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Poll of pensioners

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 1014 British pensioners (women aged 60 and over, and men aged 65 and over) online between 20th and 25th February 2013. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all British women aged 60+ and British men aged 65+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Table 1

Q.1 Generally speaking, which of the following do you spend more of your pension on ?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
Luxuries (i.e. holidays, gifts and pocket money for loved ones, or entertainment)	26 3%	7 2%	19 3%	16 10%	7 3%	3 1%	6 2%	5 2%	14 8%	1 *	7 8%	6 2%	7 3%	3 2%	3 1%	3 1%	12 3%	9 6%
Necessities (i.e. food, fuel, rent or mortgage, bills, or healthcare)	809 80%	290 77%	519 81%	123 77%	190 78%	496 81%	250 76%	224 81%	128 77%	207 85%	72 81%	210 84%	224 81%	122 76%	182 76%	266 92%	366 80%	101 60%
Both equally	171 17%	75 20%	96 15%	21 13%	45 19%	104 17%	68 21%	43 16%	25 15%	34 14%	10 11%	33 13%	44 16%	32 20%	51 21%	18 6%	82 18%	53 32%
Don't know	8 1%	5 1%	3 *	- -	* *	8 1%	5 2%	3 1%	- -	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	3 2%	4 2%	1 *	- -	4 2%

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Table 2

Q.2 Which of the following would you say that you spend MOST of your Winter Fuel Allowance on?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income		
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
Fuel	782 77%	282 75%	500 78%	113 71%	181 74%	488 80%	249 76%	227 82%	120 72%	185 76%	67 75%	208 83%	216 79%	133 84%	157 65%	223 78%	363 79%	117 70%
NET: Not fuel	184 18%	70 18%	115 18%	34 21%	54 22%	97 16%	63 19%	34 12%	41 24%	47 19%	19 21%	29 12%	46 17%	17 11%	73 30%	48 17%	82 18%	37 22%
Food	56 5%	21 6%	35 5%	3 2%	14 6%	38 6%	19 6%	8 3%	7 4%	22 9%	6 6%	11 4%	5 2%	6 4%	27 11%	15 5%	31 7%	6 4%
Putting it into savings	41 4%	18 5%	23 4%	13 8%	10 4%	18 3%	18 6%	5 2%	14 8%	4 2%	5 5%	5 2%	8 3%	3 2%	21 9%	10 3%	12 3%	11 6%
Christmas presents	31 3%	6 2%	25 4%	11 7%	6 3%	13 2%	13 4%	6 2%	10 6%	2 1%	4 5%	6 2%	7 3%	6 4%	8 3%	5 2%	18 4%	8 5%
Other bills (not fuel related e.g. telephone bill)	30 3%	9 2%	21 3%	3 2%	11 4%	16 3%	3 1%	9 3%	4 2%	13 6%	3 3%	3 1%	14 5%	1 1%	8 3%	16 6%	9 2%	3 2%
Holidays	8 1%	5 1%	3 *	- -	4 2%	4 1%	1 *	2 1%	5 3%	- -	1 1%	1 *	4 1%	- -	3 1%	2 1%	4 1%	* *
Children or grandchildren	7 1%	3 1%	4 1%	2 1%	2 1%	3 *	1 *	1 *	- -	4 2%	- -	2 1%	3 1%	- -	2 1%	- -	4 1%	3 2%
Donating to charity	5 *	2 1%	3 *	- -	4 2%	1 *	3 1%	1 *	1 *	- -	* *	1 *	2 1%	* *	2 1%	- -	2 *	2 1%
Entertainment	4 *	4 1%	- -	- -	1 *	3 *	3 1%	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	3 1%	- -	1 *	- -	- -	4 2%
Rent or mortgage	2 *	2 1%	* *	- -	1 1%	1 *	* *	- -	1 *	1 1%	- -	- -	1 *	1 1%	1 *	1 *	1 *	- -
Clothes	1 *	- -	1 *	1 1%	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 *	- -	- -	1 1%
Not applicable - I do not claim my Winter Fuel Allowance	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Not applicable - I am not eligible for Winter Fuel Allowance	8 1%	* *	7 1%	7 4%	- -	* *	1 *	5 2%	- -	1 1%	- -	5 2%	1 *	2 1%	- -	6 2%	2 *	- -

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Table 2

Q.2 Which of the following would you say that you spend MOST of your Winter Fuel Allowance on?

