



# 2019 Market Monitoring Survey

The Consumer Market Monitoring Survey (MMS) assesses the performance of a range of goods and services markets across the European Union, the UK, Iceland and Norway. It looks at consumers' experiences and perceptions of the markets using a standard set of indicators to allow consistent and comparable monitoring across markets, countries and survey waves. The indicators include both 'core' items, asked for all markets, as well as market-specific indicators that are asked for selected markets only (and in varying combinations). This factsheet covers the core indicators only.



## MARKETS COVERED



Household  
appliances



Electronic  
products



Products  
for children



Cosmetics



House and garden  
maintenance products



Furniture  
and  
furnishings



Airline  
services



Holiday  
accommodation



Loans, credit and  
credit cards



## TECHNICAL NOTE

The MMS is conducted using CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews) and the target population is the general public aged 18 and older. Around 50,000 people are interviewed each wave across the 30 countries in scope. The 2019 wave of the survey was conducted between 18 December 2019 and 19 May 2020.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

Survey microsite:  
<https://public.tableau.com/views/ConsumerMarketMonitoringSurvey/Start?:showVizHome=no>

EC website:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/consumers/consumer-protection/evidence-based-consumer-policy/market-monitoring\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/consumers/consumer-protection/evidence-based-consumer-policy/market-monitoring_en)

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## OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS

The MMS contains seven core indicators: trust in markets; ratings of purchasing experiences; ease of comparing products/services; experience of problems giving cause for complaint; experience of detriment; complaining; and satisfaction with complaint outcomes.

In Belgium, levels of trust in the nine markets covered range from a high of 88% for the holiday accommodation market and the house and garden maintenance products market, to a low of 79% for the cosmetics market. In general the results are higher than the comparable EU27 averages.

Between 93% and 97% of consumers in Belgium report positive experiences of purchasing goods or services in the nine markets. Between 54% (loans, credit and credit cards) and 76% (holiday accommodation) find it easy to compare the offers of different retailers/providers/operators.

Between 2% and 14% of consumers in Belgium have experienced a problem in the nine markets that they feel gave cause for complaint – compared with 3%-13% across the EU27 as a whole. Of this group, between 12% and 65% have experienced financial loss as a result of the problem, while between 24% and 92% have experienced other, non-financial impacts, such as a loss of time, anger, frustration, stress or anxiety.

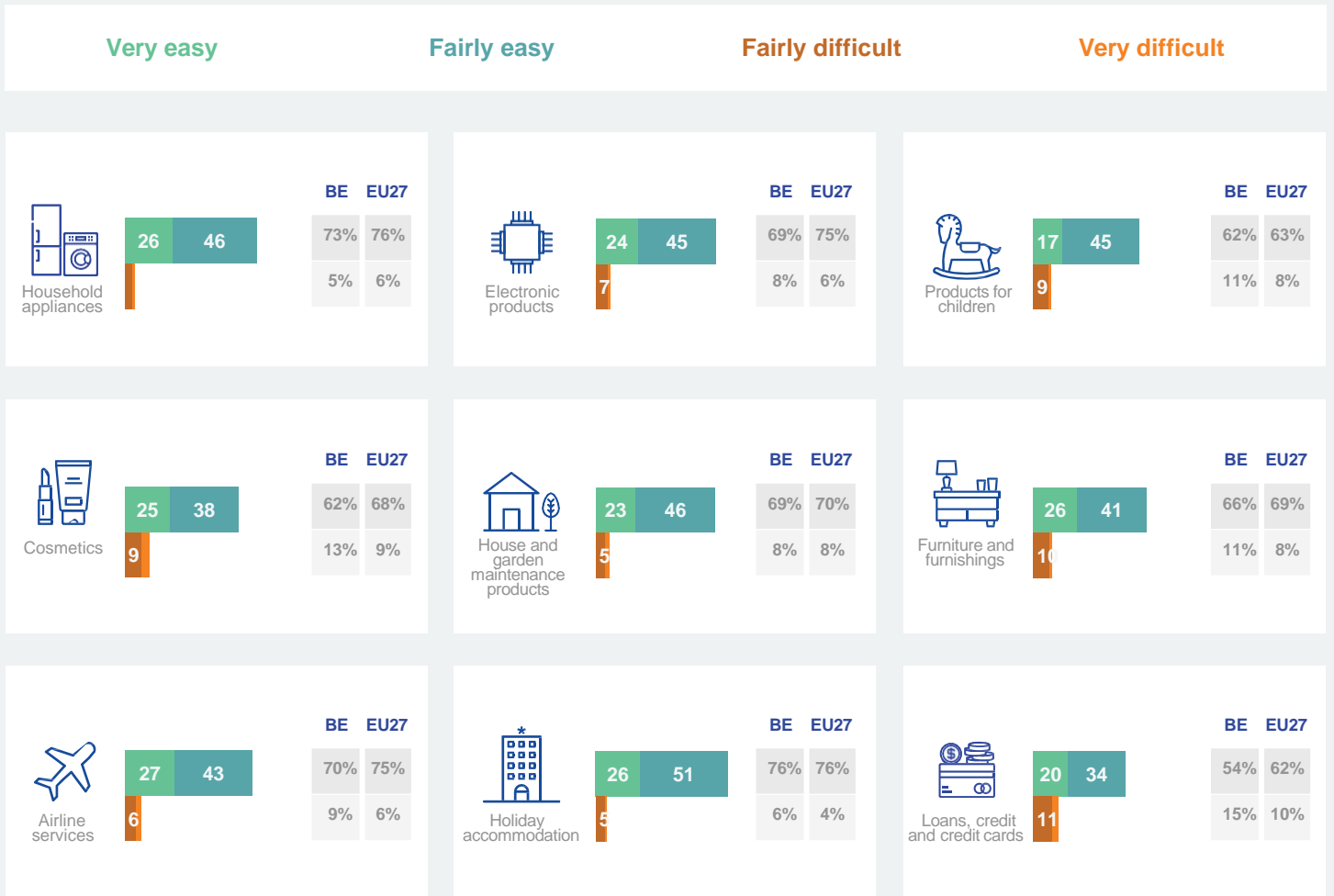
Of all those who have experienced problems in Belgium, between 7% (in the case of the cosmetics market) and 49% (in the case of the furniture and furnishings market) went on to make a complaint.

