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# **QUALITY OF LIFE IN EUROPEAN CITIES**

## **COUNTRY REPORT LITHUANIA**

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The annexes can be consulted on the EUROPA website at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/activity/urban/audit/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/activity/urban/audit/index_en.cfm) (INFOREGIO)

or

[http://ec.europa.eu/public\\_opinion/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/index_en.htm) (Flash Eurobarometer reports)

This survey complements the work which is being carried out in the context of the European Urban Audit.

For more information on the Urban Audit:

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## INTRODUCTION

The current national report is based on the Perception survey on quality of life in European cities (Flash Eurobarometer 366)<sup>1</sup>, which included all capital cities of the countries concerned (except for Switzerland), together with between one and six more cities in the larger countries. In each city, around 500 citizens were interviewed. A total of 79 European cities were used in this analysis. In addition to these, the surroundings areas of Athina, Lisboa, Manchester and Paris were analysed. We will therefore hereinafter refer to '83 cities', though a more accurate terminology would be '79 cities and 4 surrounding areas'. A complete list of these is included in the final report and annexes.

The methodology used is that of Eurobarometer surveys as carried out by the Directorate-General for Communication ("Research and Speechwriting" Unit)<sup>2</sup>. A technical note on the manner in which interviews were conducted by the Institutes within the TNS Political & Social network is appended as an annex to the final report. Also included are the interview methods and confidence intervals<sup>3</sup>.

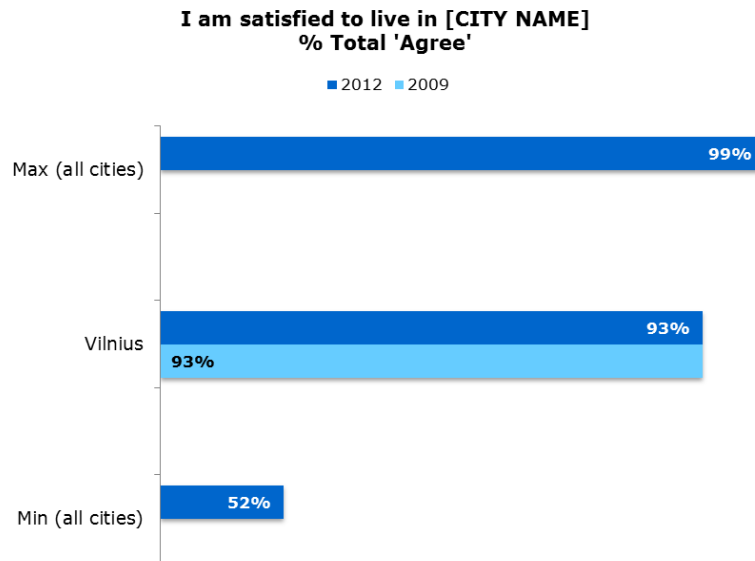
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<sup>3</sup> The results tables are included in the annex. It should be noted that the total of the percentages in the tables of this report may exceed 100% when the respondent has the possibility of giving several answers to the question.  
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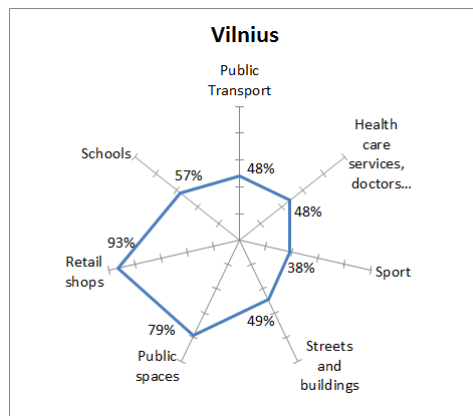
SATISFACTION REGARDING THE CITY



More than nine respondents in ten living in Vilnius are satisfied to live in their city.

In comparison to the other 83 cities surveyed, residents of Vilnius show higher levels of satisfaction than more than half of the other European cities.

