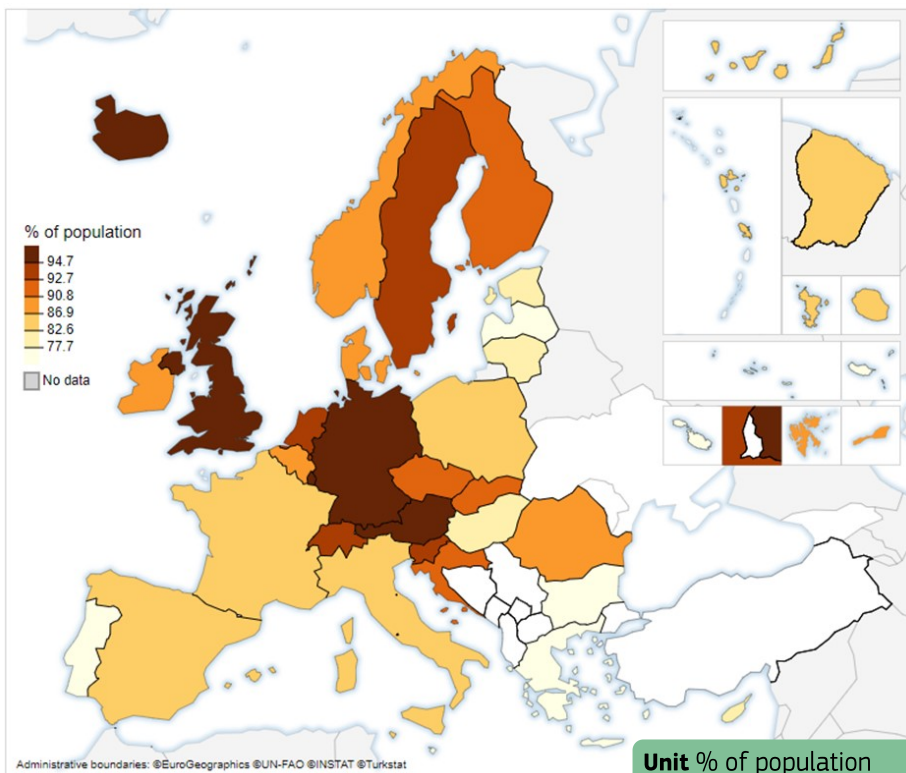
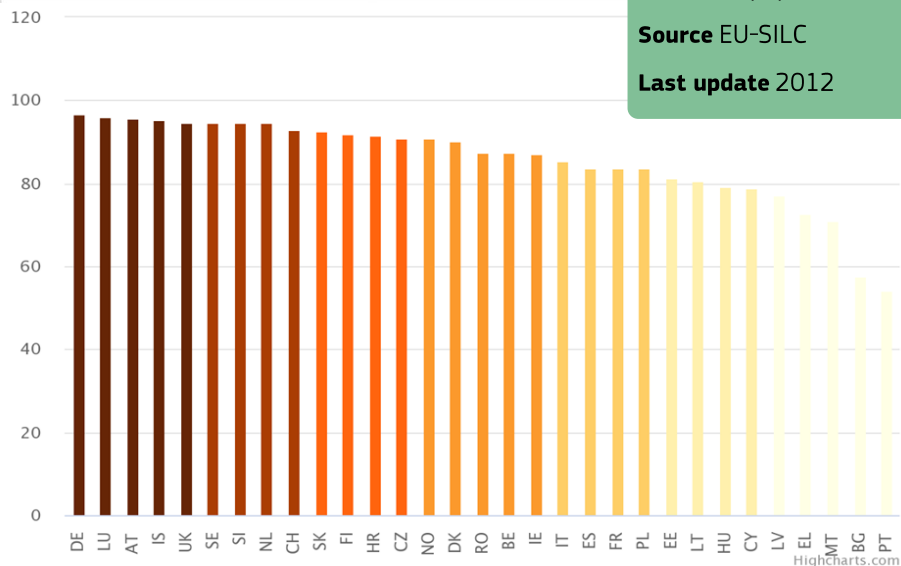


# National indicator - Population Living in Dwellings Comfortably Warm in Winter Time



Unit % of population  
Source EU-SILC  
Last update 2012



The “Pop. Liv. dwellings comfortably warm in winter time” indicator represents the share of the population, based on the question “Is the heating system efficient enough to keep the dwelling warm?” and “Is the dwelling sufficiently insulated against the cold?”.

## DEFINITION

The indicator focuses on indoor perception of comfort, an important element for energy poverty analysis, as living in uncomfortably cold temperatures increase the likelihood of reporting poor health.

## LIMITS

This is a complementary indicator to the inability to maintain home adequately warm indicator. However, it contains **limits**:



- Perception is subjective, varying according to gender, age, socioeconomic situation, culture, and social practices
- Dichotomous results do not capture a range of possible experiences



In 2012, **85.8%** of the **European Union** population was **comfortably warm in winter time** (EPOV, 2020), corresponding to 377.9\* millions of Europeans.

## NUMBERS

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



Two persons sharing the same home might have different perceptions of thermal comfort.

## EXAMPLE

More details and additional insights on the indicator are available in the EPAH report “[Energy Poverty National Indicators: Insights for a more effective measuring](#)”.

