

# WOMEN LIVING IN REMOTE AREAS



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*Women living in remote areas have access to more affordable housing options, but they are often isolated from social relationships and services.*

**29%**

are concerned about their access to healthcare



**25%**

are concerned about their access to transport



Women living in remote areas are more likely to be concerned about the cost of living (71%), and more likely to have asked for financial help than women in cities (48%, compared with 41% of women in regional cities or towns and 33% of those in capital or major cities).

Half (50%) of women in remote areas could not pay their electricity, gas or phone bills on time (compared with 39% of those in regional cities and 30% of those in capital or major cities).

*Remoteness is a challenge but it is also attractive to many seeking a better economic life.*

Nearly half (46%) of women agree they would consider moving out of their city, town, or region due to housing affordability.



**1 in 5**

who are stressed about housing have made that move, embracing life in a more remote location and reducing housing stress.

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