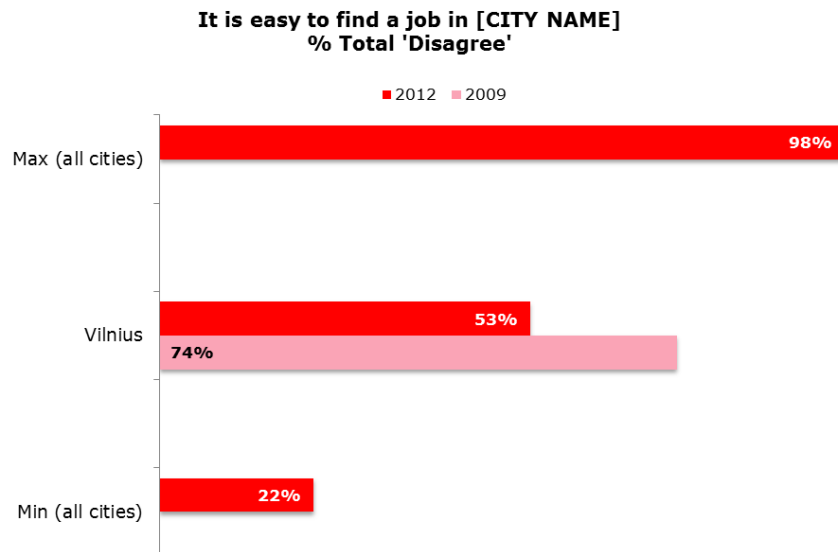
The levels of satisfaction have remained unchanged in comparison to the survey carried out in 2009.



Residents of Vilnius are most satisfied of all services with the retail shops in their city. In turn, only a minority is satisfied with sport facilities in the city.

## RESPONDENTS' VIEW ON THEIR CITY

## 1. Employment

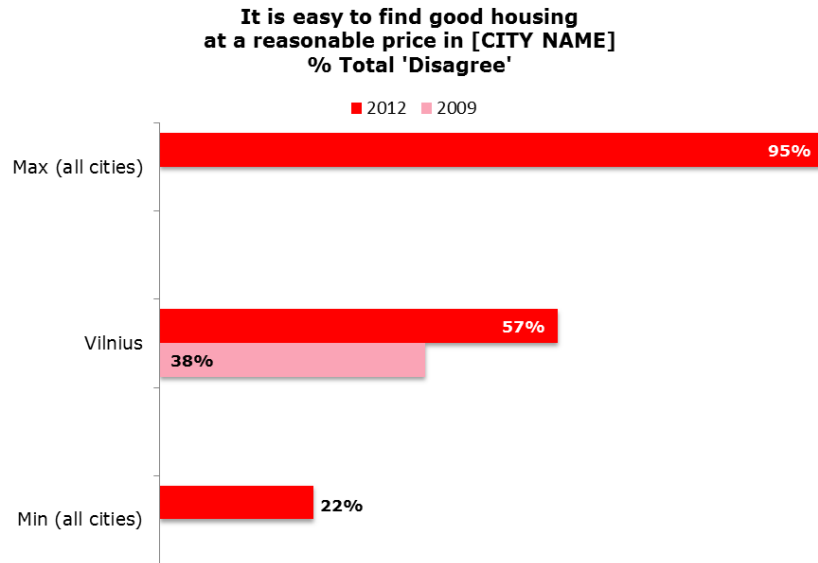


Just above half of respondents living in Vilnius disagree that it is easy to find a job in their city.

Vilnius ranks in the upper part of the bottom-half of all European cities surveyed when these are ranked by the level of disagreement with this statement.

The perceived job situation appears to be better now than in 2009, with considerably fewer respondents now disagreeing with the statement in Vilnius (-21 percentage points).

