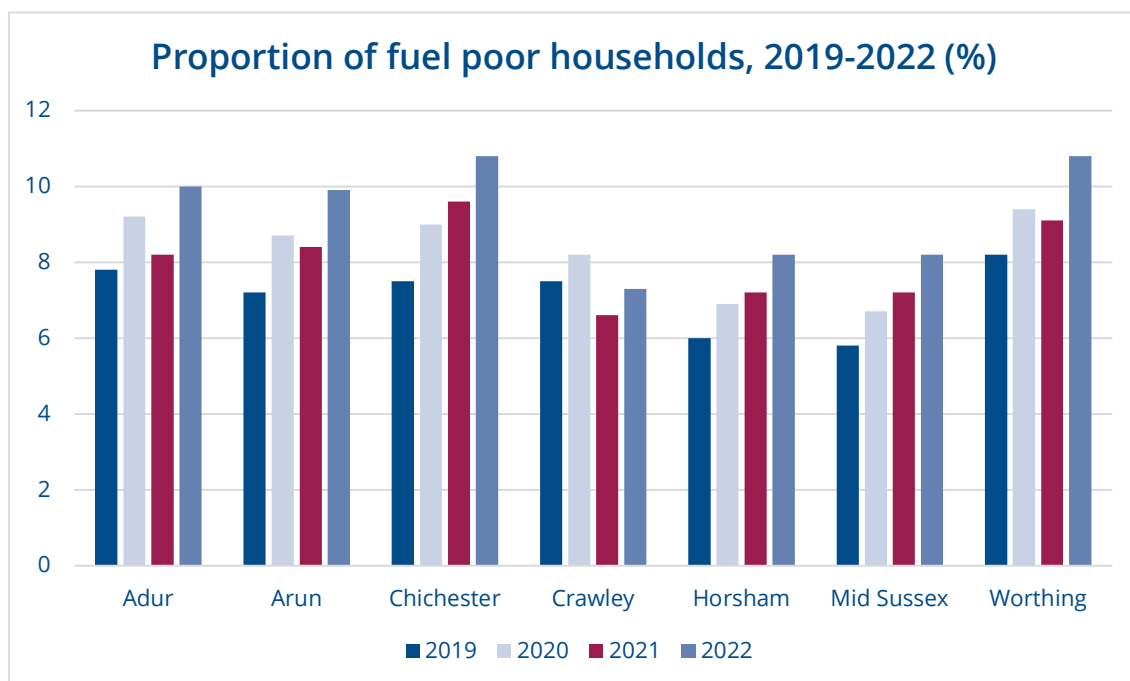
In order to put the fuel poverty rates of the South East in perspective, it is necessary to consider the data from other regions within England.

The fuel poverty rate is remarkably high across the North of England and the Midlands, most notably the West Midlands where the fuel poverty rate is 19.5%. While fuel poverty rates are slightly lower across the South and in London, it is important to note that several districts in West Sussex still have higher rates of fuel poverty than the regional averages for the South East, London, the East and also the North East.



### Change in West Sussex fuel poverty rates, 2019 – 2022

The fuel poverty rate has increased in all local authority areas since 2019. The rates increased in every consecutive year from 2019 to 2022 in Chichester, Horsham and Mid Sussex. The largest increases between 2019 and 2022 were in Chichester (3.3 percentage point increase), Arun (2.7 percentage point increase), and Worthing (2.6 percentage point increase).



## Fuel poverty by ward, Arun and Chichester, 2022

Regional and local authority averages as outlined above, while useful in outlining broader trends across regions and districts, can sometimes hide the large discrepancies between different areas at a more local level.

The following tables identify specific areas in each local authority area with the worst fuel poverty rates. The tables are organised by the worst 30 affected Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs), each of which have the corresponding ward noted.

### Arun LSOA (and corresponding ward) fuel poverty rates in descending order (worst affected LSOAs)

Of the 30 worst affected LSOAs in Arun, the three wards with the greatest number of households in fuel poverty are Marine, River, and Courtwick with Toddington.

