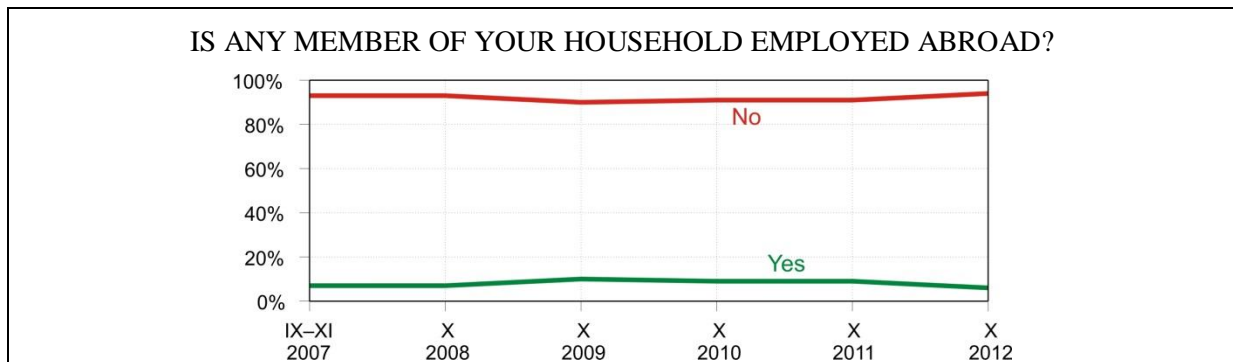
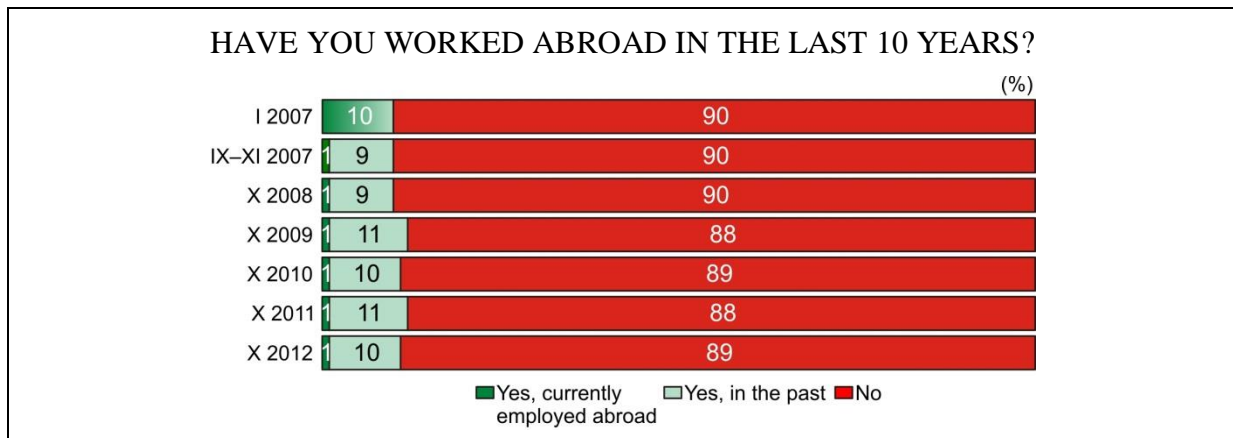


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Recent data indicates that the proportion of households in which a member is employed abroad has declined, which means some economic migrants may have returned to Poland. According to declarations, such households are now 6% of the total. Compared with last year, their number has decreased by 3 pct. points. This is probably a consequence of the economic crisis in the countries of the European Union and declining demand for labour.



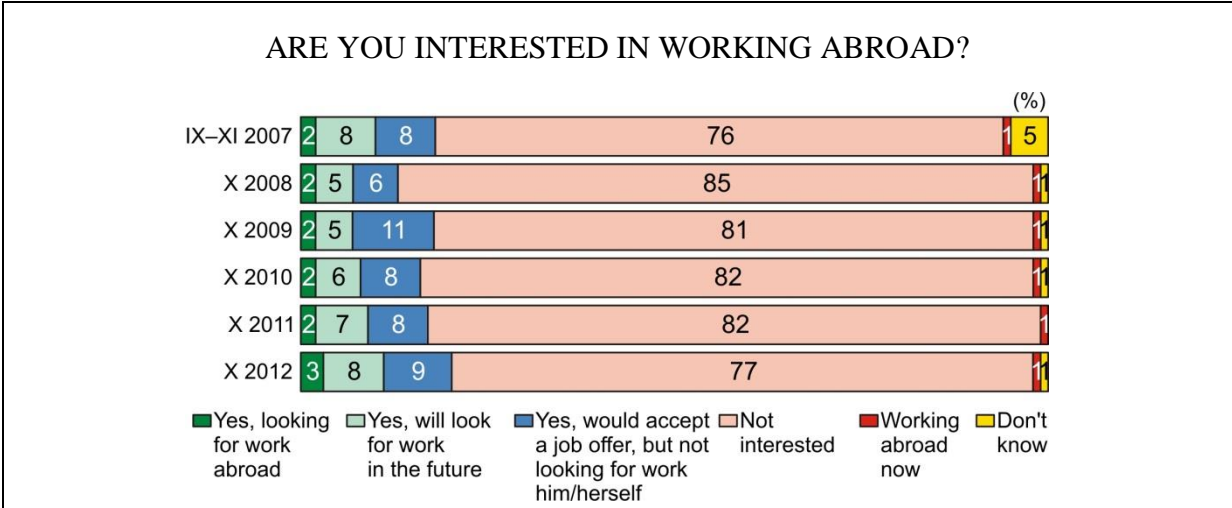
During the last 10 years, one in ten Poles has worked abroad. One in a hundred (1%) works abroad now: these people either commute or happened to be at home at the time of the interview. The proportion of people declaring employment abroad in the last 10 years is similar to the percentage measured last year.



The strongest determinant of economic migration is age. For young people, work abroad has become a generational experience. A quarter of respondents aged 25-34 have worked abroad in the last 10 years. Men aged 25-34 are the most active group: close to two-fifths (38%) have at least short experience of employment outside of Poland.

The most popular destination of economic migrants is Germany. More than a third (36%) of Poles with foreign work experience found a job there. The second most popular destination is Great Britain, where about a fifth (21%) of migrants were employed. The other popular labour markets in the last decade were: Netherlands (12%), Norway (8%), USA (8%), Italy (7%), and France (6%).

About one-fifth of adult Poles would be interested in working abroad in the future. Half of them (i.e. 11% of all respondents) have already started looking for a job, or are going to do it. The others would be interested in work if they received an offer, but they are not going to look for work themselves. During the last year, interest in work abroad has increased. Young people are particularly keen. According to declarations, over a third of people aged 18-24 (36%) want to look for a job abroad or are already looking for work, while a further 15% would accept a job offer abroad.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Work abroad", November 2012. Fieldwork for national sample: October 2012, N=1007. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.