## 2. Housing



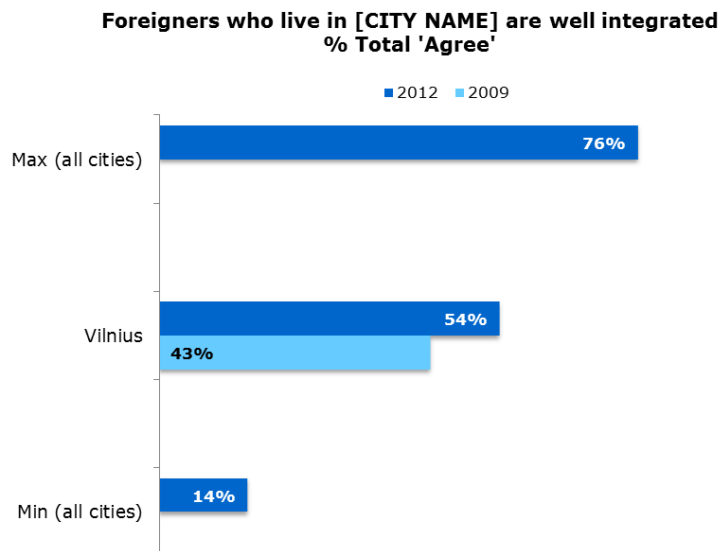
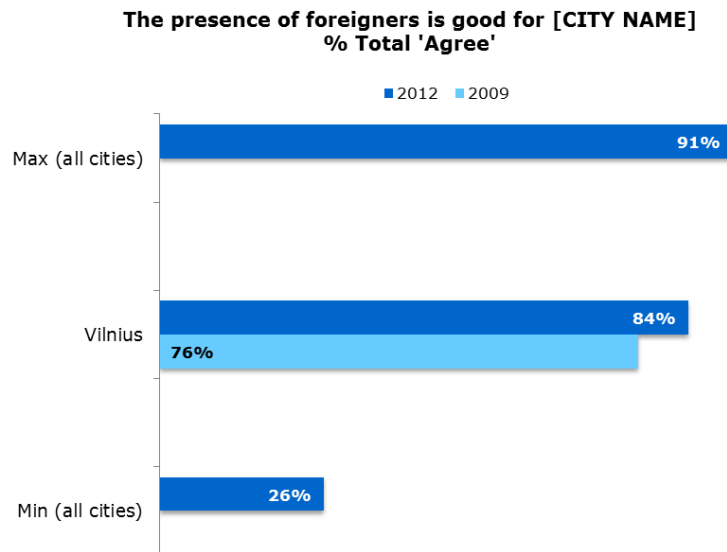
The absolute majority of respondents living in Vilnius disagrees that it is easy to find good housing at a reasonable price in their city.

When all the 83 cities surveyed are ranked according to the level of disagreement with the statement, Vilnius is found just in the top-half of the ranking.

The perceived housing situation appears to be much worse than in 2009 as considerably more respondents now disagree with the statement (+19 percentage points).



### 3. The presence and integration of foreigners

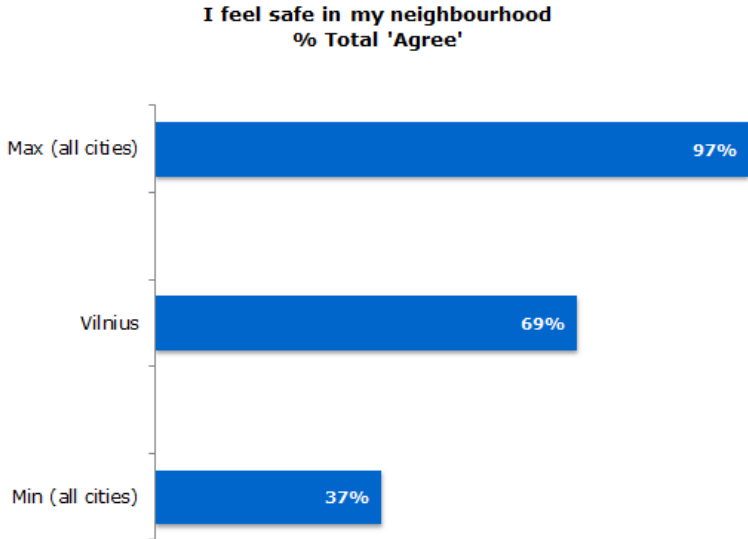
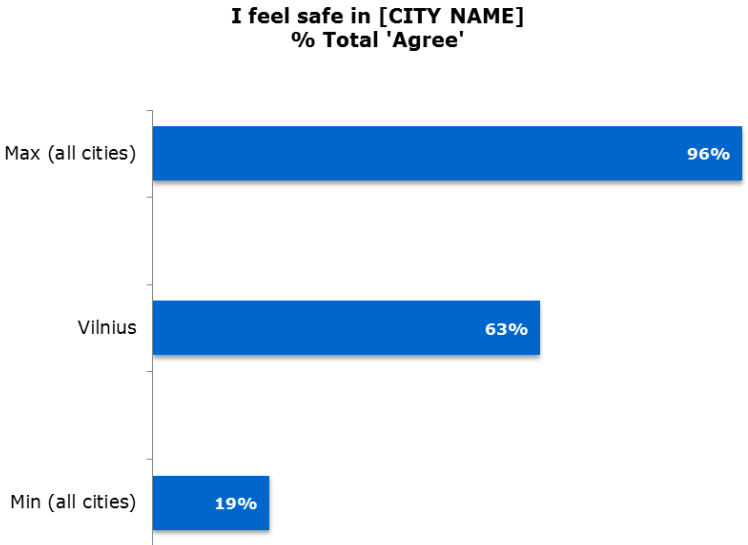


