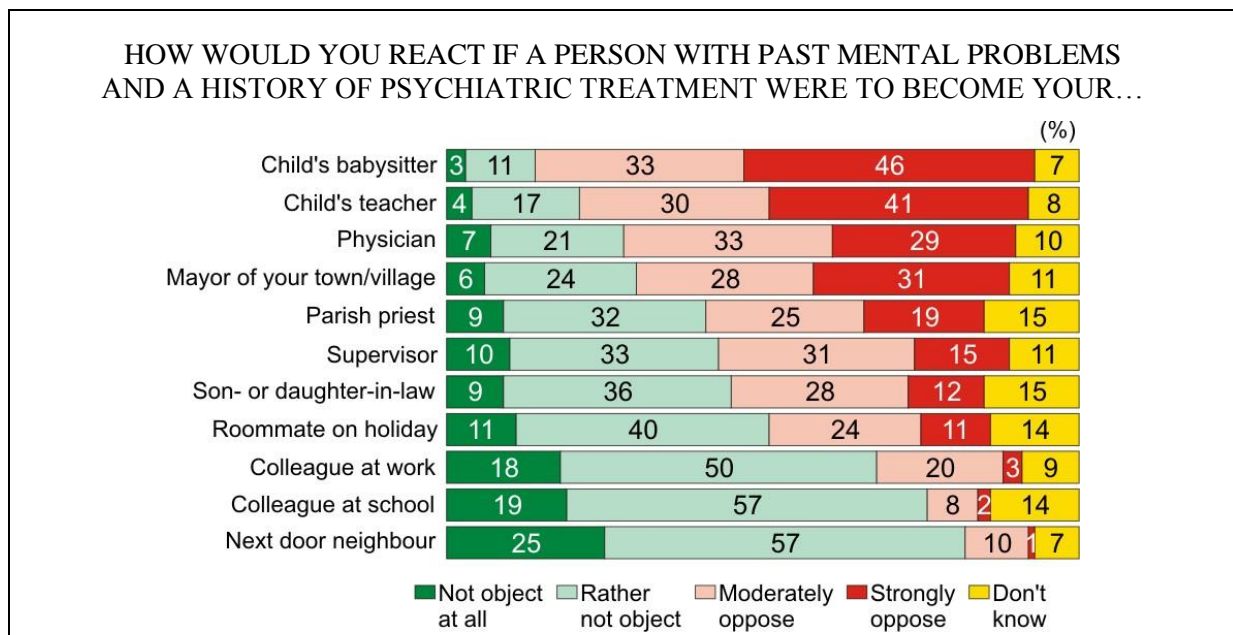


## ATTITUDE TO THE MENTALLY ILL

People with a history of psychiatric treatment are still sometimes excluded from performing many social roles. They would meet the strongest rejection in performing roles involving contact with respondent's children, such being a babysitter (79%) or a teacher (71%). Fewer respondents would oppose a former psychiatric patient being their physician (62%), mayor (59%), supervisor (46%), or parish priest (44%). On the other hand, a vast majority of respondents would not mind a former psychiatric patient being their neighbour (82%), colleague at school (76%) or at work (68%). About half (51%) would agree to share a room with such a person on holiday, and would accept him or her as a family member: son- or daughter-in-law (45%).

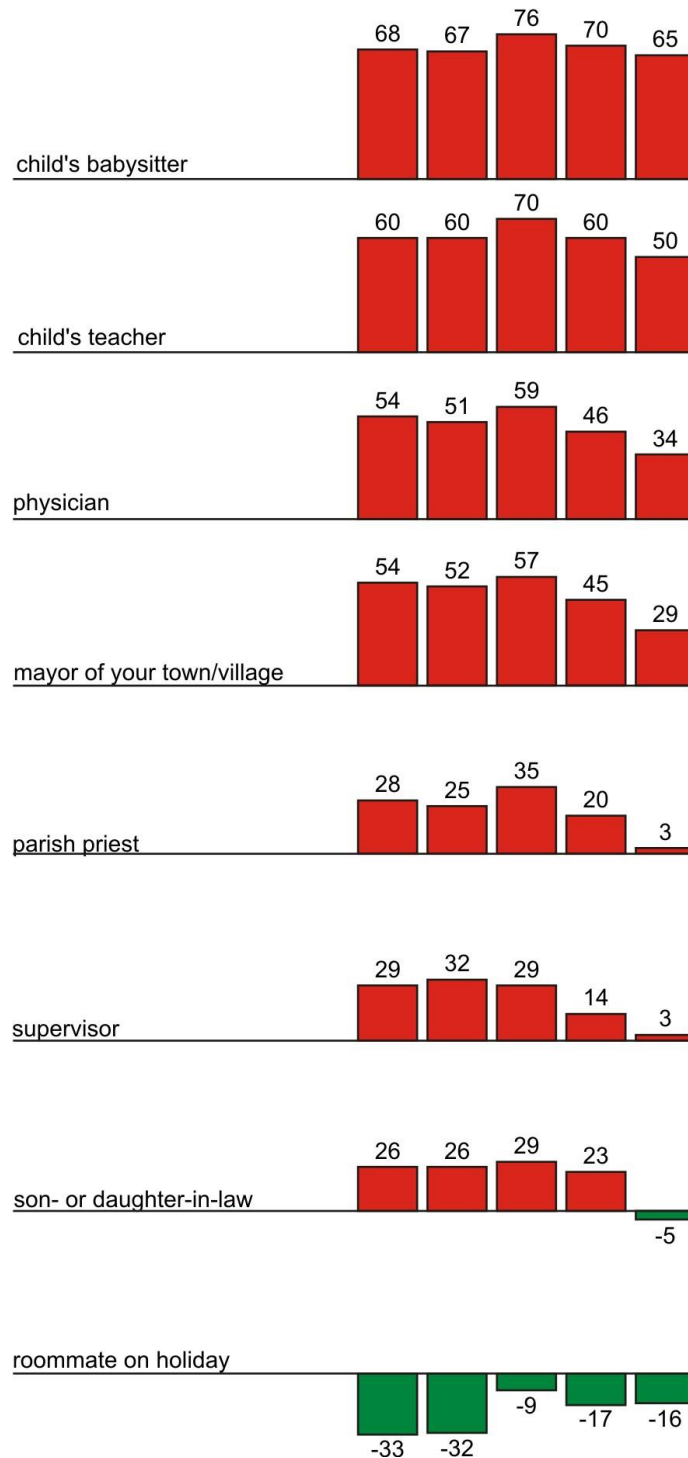


This year's measurement indicates the continual improvement of the attitude towards the mentally ill, in that there is increased acceptance for them performing different social roles. Current levels of social distance are among the lowest since measurement started. Compared with 2008, the strongest improvement is noted in case of roles of: son- or daughter-in-law, parish priest and physician.

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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS reports in Polish: “Attitude to the mentally ill”, October 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2012, N=1011. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.