

# DENMARK

2016 Index<sup>1</sup>: **13<sup>th</sup>**



## HOUSING COSTS

**Housing cost overburden rate<sup>2</sup>:**

Among the total population:  
**15.6%, among the highest in Europe.**

Among poor households:  
**68.1%<sup>3</sup>**

Share of poor households exposed to market forces: **80.3%.**



## UNFIT HOUSING

Young people are particularly vulnerable to housing exclusion in Denmark:

- Young people (20-29 years) are **3 times** more likely to face severe housing deprivation and **3.5 times** more likely to face overcrowding than the total population.<sup>4</sup>

- **78.3%** of young people in poverty are overburdened by housing costs, i.e. **5 times** more than the rest of the population.



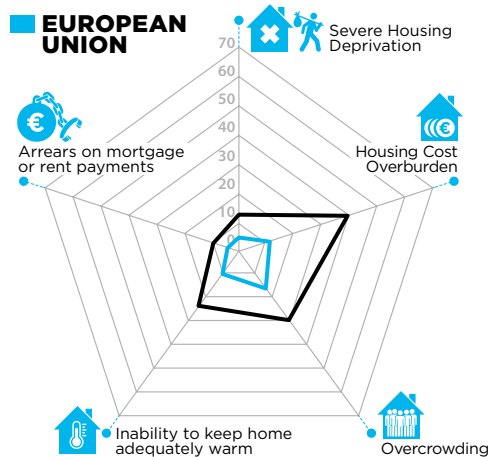
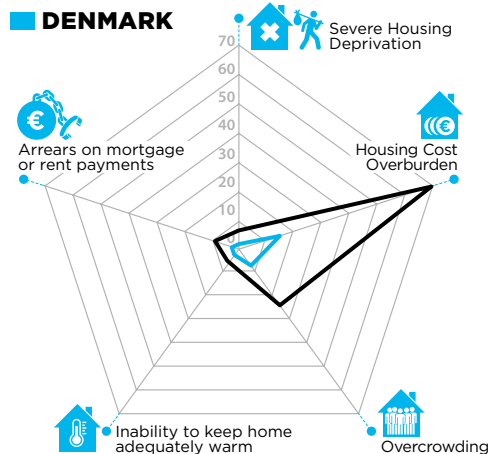
## CONTEXT

Very long period of negative interest rates in Denmark; purchase prices for apartments and houses have increased significantly since the start of 2012.

According to RentsWatch<sup>5</sup>, **Copenhagen is the 8th most expensive city in Europe.** Average cost for new rental contracts in the last 6 months: **€19.6/m<sup>2</sup>.**

## Housing Exclusion indicators in 2014 (%)

— Total population — Poor people (below 60% of median equalised income)



<sup>1</sup> See FEANTSA and the Foundation Abbé Pierre.

<sup>2</sup> European Index of Housing Exclusion: <http://www.feantsa.org/en/report/2016/09/17/an-overview-of-housing-exclusion-in-europe>.

<sup>3</sup> People spending more than 40% of their disposable income on housing.

<sup>4</sup> Care services for homeless people in Denmark have stated that this figure will undoubtedly rise more in the years to come, due to reforms in the social welfare system: a ceiling on payments is to be established, which will include all supplements to the basic allowance. Service providers are concerned about the potential income reductions that this will mean for people already in a vulnerable position - particularly unemployed, single-parent families.

<sup>5</sup> One should be aware that this is 3 times a very low number in general facing severe housing deprivation.

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.rentswatch.com>