More than four respondents in five agree that the presence of foreigners is good for Vilnius. Only just over half of respondents however agree that foreigners in Vilnius are well-integrated.

Regarding the presence of foreigners, Vilnius ranks in the highest fifth of all European cities surveyed when it comes to agreeing with the statement.

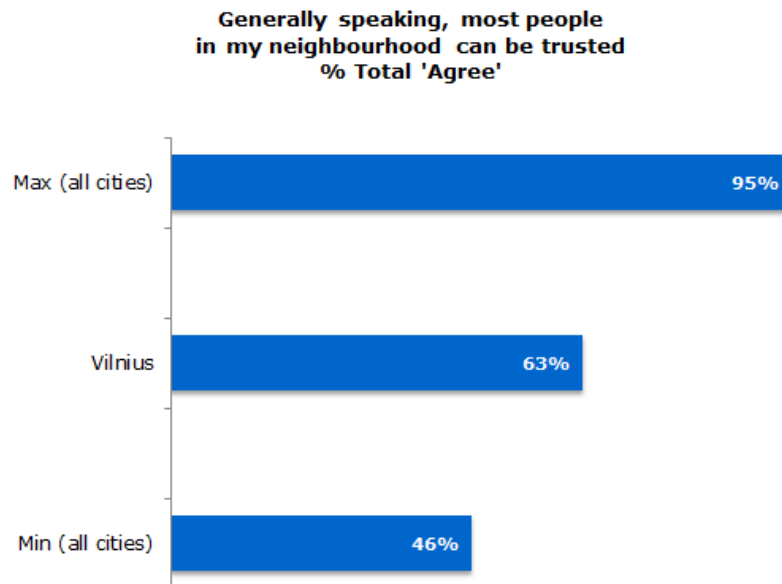
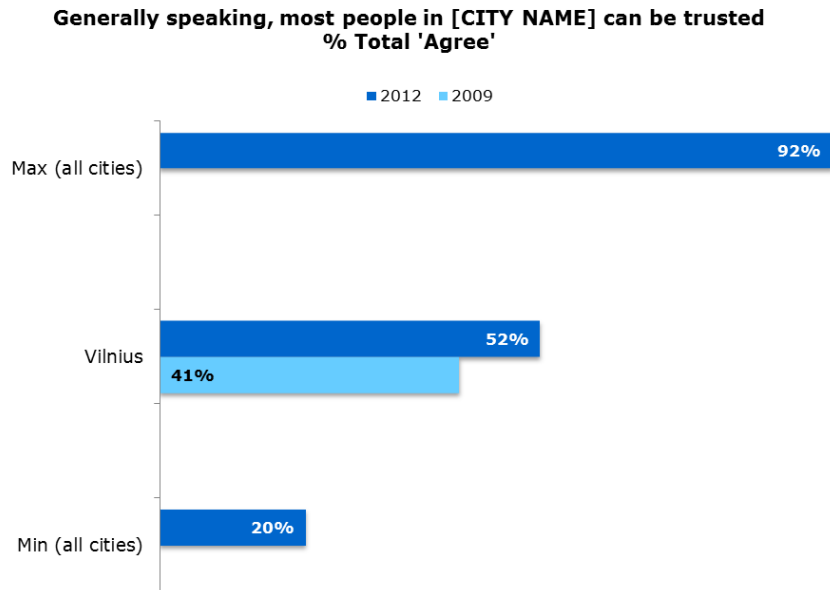
Attitudes toward foreigners in Vilnius have slightly improved in comparison to the 2009 survey.

