ROMANIA
2016 Index\(^1\): \(24^{th}\)

**HOUSING COSTS**

Housing cost overburden rate among the highest in Europe\(^2\):

- Among the total population: 14.9%
- Among poor households: 39.1%
- Lowest number of households in rent and mortgage arrears in Europe: 0.7% for the total population, 1.8% for poor households.

**UNFIT HOUSING**

Highest rate of overcrowding in Europe: 52.3%.

Highest rate of severe housing deprivation in Europe: 21.5% (on a downward trend since 2009). Households with dependent children (29.3%) are 3 times more affected than households without children (9.4%).

12.3% of households and 24.4% of poor households experience financial difficulty in maintaining adequate household temperatures (on a downward trend since 2009).

**CONTEXT**

Highest rate of poverty in Europe: 25.4%.

A country of homeowners (96.2% of the population are homeowners, of which 95.5% are homeowners without an outstanding mortgage).

In 2014, about 28,000 public housing units were officially registered as social housing, while the number of applications received by local authorities exceeded 67,000.

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\(^2\) People spending more than 40% of their disposable income on housing.