3% of Austrian households affected by energy poverty

Vienna, 2019-03-26 – The burden of energy costs is particularly high for so-called "energy-poor" households: While in 2016 on average 4.2% of the income was spent on energy, energy-poor households spent almost five times as much – 20% of their disposable income – on heating, hot water and electricity. This is shown by the results of the Statistics Austria study "Energy Poverty in Austria – Household Energy and Household Income". With rising household income, total energy consumption and associated costs increase, while at the same time the relative share of the income spent on energy decreases.

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.