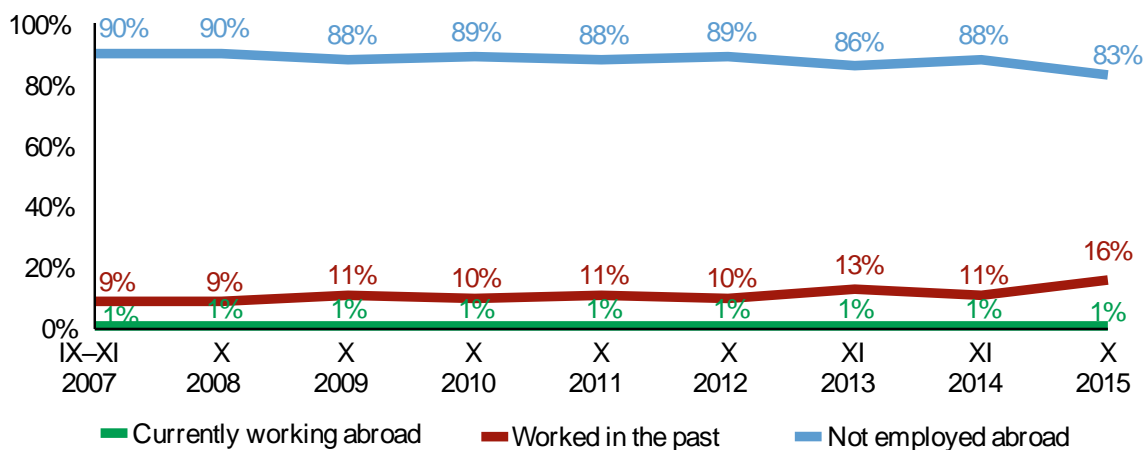


Employment abroad

The number of Poles who have worked abroad is increasing. A sixth of respondents (16%) declare employment abroad in the last ten years, while 1% still work there, but were at home for interview.

Employment abroad in last 10 years

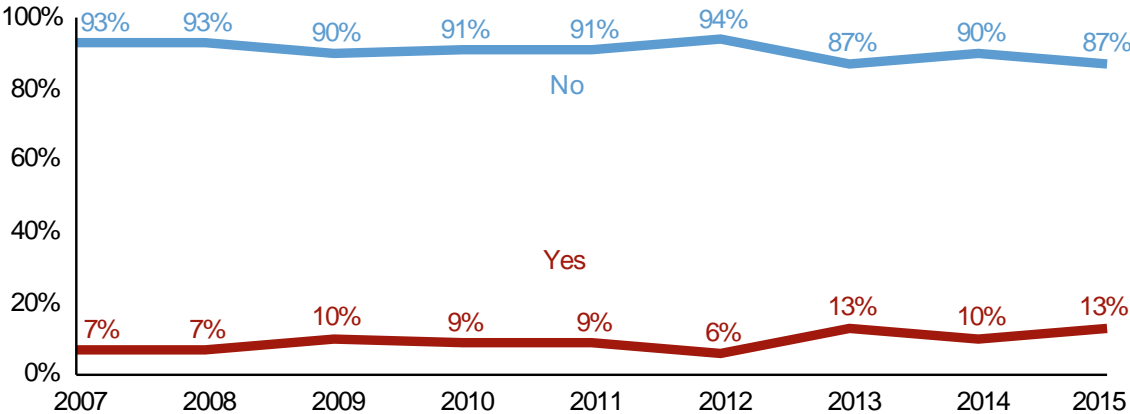


Men have such experience more often than women (20% v. 13%). Respondents in the age groups 25-34 years (30%) and 35-44 (21%), i.e. young and mobile people who make the most use of freedom of movement within the EU, are most likely to work outside of Poland. Work

abroad is particularly common for respondents with basic vocational education (20%), skilled workers (30%) and unskilled workers (32%). A third of the unemployed (30%) have worked in another country in the last ten years.

About one-eighth of respondents (13%) admit that a household member is employed abroad. The number of such declarations has increased since 2013, which indicates that the number of economic migrants is increasing again.

Does any member of your household work abroad?



One-tenth of respondents are interested in working abroad and are ready to take steps to find a job (3% are looking for work outside Poland while 7% plan to do it in the future). Young people are particularly willing to go abroad to work: about a third (32%) of respondents aged 24 or less plan to look for a job outside of Poland or are already doing it. Men (13%) are more willing to go than women (7%).

Migration plans are strongly influenced by past experience of employment abroad. Respondents who have worked outside of Poland in the last ten years are four times more likely to look for work again. Migratory experience of household members is also important in this respect. Respondents from households that have a member working abroad are three times more likely to plan to go themselves than people from households in which no one is employed outside of Poland.

The main motive for planned employment abroad is low pay in Poland.

Why do you plan to look for work abroad? Please indicate the main reason



Responses of people who are looking for a job abroad or are planning to do it

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS reports in Polish: "Work Abroad", November 2015. Fieldwork for national sample: October 2015, N=1114. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.