

Each year, we get a little bit closer to understanding what people need from their home.

In 2018, something caught our eye. Privacy is one of the most important needs for creating the feeling of home, but one in four people, globally, find other places better able to fulfill this need than their own home.

So this year we dived into privacy, to explore its importance in providing a better everyday life at home.

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WHAT WE LEARNED

Lithuania: Executive Summary

There is a privacy gap

In Lithuania, 91% believe it is their right to have privacy in their own home. Privacy may feel important, but isn't always possible to get due to where we live, who we live with and what our roles are in the home.

When we fail to achieve privacy, it impacts our wellbeing, making us feel **frustrated** and **anxious**.

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We need to rethink privacy as an enabler

The value of privacy doesn't lie in 'doing nothing', but the wellbeing and personal growth benefits it releases, including **relaxation**, **recovery**, **focus and play**. In Lithuania, **66%** say privacy is important to achieve time and space for activities that enable personal growth.

The **control we have over our space** also impacts how easily we can achieve privacy in the home.

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It's not always easy to ask for privacy

Privacy doesn't always feel easy to ask for. In Lithuania, **9% don't feel we have a right to ask** for privacy at home.

The various ways of asking or signalling for privacy differ in how effective they are – but if the sense of **belonging** in the home is strong, it's more likely we will both give and receive privacy from those we live with.

Privacy helps you thrive in life

Privacy has the power to unlock positive emotions. In fact, 77% in Lithuania agree that privacy is **important to our wellbeing**.

Privacy allows us to truly be ourselves, not just be *by* ourselves. This helps us survive day-to-day stresses and, above all, helps us **thrive in life**.

SUMMARY

About this project

This is a special report created for IKEA Lithuania which outlines the quantitative part of the research which was undertaken in your country.

For a comprehensive overview of this year's global and local research findings, please use this report, alongside the global Life at Home Report 2019 and the full country specific data tables provided.

An online survey was conducted in *Lithuania* between the 17th July and 30th July 2019.

The survey was conducted amongst nationally representative sample of 500 people, aged 18+ years.

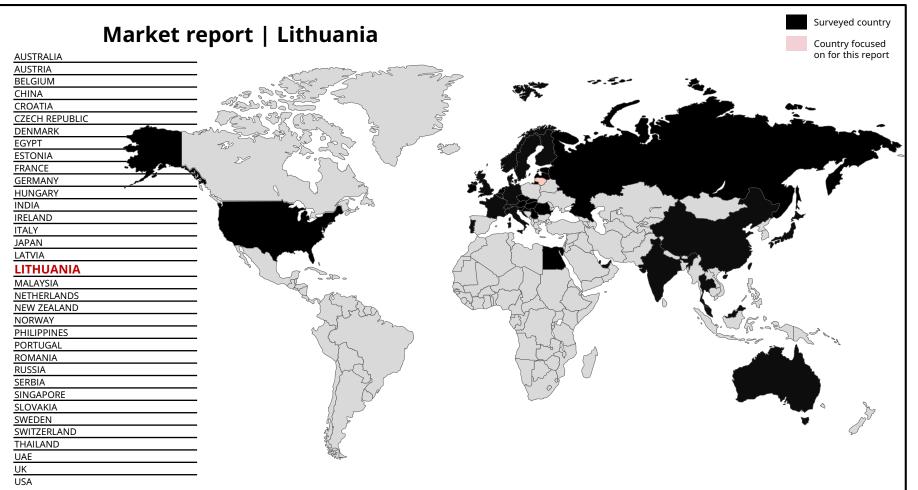
Global Survey

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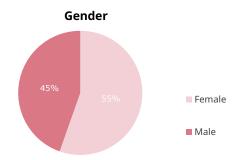
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- Europe: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Russian Federation
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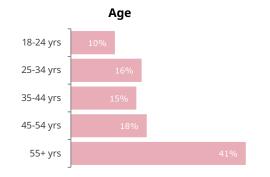


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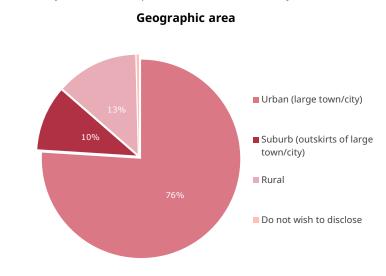
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Q: What is your age?

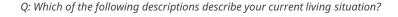


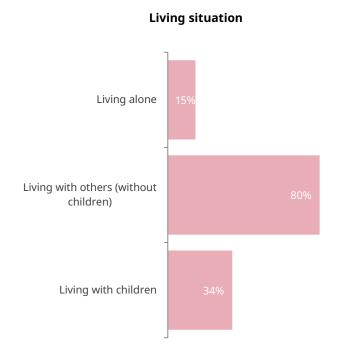
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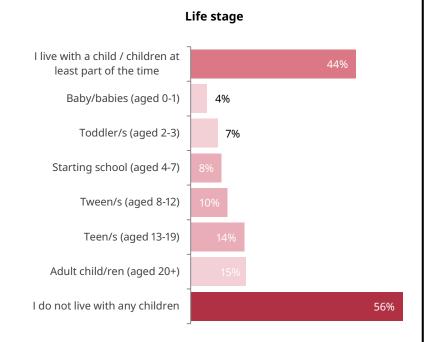


LOCATION AND LIVING SITUATION BREAKDOWN

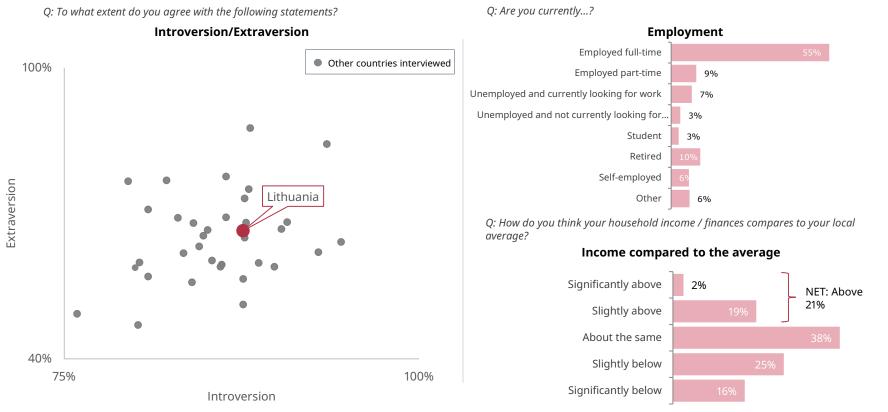
Q: We know that increasingly, people are living in different combinations at home. Still thinking about the people you live with, which of the following living situations do you identify with?







PERSONALITY, INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT BREAKDOWN



Q23. Are you currently...? Q25. To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Q24. How do you think your household income / finances compares to your local average? | Lithuania n=500



What did we learn? Privacy is a necessity, but can feel inaccessible.

In 2018, we learnt that globally, privacy is **one of the most important emotional needs of home**, but it's also one of the needs that we don't always feel we get enough of where we live.

This year, our research shows us that privacy is much more than an emotional need of home; **to the many people, privacy feels like a** *right***.** People can't imagine a world without it and naturally seek it out.

We looked at the role of income and personality on our ability to satisfy the need for privacy. We discovered that these aren't what matter most. Instead, **it's about context** – where we live, who we live with, and our roles in the home. These are the factors which create the privacy access gap.

91%

In Lithuania believe it is their right to have privacy in their own home





Today, we seek privacy at home, at work, and in public

For most of us, the right to privacy flows across different aspects of our lives. Asserting the right to privacy may involve claiming the time or space for privacy, like telling your family you're having a bath.

It can also be choosing <u>not</u> to do or say something, in order to protect the feeling of privacy, like not discussing your weekend plans with your colleagues.

WE SEEK PRIVACY

AT HOME by finding moments of privacy either on our own or with others.

"Although I have a good relationship with my lover, we both need individual space. I need quiet moments when I feel I am the only one in the world."

Aibo, 25-34, Shanghai

WE ASPIRE TO PRIVACY AT WORK

by controlling what we share with colleagues about our work or our lives outside the office.

