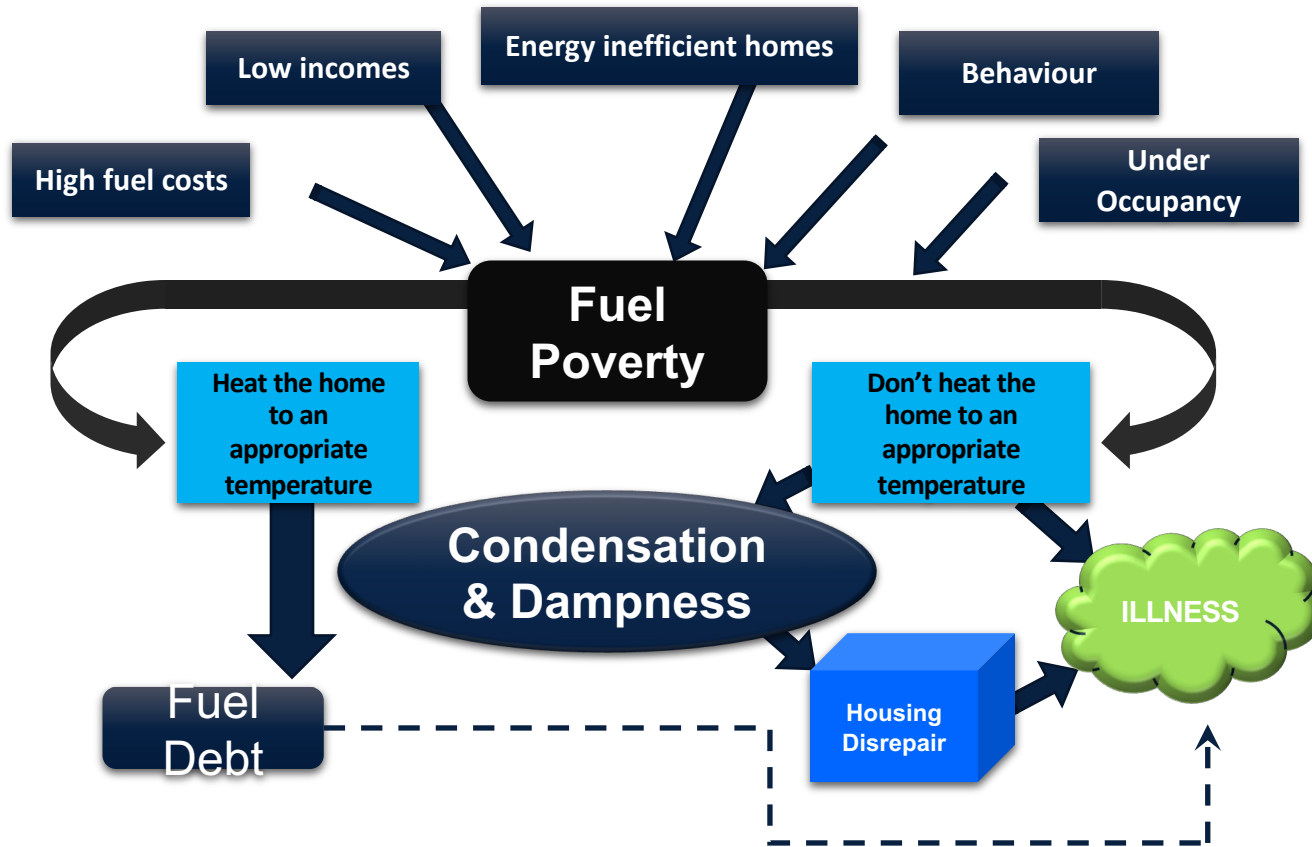




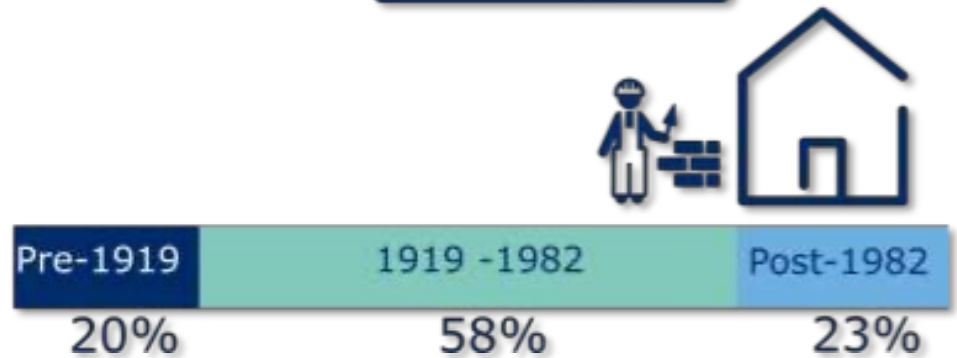
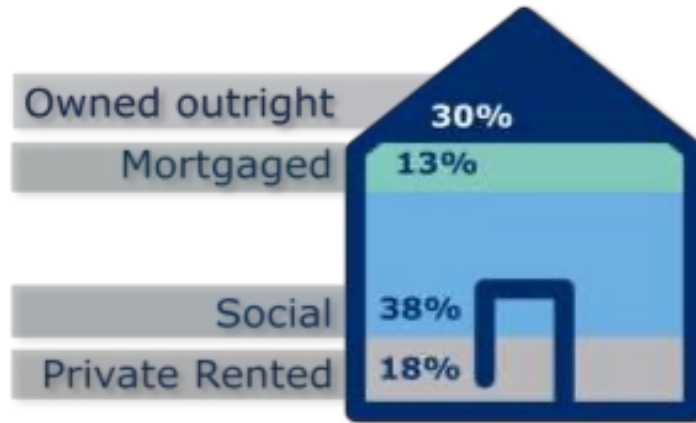
