HOUSING COSTS

Housing cost overburden rate:

Among the total population: 15.9%, the 2nd highest rate in Europe.

Among poor households: 54.4%

Amount of poor households exposed to market forces: 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, Berlin is the 50th 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.