LSOA Name	Ward	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Proportion of fuel poor households (%)
Arun 011D	River	994	171	17.2
Arun 011B	River	674	108	16
Arun 017D	Marine	1,097	175	16
Arun 017E	Marine	1,037	166	16
Arun 011C	River	1,211	193	15.9
Arun 009C	Brookfield	536	83	15.5
Arun 002D	Angmering & Findon	561	82	14.6
Arun 016A	Orchard	540	79	14.6
Arun 001D	Arundel & Walberton	589	85	14.4
Arun 011A	Beach	850	122	14.4
Arun 016B	Orchard	686	99	14.4
Arun 017B	Hotham	997	143	14.3
Arun 009F	River	798	109	13.7

Arun 001C	Arundel & Walberton	783	106	13.5
Arun 004A	Courtwick with Toddington	717	97	13.5
Arun 014E	Orchard	695	94	13.5
Arun 017F	Marine	784	106	13.5
Arun 004C	Courtwick with Toddington	642	84	13.1
Arun 017C	Marine	808	105	13
Arun 014A	Bersted	488	63	12.9
Arun 008B	Ferring	810	104	12.8
Arun 014C	Hotham	737	94	12.8
Arun 016C	Pevensy	574	72	12.5
Arun 001A	Arundel & Walberton	614	76	12.4
Arun 004B	Courtwick with Toddington	590	73	12.4
Arun 002A	Angmering & Findon	637	75	11.8
Arun 008D	Ferring	716	84	11.7
Arun 008C	Ferring	908	105	11.6
Arun 003F	Arundel & Walberton	643	72	11.2
Arun 006D	Yapton	540	60	11.1

### Chichester LSOA (and corresponding ward) fuel poverty rates in descending order (worst affected LSOAs)

Of the 30 worst affected LSOAs in Chichester, the three wards with the highest number of households in fuel poverty are The Witterings, Midhurst and Harbour Villages.

LSOA Name	Ward	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Proportion of fuel poor households (%)
Chichester 005C	Easebourne	480	82	17.1
Chichester 005D	Petworth	796	135	17
Chichester 007B	Westbourne	606	101	16.7
Chichester 001D	Loxwood	574	94	16.4
Chichester 003D	Midhurst	557	89	16
Chichester 004H	Easebourne	462	73	15.8
Chichester 005F	Fittleworth	698	108	15.5
Chichester 006A	Goodwood	1,068	160	15
Chichester 005E	Petworth	750	110	14.7
Chichester 005B	Fittleworth	459	67	14.6
Chichester 003A	Harting	903	130	14.4
Chichester 005A	Fittleworth	485	68	14
Chichester 004G	Midhurst	1,001	139	13.9
Chichester 003B	Harting	576	74	12.8
Chichester 002C	Loxwood	558	71	12.7
Chichester 013E	The Witterings	660	83	12.6
Chichester 012B	Chichester South	740	91	12.3
Chichester 007A	Lavant	567	68	12
Chichester 001B	Fernhurst	586	70	11.9



Chichester 001C	Fernhurst	964	115	11.9
Chichester 003C	Fernhurst	469	56	11.9
Chichester 011A	Harbour Villages	664	79	11.9
Chichester 002D	Loxwood	551	65	11.8
Chichester 008F	Chichester West	746	88	11.8
Chichester 010B	Chichester East	763	89	11.7
Chichester 007E	Westbourne	1,085	124	11.4
Chichester 008E	Chichester West	773	88	11.4
Chichester 013C	The Witterings	728	83	11.4
Chichester 004C	Midhurst	771	87	11.3
Chichester 008A	Chichester East	715	81	11.3

### **Adur LSOA (and corresponding ward) fuel poverty rates in descending order (worst affected LSOAs)**

Of the 30 most affected LSOAs in Adur, the three wards with the highest number of households in fuel poverty are Widewater, Eastbrook and Churchill.