"I always keep in mind that anything I tell my co-workers may be shared with others... If I share anything, I try to keep it positive, not drama."

Janie, 45-54, NYC

WE SEEK PRIVACY

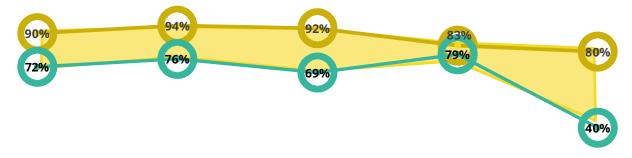
IN PUBLIC by protecting our anonymity, because we don't feel strangers have a right to know who we are.

"I need to go to a place where no one knows me to feel relaxed. I feel that I am completely on my own in that moment, and my thoughts do not need to be influenced by others."

Huakai, 25-34, Shanghai

In 2019, we know that privacy is one of the most important needs in the home

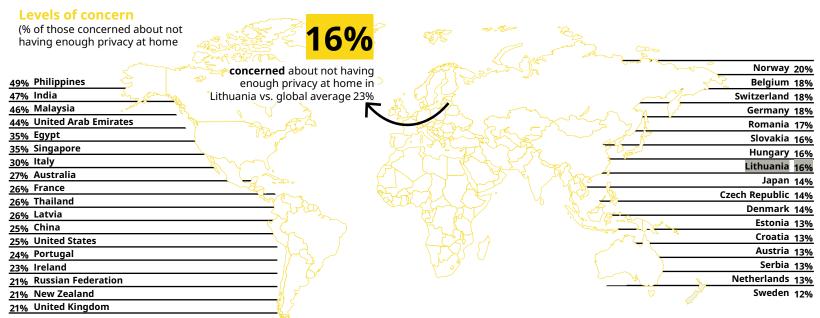
How important is it that your own home provides these needs, and is your home where you get it most?



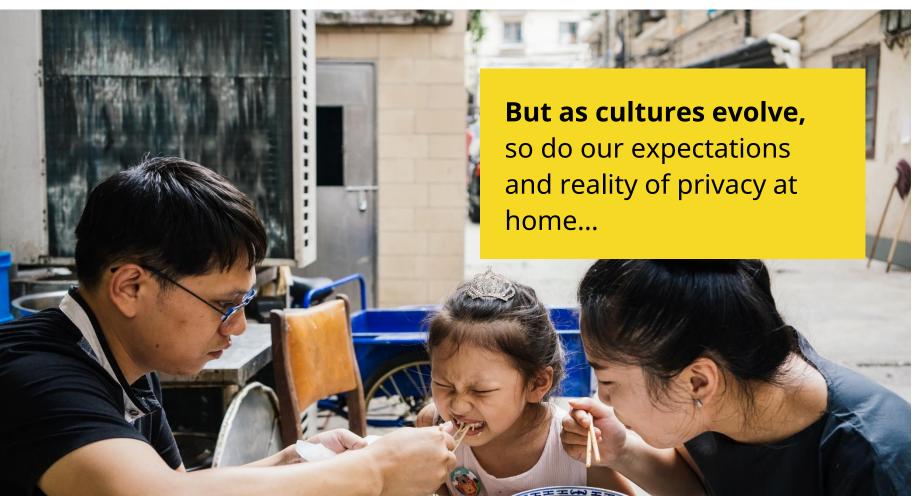
PRIVACY SECURITY COMFORT OWNERSHIP BELONGING

Expectation Reality

Some countries struggle to get privacy at home more than others



Q7 To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Q7_11 "i am concerned about not having enough privacy at home" | n=33500; Lithuania n = 500



In Shanghai, individual privacy is often lost to the collective

Y. Wang lives in Shanghai with her husband; her parents live in the building next door. She knows she's being watched by CCTV when she's out and about, and by her parents from their place, so she feels she has to behave.

"But in your own home, you can do what you want!"

In cities in a **collectivist society**, families and friends put more pressure on one another to be open, relating 'privacy' to 'keeping secrets'. Equally, everyone 'knows' the Government keeps a watchful eye over individuals in public, using **CCTV**, but also across digital channels such as **WeChat**.

Caught between intense familial relationships at home and the surveying eye of the Government, **individual privacy can be hard to come by.**

43%

in China say
feeling obliged
to be sociable is a
barrier to privacy,
vs. 20% globally

THE CULTURE OF PRIVACY

42%

in India stay
outside home as
an excuse to get
privacy, vs. 15%
globally

In Mumbai, privacy is increasingly accessible

Neha lives in Mumbai with her parents and siblings in an apartment which is "good but can't be considered luxurious." She is always surrounded by her family and can only get time alone when she's studying.

As living situations gradually shift from multi-generational, crowded households to apartment living, privacy is **becoming more accessible**.

However, individuals still have to work hard to find their moments of privacy, often seeking private **spaces outside of the home** (such as a local park).

This **complicates their relationship with their home** – sometimes it helps them feel private; sometimes they have to resort to more public alternatives.

In London, San Francisco and NYC, the privacy status quo is shifting

Usman lives in London in a crowded house with his two sisters and three brothers. He doesn't have his own room and must sometimes sleep on the floor or share a room with his dad. The dream is to move out and get his own place.

In cities with more individualistic societies, such as those in the UK and the US, a degree of **privacy at home is assumed.**

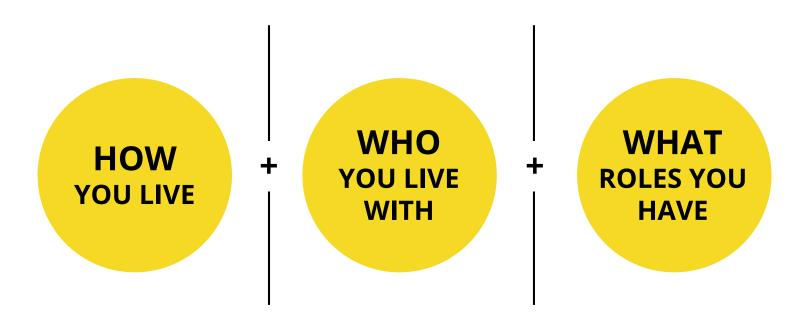
However, **urban migration** means these cities are denser and feel more crowded. Because of this, rents are soaring and buying a home is even harder.

For those who cannot afford their ideal home, they have to compromise. 'Settling' for something less can make **privacy feel aspirational.**

26%

in the US and UK think they don't have enough money to achieve privacy vs. 21% global average

But it is not only what part of the world you live in that impacts your privacy at home. It can also be the context within which you live...



ACCESSIBLITY OF PRIVACY

Privacy at home seems harder to achieve in urban areas

Cities feel busier, noisier, more crowded and more lively. Life in a city can feel more intense and stressful. Globally, urbanites find it harder to achieve privacy, compared to rural dwellers, because they feel hyperconnected to what is going on beyond the four walls of home.

In Lithuania, this varies:

15%

of urbanites in Lithuania agree that **sensing the outside world** gets in the way of achieving privacy, vs. **11% of those living in a rural area**

13%

of urbanites in the Lithuania agree that always being connected to social media gets in the way of achieving privacy, vs. 15% of those living in a rural area



The private development of cities blurs public and private boundaries

The city is constantly changing and developing as **city planners and private developers** try to keep up with demand.

In Mumbai, multi-generational living is being transformed by the development of **2/3 BHK* high-rises**. Some London developments (such as Kings Cross) are creating privatelyowned public spaces.

These new developments create **new boundaries between** what is public, what is private, and what is private in public.

Some green spaces, such as roof terraces and shared private gardens, can create social division due to unequal access, and, as a result, impact some people's ability to find spaces for privacy in the city.

"My boyfriend isn't allowed to access his building's roof garden because he rents through the council – it feels like segregation!"

Joanna, 45-54, London



^{*}BHK is a notation used to describe the layout of an apartment in India.

