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Energy sufficiency in the EU – A selection of indicators

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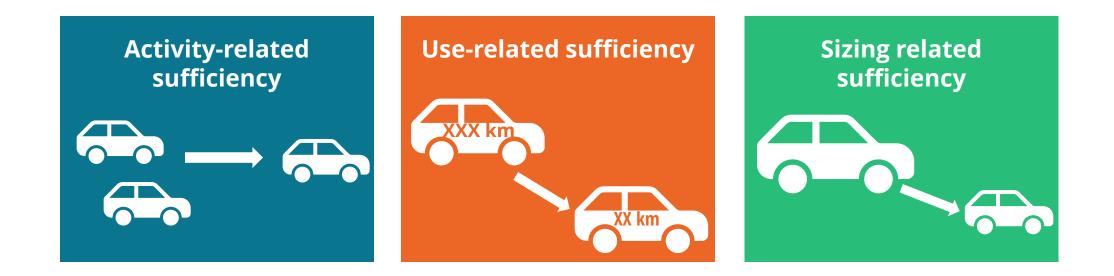




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Various forms of energy sufficiency at sector level

Energy sufficiency here refers to a reduction of final energy consumption in the households and transport sectors, linked to three types of household behaviours:





Examples of energy sufficiency actions

	Effects	Activity-related sufficiency	Use-related sufficiency	Size related sufficiency
	Space heating	Reduction in the number of dwellings due to sufficiency	Reduction of temperature setpoint	Reduction in the size of dwelling (m2/dwelling)
•	Electrical Appliances	Decrease in equipment rates related to sufficiency	Reduction in the use of equipment (shorter duration, reduced frequency)	Reduction in the size of equipment
	Cars	Decrease in equipment rates related to sufficiency	Reduction in the distance travelled by car	Reduction in the size of cars

For all these indicators, both level and trends are important to show.

For instance, for the average size per dwelling how much is it now and how it is changing over time?



Selection of sufficiency indicators in today's presentation

- 1. Share of impermanently occupied homes (Activity)
- 2. Average floor area per capita in the stock of dwellings (Size)
- 3. Number of cars per person (Activity)
- 4. Distance traveled by car per capita (Use)

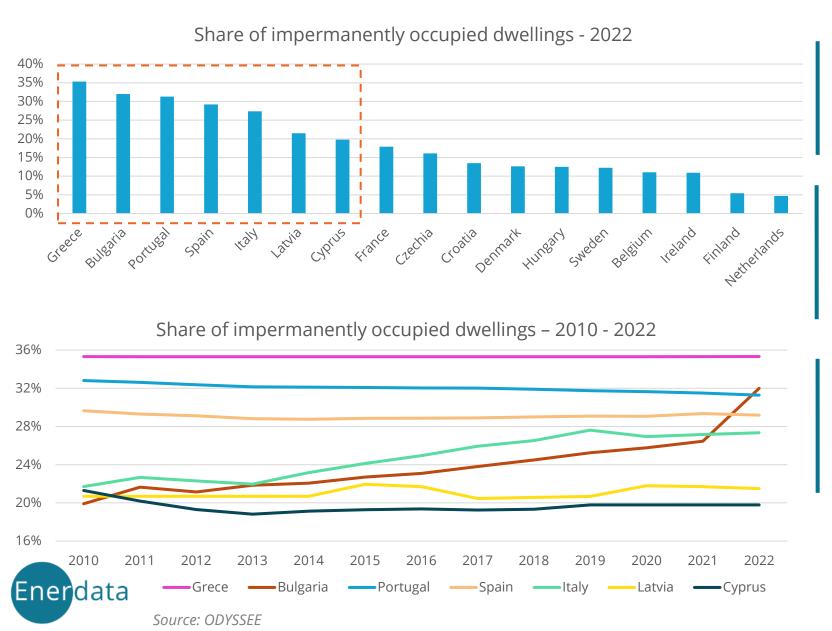




Share of impermanently occupied homes



Share of impermanently occupied homes (Activity)



• In 7 countries, 20% or more of the dwelling stock is impermanently occupied.

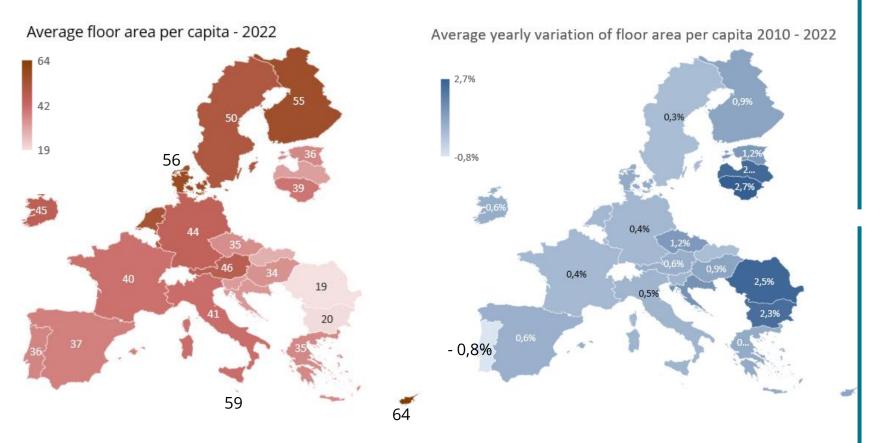
• The share varies significantly across the EU, ranging from 5% to 35%.

