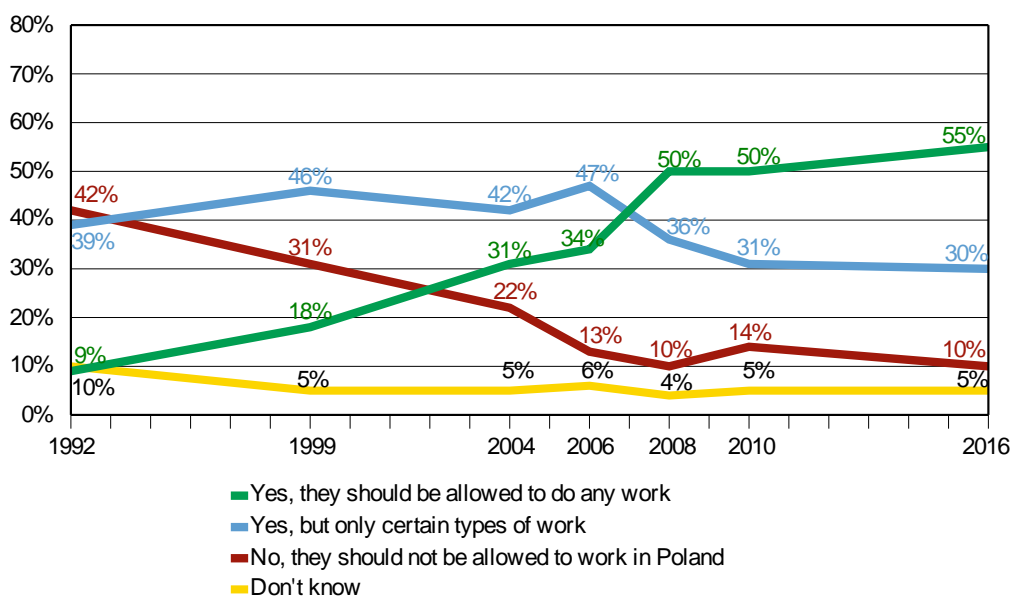


## Employment of foreigners in Poland

Recently, many employees have come to work in Poland from other countries, in particular Ukraine. Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Armenia, Georgia and Moldova are countries whose citizens enjoy easier access to legal stay and employment. They are covered by a procedure that allows them to work in Poland for six months without having to obtain a work permit.

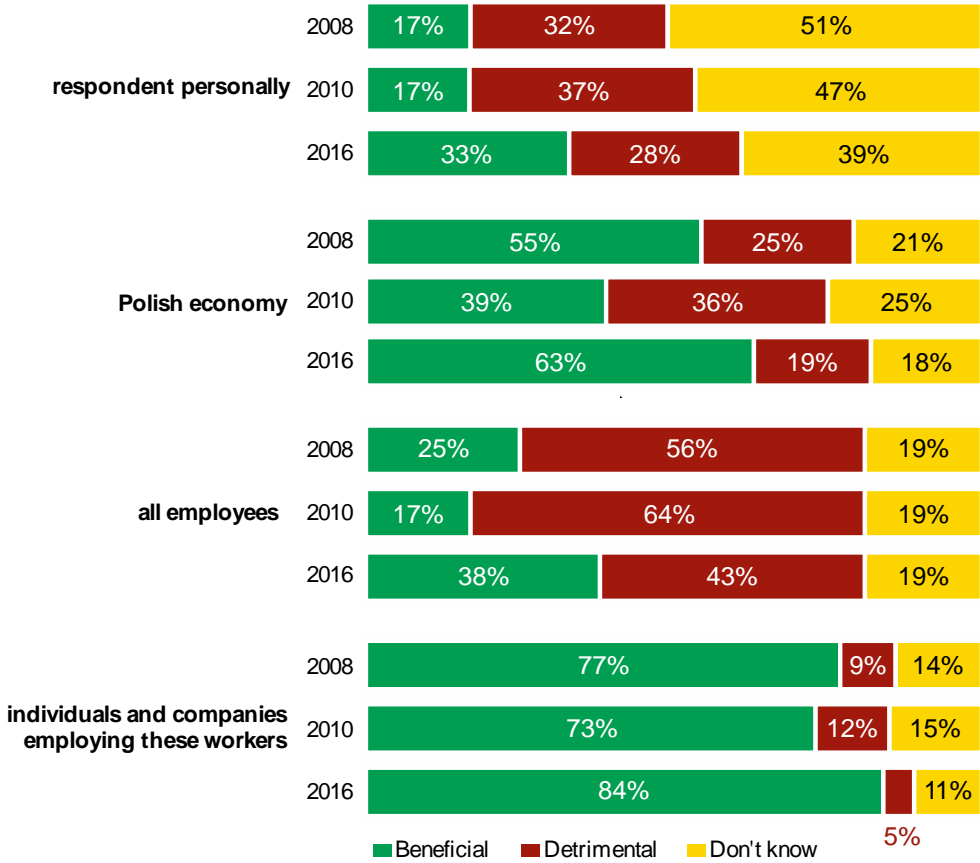
A vast majority of Poles (85%) accept work in Poland by foreigners, in which more than half accept foreigners in any job, and less than one-third agree to them performing only certain types of work. Since the early nineties there has been an increase in acceptance of work by foreigners in Poland without any restrictions. The largest increase in acceptance of work of foreigners (regardless of its type) occurred between 2006 and 2008.

### Should foreigners be allowed to work in Poland?



Work by foreigners from the east is usually seen as beneficial for their employers (84%), as well as the Polish economy (63%). Opinions about its impact on the situation of employees and citizens are much more diverse. Setting aside a significant proportion of people without an opinion on this matter, respondents were more likely to evaluate the work in Poland of foreigners from the east as beneficial for themselves, rather than detrimental (33% vs. 28%), while in case of its impact on the working population as a whole negative opinions are more common than positive (43% vs. 38%).

**Is work of citizens of Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Armenia, Georgia and Moldova in Poland beneficial for...**



Currently work of citizens of Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia and Moldova is more appreciated than in the past decade. The increase in its value in social perception is noted in all four dimensions.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Employment of foreigners in Poland", December 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: October 2016, N=937. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.