

# Transport poverty in the EU – At a glance

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Transport is **essential for jobs, education, health, and inclusion**.  
Tackling transport poverty supports climate goals, social fairness, and regional equity.

## What is Transport Poverty?

Difficulty or inability to **afford or access** the transport needed to reach essential services like work, education, and healthcare.

## Who is affected?

- Rural, peri-urban & remote communities
- Older people and persons with disabilities
- People without private vehicles
- Low-income households
- Young people

## Key Dimensions



### Affordability

Can people pay for transport?



### Availability

Is transport physically present?



### Accessibility

Can it reach key destinations?



### Adequacy

Is it safe, reliable, inclusive?

## Facts & Figures



In 12 Member States, **30%+ of low-income families** with children cannot afford a car



People in **peri-urban areas** often face the **highest transport costs**



The Social Climate Fund will mobilise **€86.7 billion** to support vulnerable groups

## EU response

- Social Climate Fund** to support access to clean, affordable transport
- Commission recommends Member States to:**
  - Integrate transport poverty into existing strategies
  - Cooperate with and empower regional and local actors
  - Target support to vulnerable groups

## Key actions for governments

**Plan strategically** – integrate transport equity into national planning

**Invest sustainably** – improve public transport, cycling, shared electric mobility

**Ensure fairness** – focus on vulnerable groups