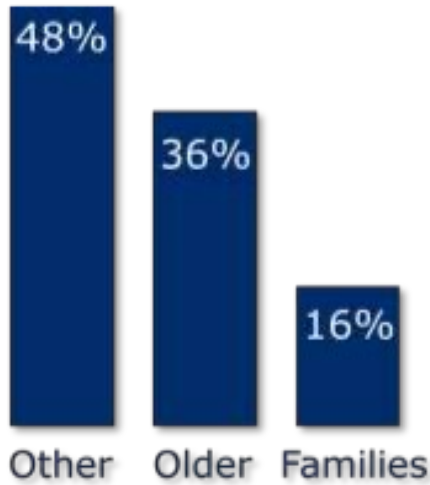
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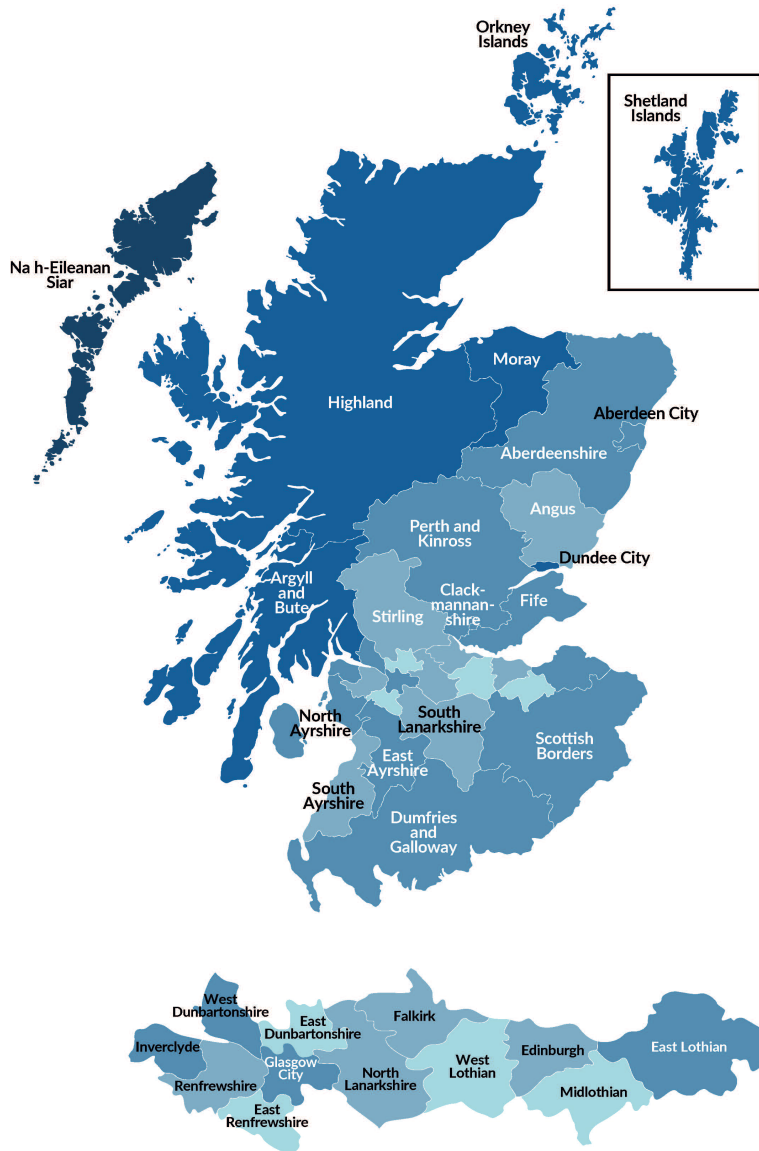