4. Safety and trust



Just below two-thirds of respondents in Vilnius feel safe in their city. Respondents are slightly more likely to feel safe in their neighbourhood.

In comparison to other European cities, respondents in Vilnius feel less safe in their city and in their neighbourhood than two-thirds of the 83 cities surveyed.

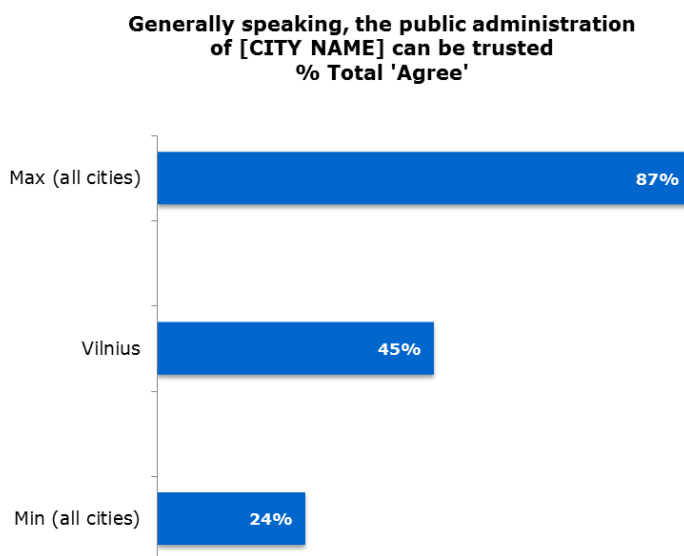
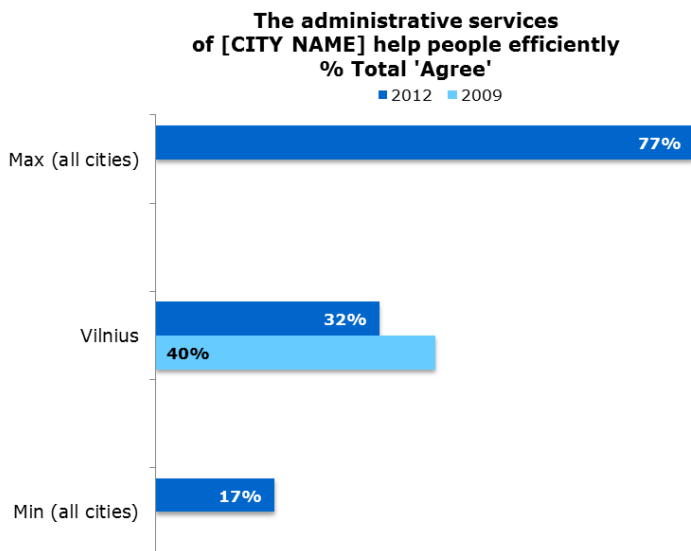


Just above half of respondents in Vilnius agree that most people in their city can be trusted. The levels of trust are higher when people in respondents' neighbourhood are considered.

Vilnius scores the seventh lowest result of the 83 cities surveyed when it comes to trusting people in their neighbourhood.

Residents of Vilnius are now more likely than in 2009 to trust most people in their city.

