

# Population living in a dwelling equipped with heating facilities

## Definition

The “Pop. Liv. Dwelling equipped with heating facilities” indicator represents the share of the population living in a dwelling equipped with space heating equipment.

## Limits

Not enough to conclude about ability to consume energy and cope with thermal discomfort

Does not differentiate between different heating systems, fuel and levels of efficiency.

Should be complemented with data on energy prices, heating equipment ownership by type and consumptions patterns.

This indicator should be integrated into a multidimensional approach considering all the problem’s dimensions.

## Numbers

In 2012, 93.6% of the European Union population lived in a dwelling equipped with heating, corresponding to 412.3\* millions of Europeans.

*\*considering that the European Union population in 2012 was 440.55 million, according to [STATISTA \(2022\)](#).*

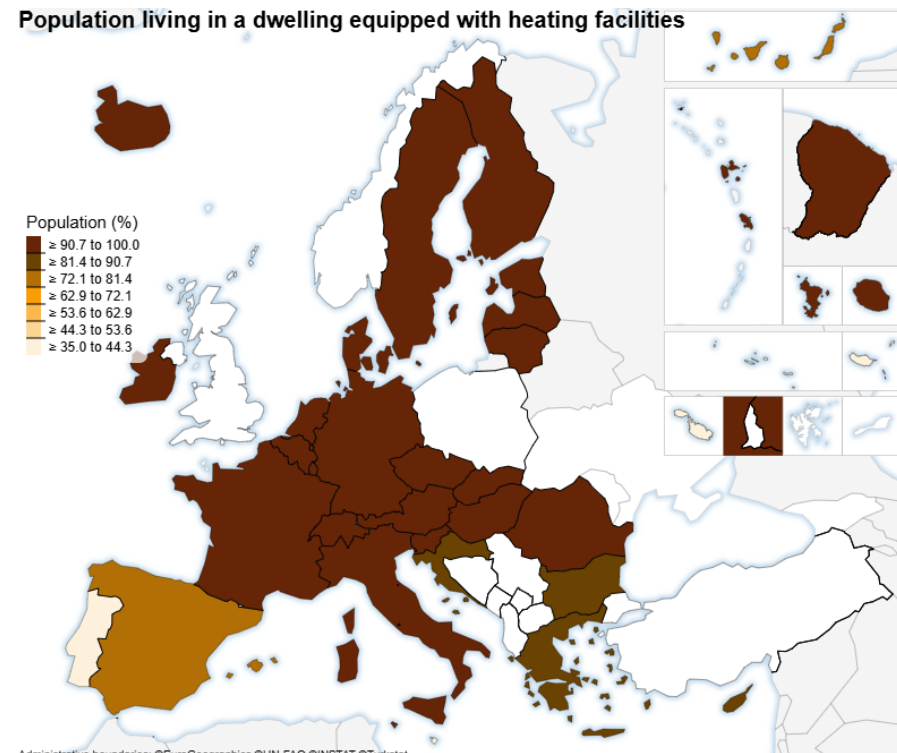
## Examples

Using a heat pump compared to a fireplace means that the household is using a more efficient heating system.

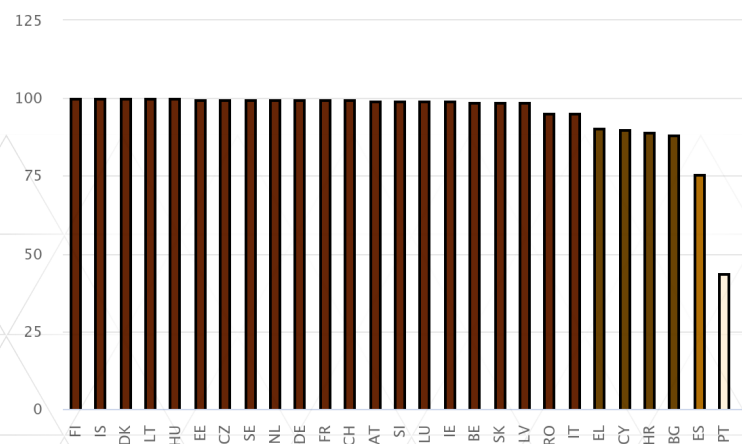
This is not sufficient information to understand their energy poverty status, as a household using the heat pump might be paying high electricity prices and restricting their consumption. At the same time, other might get very cheap fuelwood from neighbours and use it with restrictions.

Additional insights in the EPAH report: **“Energy Poverty National Indicators: Insights for a more effective measuring”**

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Unit: Population (%) | Source: EU-SILC | Last update: 2012

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