<b>LSOA Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of households</b>	<b>Number of households in fuel poverty</b>	<b>Proportion of fuel poor households (%)</b>
Adur 004C	St Mary's	710	103	14.5
Adur 004B	Eastbrook	512	74	14.5
Adur 004A	Eastbrook	779	112	14.4
Adur 008B	Churchill	743	106	14.3
Adur 006A	Cokeham	611	87	14.2
Adur 007B	Mash Barn	473	65	13.7
Adur 001F	Southwick Green	586	80	13.7

Adur 003D	Manor	681	92	13.5
Adur 007D	Widewater	670	90	13.4
Adur 001A	Eastbrook	748	100	13.4
Adur 001B	Hillside	488	65	13.3
Adur 007A	Mash Barn	861	110	12.8
Adur 001E	Southlands	583	73	12.5
Adur 005C	St Mary's	586	71	12.1
Adur 008A	Churchill	670	81	12.1
Adur 004D	Southlands	681	80	11.7
Adur 006C	Peverel	723	76	10.5
Adur 003E	Mash Barn	852	88	10.3
Adur 004G	Southwick Green	701	72	10.3
Adur 001D	Hillside	760	78	10.3
Adur 008C	Churchill	608	62	10.2
Adur 003A	Cokeham	664	67	10.1
Adur 008E	Widewater	645	64	9.9
Adur 004E	Southlands	825	80	9.7
Adur 005E	St Nicolas	647	61	9.4
Adur 005D	St Nicolas	844	79	9.4
Adur 008D	Widewater	630	58	9.2
Adur 004F	Southwick Green	599	55	9.2
Adur 006B	Cokeham	645	59	9.1
Adur 001C	Hillside	780	71	9.1

### **Crawley LSOA (and corresponding ward) fuel poverty rates in descending order (worst affected LSOAs)**

Of the 30 worst affected LSOAs in Crawley, the four wards with the highest number of households in fuel poverty are Northgate & West Green, Langley Green & Tushmore, Southgate and Tilgate.

<b>LSOA Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of households</b>	<b>Number of households in fuel poverty</b>	<b>Proportion of fuel poor households (%)</b>
Crawley 001D	Langley Green & Tushmore	633	77	12.2
Crawley 012E	Bewbush & North Broadfield	502	58	11.6
Crawley 001A	Langley Green & Tushmore	677	78	11.5
Crawley 001E	Langley Green & Tushmore	476	54	11.3
Crawley 007E	Northgate & West Green	1,112	116	10.4
Crawley 007A	Southgate	773	80	10.3
Crawley 006B	Gossops Green & North East Broadfield	874	90	10.3
Crawley 011A	Southgate	668	68	10.2
Crawley 003D	Northgate & West Green	706	71	10.1
Crawley 005D	Three Bridges	704	70	9.9
Crawley 012B	Bewbush & North Broadfield	514	51	9.9
Crawley 004C	Northgate & West Green	1,165	115	9.9

Crawley 011B	Tilgate	680	65	9.6
Crawley 011C	Tilgate	619	59	9.5
Crawley 013D	Broadfield	640	61	9.5
Crawley 009C	Furnace Green	600	57	9.5
Crawley 001C	Langley Green & Tushmore	647	60	9.3
Crawley 005C	Pound Hill South & Worth	573	53	9.2
Crawley 011E	Tilgate	588	54	9.2
Crawley 007D	Southgate	965	87	9.0
Crawley 011D	Tilgate	635	57	9.0
Crawley 012A	Bewbush & North Broadfield	496	44	8.9
Crawley 013E	Broadfield	530	47	8.9
Crawley 004D	Three Bridges	542	48	8.9
Crawley 013A	Broadfield	769	64	8.3
Crawley 005B	Pound Hill South & Worth	770	64	8.3
Crawley 003B	Ifield	695	56	8.1
Crawley 004B	Northgate & West Green	678	54	8.0
Crawley 003A	Ifield	531	42	7.9
Crawley 003E	Northgate & West Green	825	65	7.9

### Mid Sussex LSOA (and corresponding ward) fuel poverty rates in descending order (worst affected LSOAs)

Of the 30 most affected LSOAs in Mid Sussex, the three wards with the highest number of households in fuel poverty are Ardingly, Balcombe & Turners Hill, Lindfield Rural & High Weald and Hurstpierpoint.