### 5. City Administrative services

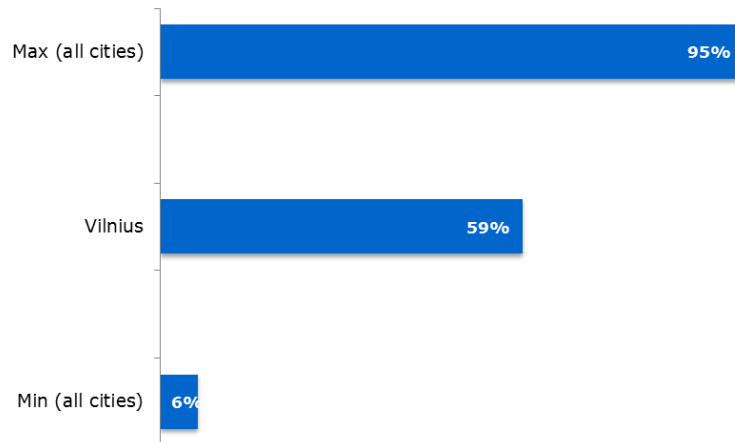
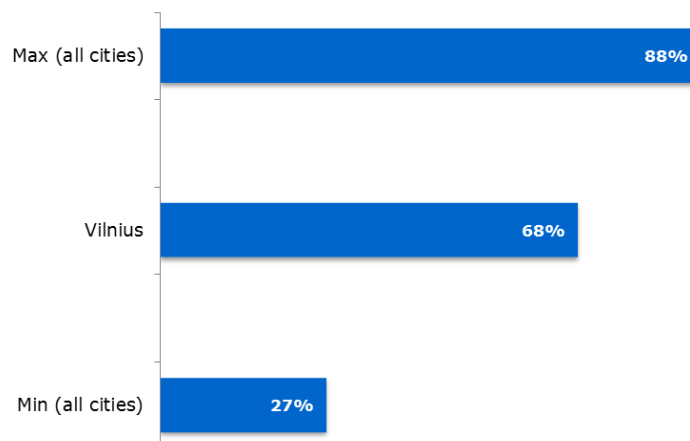
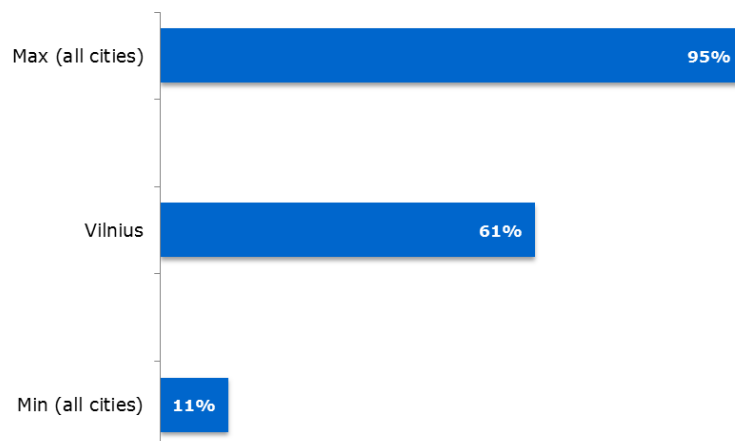


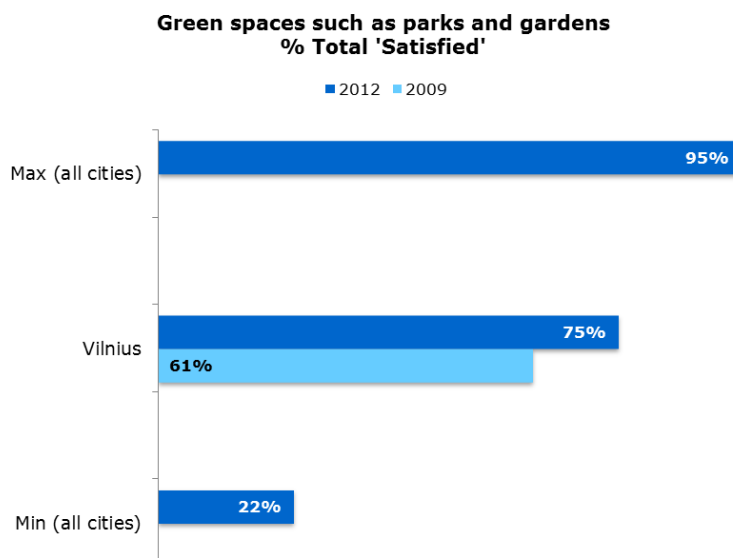
Only a third of respondents living in Vilnius agree that the administrative services of their city help people efficiently. Respondents are more likely to agree that the public administration can be trusted.

