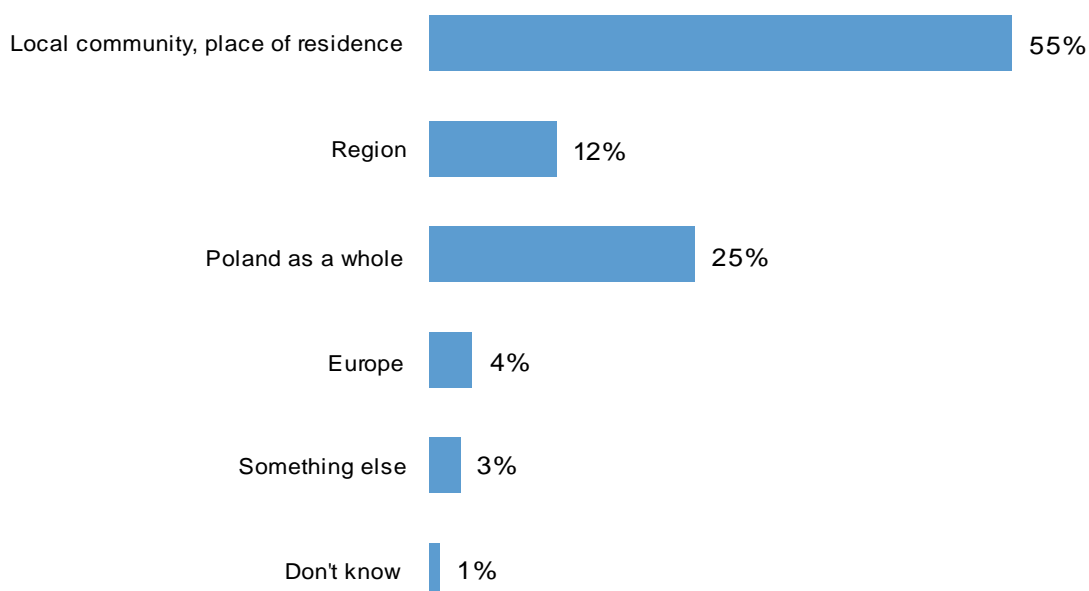


## Local history

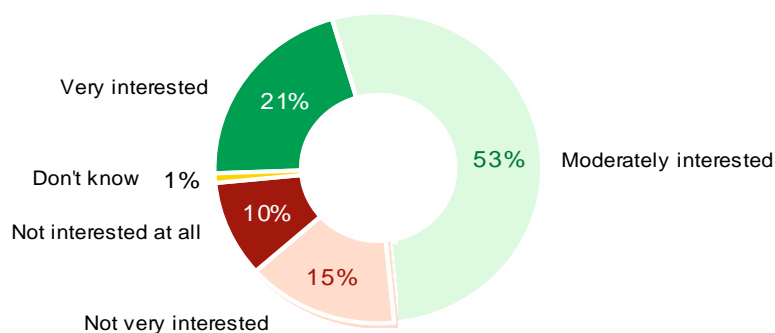
The local community, the place residence, is the most important point of reference if we consider identifications based on a territorial basis. Over half of respondents declare that they feel connected primarily with the local community, the place where they live. One-fourth identify mainly with Poland, and one-eighth feel primarily residents of the region. Only a few identify themselves mainly with Europe.

### Which of the following do you feel most connected to?



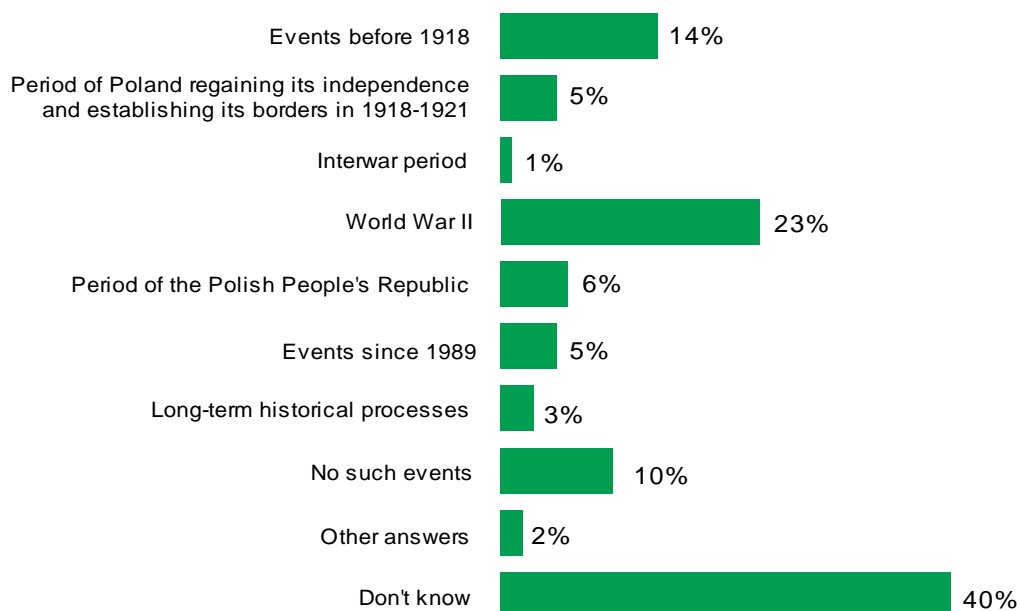
Nearly three-quarters of respondents (74%) declare interest in the history of the locality in which they live, including one fifth of the total (21%) who are very interested in local history.

## Are you interested in the history of your place of residence?



Local memory of Polish villages and cities was largely shaped by the World War II. Almost a quarter of respondents spontaneously list events that took place in 1939-1945 as significant for the local history: war activities, persecution of civilians, guerrilla warfare or territorial changes that are a direct consequence of the war. Relatively many people reach back to times before Poland regained its independence in 1918: the period of the town's creation and its development, partitions, and occasionally also to the events of the World War I. Every 20th respondent lists events related to the regaining of independence by Poland and the setting of borders in 1918-1921 as particularly important for the local history. More or less the same number of people indicate in this context the period of the Polish People's Republic and the time after 1989.

## What historical events were particularly important for your town/village and influenced its fate?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "About Local History", July 2018. Fieldwork for national sample: June 2018, N=989. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.