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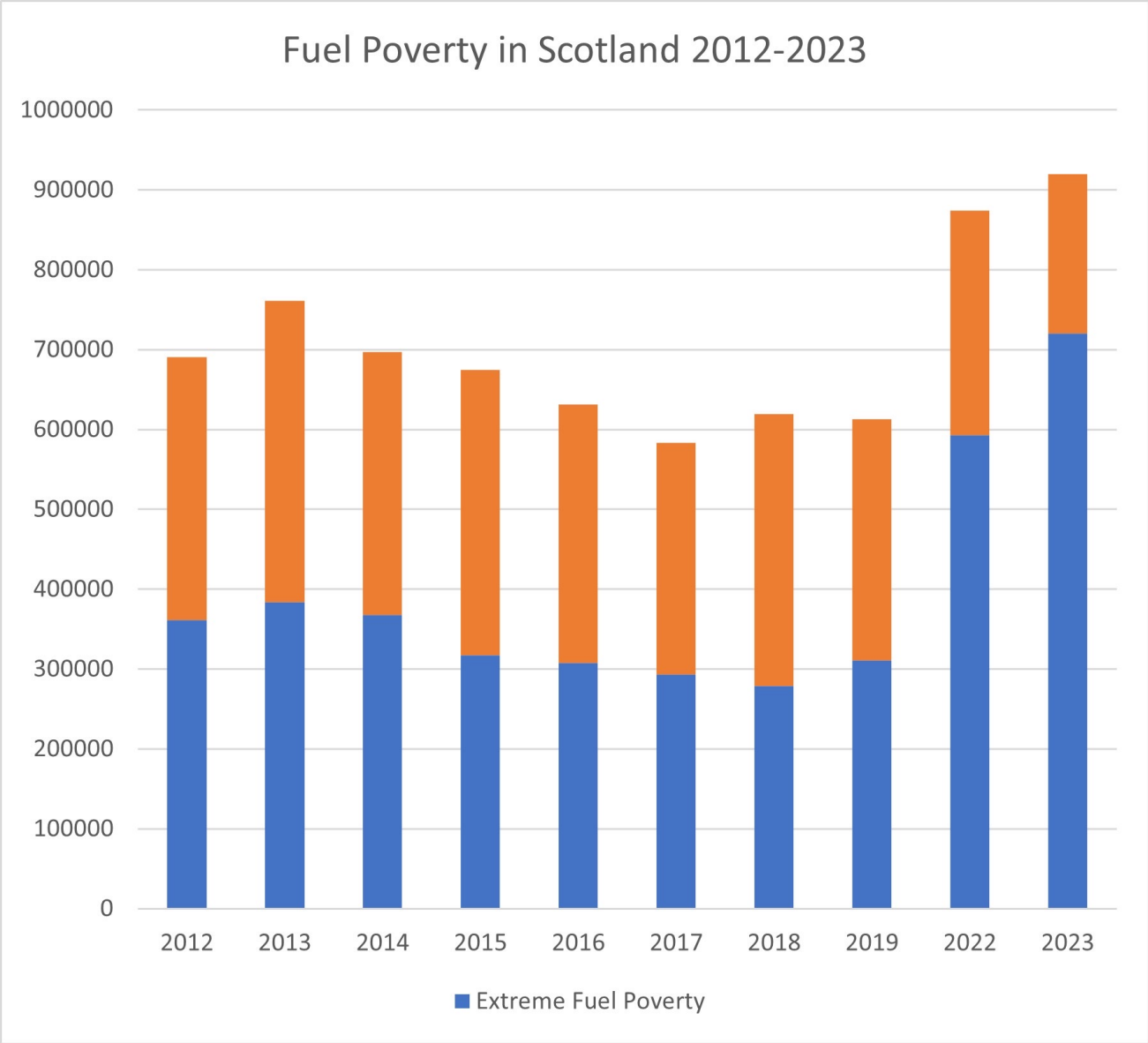
Who is most likely to be affected?



