



Population by tenure status, 2009 (% of population)

Tenure status

In 2009, just over one quarter of the EU-27 population lived in an owner-occupied home for which there was an outstanding loan or mortgage, while close to half of the population lived in an owner-occupied home without a loan or mortgage. As such, a total of nearly three quarters (73.6%) of the population lived in owner-occupied dwellings, while 13.0% lived in dwellings with a market price rent, and 13.5% in reduced-rent or free accommodation.

At least half of the population lived in owner-occupied dwellings in 2009 across all of the EU Member States; the figures ranged from 57.5 in Austria to 96.5 in Romania. In the Netherlands (59.2%) and Sweden (56.8%) more than half of the population lived in owner-occupied dwellings with an outstanding loan or mortgage; this was also the case in Iceland (70.6%) and Norway (61.5%).

The share of persons living in rented dwellings with a market price rent in 2009 was less than 10% in 12 of the EU Member States, as well as in Iceland. In Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Austria more than one quarter of the population lived in rented dwellings with a market price rent. The share of the population living in a dwelling with a reduced price rent or occupying a dwelling free of charge was less than 20% in all of the Member States except for Poland where this share reached 29.1% (see Figure2 - data for Germany, not available).

Source: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Housing_statistics