Vilnius is among the ten lowest-scoring cities of all the 83 cities surveyed when it comes to agreeing with the statement that administrative services help people efficiently.

Respondents in Vilnius are now less likely than in 2009 to agree that the administrative services help people efficiently.

## ENVIRONMENT

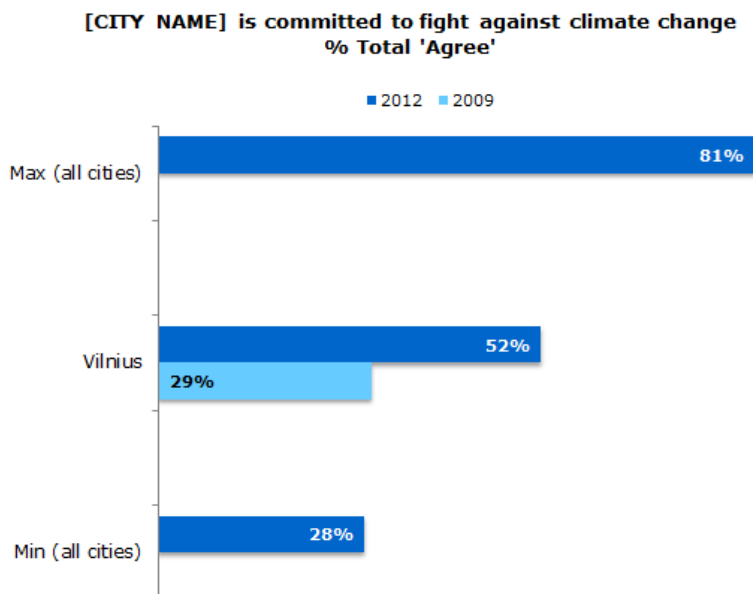
**The quality of the air**  
**% Total 'Satisfied'****The noise level**  
**% Total 'Satisfied'****Cleanliness**  
**% Total 'Satisfied'**



Respondents in Vilnius express moderate satisfaction with the four environmental aspects of their city. They are the most satisfied with green spaces and the least satisfied with the air quality in their city.

In comparison to other European cities, the levels of satisfaction in Vilnius are around or in the bottom-half of the ranking.

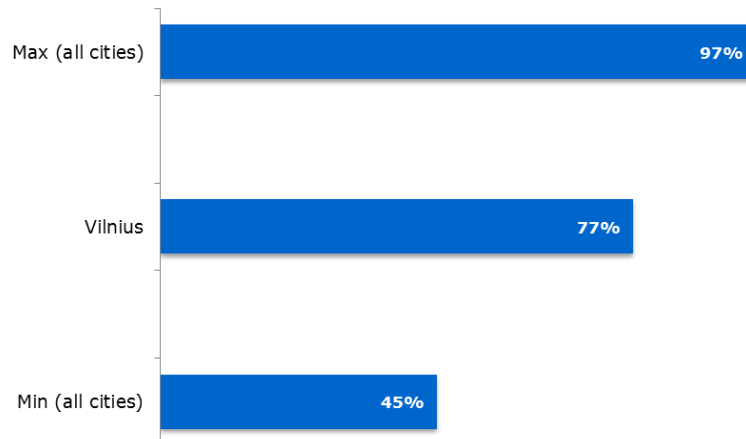
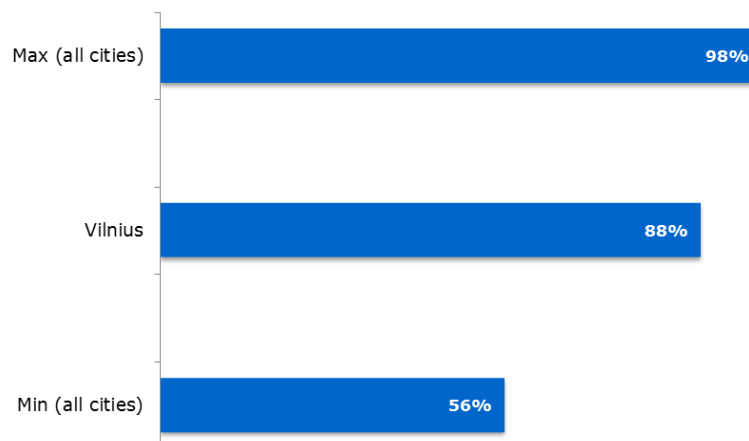
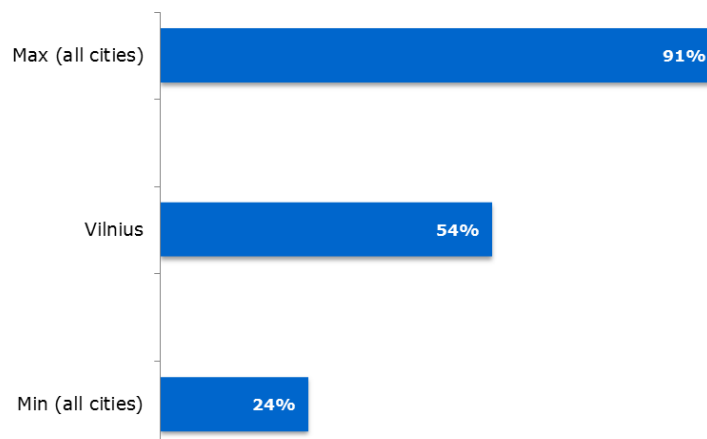
Residents of Vilnius are now more satisfied than in 2009 with green spaces in their city.

