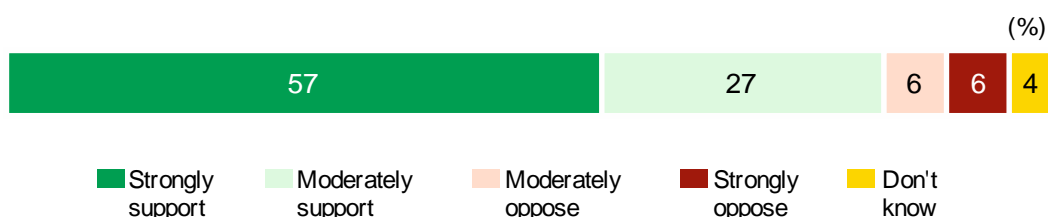


Opinions about lowering the retirement age

The government of Donald Tusk made a decision to raise the retirement age, eventually to be 67 years for both men and women. One of the promises made by Law and Justice (PiS) before the last presidential and parliamentary elections concerned restoring the previous regulation, allowing men aged 65 and women aged 60 to retire. A draft regulation was introduced by president Andrzej Duda and the cabinet expressed support for it. However, the government opinion sent to the Sejm suggested “modifications of regulations related to combining work with drawing the pension and its value.” Moreover, different circles pressed for greater inclusion of seniority as a criterion for the right to retire

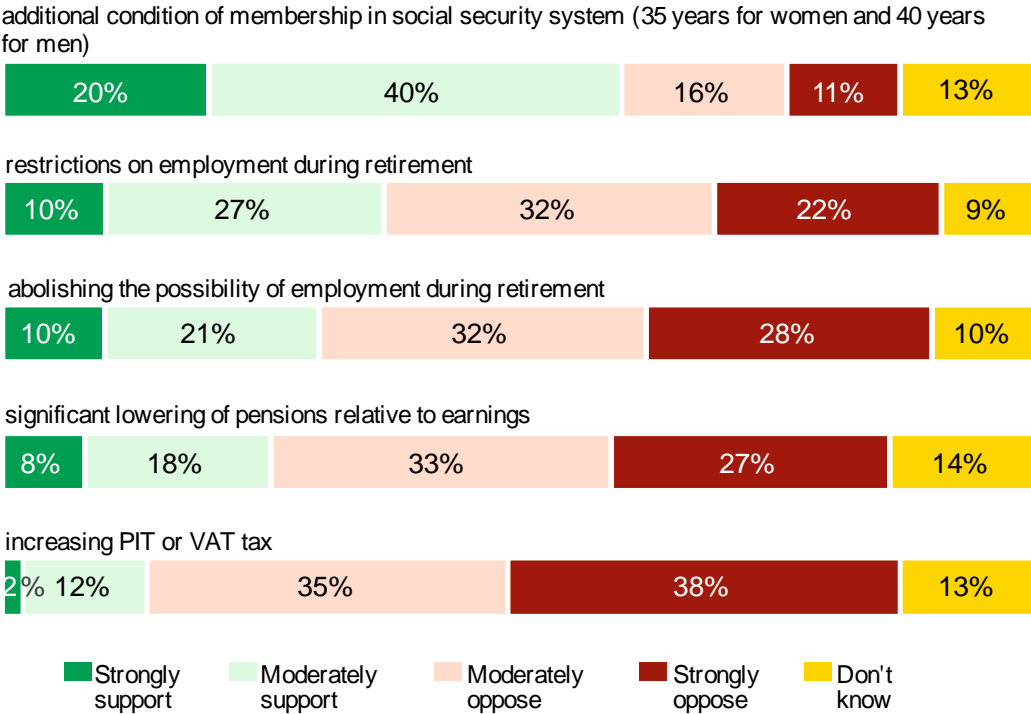
In general, the proposal to lower the retirement age to 60 years for women and 65 for men is quite universally accepted. The support for restoring the previous regulation is expressed by 84% of respondents, while 12% oppose it.

Do you support lowering the retirement age to 60 years for women and 65 years for men?



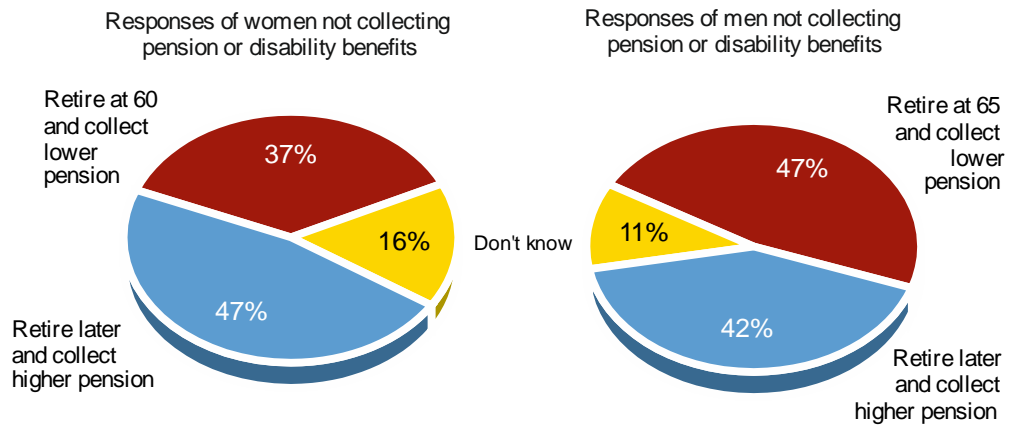
Lowering the retirement age and earlier retirement would be a significant burden on public finances in the future. While Poles would like to have earlier retirement age, they don't want it at any price. The majority (73%) would oppose lowering the retirement age if it entailed raising taxes. The majority reject significant reduction of pension relative to earnings (60%) and abolishing the right to work during retirement (60%). Over half (54%) reject even partial restriction on work during retirement. The only condition for lowering the retirement age acceptable for the majority (60%) of Poles is the seniority condition: 35 years of being in the social security system for women and 40 years for men.

Would you support lowering the retirement to 60 years for women and 65 years for men if it entailed...



A large part of people who do not collect pension yet would work longer than necessary in case of restored previous retirement age in order to collect higher benefits in the future. Such declarations are more common among women (who would be able to work shorter) than among men. In general, the most interested in work beyond retirement age are the young (for whom retirement is a distant prospect), residents of big cities, the best educated and the wealthiest.

Which would you choose?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Opinions about Lowering Retirement Age", October 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2016, N=1033. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.