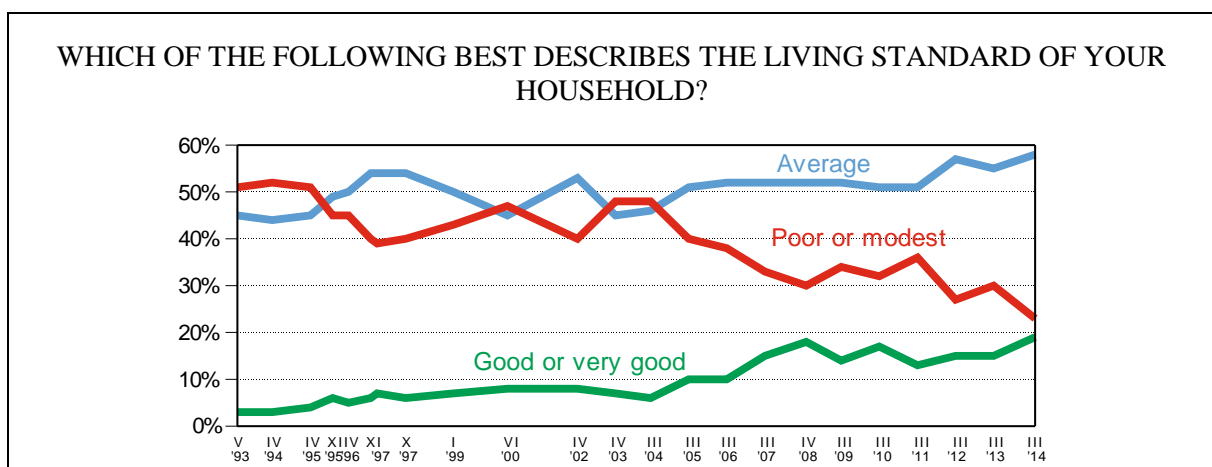


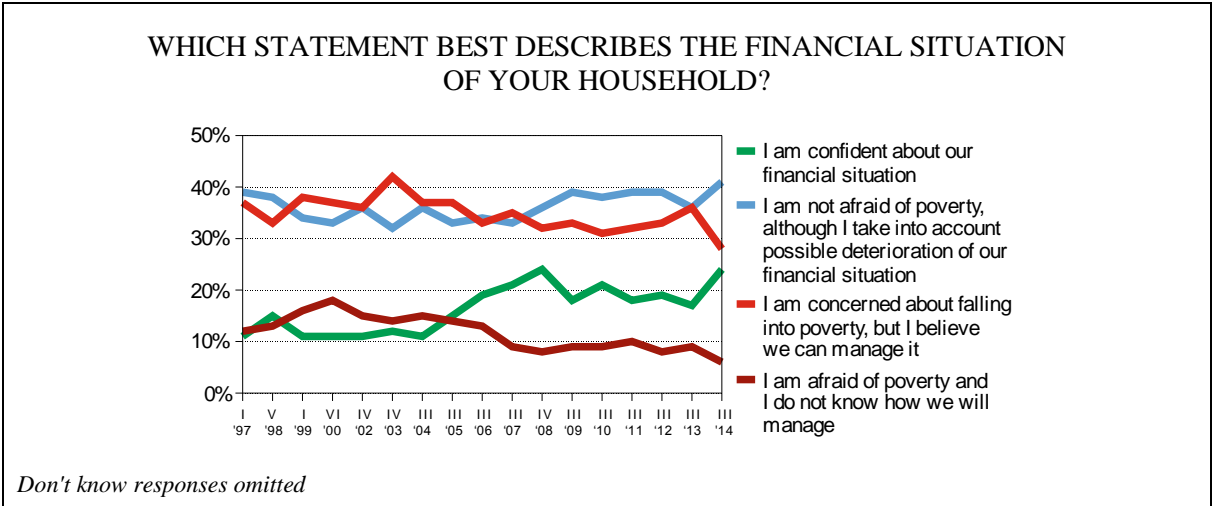
## MATERIAL LIVING STANDARD OF FAMILIES

The majority of respondents (58%) describe the material living standard of their families as average, i.e. they can afford everyday expenses, but have to save for larger purchases. Less than a quarter (23%) think their standard is below average; however, only 3% admit they live in poverty and cannot afford even essential goods. Almost one-fifth (19%) describe living conditions as above average, while 2% describe them as very good: these people can afford luxury.



In the last decade, there has been a strong decrease in the proportion of respondents describing their living standards as below average (it dropped by half since 2004) and a three-fold increase in the proportion of people who feel they live on above-average level. As earlier, about half describe the standard as average.

This year, the subjective perception of poverty is lowest recorded in the last decade. A quarter of respondents (24%, 13-point increase relative to 2004) are confident about the financial future of their families. Over two-fifths (41%, 5-point increase) are not afraid of poverty, but take into account the possibility that household living conditions may deteriorate. More than a quarter (28%, 9-point drop relative to 2004) are afraid of poverty, but are convinced that their families would manage. One-sixteenth (6%, 9-point drop relative to 2004) are very pessimistic about the financial situation of their families: they are afraid of poverty and do not know how to deal with this situation.



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: *"Material living standard of families"*, April 2014. Fieldwork for national sample: March 2014, N=1098. The random address samples are representative for adult population of Poland.