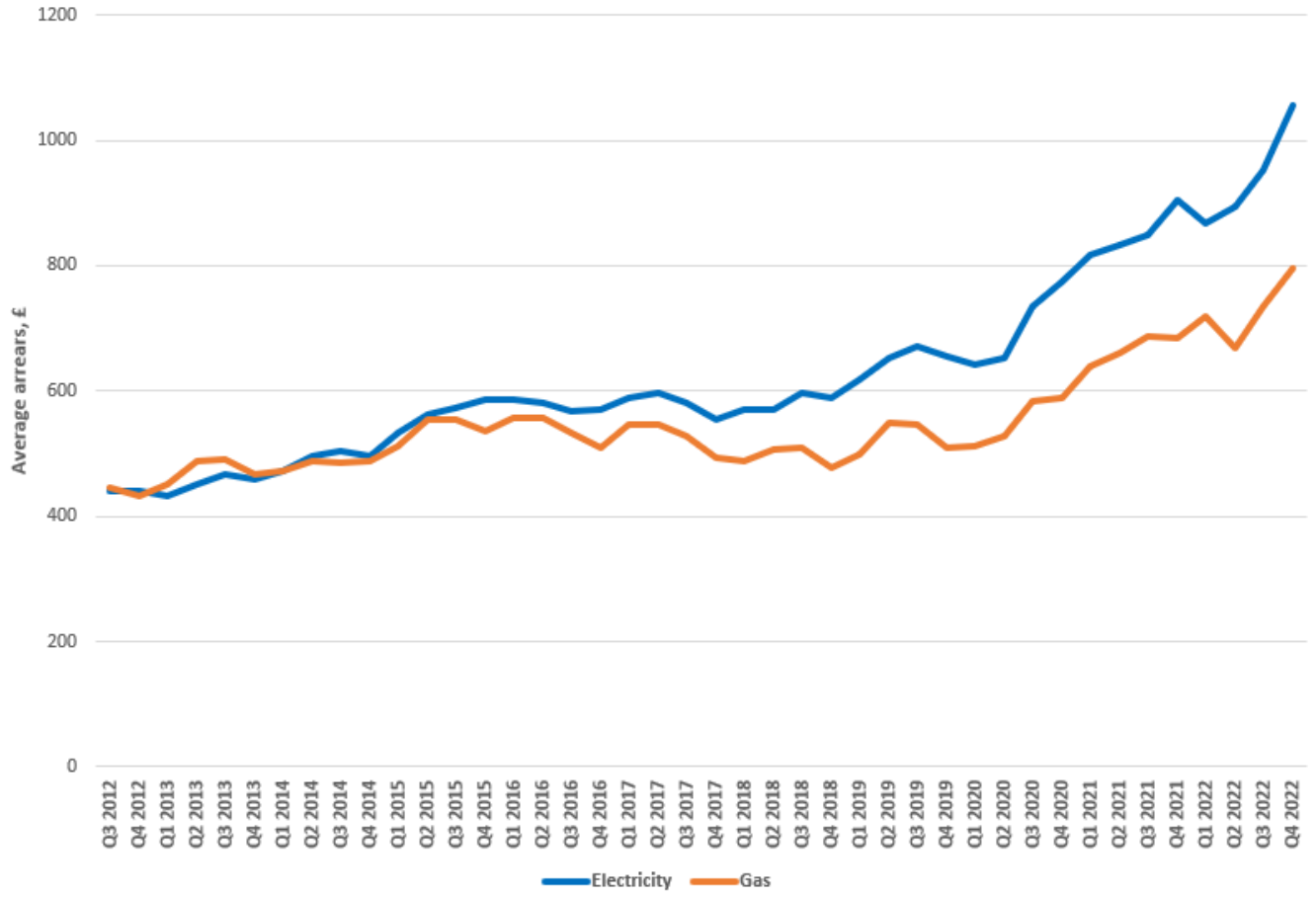
FUEL POVERTY BY LOCAL AUTHORITY



Na h-Eileanan Siar	61%
Highland	51%
Argyll and Bute	50%
Moray	49%
Dundee City	48%
Shetland Islands	48%
Orkney Islands	47%
West Dunbartonshire	45%
Dumfries and Galloway	44%
Inverclyde	44%
Scottish Borders	44%
North Ayrshire	43%
East Ayrshire	42%
Aberdeen City	40%
Glasgow City	39%
Aberdeenshire	38%
Perth and Kinross	38%
East Lothian	37%
Fife	37%
Clackmannanshire	36%
South Ayrshire	35%
Angus	34%
Falkirk	34%
Renfrewshire	34%
South Lanarkshire	34%
Stirling	33%
Edinburgh, City of	32%
North Lanarkshire	31%
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Midlothian	29%
West Lothian	28%
East Renfrewshire	20%
Scotland	37%