 Contrasting trends across countries with stagnation in some and increasing share in others

Average floor area per capita in the stock of dwellings



Average floor area per capita in the stock of dwellings (Size)



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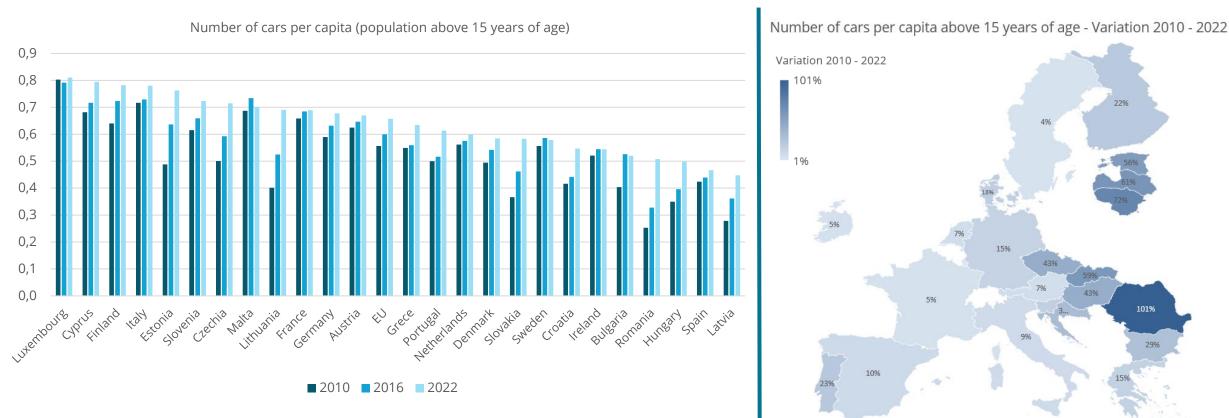
Source: ODYSSEE

- Significant variation across EU MS, with the average area ranging from 19 to 64 m².
- Highest average floor area in northern and island countries, and lowest in easter Europe countries
- Stronger yearly variation in Eastern European countries and some Baltic countries, reaching 2.7% per year (i.e + 37% between 2010 and 2022)
- Slight decrease in the average floor area in one country

3. Number of cars per person



Number of cars per person (activity)



• Upward trend throughout the period in all EU MS and at EU level, with the highest number currently at 0,8 car per capita, and the lowest at 0,45 per capita.

Variation 2010 - 2022 101% 22%

 The indicator increased in all EU MS with significant variation across countries ranging from +1% to x2

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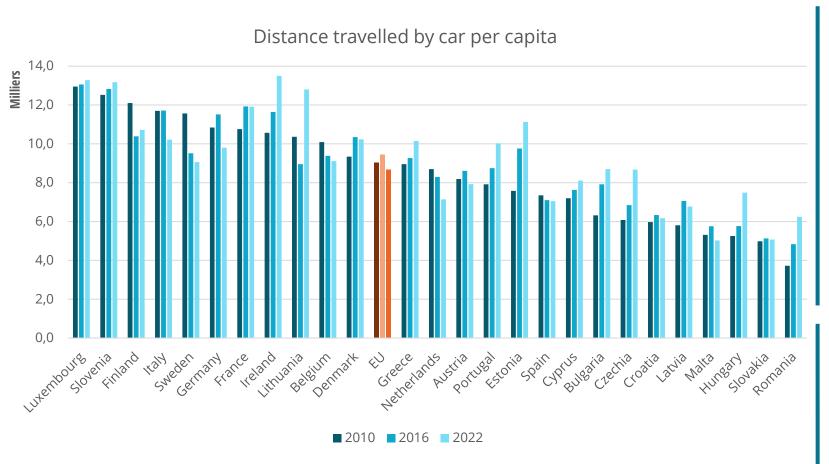
. Distance traveled per capita by car



Distance traveled per capita by car (use)

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Source: ODYSSEE



- Decrease in the distance travelled by car in 7 countries, that can be explained by improvement in public transportation systems.
- Stagnation at EU level
- Contrasting levels throughout EU MS in 2022, ranging from 6200 km/capita to 13000 km/capita

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