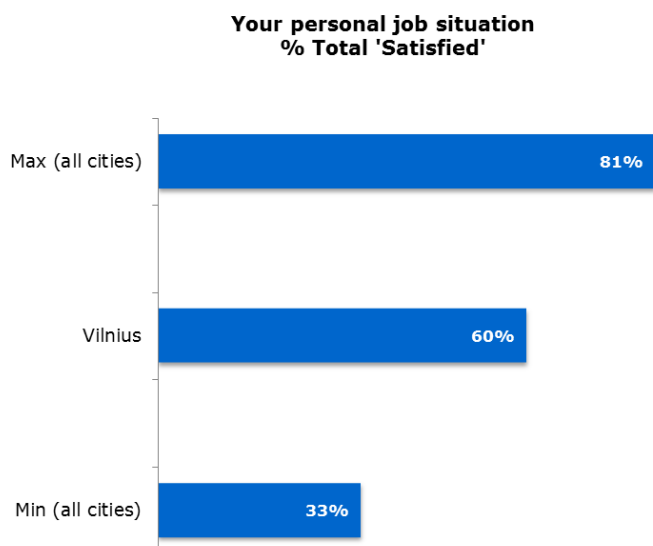


Just above half of respondents living in Vilnius agree that their city is committed to fight against climate change. This places Vilnius in the second half of all 83 cities based on the level of agreement with this statement.

Residents of Vilnius are now considerably more likely than in 2009 to agree that their city is committed (+23 percentage points).

## PEOPLE'S PERSONAL SITUATION

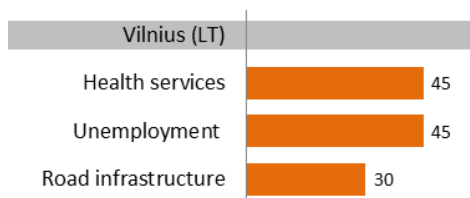
**The life you lead**  
% Total 'Satisfied'**The place where you live**  
% Total 'Satisfied'**The financial situation of your household**  
% Total 'Satisfied'



Respondents living in Vilnius are relatively satisfied with the place where they live and with the life they lead. Lower levels of satisfaction are expressed regarding their personal job situation and the financial situation of respondents’ households in particular.

When all the 83 cities are ranked according to the levels of satisfaction, Vilnius is found in or around the bottom-third of European cities regarding the four aspects of life.

**MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING CITIES**



Health services and unemployment are equally frequently considered among the top three of the most important issues facing the city of Vilnius today. Road infrastructure is the third most mentioned issue.