[&]quot;1 BHK" means a flat has 1 Bedroom, 1 Hall/living area, and 1 Kitchen

ACCESSIBLITY OF PRIVACY

WHO YOU LIVE WITH

Privacy at home is impacted by the quantity and quality of relationships at home

You can only achieve privacy with the cooperation of those you live with. This is often more difficult if you live with:

- A larger number of people, because there are varying needs to consider and expectations of privacy may differ
- People with whom you **don't have a close relationship**, because it makes it harder to feel comfortable asking for privacy.

81%

of people living with STRANGERS globally need to be able to close the door to achieve privacy, vs. 69% global average

35%

of people living in M U L T I - G E N H O M E S globally use work as an excuse to get privacy in their home, vs. 22% global average

46%

of people living WITH OTHER FAMILIES globally feel an urgent need for more privacy in their home vs. 26% global average

In cities, we're living with people for longer, so these hurdles aren't going away

It isn't only students who are flat sharing.

As the **price of renting is rising** in cities like New York, London and Amsterdam, '**Generation Rent**' are using flat-shares and co-living as a way to combat rising rents past their 20s and into midlife.

Living with strangers, other couples or other families can mean there are more **complex relationships** that need to be navigated at home.

This can be exacerbated when **space is limited or inaccessible**, such as the lack of a lounge in a flat-share where bedrooms are used as social spaces, or an apartment block with a garden or gym which can only be used by certain residents.

"We don't have a lounge and are often in each other's bedrooms, but ideally, every home should have a no man's land and an everyone's land."

Maria, 18–24, Amsterdam



Caregiving is the no.1 barrier to privacy globally

Being a caregiver means moments of privacy are often **ruined**, **or prevented from happening** in the first place.

This is usually due to:

- A lack of time Looking after those they live with, be that a partner, child or parent, means the home can become another place of work, not rest.
- Emotional load Caregivers feel obligated to fulfil their duties towards other people, so they tolerate interruptions and don't prioritise themselves.



Q18 What gets in your way of achieving privacy at home, if anything? Lithuania n=466 (% based on those applicable) & Q18 What gets in your way of achieving privacy at home, if anything? Q18_5 "I need to take care of others" | Lithuania n=79* (parents of children aged 0-7)

WHAT

As we have more roles to play, it's harder to create space and time for privacy

As more women are staying in work, the traditional role of caregiver is shifting and adapting as others in the home take on, or share, the role.

Playing more roles across work and home can make life today feel stressful. We are **expected to be perfect parents, co-workers, friends** – a pressure compounded by social media.

The combination of being interrupted by children at home, by colleagues at work, and by notification overload in our digital spaces, can feel overwhelming and anxiety-inducing.

Finding privacy becomes an important part of recharging but can be increasingly difficult to find as the roles we play become more fragmented and complicated.

"I can only go to my private place in the evening, after I have finished being a mother, wife and daughter-in-law."

Sarah, 25-34, Amsterdam



PRIVACY AS A RIGHT

A world without privacy would impact me, we and our world

ME:

We need private space so we can be our full selves.

We need time on our own to truly get to know ourselves. The feeling of always being watched and having to 'behave' in public would feel stifling and claustrophobic.

Without privacy we would struggle to feel like an individual.

66%

In Lithuania feel **truly themselves** when they are private vs. 54% globally

WE:

We need intimacy to build and nurture our relationships.

We need privacy (intimacy) to have deeper and better conversations. Not being able to get to know each other would make our interactions feel robotic and mechanical.

Without privacy our relationships would feel forced and superficial.

83%

In Lithuania seek privacy to **improve their relationships vs.** 76% globally

OUR WORLD:

We need respite from crowded, noisy and intrusive public spaces.

Particularly in individualistic societies like the UK, US and Netherlands, we value personal space. Privacy is a respite from the hustle-and-bustle of cities that can feel overwhelming.

Without privacy we would have no sanctuary from the world.

14%

In Lithuania say noise and smells from outside get in the way of privacy at home, vs. 20% globally

Q7 To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Q7_9 "When I am private is when I can truly be myself" | Lithuania n=500 & Q9 How often do you SEEK privacy to do the following? Q9_5" I seek privacy to improve my relationships" | Lithuania n=500& Q18 What gets in your way of achieving privacy at home, if anything? Q18_11" I can sense the outside world (hear/smell cars, trains, planes, etc.)" | Lithuania n=500

PRIVACY AS A RIGHT

Failing to achieve privacy impacts our wellbeing

Privacy isn't just 'nice to have'. People see privacy as something **that plays a vital role in their wellbeing**.

If we can't fulfil that need for privacy, it can affects our emotions in many ways, including **feelings of frustration and anxiety**. That anxiety and frustration rises among **women** (see Chapter 4 to find out more.)

Failing to achieve privacy means failing to achieve a sense of wellbeing - that is why it feels like a fundamental right.





Our research shows us that to appreciate the importance of privacy, we need to **reframe how we think about it.**

Whilst we often think of privacy as 'doing nothing', we **found out it can be so much more**. To truly benefit from privacy we need **both mental and physical space**, as well as the **cooperation of others**.

By **re-thinking privacy** and understanding its importance for our **wellbeing and personal growth**, we can fully appreciate its role in creating a better everyday life.

990 In Lithuania enjoy doing deliberate, specific activities when they have privacy at home

PRIVACY AS AN ENABLER

Privacy's true value lies in what it enables us to do

Privacy isn't **the end goal** – its value lies in the **wellbeing and personal growth benefits** it gives us.

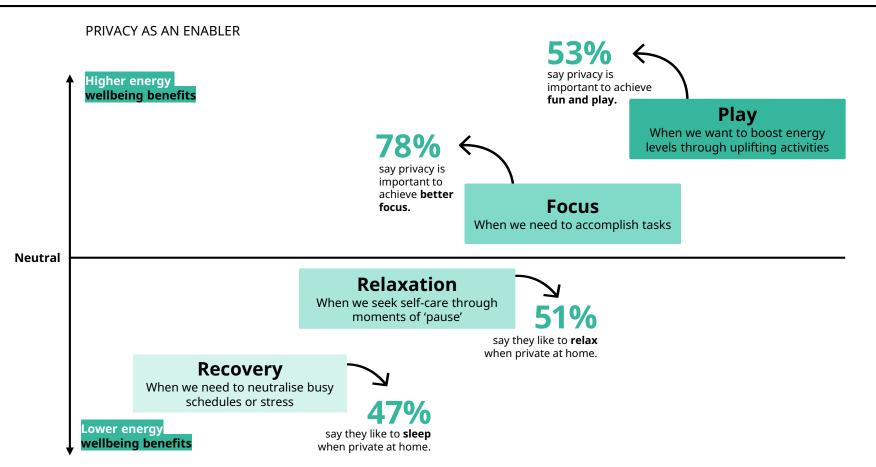
These can be **lower-energy wellbeing benefits: restorative or relaxing** activities that help us get back to feeling ourselves, such as an hour of pampering after a busy week at work.

Privacy can also enable **higher-energy wellbeing benefits:** helping us get the headspace to **focus** on important decisions, or enjoy something **playful** like singing in the shower.

66%

In Lithuania say privacy is important to achieve time and space for activities that enable personal growth





Q19 What do you enjoy doing when you have privacy in your own home, that you would not be as likely to do if it were not private? | Lithuania n=500 & Q8 How important is having privacy to achieve the following? | Lithuania n=500

PRIVACY AS AN ENABLER

Making the most of privacy often starts at home

RECOVERY

e.g. **Lying** or sitting in silence / **in the dark**, watching TV mindlessly, having a **hot beverage...**

"I had a very busy day at work and getting public transport home was stressful. I got home as quickly as possible and **crashed on the sofa**." Jay, 55-64, London

RELAXATION

e.g. **Pampering** sessions, doing **yoga**, having a **bath**, listening to **calm music...**

"I like taking time to have a long relax in the bath feels cosy being engulfed by the water. Sometimes, I'll even have a beer." John, 65+, Amsterdam

FOCUS

e.g. Doing homework, talking to partner about major decisions, doing job applications...

