

Environment and Housing: Key Findings

Health Interview Survey 2023-2024



Quality of the local living environment

One in five people report experiencing at least **one major environmental nuisance¹** in their neighborhood



¹Traffic problems (volume/speed), litter or vandalism, crime or insecurity, lack of access to nature

One in four people feel **disturbed** at home by at least **one source of pollution²**



²Air pollution, unpleasant odors, vibrations, noise

Housing issues

One in ten households...



...face **at least one housing quality problem** (overcrowding, inadequate heating, dampness or mold)



...include at least one person who **smokes indoors**

The proportion has **sharply declined** from **30.8% in 2004** to **13.5% in 2023–2024**



...**do not air out** their home daily

The proportion has **decreased** from **15.5% in 2013** to **10.5% in 2023–2024**

Population concerned : urbanization and socioeconomic level



Residents of the **Brussels Region** and **urban areas** are more likely to report **problems related to their local environment and housing quality**



People with **lower educational levels** and **tenants** are more exposed to **environmental nuisances and housing quality issues**