

# POLISH PUBLICOPINION

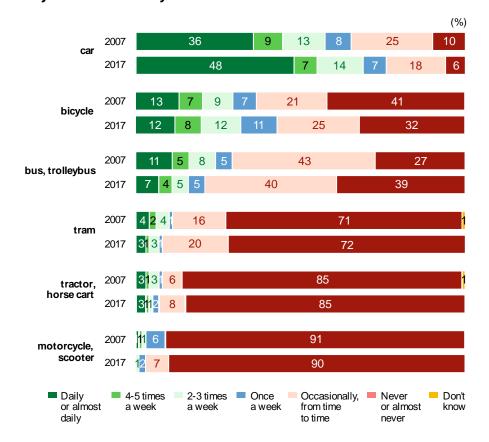
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## Safety on the road

Virtually all road users are pedestrians: 99% walk on the streets of their locality and 93% on country roads. Almost all sometimes ride or drive a car (94%), and most ride a bicycle (68%) or bus, trolleybus (61%). More than a quarter of all respondents (28%) travel by tram. Tractors or horse carts are used for travel by 15% of respondents, while only slightly fewer (10%) travel by motorbike or scooter.

Over the past ten years, the percentage of respondents traveling by car (especially daily or almost daily) has increased. Cycling has also became more popular. By contrast, Poles are less likely to ride on buses and trolleybuses today.

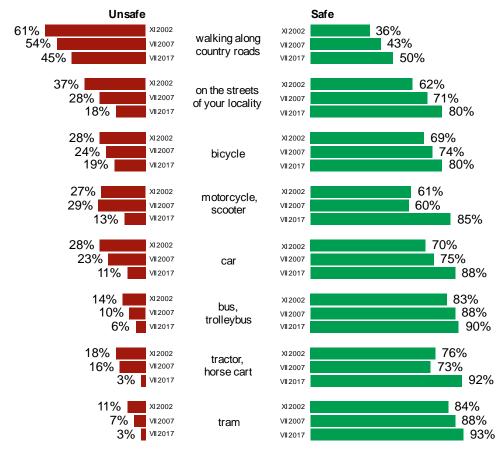
#### How often do you drive or ride by...



The greatest fear of road accidents is reported by pedestrians walking along country roads: almost half of them (45%) declared that in such a situation there is no sense of security. Pedestrians walking on the streets of their place of residence are much more comfortable, as less than one fifth (18%) do not feel safe travelling in this way. Taking into account the level of anxiety about a traffic accident, walking on the street is as stressful as riding a bicycle - almost one fifth (19%) of the people who travel in this way are afraid of a road accident. The fear is reported less often by people travelling by motorbikes (13%) and cars (11%). Other vehicles included in the study are generally viewed as safe.

Comparing the current results with the findings obtained ten years ago, Poles are feeling safer on the road now. This regularity applies to all the means of transport and travel.

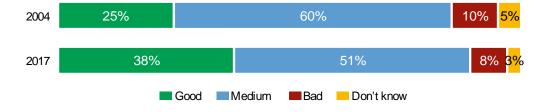
### Do you usually feel safe



"Don't know" omitted

Respondents generally perceive skills of Polish drivers as medium, but almost two fifths of respondents rated them positively and relatively few gave bad notes. Compared to 2004, these opinions have improved significantly: more people (a 13 percentage point increase) speak positively about the driving skills of Poles.

#### **Evaluation of driving skills of Polish drivers**



Subjective opinions about road safety and driving skills correspond to data on road accidents. According to police statistics, in the past ten years, despite the increase in the number of registered vehicles, the number of traffic accidents has decreased significantly.

In 2007 there were 49,536 traffic accidents, in which 5583 people died. In 2016, there were 33,664 accidents in which 3026 people died.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS reports in Polish: "Poles on Traffic Accidents" and "Driving Style in Poland", July 2017. Fieldwork for national sample: June 2017, N=1020, and July 2017, N=977. The random address samples are representative for adult population of Poland.