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
Don't know	40	25	16	6	8	26	16	10	6	8	4	8	12	8	10	11	13	13
	4%	7%	2%	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	8%

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Table 3
Q.3 Do you currently claim your free bus pass?
Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income		
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	Midlands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
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Yes	864 85%	327 87%	537 84%	133 83%	217 89%	513 84%	279 85%	243 88%	150 89%	192 79%	81 91%	208 83%	231 84%	127 79%	217 90%	228 79%	401 87%	148 88%
No	150 15%	49 13%	101 16%	27 17%	26 11%	98 16%	50 15%	32 12%	18 11%	50 21%	8 9%	42 17%	45 16%	33 21%	23 10%	59 21%	58 13%	20 12%

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Table 4

Q.4 For each of the following, please state whether you think that all pensioners should be eligible to receive it regardless of income, whether only pensioners on low incomes should receive it, or whether you think that no pensioners should receive it.

SUMMARY TABLE**Base: All respondents**

	Benefit					
	Winter fuel allowance	Free bus pass	£10 tax-free Christmas Bonus	Free prescriptions	Free TV licence	State pension
Unweighted base	1014	1014	1014	1014	1014	1014
Weighted base	1014	1014	1014	1014	1014	1014
All pensioners should be eligible, regardless of income	462 46%	636 63%	354 35%	790 78%	561 55%	906 89%
Only pensioners who are on low incomes should be eligible	528 52%	346 34%	461 45%	211 21%	402 40%	91 9%
No pensioners should receive this	5 1%	14 1%	163 16%	2 *	35 3%	- -
Don't know	19 2%	18 2%	36 4%	11 1%	16 2%	17 2%

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Table 5

Q.4 For each of the following, please state whether you think that all pensioners should be eligible to receive it regardless of income, whether only pensioners on low incomes should receive it, or whether you think that no pensioners should receive it.

Winter fuel allowance

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
All pensioners should be eligible, regardless of income	462 46%	181 48%	281 44%	60 38%	118 48%	284 47%	147 45%	144 52%	82 49%	89 37%	42 47%	125 50%	125 45%	76 48%	94 39%	116 40%	201 44%	90 54%
Only pensioners who are on low incomes should be eligible	528 52%	193 51%	335 53%	97 61%	121 50%	310 51%	171 52%	121 44%	83 50%	153 63%	47 53%	122 49%	139 51%	81 50%	138 58%	171 59%	238 52%	77 46%
No pensioners should receive this	5 1%	2 1%	3 1%	1 1%	3 1%	2 *	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	2 1%	1 *	2 1%	* *	1 *	2 1%	1 *
Don't know	19 2%	- -	19 3%	1 1%	2 1%	15 3%	9 3%	8 3%	1 1%	1 *	- -	- -	11 4%	1 1%	7 3%	- -	17 4%	- -

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Table 6

Q.4 For each of the following, please state whether you think that all pensioners should be eligible to receive it regardless of income, whether only pensioners on low incomes should receive it, or whether you think that no pensioners should receive it.

Free bus pass

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
All pensioners should be eligible, regardless of income	636 63%	235 62%	401 63%	90 56%	165 68%	381 62%	226 69%	192 70%	105 63%	113 47%	62 69%	153 61%	184 67%	83 52%	154 64%	171 60%	280 61%	115 68%
Only pensioners who are on low incomes should be eligible	346 34%	130 35%	216 34%	69 43%	72 30%	205 34%	87 26%	82 30%	57 34%	121 50%	27 31%	83 33%	86 31%	72 45%	78 32%	114 39%	153 33%	52 31%
No pensioners should receive this	14 1%	4 1%	10 2%	1 1%	3 1%	10 2%	5 1%	1 *	1 1%	7 3%	- -	9 4%	- -	4 2%	1 *	- -	13 3%	1 *
Don't know	18 2%	7 2%	11 2%	- -	3 1%	15 2%	12 4%	1 *	5 3%	1 *	- -	5 2%	5 2%	1 *	7 3%	3 1%	14 3%	* *

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Table 7

Q.4 For each of the following, please state whether you think that all pensioners should be eligible to receive it regardless of income, whether only pensioners on low incomes should receive it, or whether you think that no pensioners should receive it.