## How much do you trust the providers/retailers/operators overall?

## How would you rate your experiences of purchasing products/services in this market?



## How easy or difficult was it to compare the services or products of different providers / retailers / operators?

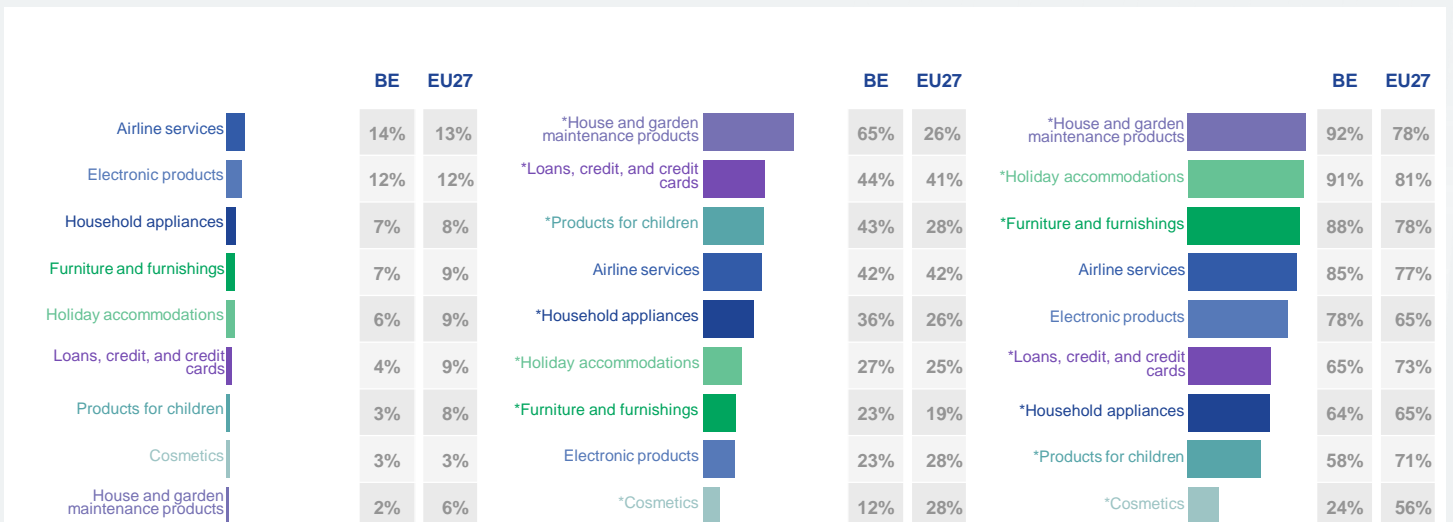


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Have you experienced problems with the products or services you purchased? (% yes)

