

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