"I was working at my desk. I shut the door as I don't want to be disturbed. My work needs privacy so I stay in the bedroom."
K. Qin, 25-34, Shanghai

PLAY

e.g. **Singing** in the shower, playing **video games**, talking to **pets** or **yourself...**

"My husband is an introvert and would never dance in public, but loves **boogieing round the lounge** with our little boy."

Katherine, 35-44, London

REFRAMING PRIVACY

Reframing privacy



It is a shared appreciation or mutual understanding that the moment is private.

It's not privacy when those around us don't understand our needs, and disturb or interrupt us.



It is more than just 'doing nothing'. We want to achieve something, whether that is big or small, functional or emotional.

It's not privacy when we aren't gaining something from it, such as a minute to reflect alone, or an evening bonding with loved ones.



It is about getting in the right head-space either through your mindset or your space.

It's not privacy when we don't feel we have the space or place, mental or physical, to get into the right mindset.







MEET SEKAI

Sekai is a **Zimbabwean-Scottish-American-Brit living in Amsterdam**, studying towards her PHD.

Her childhood was spent moving from place to place, so home is associated **with people as much as space**.

Primarily, **privacy is alone time**, space without others to allow her to breathe, reflect, and 'be zen'. It is also important for her to use that privacy to connect with others, whether it is her **friends in Amsterdam**, **scrolling social media or Skype-ing her mum**.

It's **not stressful to hang out** [with close friends]. You're **not having to put on airs,** so I suppose we can have **private time together.** It's a relaxing thing to do to have those honest dialogues and feel like you're **not crazy for feeling certain ways about things.**"

#1: PRIVACY IS INDIVIDUAL OR SHARED

We can benefit from privacy both alone and with others

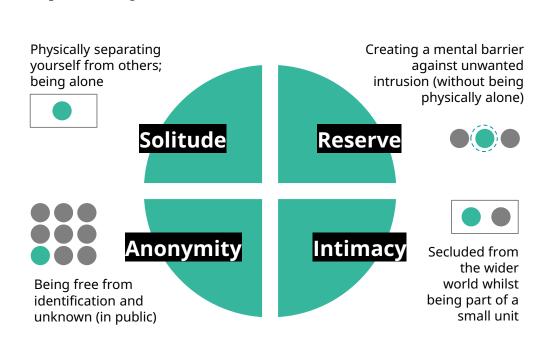
Privacy is typically thought of as simply 'being alone'.

In 1967, Alan Westin developed a framework for better understanding the states of privacy and revealed that these can be experienced...

... Alone (solitude)

... With loved ones or acquaintances (intimacy and reserve)

... And total strangers (anonymity)



#1: PRIVACY IS INDIVIDUAL OR SHARED

Home is well positioned to offer solitude, reserve and intimacy

SOLITUDE

e.g. Having a **bath**, sitting in your bedroom with the **door closed...**

"I was reflecting on some important personal decisions. I went to my study room alone to not be disturbed."

Tina, 25-34, Mumbai

RESERVE

e.g. Listening to **music**, wearing **headphones**, watching **'my show'** on the communal TV...

"My bed is in the lounge, so I use my headphones to show that I want 'me time', even if my flatmate walks in."

YX. Mi, 18–24, Shanghai

INTIMACY

e.g. **'Date night'** with a partner, **'movie night'** with flatmates, **being silly** with children...

"Protecting the collective privacy of our 'flat family' is what's most important to me. I love our uninterrupted movie nights." Maria, 18-24, Amsterdam

ANONYMITY

e.g. Going for **a walk**, working in a **library**. NB: can only be achieved out of home...

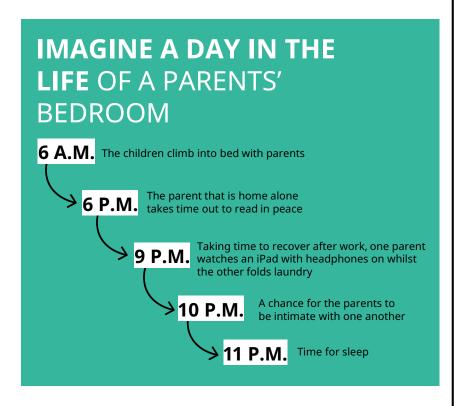
"I love going to the mall and getting lost in my thoughts as I wander through from shop to shop. No-one bothers me and I feel free." Y. Wang, 25-34, Shanghai

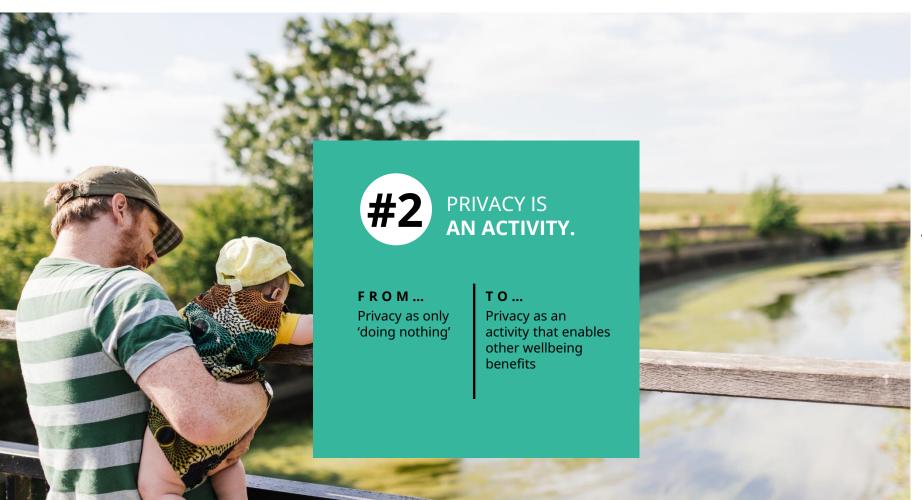
Our home spaces need to flex between different states of privacy

When we live with others our spaces need to be used for **solitude**, **just as much as intimacy**.

Throughout the day, the same living room might be used for reading a book, entertaining friends or for a quiet date night.

The more people and the smaller the home, the harder spaces have to work to cater to changing needs.





MEET JIM

He lives with his partner Lynn in **San Francisco.** Although they're not originally from San Francisco they have been there for over 30 years, so it **feels like a home away from home**.

His whole **home is his private place**. Whether it's having friends around for a dinner party, reading on his own, or spending time planning his next vacation with Lynn.

For them, privacy **isn't so much about where you are, but what you're doing...** although he did enjoy creating his own 'man cave' with a big TV for sports and a pool table.

You're **doing something** within yourself, even if it's just relaxing. That to me is privacy. It **doesn't have to be about a safe room** that nobody can get into."



Privacy can be many different activities

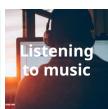
Reading 45%







Pampering 39%



Bingewatching 34%

Video gaming 16%



Sexual pleasure 26%

Exercising 24%



Meditating 14%







Browsing internet 58%



Cooking 19%

Drinking 18%



Snacking / **Eating** 26%

Studying 12%



52% globally



2% globally



22% globally

#2: PRIVACY AS AN ACTIVITY

Opportunities to find privacy are often spontaneous

There are different ways to find privacy and **get into a private state of mind.**

It can be a **planned activity**, an appointment scheduled into a routine, or something **more spontaneous**.

As privacy depends on the control we feel we have over our space it can be harder to plan and **easier to take opportunities** as and when they appear, both in and out the home.