Levels of debt

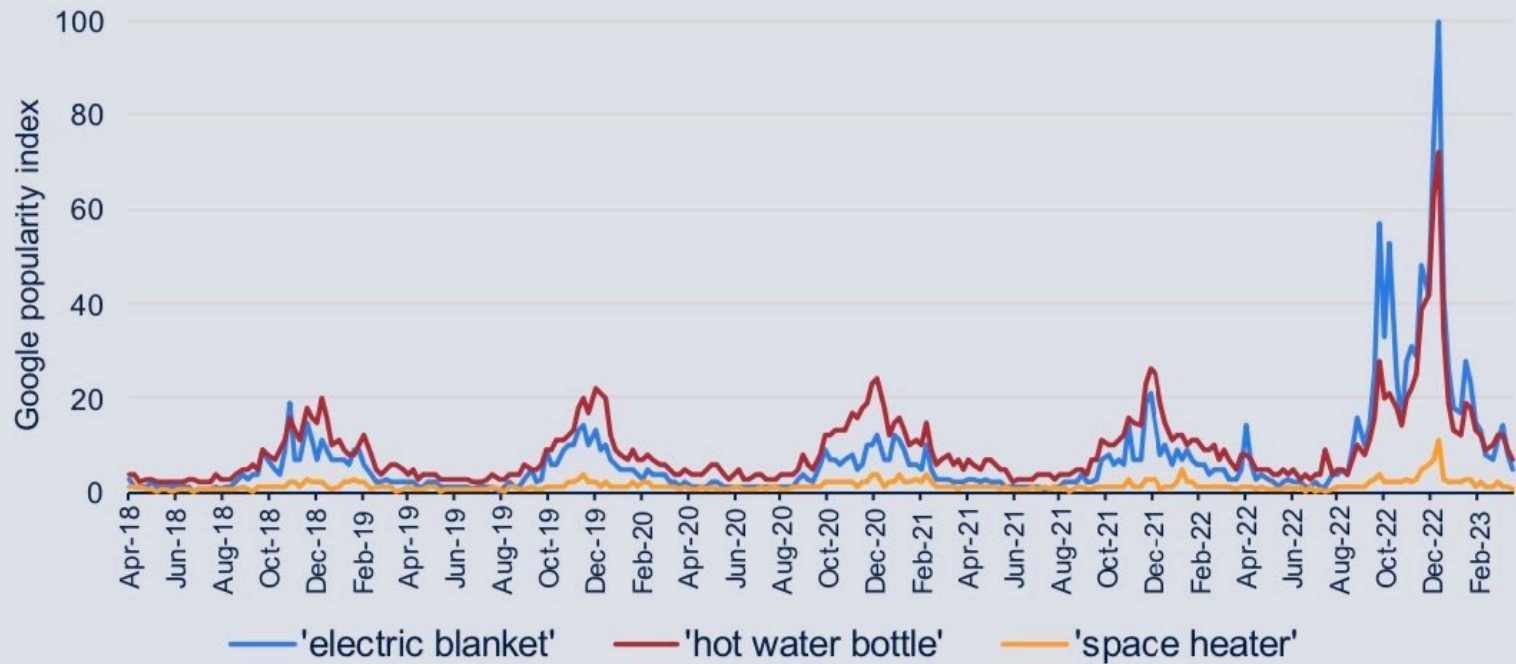


Signs of desperation

Box 2 Coping strategies

The figure below shows the relative popularity of the search terms 'electric blanket', 'hot water bottle', and 'space heater' over the last five years based on Google Trends web search data. The index value is relative to the peak popularity of the most popular term (indexed at 100).

Figure 4 Web searches for fuel poverty coping strategies over the past five years



What can people do?

- Safe consumption reduction
 - Get heating serviced
 - Maximise settings
 - Low-cost measures
- Contacting their energy provider
- Priority Services Register
- Identify and authorise a person/org to act for them

How is help being provided

- Home Energy Efficiency Programmes for Scotland
 - Area-based schemes
 - Warmer Homes Scotland
 - Home Energy Scotland Grants/Loans
- Local Authority/Housing Providers
- Advice Direct Scotland
- Local trusted organisations including CABs
- Fuel Bank Foundation (via referral orgs)
- Home Energy Scotland
 - Advice and information
 - Referral and signposting
 - inc. tariff checks, benefit checks

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