

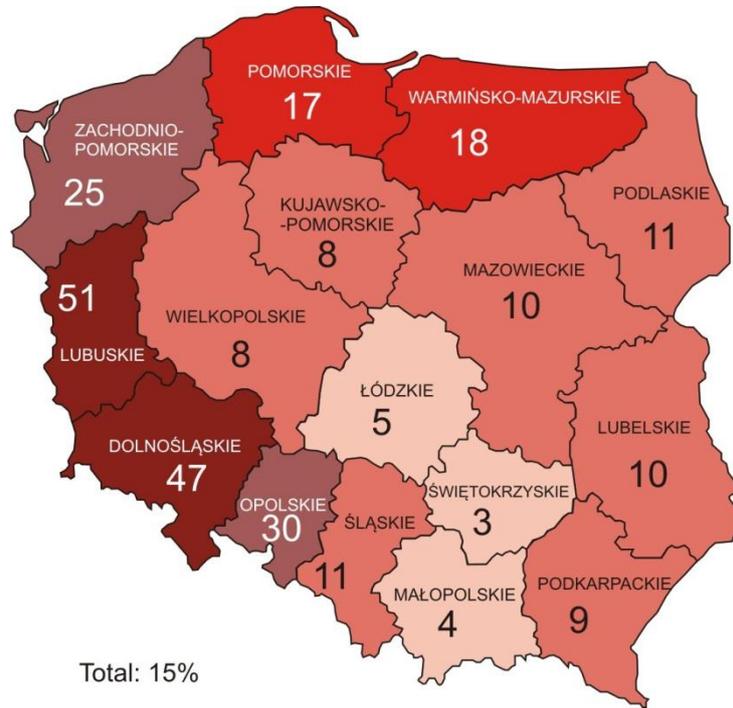
## **POLES WITH ROOTS IN FORMER EASTERN PART OF POLAND**

Before World War II, large parts of what is now Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine belonged to Poland and were populated by ethnic Poles. In the current Polish population, about one in seven respondents (15%) is either directly descended from that area (has a parent, grandparent or great grandparent from the East) or was born there him/herself. This means that about 4.5 million adults have ancestors in these parts.

Although the wave of resettlement happened over half a century ago, and the mobility of the population markedly increased, there are significant differences between regions in the concentration of the people descended from the former Eastern Poland. By far, the most common declarations are in the north and west, which matches the direction of resettlement from the east.

The largest proportion of people descended from the inhabitants of former Eastern Poland live in Lubuskie (51%) and Dolnośląskie (47%) voivodships. The other regions where Eastern roots are relatively common are Opolskie (30%), Zachodniopomorskie (25%), as well as Warmińsko-Mazurskie (18%) and Pomorskie (17%).

WERE YOU OR ANY OF YOUR ANCESTORS BORN IN THE FORMER EASTERN POLAND?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Poles with ancestors in the former Eastern Poland"*, April 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: January, February and March 2012, N=3072. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.