Did you personally experience financial loss? (% yes)

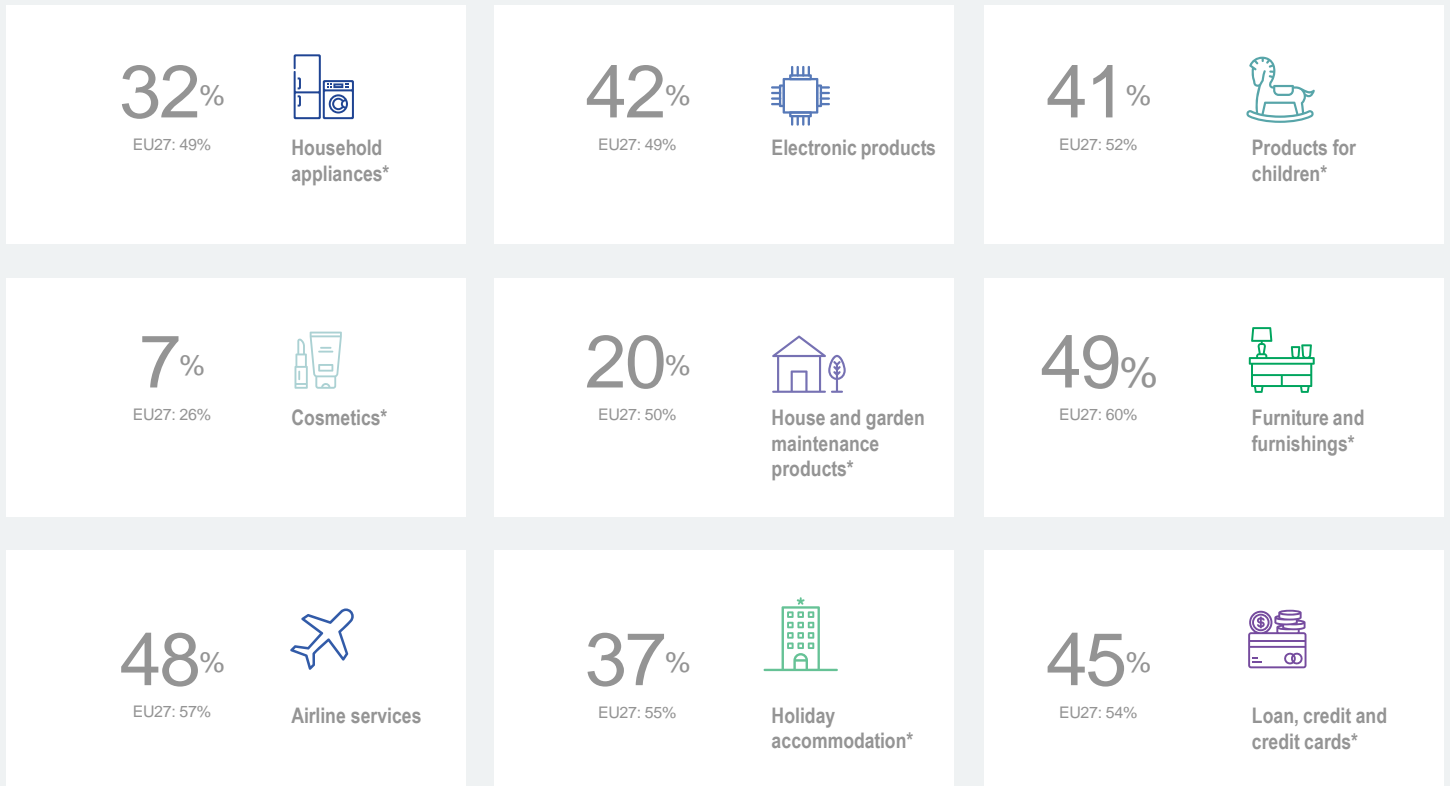
Did you personally experience other non-financial impacts such as loss of time, anger, frustration, stress, anxiety? (% yes)



Base: Adults (aged 18+)  
\*Base size < 50

Base: Adults (aged 18+) who experienced a problem

## Thinking about the most recent problem, did you make a complaint? (% yes)



Base: Adults (aged 18+) who experienced a problem  
 \*Base size <50

## How satisfied were you with the complaint outcome?



Base: Adults (18+) who made a complaint  
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