

70% of the population is worried about housing

Difficulties in accessing and maintaining a home lead the frustration of a large part of the public

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The price of housing continues to be the main problem in Andorra for 70.2% of citizens. This is clear from the data of the Observatory corresponding to the first semester of 2024, presented this Thursday by the coordinator of the sociology area of Andorra Research and Innovation (AR+I), Joan Micó, who emphasized that everything and show a drop of 10 points compared to the previous work carried out in the second semester of 2023, the difficulties in accessing and maintaining a home continue to lead the population's worries. It should be noted, however, that the population surveys were carried out between February 15th and March 6th, weeks before the Government presented the plan of measures to deal with the problem.

The housing price is followed by the anger over wa-

Correlation of the economic situation with mental health problems

►► Mental health was another of the questions asked to the respondents, in which, according to Micó, a correlation is seen between people who have a better economic situation and those who present disorders such as anxiety or depression (66% of total). Among the people surveyed, 77% claim that they are not currently or have previously been in psychological treatment, while 12% have been in treatment previously and 11% are currently in treatment. Of those being treated, it should be noted that 35% are for cases of anxiety (28.8% in 2023) and nearly 28% for depression (37.8%). According to the coordinator of the sociology area of the ARI+I, the data obtained in Andorra «are similar» on a European scale, because this is a «generalized» issue that also involves the problems that arose during the pandemic.



The coordinator of the sociology area of Andorra Research and Innovation, Joan Micó.

ges, the main concern of 22.2% of respondents (16% during the previous term), as well as traffic (13.6%) and infrastructure and equipment (11.3%). By thematic areas, the price of housing, wages and the expensive standard of living lead the list of the main aspects to improve in the country with 74.7%, a figure slightly lower than that recor-

ded in the second semester of 2023, when it stood at 82.3%. In second place, there are infrastructures, equipment and parking lots (15.7%) and in third place are social benefits, pensions and healthcare (15.3%), reports the ANA.

If the profiles are analyzed, Micó highlighted that women are the ones who are most likely to have problems coping

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with the payment of the housing price, and also people between the ages of 30 and 64. As for Andorrans, 78.5% say so. By employment sector, unskilled workers, administrative staff and trade and hotel workers have more difficulty paying rent.

As for wages, they represent the main concern of residents aged between 30 and 44, especially those who work in less skilled professions (28%) or in the industry and construction sectors (27%). It is also important to analyze, as is clear, that those worried about social benefits and pensions are of greater concern to those over 65 (21%), people who are unemployed (19%) and workers trade and hospitality (20.4%).

ANDORRA'S GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION // Another of the usual questions has been about the economic situation of the people surveyed. Broadly speaking, the results show that 40.3% of the respondents consider that the general economic situation in Andorra is good or very good, 39.3% that it is fair and 17.5% that it is bad or very bad. When asked about their economic health, 55% considered that they are in a good or very good situation, while 8.8% consider that

THE FIGURES

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The percentage of the population that is currently concerned about housing.

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The percentage of the population that is currently concerned about the issue of wages.

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The percentage of the population that is currently concerned about the issue of traffic.

11.3%

The percentage of the population that would improve social benefits, pensions and healthcare.

74.7%

The percentage of the population that is concerned about the issue of infrastructure.

15.7%

The percentage of the population that would improve housing prices, wages and the expensive standard of living.

it has worsened. Precisely, Micó pointed out that the people who state that their situation is worse are the least qualified workers, as well as people who work in hospitality and construction. By gender, more women (10%) say it than men (7%).

Linked to this aspect, 23.3% of people have recognized that their economic situation has worsened over the last year, while only 23.9% have affirmed that it has improved and the remaining 52.4% that it remains the same. As for the difficulties in making it to the end of the month, the percentage of people who say that they do so with great difficulty drops slightly, 31.4% compared to 32.5%, while the number of people who say that they end the month very or somewhat easily (66.7%).

As is usual in the Observatory's questions, the population was also asked if they could afford to keep the house at an adequate temperature, where 84.9% stated that they did and 14% that they did not; if they can go on vacation away from home for at least one week a year (72.3% yes and 26.2% no); or it is possible to deal with an unforeseen expenditure of 1,050 euros, where 34.9% have acknowledged that it is not. ●

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