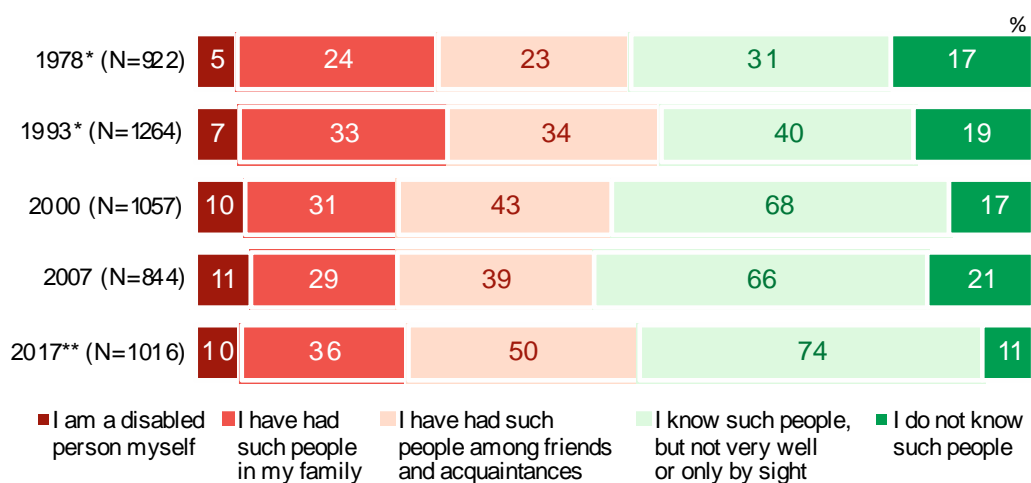


Disabled in the society

Perception of the situation of disabled people depends on the level of knowledge of their problems, which is related to contacts with such persons. Only every ninth respondent (11%) declared that he or she did not come into contact with such people. Every tenth respondent claimed to be a disabled person (10%), nearly two fifths have had such family members (36%), every second (50%) has had such persons among friends, and the vast majority (74%) know such people by sight. Comparing this year's data with those from ten years ago, there is a certain increase in the percentage of respondents declaring knowledge of persons with disabilities. These changes may be related to aging of society and longer life expectancy.

In your environment, do you meet people with disabilities?

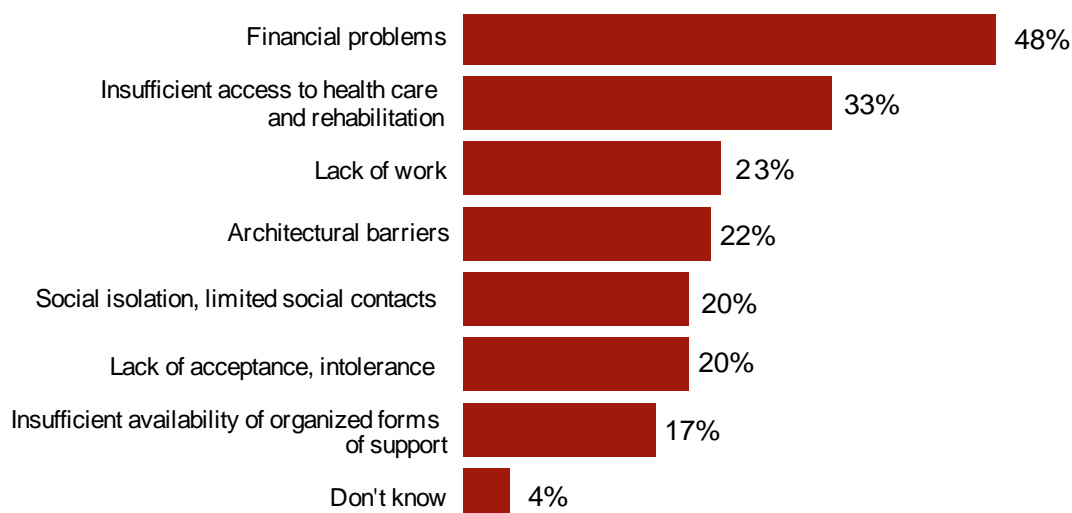


* Research by prof. A. Ostrowska fielded by the Public Opinion Research Centre (OBOP) on a random sample of Polish citizens over 16 years of age.