£10 tax-free Christmas Bonus

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
All pensioners should be eligible, regardless of income	354 35%	151 40%	203 32%	46 29%	91 38%	217 35%	101 31%	101 37%	73 44%	79 32%	28 32%	103 41%	96 35%	54 34%	73 31%	90 31%	159 35%	64 38%
Only pensioners who are on low incomes should be eligible	461 45%	162 43%	299 47%	82 51%	107 44%	272 45%	129 39%	122 44%	70 42%	140 58%	56 63%	99 40%	118 43%	77 48%	110 46%	167 58%	178 39%	74 44%
No pensioners should receive this	163 16%	58 15%	105 16%	31 19%	42 17%	90 15%	68 21%	49 18%	23 14%	23 9%	4 5%	40 16%	56 20%	23 14%	40 17%	19 7%	101 22%	28 17%
Don't know	36 4%	5 1%	31 5%	1 1%	3 1%	32 5%	31 9%	4 1%	2 1%	1 *	- -	8 3%	6 2%	6 4%	16 7%	12 4%	22 5%	1 1%

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Table 8

Q.4 For each of the following, please state whether you think that all pensioners should be eligible to receive it regardless of income, whether only pensioners on low incomes should receive it, or whether you think that no pensioners should receive it.

Free prescriptions

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
All pensioners should be eligible, regardless of income	790 78%	303 81%	487 76%	111 70%	190 78%	488 80%	268 81%	241 87%	135 81%	146 60%	72 81%	194 78%	220 80%	117 73%	187 78%	211 73%	356 78%	145 86%
Only pensioners who are on low incomes should be eligible	211 21%	72 19%	138 22%	47 30%	49 20%	114 19%	52 16%	33 12%	30 18%	96 39%	17 19%	54 22%	54 19%	41 26%	44 18%	75 26%	92 20%	22 13%
No pensioners should receive this	2 *	- -	2 *	1 1%	1 1%	- -	- -	1 *	1 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 *	1 *	- -
Don't know	11 1%	1 *	11 2%	- -	2 1%	9 1%	9 3%	* *	1 1%	1 *	- -	1 *	2 1%	1 1%	8 3%	1 *	10 2%	1 1%

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Table 9

Q.4 For each of the following, please state whether you think that all pensioners should be eligible to receive it regardless of income, whether only pensioners on low incomes should receive it, or whether you think that no pensioners should receive it.

Free TV licence

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
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Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
All pensioners should be eligible, regardless of income	561 55%	191 51%	369 58%	57 36%	106 44%	398 65%	193 59%	167 61%	81 48%	120 49%	41 46%	138 55%	164 60%	83 52%	134 56%	161 56%	256 56%	88 52%
Only pensioners who are on low incomes should be eligible	402 40%	167 44%	235 37%	94 59%	118 49%	190 31%	117 36%	95 35%	77 46%	112 46%	46 51%	94 37%	104 38%	68 43%	90 38%	121 42%	171 37%	70 42%
No pensioners should receive this	35 3%	14 4%	21 3%	8 5%	14 6%	13 2%	9 3%	9 3%	7 4%	10 4%	2 3%	16 6%	5 2%	7 4%	4 2%	4 1%	21 5%	8 5%
Don't know	16 2%	4 1%	12 2%	- -	5 2%	11 2%	10 3%	3 1%	2 1%	1 *	- -	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	12 5%	2 1%	11 2%	2 1%

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Table 10

Q.4 For each of the following, please state whether you think that all pensioners should be eligible to receive it regardless of income, whether only pensioners on low incomes should receive it, or whether you think that no pensioners should receive it.

State pension

Base: All respondents

	Gender		Age			Social Grade				Region					Annual household income			
	Total	Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	Mid-lands	Wales & South West	South East	Up to £14K	£14,001 -£28K	More than £28K
Unweighted base	1014	504	510	95	506	413	417	247	124	226	72	251	272	167	252	254	422	231
Weighted base	1014	376	638	160	243	611	329	275	167	243	89	250	275	160	240	288	459	168
All pensioners should be eligible, regardless of income	906 89%	347 92%	559 88%	129 81%	222 91%	555 91%	311 95%	261 95%	145 87%	189 78%	69 77%	224 90%	254 92%	142 89%	217 91%	246 85%	408 89%	162 97%
Only pensioners who are on low incomes should be eligible	91 9%	29 8%	62 10%	23 15%	19 8%	49 8%	9 3%	14 5%	15 9%	53 22%	14 16%	26 10%	20 7%	17 11%	14 6%	41 14%	36 8%	6 3%
No pensioners should receive this	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	17 2%	-	17 3%	8 5%	2 1%	7 1%	8 3%	-	8 5%	1 *	7 7%	-	1 *	1 *	9 4%	1 *	16 3%	-