

Drax – The cost of renewable energy

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,052 GB adults online between 8th and 9th July 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of all GB adults aged 18+.

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£1 - £10	(5.5)	83 4%	45 5%	37 4%	17 7%	13 4%	15 5%	12 3%	8 3%	16 4%	23 4%	21 4%	18 4%	21 4%	14 5%	31 3%
£11 - £20	(15.5)	70 3%	30 3%	41 4%	11 5%	9 2%	8 2%	9 2%	11 4%	23 5%	23 4%	21 4%	16 4%	11 2%	9 3%	27 3%
£21 - £30	(25.5)	98 5%	52 5%	46 4%	14 6%	27 7%	14 4%	16 4%	14 5%	13 3%	41 7%	22 4%	16 4%	19 4%	12 5%	56 6%
£31 - £50	(40.5)	112 5%	62 6%	51 5%	14 6%	29 8%	19 6%	9 2%	17 6%	25 5%	28 5%	24 4%	35 8%	25 5%	12 5%	51 6%
£51 - £75	(63)	106 5%	64 6%	42 4%	10 4%	26 7%	14 4%	12 3%	14 5%	32 7%	33 6%	22 4%	19 4%	32 6%	4 1%	55 6%
£76 - £100	(88)	118 6%	72 7%	46 4%	10 4%	15 4%	17 5%	19 5%	20 7%	35 8%	34 6%	33 6%	27 6%	24 5%	17 6%	34 4%
£101 - £150	(125.5)	120 6%	67 7%	53 5%	5 2%	18 5%	18 5%	22 6%	15 5%	41 9%	39 7%	25 5%	30 7%	27 5%	15 6%	49 5%
£151 - £200	(175.5)	66 3%	42 4%	24 2%	3 1%	12 3%	20 6%	14 4%	4 1%	13 3%	28 5%	17 3%	12 3%	9 2%	15 6%	27 3%
£201 - £300	(250.5)	60 3%	29 3%	31 3%	7 3%	10 3%	6 2%	15 4%	10 3%	12 3%	16 3%	19 3%	9 2%	16 3%	11 4%	21 2%
£301 - £400	(350.5)	28 1%	16 2%	12 1%	2 1%	9 2%	3 1%	7 2%	4 2%	2 *	13 2%	- -	11 3%	3 1%	9 3%	13 1%
£401 - £500	(450.5)	22 1%	7 1%	15 1%	* *	12 3%	5 2%	2 1%	1 *	1 *	11 2%	6 1%	- -	6 1%	1 *	15 2%
£500+	(550)	53 3%	23 2%	30 3%	4 2%	17 5%	11 3%	6 2%	7 2%	8 2%	11 2%	14 3%	8 2%	19 4%	6 2%	32 4%
NET: £1 - £50		363 18%	189 19%	174 17%	57 24%	77 22%	56 17%	45 12%	50 17%	78 17%	114 21%	88 16%	85 19%	76 15%	47 17%	165 18%
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Don't know	1049 51%	465 47%	584 55%	126 53%	141 40%	176 52%	209 57%	162 55%	235 51%	226 41%	313 57%	230 51%	280 56%	134 50%	444 50%
Mean	115.62	110.86	121.05	77.99	138.46	127.99	122.57	111.54	101.29	113.96	114.76	102.11	132.29	124.99	124.30
Standard deviation	140.27	128.47	152.57	120.83	169.43	150.95	133.04	136.51	110.54	135.02	141.73	123.89	159.45	138.23	156.87
Standard error	4.47	5.60	7.13	10.56	13.57	12.37	10.52	11.54	7.00	7.73	8.71	9.08	10.54	12.78	8.01

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Standard error	2.20	3.06	4.57	2.52	13.11	12.93	5.29	2.60	4.36	3.70	8.61	3.70	9.04
Median	9.49	5.70	5.66	9.55	5.29	21.95	8.54	8.10	12.27	8.31	9.13	9.26	2.72