74%

In Lithuania agree they take their moments of **privacy when-and-where** they can get it vs. 26% who say they prioritise and plan for privacy

Proactive and planned

Spontaneous and reactive

"I schedule 'me time' into my diary on Excel." Sarah, 25-34, Amsterdam

every day unless I have to work late." JX, Zhu, 25-

"I go for a

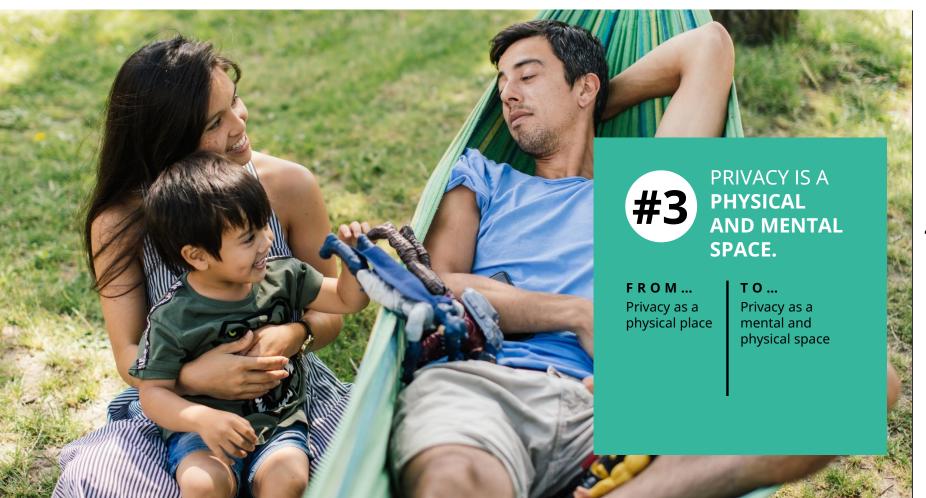
massage

JX. Zhu, 25-34, Shanghai "Yesterday I had some relaxtime on the couch. I was tired and needed some rest." Iris, 25–34,

Amsterdam

"I've got a busy house but I enjoy moments of privacy, when everyone is out." Ataka, 25–34,

London





MEET Y. WANG

She works in finance in **Shanghai**, where she lives with her daughter and husband.

She uses her private moments to relax after work and feels most private when she is immersed in something, whether that's a film or simply her thoughts.

When she wants to create a private moment at home, she sits in 'her spot' on the sofa and puts a film on the TV. When her husband comes home from work, he knows to give her space and let her start talking to him when she's ready.

Everyone's house is a different size, but we can all find our place in it. My daughter can play in the living room, and my husband can play games or watch TV in the bedroom. Each of us actually has our own space in this house."

Privacy can happen in many spaces and places, in and out of home

















"In this house, I have my own corner. I always call it, like, Sarah's Corner or My Corner. Because there are three generations living in one house."

Sarah, 25-34, Amsterdam

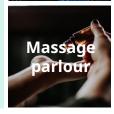






Even when there's people around, when you're in nature spaces everyone takes their mask off in a way. When I'm walking at Wildcat Canyon literally everyone will say hello to me, or say hello to each other because finally we just get to just be."

Mecca, 18-24, San Francisco









WHERE DO YOU CURRENTLY GET PRIVACY FROM THE MOST?

Places out of home offer the opportunity for privacy

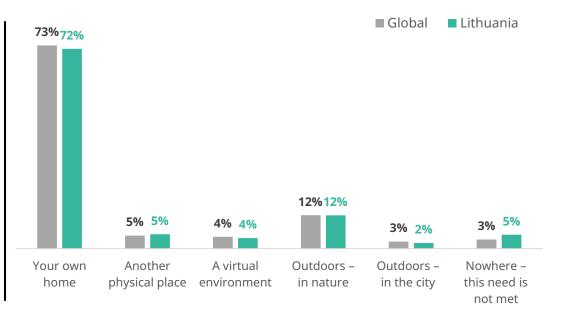
Our vehicles act like mental and physical 'bubbles' keeping the outside world, out.

It is a space that offers **safety** from the outside world as well as an environment you can **curate and control** – for example, the choice of music or radio station.

Nature allows us to grab moments of anonymity and alone time.

The **expansiveness of natural spaces** is a welcome contrast to the four walls of home, particularly for those living in cramped, busy households.

Activities such as **gardening or going for walks** help us disconnect from the day-to-day and connect with nature.



It is not only about how much space you have, but how much control you have over that space

Space can play a part in achieving privacy but ultimately, the context we live in plays a bigger role. The people we live with, and the relationships we have with them, are a bigger barrier to our privacy at home than the amount of space we have.

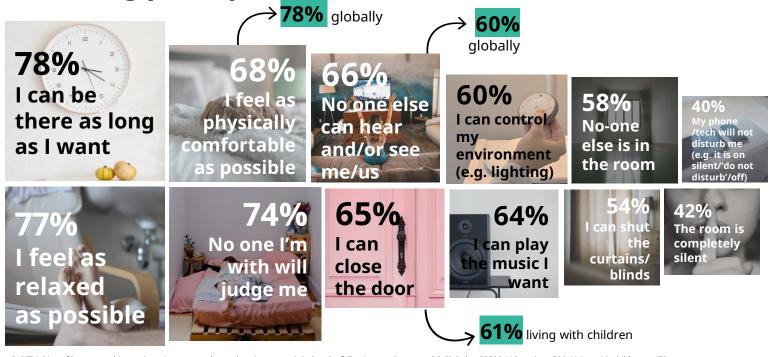
The more people we live with and the more distant our relationship, such as living with strangers, the **less control we feel we have over that space.** This control impacts how easy it is to achieve privacy at home, as well as the other emotional needs of home (see Chapter 5).



The needs and expectations of others and money, are greater barriers to privacy than the size of the home



Feeling in control of our environment is important to achieving privacy at home



When we feel control over our spaces at home we use them to enhance our privacy

No space is inherently private.

The feeling of privacy is something we make a conscious effort to achieve and protect at home.

Having **more control** over our spaces gives us the power to change and adapt them to **feel more or less private**.

We make our space more secure by locking the doors and closing the blinds.

"I love closing the door behind me and knowing that I have complete privacy. I feel completely free to be myself and able to fully relax." Nicky, 25-34, London We make our space reflect the mood by lighting candles and turning on music.

"[In my room] it's quiet. The light colour is soothing. The curtains are cool. The mattresses are well-stuffed and covered with a clean white bed sheet."
Pinakin, 35-44, Mumbai

We make our space feel comfortable by getting out a blanket or indulging in food and drink.

"The welcoming smell of hot coffee and freshly baked bread helps me relax and switch off from external distractions."

Dave, 35-44, London

For most of us, our tech is an enabler of privacy at home

Despite concerns that our tech creates **an 'always on' mentality**, in reality we **feel in control** of when **it helps and hinders our privacy**.

Tech as a confidant. Messaging and social media can **help people escape** into a private state of mind. Smart phones and tablets allow **intimate conversations** without others intruding.

Tech as a babysitter. Privacy-deprived parents use technology as **a distraction for their children**. By giving over an iPad, TV or phone it can give **parents a well-deserved break**.



Feeling in control of tech limits the negative impact on our privacy at home

Tech as an intruder.

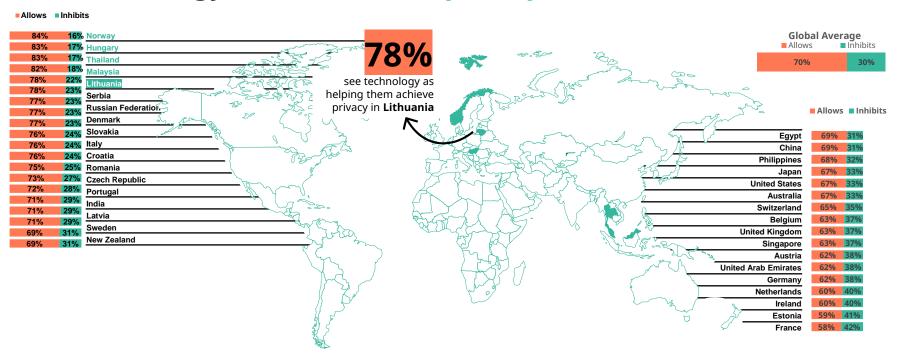
When we feel too reliant on technology, particularly phones, it creates **an 'always on' mentality**.

This makes it harder to achieve, and maintain, a private state of mind for the **fear of an unwanted text**, email or call.

When we don't want our tech to disturb us we have hacks, such as selecting airplane mode or putting the phone in the other room, to limit the impact our tech has on our privacy at home.



Technology is an enabler of privacy for most of us



Q20 Which of the following do you agree with more? Q20_E "Technology allows me to find privacy in my own home" vs. "Technology inhibits me to achieve privacy in my own home" | Global n=33500; Lithuania n= 500



There can be a **stigma around asking for privacy.** Asking can feel awkward, antisocial, and sometimes just downright rude, because we don't want others to feel like we don't value time with them.

