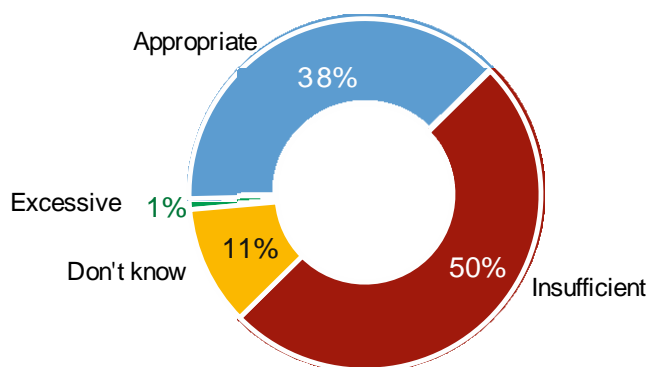


Engagement in the local community

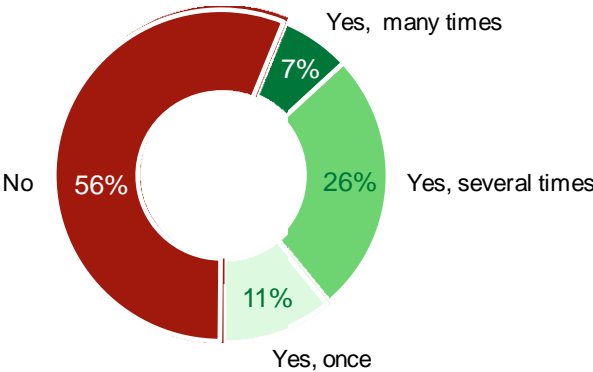
Half of Poles assess the impact of residents on local issues as insufficient. Less than two-fifths (38%) think that it is appropriate, and only a few (1%) consider it to be excessive.

How would you rate the impact of residents on the affairs of city / commune?



Although the majority of Poles declare their interest in local affairs (76%), they are not very active when it comes to involvement in the development of their commune, city or district. Most respondents (56%) admit that they never took part in a meeting of local government representatives with residents about the proposed changes or plans for the local development.

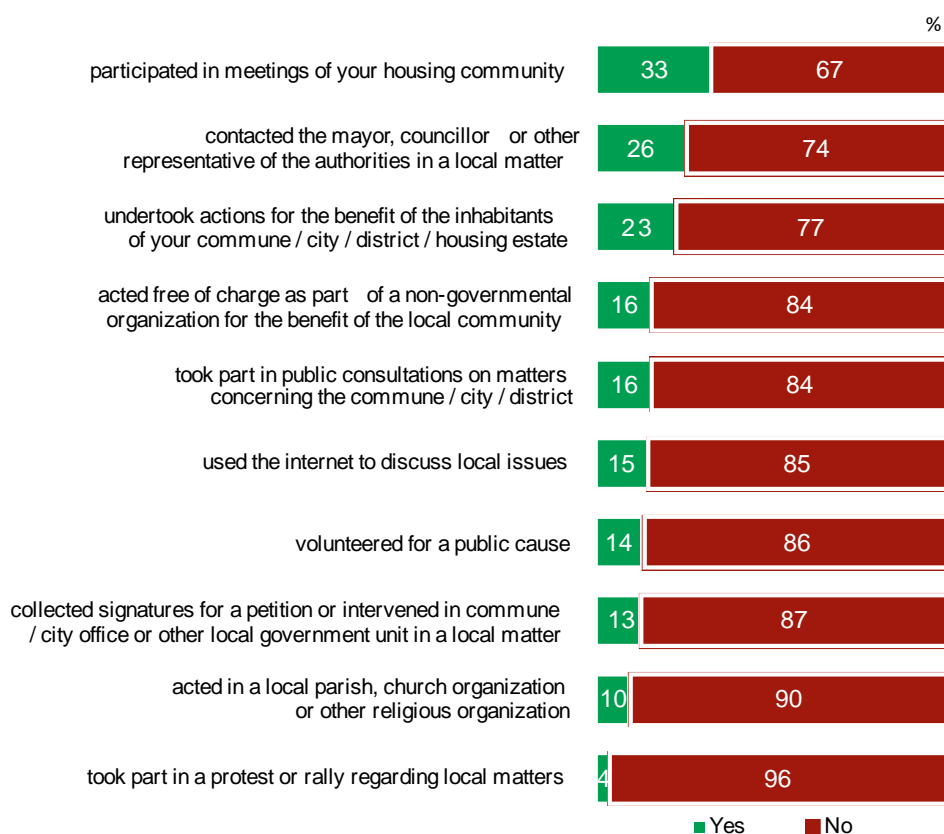
Have you ever taken part in a meeting of representatives of the local (commune, city or district) government with residents, which concerned proposed changes or development plans of the locality?



Participation (at least once) in a meeting of residents and representatives of the authorities on local issues is declared relatively often by: rural residents (52%, especially farmers - 74%), people aged 55-64 (52%), the most religiously active (53%), respondents achieving the highest per capita income (50%) and business owners (55%). Passivity is most often declared by the youngest respondents (78%), especially students (82%).

The level of involvement in other forms of activities for the benefit of the local community is not high either. In the last twenty-four months before the survey, every third respondent (33%) took part in the meeting of a housing community or cooperative, slightly more than one in four (26%) personally contacted the mayor or other representative of the authorities regarding local affairs, less than a fourth (23%), according to the declarations, undertook some activities for the benefit of residents of their own commune, city, district or housing estate. Other ways of getting involved in local affairs were declared less frequently.

In the last 24 months, have you:



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Polish People's Involvement in Local Community", June 2018. Fieldwork for national sample: May 2018, N=1121. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.