# **GERMANY**

## 2016 Index1: 9th



### **HOUSING COSTS**

- Housing cost overburden rate<sup>2</sup>:
- Among the total population: **15.9%**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate in Europe.
- Among poor households: **54.4%**
- Amount of poor households exposed to market forces<sup>3</sup>:

68.1%, one of the highest rates in Europe.



### **UNFIT HOUSING**

Young people aged 20-29 are **2.63 times** more likely to live in severe housing deprivation than the general population.

**39.5%** of lone women were overburdened by housing costs in 2014 (11% more than lone men) with an increase of **8.5%** between 2009 and 2014.

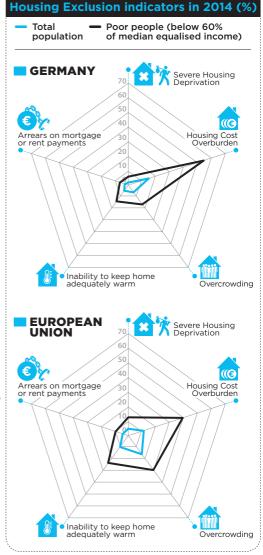


#### CONTEXT

The price-to-income ratio in 2015 was **91.5.** The housing cost overburden rate reached its lowest level in 15 years in 2008, but has been increasing continually since.

According to RentsWatch<sup>4</sup>, **Berlin is the 50<sup>th</sup> most expensive city in Europe.**Average cost for new rental contracts in the last 6 months: **€10.4/m².** 

A rental control scheme was introduced in 2013. For now, this appears to have had little effect.





See FEANTSA and the Foundation Abbé Pierre,

<sup>&#</sup>x27;European Index of Housing Exclusion': ttp://www.feantsa.org/en/report/2016/09/17/an-overview-of-housing-exclusion-in-europe.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> People spending more than 40% of their disposable income on housing. <sup>3</sup> Either renting in the private sector or owners with an ongoing mortgage

<sup>4</sup> http://www.rentswatch.com