LSOA Name	Ward	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Proportion of fuel poor households (%)
Mid Sussex 006A	Ardingly, Balcombe & Turners Hill	710	103	14.5
Mid Sussex 002D	Ardingly, Balcombe & Turners Hill	512	74	14.5
Mid Sussex 007B	Ardingly, Balcombe & Turners Hill	779	112	14.4
Mid Sussex 016D	Hurstpierpoint	743	106	14.3
Mid Sussex 007F	Handcross & Pease Pottage	611	87	14.2
Mid Sussex 014E	Burgess Hill Victoria	473	65	13.7
Mid Sussex 006B	Lindfield Rural & High Weald	586	80	13.7
Mid Sussex 007D	Ardingly, Balcombe & Turners Hill	681	92	13.5
Mid Sussex 001H	East Grinstead Town	670	90	13.4
Mid Sussex 010A	Haywards Heath Bentswood & Heath	748	100	13.4
Mid Sussex 007C	Cuckfield, Bolney & Ansty	488	65	13.3
Mid Sussex 006D	Lindfield Rural & High Weald	861	110	12.8

Mid Sussex 003B	Ashurst Wood & East Grinstead South	583	73	12.5
Mid Sussex 014F	Burgess Hill Victoria	586	71	12.1
Mid Sussex 006C	Lindfield Rural & High Weald	670	81	12.1
Mid Sussex 016A	Downland Villages	681	80	11.7
Mid Sussex 016C	Hurstpierpoint	723	76	10.5
Mid Sussex 001G	East Grinstead Town	852	88	10.3
Mid Sussex 001B	East Grinstead Imberhorne	701	72	10.3
Mid Sussex 017C	Hassocks	760	78	10.3
Mid Sussex 017E	Hassocks	608	62	10.2
Mid Sussex 013D	Burgess Hill St Andrews	664	67	10.1
Mid Sussex 011G	Cuckfield, Bolney & Ansty	645	64	9.9
Mid Sussex 014C	Burgess Hill Meeds & Hammonds	825	80	9.7
Mid Sussex 011J	Haywards Heath Ashenground	647	61	9.4
Mid Sussex 001A	East Grinstead Ashplats	844	79	9.4
Mid Sussex 016E	Downland Villages	630	58	9.2
Mid Sussex 010B	Haywards Heath Bentswood & Heath	599	55	9.2
Mid Sussex 004A	East Grinstead Town	645	59	9.1
Mid Sussex 016B	Hurstpierpoint	780	71	9.1

## Worthing LSOA (and corresponding ward) fuel poverty rates in descending order (worst affected LSOAs)

Of the 30 most affected LSOAs in Worthing, the three wards with the highest number of households in fuel poverty are Central, Heene and Selden.

LSOA Name	Ward	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Proportion of fuel poor households (%)
Worthing 008A	Central	1,038	205	19.7
Worthing 011D	Heene	1,015	199	19.6
Worthing 011E	Selden	1,018	162	15.9
Worthing 009D	Selden	693	110	15.9
Worthing 011A	Central	1,185	184	15.5
Worthing 009A	Broadwater	534	80	15.0
Worthing 011B	Central	1,053	156	14.8
Worthing 011G	Central	679	98	14.4
Worthing 008D	Gaisford	832	119	14.3
Worthing 010E	Heene	716	99	13.8
Worthing 008B	Gaisford	709	96	13.5
Worthing 006A	Castle	630	83	13.2
Worthing 010D	Heene	889	117	13.2
Worthing 008C	Gaisford	687	87	12.7
Worthing 008E	Tarring	805	98	12.2
Worthing 010C	Heene	1,088	130	11.9
Worthing 011F	Central	634	75	11.8
Worthing 009B	Selden	687	80	11.6
Worthing 010A	Central	1,022	118	11.5
Worthing 005E	Gaisford	698	80	11.5

Worthing 013A	Goring	897	102	11.4
Worthing 003E	Salvington	680	77	11.3
Worthing 009C	Selden	830	93	11.2
Worthing 012E	Marine	676	75	11.1
Worthing 002C	Salvington	635	68	10.7
Worthing 012B	Marine	822	88	10.7
Worthing 009E	Selden	657	70	10.7
Worthing 010B	Heene	925	98	10.6
Worthing 005A	Broadwater	688	72	10.5
Worthing 006C	Castle	652	68	10.4

### **Horsham LSOA (and corresponding ward) fuel poverty rates in descending order (worst affected LSOAs)**

Of the 30 most affected LSOAs in Horsham, the three wards with the highest number of households in fuel poverty are Pulborough, Coldwaltham & Amberley, Storrington & Washington and Itchingfield, Slinfold & Warnham.

