

# Inflation: Eating and heating basic human need many cannot afford



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GMB Union has responded to new inflation figures today [17 August 2022].

The latest figures from the ONS show RPI had risen to 12.3 per cent in July 2022, up from 11.8 per cent in June 2022.

**Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:**

“Inflation is skyrocketing, with food and energy prices going through the roof.



"Eating and heating are basic human needs, yet many hard-working people in our country are at the limit of what they can pay to put food on the table and power their homes.

"Meanwhile, the Bank of England and our zombie government have lost control and look on helplessly as decent people are plunged into poverty.

"For so many, the cost of living crisis is rapidly becoming a catastrophe."

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