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The aforementioned survey by the Austrian Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum and NOIPolls Limited indicated that 75 % of those interviewed were renting and 24 % owned the house or apartment they were living in. In Lagos, 26 % of respondents own their homes and 72 % rent accommodation.¹⁰⁹⁵ Nigeria's NBS 2024 household survey reported that seven out of ten households reported owning the dwelling they live in, with higher ownership rates in rural areas (80.1 %) compared to urban settings (49.1 %).¹⁰⁹⁶

According to Nigeria's NBS household survey, the main roofing materials are zinc sheets (60.3 % of houses) and corrugated iron sheets (19.6 %), the main material for flooring is smooth cement (67.2 %), and the walls are mostly made of concrete (61.5 %), except in the North-East and North-West where around 56.6 % of houses' walls are made of mud. The same source noted that one in four households in Nigeria do not have access to toilet facilities.¹⁰⁹⁷ Most Nigerian households obtain drinking water from tube wells or boreholes (40.6 % in the dry season and 37.9 % in the rainy season), followed by dug wells (12.9 % in dry season and 13.6 % in rainy season), and surface water.¹⁰⁹⁸

According to FEWS NET, 19 % of those interviewed managed to afford housing costs, including electricity, heating, water, and rent, a decrease from 26 % in 2023; whereas 45 % 'hardly managed', and 6 % could not manage to afford housing costs.¹⁰⁹⁹ About 53 % of those interviewed in Lagos indicated that they 'hardly managed' to afford the costs, while 6 % indicated that they could not.¹¹⁰⁰ The survey by the Austrian Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum and NOIPolls Limited indicated that there was a 'deterioration' in the ability to provide for basic consumer goods, with 9 % of respondents indicating that they could do so in 2024, a decrease from 17 % in 2023.¹¹⁰¹

Regarding access to the necessary hygiene products, the survey by the Austrian Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum and NOIPolls Limited indicated that 30 % indicated 'always' having access (a decrease from 40 % in 2023), 33 % 'just about', 27 % 'hardly', and 7 % 'never'. In Lagos, about 24 % indicated that they 'always' had access, while 10 % indicated that they 'did not'.¹¹⁰²

Regarding access to clean drinking water, the survey by the Austrian Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum and NOIPolls Limited indicated that 68 % of those interviewed 'always have access', 20 % 'sometimes', 7 % 'seldom', and 5 % 'never'.¹¹⁰³ Germany's BMZ indicated that around 30 % of the population has access to safe drinking water, and most people do not have access to basic sanitation.¹¹⁰⁴

Regarding access to internet and Wi-Fi, the survey by the Austrian Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum and NOIPolls Limited indicated that 49 % of those interviewed 'always' had access', 29 % 'sometimes', 10 % 'seldomly', and 11 % 'never'.¹¹⁰⁵ In Lagos, about 45 % 'always' had access, while 12 % indicated that they 'did not'.¹¹⁰⁶

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