If we can't ask verbally, we use a **signals to communicate our need for privacy.** We use our things, activities, or body language. We might put on headphones, or go to 'study'. Using signals means we rely on those we live with to understand them. The **better our relationships**, the more likely our privacy signals will be understood, respected, and successful.

While we learnt that some signals are more effective than others, nothing beats asking outright.

9%
In Lithuania
don't feel we
have the right
to ask for
privacy at
home



Navigating privacy with those we live with isn't always easy

It's not just about 'my' private time, but theirs and ours. We have to coordinate when we want privacy and when others want it.

18%

In Lithuania say people in their homes **have different expectations** of privacy vs. 22% globally

It can be hard to fully control when a space is for me or for us. Spaces within the home have to adapt to everyone's privacy needs.

5%

In Lithuania say they are **not allowed to ask for privacy** at home vs. 9% globally



PRIVACY STIGMA

Caregivers find it more difficult to ask for privacy verbally than others

of those living with YOUNG 23% CHILDREN (0-7) in Lithuania find it hard to ask vs. 10% of those with children aged 20+.

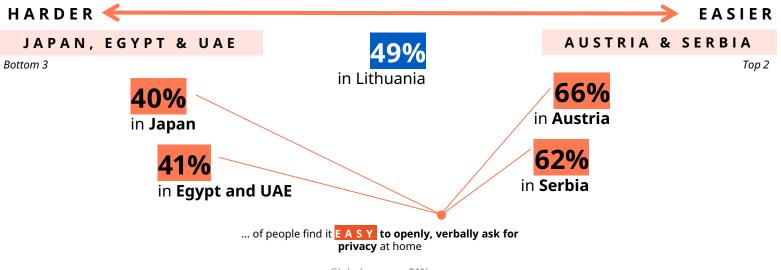
The **younger the children**, the harder it is to ask for privacy.

They are more likely to **busy themselves** with an activity to signal their need for privacy compared to those with older children (31% vs. 24%).



PRIVACY STIGMA

Culture also impacts how comfortable we feel verbally asking for privacy



Global average **51%**

PRIVACY AND WELLBEING

Feeling that we can't ask for privacy negatively impacts our wellbeing

For all of us, not getting the privacy we need has **negative consequences on our wellbeing.** This is felt most strongly by the groups that **struggle to ask.**

51%

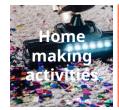
In Lithuania feel frustrated when they don't achieve privacy. This drops to 43% for men vs. 58% for women.

48%

In Lithuania feel anxiety when they don't achieve privacy. Much higher than the global average of 35%.



We don't only ask for privacy verbally, we also communicate using signals



Signal with 'things' e.g. headphones 11%

Drop hints 22%

urning o

light

e reading

Look at my phone or other device 17%

Busy

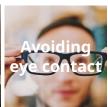
myself with

activities

27%



Create a private space 15%



Putting 'my' radio show on Go outdoors e.g. balcony or garden 17%





Shut down tech devices

Go to a particular room



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for **females** vs. 20% for males



Q16 How do you tend to ask others for privacy in your own home? | Global n=33500; Lithuania n=357; Females n=193; Males n=164

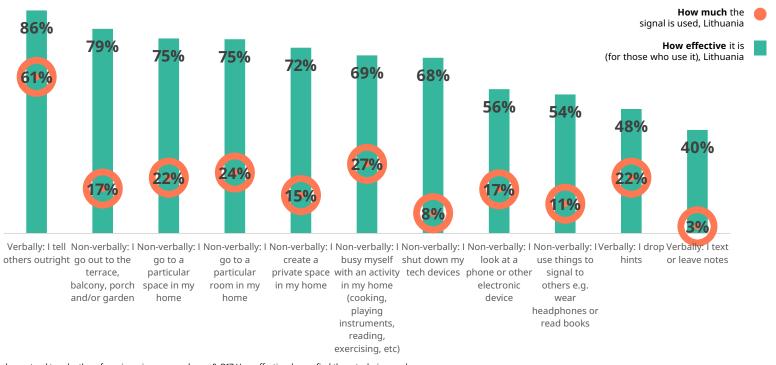
In most countries, more people ask for privacy with non-verbal requests rather than ask outright, but Lithuania is one of the exceptions



O16 How do you tend to ask others for privacy in your own home? | Global n=24163: Lithuania n=357 (all who signal for privacy at home)

EFFICACY OF PRIVACY SIGNALS

Some signals are more effective than others



Q16 How do you tend to ask others for privacy in your own home & Q17 How effective do you find these techniques when asking others for privacy in your own home? | Lithuania n= 357 (all who signal for privacy at home)

PRIVACY SIGNALS

Signals that create physical barriers.

Closing doors, closing curtains, running the bath...

Because we need to close ourselves off from others and the outside world to feel private and alone.

"It's great to be able to go to a different floor and put some physical space between others."

Dave, 35-44, London

INTIMACY

Signals that create space for just us.

Our signals can vary depending

on what type of privacy we want

Messaging, watching 'our' TV show, drinking tea/coffee, playing games...

Because we need to be able to do things, and say things, without feeling judged by others.

"Whenever I get my so-called metime I prefer not to spend it alone but with my child playing games."

Abbas, 25-34, Mumbai

Signals that create mental barriers.

Putting on headphones, listening to music or an audiobook. YouTube...

Because although we are physically in the room with others, our mind can be focused on something else.

"The only way to relax is to exclude noise from my surroundings and focus on one thing, like an audiobook."

Iris, 25-34, Amsterdam

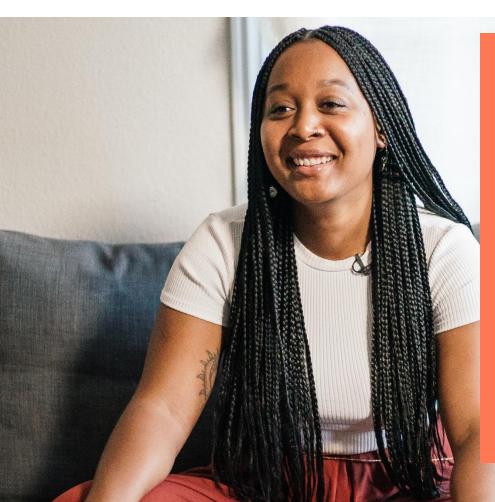
PRIVACY AND BELONGING

The more we belong at home, the more we understand others' privacy signals

Actively engaging and investing in our relationships at home will not only have a positive impact on our belonging, but also **our ability to achieve privacy.**

Having **respect** for the people we live with is crucial for building a **home where everyone can feel private**. This becomes more important the more people you live with.





MEET MECCA

Mecca is a **photographer living in Richmond, California** with her housemate, Ela, in a two-bedroom house.

She grew up as an only child, so is used to having time alone. As an adult, her private time is spent journaling, charging her crystals and in-shower meditations.

She **knows the importance of voicing your needs**. For her, if you don't prioritise yourself and ask for privacy you suffer from overstimulation.

I used to be that person that couldn't ask for privacy. But now, I'm transparent about it. I'm going to say it in a loving way. But when I want my private time, I want my private time. People need to take more control over their lives and set realistic boundaries for themselves."

Time alone makes us better together

It might sound strange, but just as a better relationship at home is vital for our privacy, **our privacy is vital for our social lives.**

The time we spend alone – relaxing, focusing, and doing the activities we love – will **help us build stronger relationships** with each other. It is by acknowledging and empowering ourselves to establish privacy that we can start to build and nurture our relationships.

Empowering people to talk about it, ask for it, give it, and receive it will help us, individually *and* together.



Q8 How important is having privacy to achieve the following? ? Q8_5 "Improving my relationships" | Lithuania n= 500



THE POWER OF PRIVACY

What did we learn? The benefits of privacy are essential to thriving, both at home and in life.

We know that privacy is important, but **not equally accessible.** On top of that we know it can be **hard to ask for it**, and that some ways of asking are **more effective than others**.

