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Abstract Accommodation costs can represent a significant proportion of total household budgets, however

housing is long acknowledged to be a comparison-resistant component of spatial price indices. Eurostat has adopted a specific solution to compile high quality statistics in this field as a basis for calculation of rent parities, which has some potential wider applications. For example there is a specific interest in housing affordability and policy responses. This paper examines the current Eurostat approach to international comparisons based on estate agency rent surveys and highlights the

important statistical principles on which such work is based.

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