** In previous years, the question was: Have you come into contact with the handicapped due to illness or any other disability?

In public opinion, the main problems faced by people with disabilities are financial difficulties and insufficient access to health care and rehabilitation.

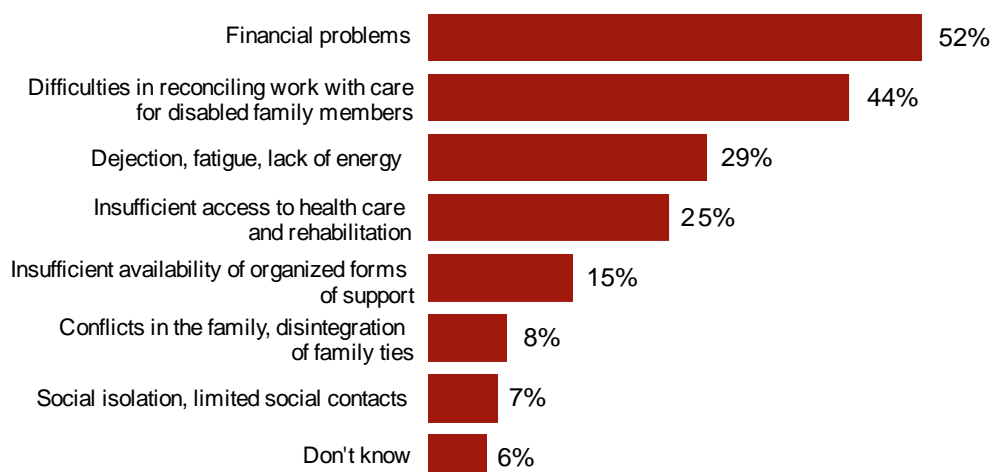
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The problems of families of disabled persons, apart from financial issues, are primarily the difficulties in reconciling work with care for a disabled family member.

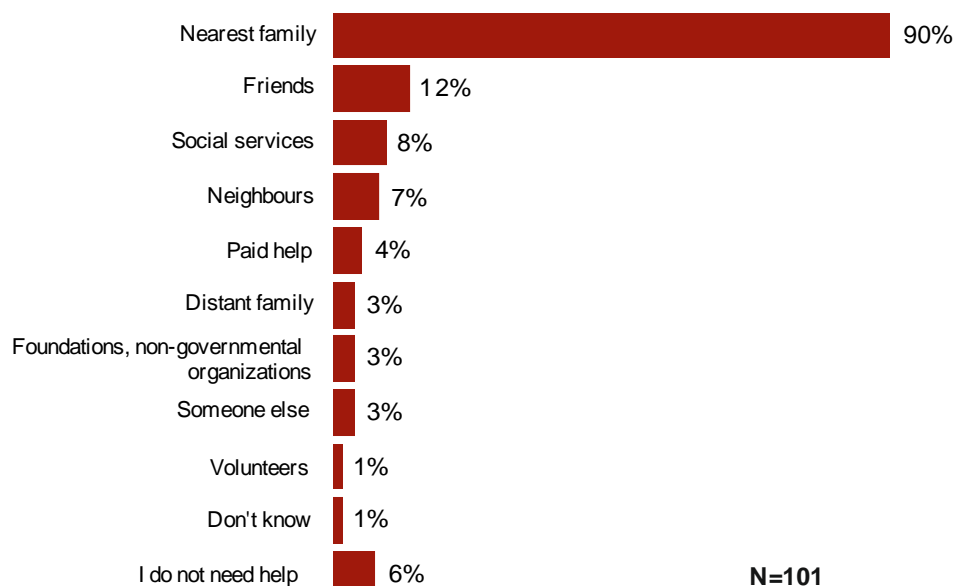
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The declarations of disabled people show that the vast majority of them (90%) are helped by their closest family. One in eight receives support from friends (12%), whereas one twelfth is helped by social services (8%), and a similar percentage can count on the support of neighbours (7%). Relatively few disabled people use paid help, support of the extended family, foundations, non-governmental organizations, volunteers or someone else.

Who helps you in everyday matters?



Answers of disabled people

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "People with Disabilities among Us", December 2017. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2017, N=1016. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.