We cannot underestimate the **role and value of privacy in our homes and in our lives**, given that at its very heart it is **always about truly being yourself.**

The power of privacy to **positively impact our wellbeing and personal growth** means having it creates not only a better everyday life at home, but a **better everyday life**.

77%

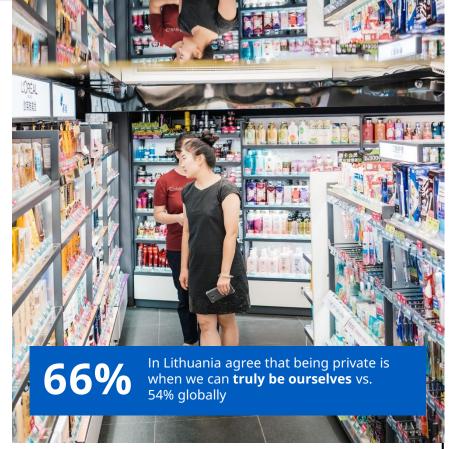
In Lithuania agree that privacy is an important part of my wellbeing.

RULES OF SOCIETY

Our cities and societies make us feel we have to act in a certain way

Daily life can sometimes make us feel like we have to perform, where we wear 'masks' and play roles in front of others to seek approval.

This isn't all bad and doesn't always feel restrictive, but it does sometimes mean that we're **not being our true selves for fear of being judged**.



RULES OF SOCIETY

The pressure to act a certain way *feels* the same, but the 'rules of society' look different

CHINA

Shanghai & Chengdu

There is a pressure amongst friends and family to be **open** with one another, and not to keep secrets.

Government surveillance of digital and physical spaces is accepted norm.

INDIA

Hyderabad & Mumbai

A **friendly and open culture** means socialising with strangers and neighbours is the norm.

Cultures and tradition exist around what life at home should look like e.g. multi-gen households.

NETHER-LANDS

Amsterdam

It is common for homes to have **big** windows.

People often don't close curtains or blinds as having strangers looking in the home doesn't feel like an invasion of privacy.

UK

London

Culturally over-polite and conscientious in public.

In London unspoken rules exist, for example, you don't talk to strangers in public, or make eye contact on public transport.

USA

San Fran & NYC

Big cities are melting pots of different cultures.

Being friendly and talkative with strangers in public is normal, but equally being respectful of others' need for privacy.

We need privacy so we can play by our own rules

When we are private, we don't feel judged.

Home allows you to escape the 'rules' of society and makes you **feel free to act and think** however you want. This can be a moment of silliness singing in the shower, playing make-believe with your children, or simply smelling your socks.

Without the home providing this we would **feel exposed**, like intimate details of our lives are available for the world to see.

It is privacy that makes home a space to not only be by yourself, but be and feel yourself.





Many seek privacy for freedom from judgment

Key:

○ Top 3 countries

● >70%

● 60-70%

● <60%

Seeking privacy for freedom from judgment at least once a month



Q9 How often do you SEEK privacy to do the following? | Global n=33500; Lithuania n=500

MEET SARAH

Sarah is a mother living in Amsterdam with her **husband**, **toddler**, **and in-laws**.

When moving in with her in-laws, she and her husband knew that **life would feel busier and the home would feel more cramped**.

She needed to find a dedicated time and space for moments of privacy, so they **created her 'corner**', where she can **read**, **play piano**, **paint her nails**, **and pray**.

As a woman, I am a daughter to my father and father-in-law, I'm a wife to my husband, I'm a mother to my child. I'm also a friend to my friends and colleague to my colleagues. My private moment is the moment where I can be myself."



Life at home is when you live by your own rules





Walk around naked

"I have to know that no-one is watching... I get undressed and either wear just a T-shirt or, on hotter days, nothing at all."





Dance

"[When no one is watching] I dance around my bedroom with loud music on!"



Selfie practice

"When you are alone at home you can test new angles for selfies... It always happens, right?" PRIVACY AND WORKING FROM HOME

Home as a space where we don't feel judged makes it a compelling alternative to an office

For many, the privacy of home makes for a better working environment, **particularly in India and China** where offices can feel strict and oppressive.

Privacy enables:

Deep Work Work that requires high levels of focus, keeping interruptions to a minimum.

Creative Work Work that needs a more relaxed, informal environment, at a leisurely pace.

HOME COMFORTS

No-one judging your appearance.

"I don't have to get dressed, I don't have to shave. There is a sufficient degree of privacy." Frank, 55-64, Amsterdam

STRESS-LESS WORK.

No-one judging your performance.

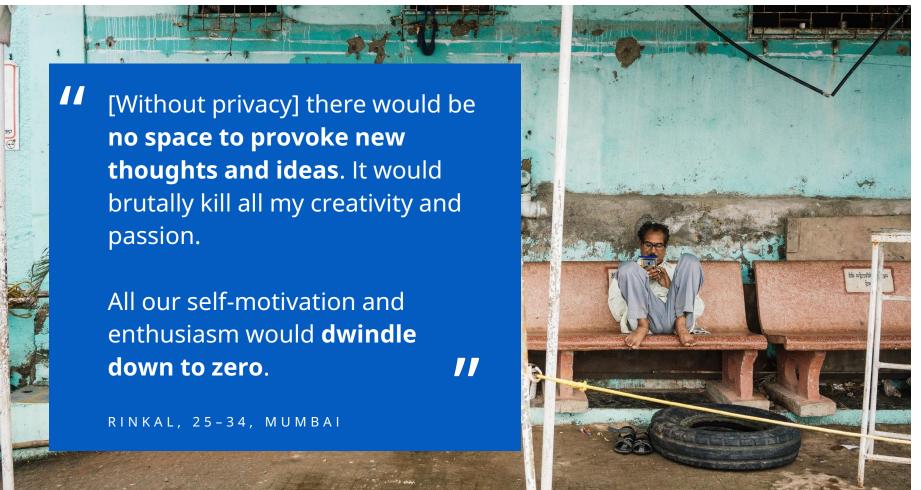
"[In the office] there is always the feeling of being monitored. At home it is more casual and quiet so it feels more efficient." Lei, 25-34, Shanghai

MY WORK, MY WAY.

No-one telling you to work a certain way.

"In the office, there is a set of rules to follow, there are frequent observation by superiors about our movements which makes me feel like a caged bird. At home, we set our own rules." Yogesh, 35-44, Hyderabad





We need privacy to grow and develop

Being free from interruptions and distractions means privacy enables us to **get things done**.

This gives us the time and space to think things through, and allows us to **achieve**, **accomplish and make decisions** that need to be made.

Without the home giving us this we would struggle to feel as though we are **moving forward and developing**, insecure that we aren't making the right decisions.

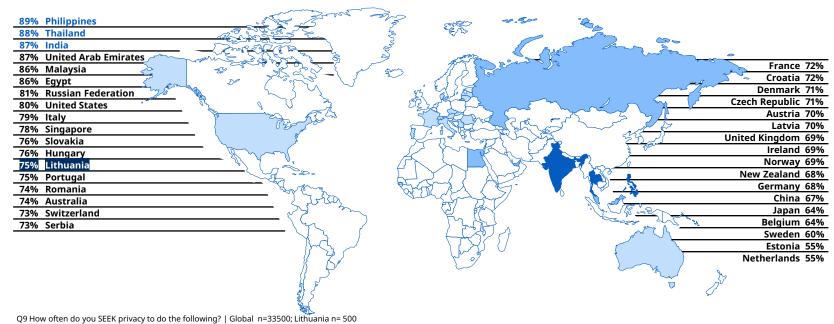
Privacy enables home to be a space where we grow as individuals and as a family.



The majority seek privacy for personal growth

Seeking privacy for personal growth at least once a month





Privacy at home enables you to do – and be - better every day



"Recently I lost two people very close to me. My wife and I talk about them, it is a private moment shared by both of us."

Faruck, 45-54, London



"My husband and I need to be private when we make important decisions for the family, like moving house or schools for the kids."

Sherry, 25-34, Mumbai

"Finding a private moment helps me focus on what to do next. Somehow you don't feel so nervous anymore."