<b>LSOA Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of households</b>	<b>Number of households in fuel poverty</b>	<b>Proportion of fuel poor households (%)</b>
Horsham 011A	Cowfold, Shermanbury & West Grinstead	686	93	13.6
Horsham 014E	Steyning & Ashurst	689	91	13.2
Horsham 014A	Bramber, Upper Beeding & Woodmancote	582	72	12.4
Horsham 014B	Henfield	779	96	12.3
Horsham 006B	Forest	642	79	12.3



Horsham 013E	Pulborough, Coldwaltham & Amberley	998	118	11.8
Horsham 015D	Storrington & Washington	704	83	11.8
Horsham 003D	Itchingfield, Slinfold & Warnham	916	107	11.7
Horsham 005A	Itchingfield, Slinfold & Warnham	774	89	11.5
Horsham 008E	Southwater North	546	62	11.4
Horsham 005C	Rudgwick	564	63	11.2
Horsham 012D	Pulborough, Coldwaltham & Amberley	708	79	11.2
Horsham 013B	Storrington & Washington	889	99	11.1
Horsham 010A	Southwater South & Shipley	1,185	131	11.1
Horsham 013D	Pulborough, Coldwaltham & Amberley	742	82	11.1
Horsham 013C	Storrington & Washington	868	94	10.8
Horsham 013A	Pulborough, Coldwaltham & Amberley	733	79	10.8
Horsham 015E	Storrington & Washington	672	71	10.6
Horsham 010G	Billingshurst	624	65	10.4
Horsham 013F	Pulborough, Coldwaltham & Amberley	581	60	10.3

Horsham 006D	Forest	991	102	10.3
Horsham 016D	Steyning & Ashurst	870	89	10.2
Horsham 005B	Itchingfield, Slinfold & Warnham	665	67	10.1
Horsham 016A	Bramber, Upper Beeding & Woodmancote	716	72	10.1
Horsham 001F	Colgate & Rusper	567	57	10.1
Horsham 014D	Henfield	867	87	10.0
Horsham 005D	Rudgwick	632	63	10.0
Horsham 016B	Bramber, Upper Beeding & Woodmancote	1,044	104	10.0
Horsham 012B	West Chiltington, Thakeham & Ashington	789	78	9.9
Horsham 015B	West Chiltington, Thakeham & Ashington	688	68	9.9

## Additional data tables

Area	Number of households (2019)	Number of households (2020)	Number of households (2021)	Number of households (2022)
Adur	29,120	29,295	28,267	28,530
Arun	72,015	72,447	74,103	74,796
Chichester	53,740	54,060	55,202	55,708
Crawley	46,153	46,423	46,474	46,905
Horsham	59,157	59,523	63,622	64,189
Mid Sussex	61,810	62,192	64,597	65,175
Worthing	50,663	50,954	50,520	50,961

Area	Number of households in fuel poverty (2019)	Number of households in fuel poverty (2020)	Number of households in fuel poverty (2021)	Number of households in fuel poverty (2022)
Adur	2,264	2,704	2,320	2,866
Arun	5,165	6,337	6,243	7,398
Chichester	4,053	4,842	5,324	6,002
Crawley	3,441	3,805	3,077	3,430
Horsham	3,538	4,085	4,574	5,289
Mid Sussex	3,572	4,149	4,627	5,365
Worthing	4,152	4,813	4,613	5,499

Area	Proportion of fuel poor households (%) 2019	Proportion of fuel poor households (%) 2020	Proportion of fuel poor households (%) 2021	Proportion of fuel poor households (%) 2022
Adur	7.8	9.2	8.2	10
Arun	7.2	8.7	8.4	9.9
Chichester	7.5	9	9.6	10.8
Crawley	7.5	8.2	6.6	7.3
Horsham	6	6.9	7.2	8.2
Mid Sussex	5.8	6.7	7.2	8.2
Worthing	8.2	9.4	9.1	10.8
England	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1

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