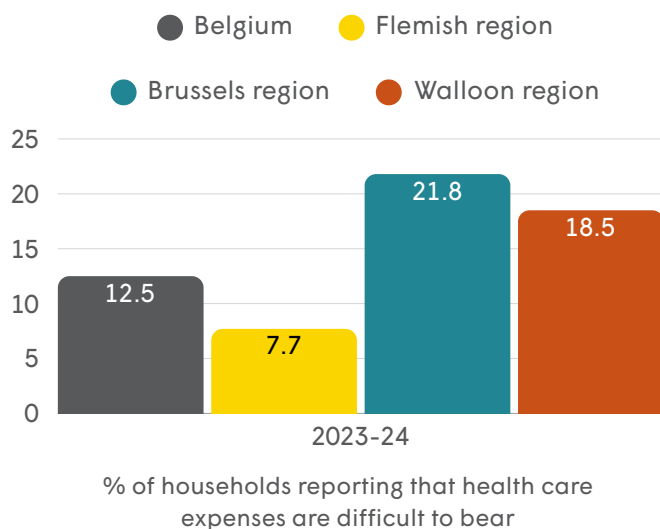


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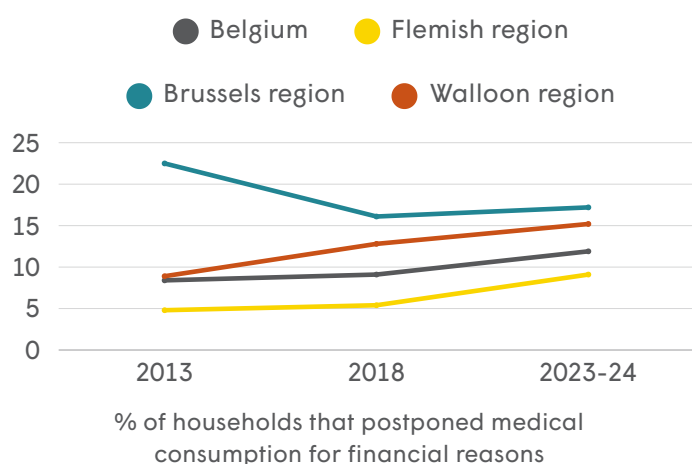
1 in 8 families struggle to meet health care costs



16.2% of households with a **female** reference person find health care expenses difficult to bear, **compared to 10.5%** with a **male** reference person.

Single-parent families in particular (21.5%), but also **single people** and **couples with children** (12.5%), experience this more often than couples without children (8.8%).

1 in 10 families postpone medical expenses for financial reasons



17.3% of households with a **female** reference person postponed medical consumption, **compared to 8.8%** with a **male** reference person.

The differences **vary greatly by region**.

The most occurring postponement for of healthcare for financial reasons is **dental care**.

Precarity persists over time

After 25 years of health surveys, it appears that a **core of 10 to 15% of households** have **structural difficulties paying health care costs**.

Low-income households, single-parent families, and single-person households remain the most vulnerable groups. Households in the **Brussels** and **Walloon regions** are also experiencing significantly more problems.