Xiaowu, 25–34, Chengdu



"I was browsing emails. I don't mind being around others but being private gives me a sense of peace, like I've achieved something."

Marino, 25–34, NYC



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PRIVACY AND THE OTHER NEEDS OF HOME

Beyond belonging, the more we fulfil the other needs of home the easier it is to achieve privacy

COMFORT

Without comfort we feel emotionally and physically insecure at home. Not being able to relax means achieving a private state of mind becomes difficult.

SECURITY

Without security we feel watched and unsafe in our homes. The threat of someone unwanted being able to enter, hear, or see us, affects how much our home is a space for privacy and intimacy.

OWNERSHIP

Without ownership we feel it's harder to establish and control 'my' space within the home, whether a bedside table or a room. Having less autonomy means risking interruption or disturbance.

⁴68%

in the Lithuania say feeling as physically comfortable as possible is important to achieving privacy at home vs. 78% globally.

60% in the least of the least o

in the **Lithuania** say **controlling my environment e.g. lighting** is important to achieving privacy at home **vs. 68% globally.**

Privacy has the power to unlock positive emotions

Achieving privacy, in the home or outside of it, has a positive impact on how we feel.

83% feel calmness when they achieve privacy

49% feel satisfaction when they achieve privacy.

41% **feel joy** when they achieve privacy.



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Ultimately privacy helps us thrive at home and in life

Privacy has the **power to impact our lives at** home, our relationships, and our day-to-day.

Whether alone or together, low or high energy, privacy gives us so much more than what appears on the surface.

Creating homes where privacy is equally accessible has the power to unlock wellbeing by enabling personal growth and providing a vital sense of freedom from judgement.



We need to close the privacy gap by putting it in the spotlight.

By reframing how we think about privacy, we recognise our right for it, feel empowered to ask for it, and create the right space for it.

By embracing the **power of privacy** and the positive impact on our **mental and physical wellbeing**, we can **thrive** in our everyday life, both in and out of home.



Privacy feels like a right, but isn't always accessible

What can we <u>say</u>?

How can we highlight the **unequal privacy gap** as a problem that needs to be solved?

How do we act?

How can we **design to close the privacy gap** for the many people, taking cultural nuance into account?

Our context determines our ability to achieve privacy

How can we become an ally to women, caregivers and young people in their struggle for privacy?

How can we use our range and service offer to make privacy at home easier to achieve for these people?

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PRIVACY: AN ENABLER

Privacy is an enabler of other benefits

Control of our space counts for more than size of our space

What can we <u>say</u>?

How can we **educate** around the broader benefits of having privacy?

How do we <u>act</u>?

How can our **physical meeting places and workplaces** better enable privacy and its benefits?

How can we **inspire** people to use their existing space more smartly? How can we **champion the positive role of tech** in this?

How can our **retail spaces** show how **spaces flex** to different privacy needs throughout the day?

PRIVACY: A COMPLICATED ASK

Ways of asking for privacy are not equally effective

Privacy is better achieved if the sense of belonging is strong

What can we <u>say</u>?

How can we **break the stigma** and advocate a more **open way of asking** for privacy?

How do we <u>act</u>?

How can we **design** 'privacy positive' tech and things?

How can we help people have **better conversations** around privacy with those they live with?

How can we create retail spaces that show how the home can **facilitate privacy and belonging**?

PRIVACY: TO THRIVE

Privacy has a direct impact on wellbeing

What can we <u>say</u>?

How can we champion the 'the power of privacy to unlock wellbeing?

How do we <u>act</u>?

How can we facilitate wellbeing-centric home design through privacy?

Achieving privacy helps you thrive in life

How can we help **champion the home** as the best place to harness the **power of privacy**?

How can our **catalogues and retail spaces** demonstrate the long-term impact of achieving privacy?

NEXT STEPS

What this means for you

WHAT DOES
THE PRIVACY
ACCESS GAP
LOOK LIKE IN
YOUR
COUNTRY?

WHAT
BENEFITS
DOES PRIVACY
ENABLE IN
YOUR
MARKET?

HOW CAN YOU EMPOWER PEOPLE TO ASK FOR PRIVACY IN YOUR MARKET?

HOW CAN YOU HARNESS AND EDUCATE ABOUT THE POWER OF PRIVACY?

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RESEARCH SUMMARY

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

Online Community

2x 8-week online community of 150 people across 5 countries:

1x English speaking community:

- India (Mumbai n=20 & Hyderabad n=10)
- The Netherlands (Amsterdam n=30).
- UK (London n=30)
- USA (New York City n=20 & San Francisco n=10)

1x local language community:

- China (Shanghai n=20 & Chengdu n=10)

The online community was live between the May and June 2019.

Ethnographic Research

5x 4hr ethnographies were completed across 5 countries; India (Mumbai), China (Shanghai), The Netherlands (Amsterdam), UK (London) and USA (New York City).

Ethnographies were completed w/c 20^{th} May, w/c 27^{th} May & w/c 3^{rd} June 2019.

QUANTIATIVE RESEARCH

Global Survey

A total of 33,500 responses were collected in 35 countries n=1000, with the exception of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania where n=500.

The 35 countries included in the global total are the following:

- Australia & New Zealand
- Asia: China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines
- Europe: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Russian Federation
- Middle East: Egypt, UAE
- USA

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RESEARCH RECRUITMENT

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

Demographic

- Mix of income and social grades
- Mix of ages

Living situation

- Live alone
- Live with family (mix of children's ages)
- Multigenerational household (min 3 generations under one roof)
- Live in a house share with strangers/housemates.
- Collective/communal housing. Including assisted living and student housing.

Attitudinal

Spread of those who indicate more introverted tendencies versus those are more extroverted.

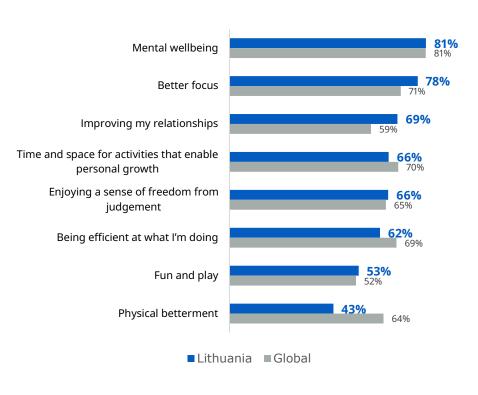
QUANTIATIVE RESEARCH

Global Survey

- Survey length of 25 questions
- NatRep sample

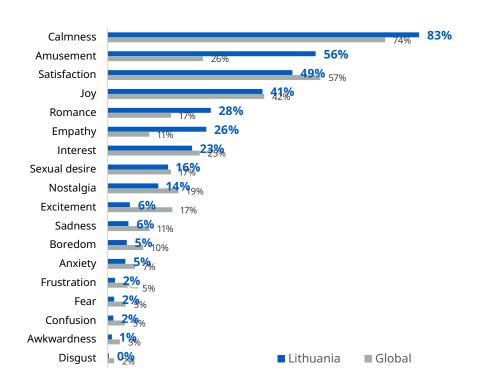
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HOW IMPORTANT IS HAVING PRIVACY TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING?



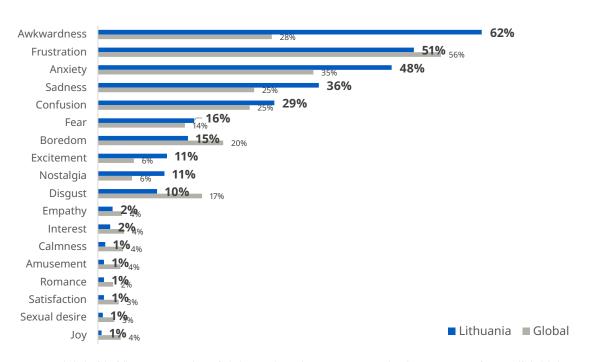
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living situation

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING EMOTIONS DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE PRIVACY?



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living situation

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING EMOTIONS DO YOU FEEL WHEN YOU DON'T ACHIEVE PRIVACY?



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