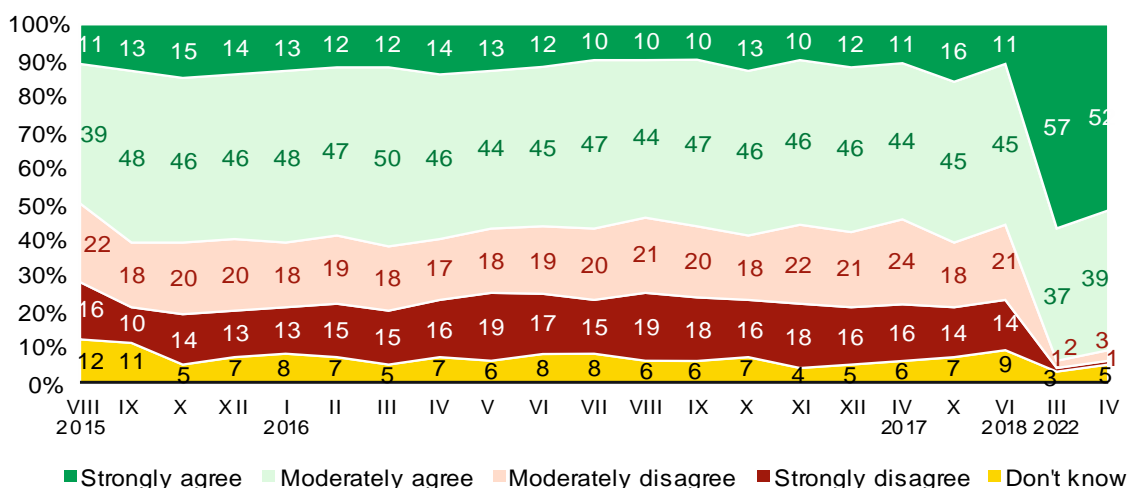


Ukrainian refugees in Poland

About 3 million people from Ukraine have entered Poland since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The influx of such a huge number of people presents the state and Polish society with unprecedented challenges consisting in the need to organize assistance for Ukrainian refugees and their integration.

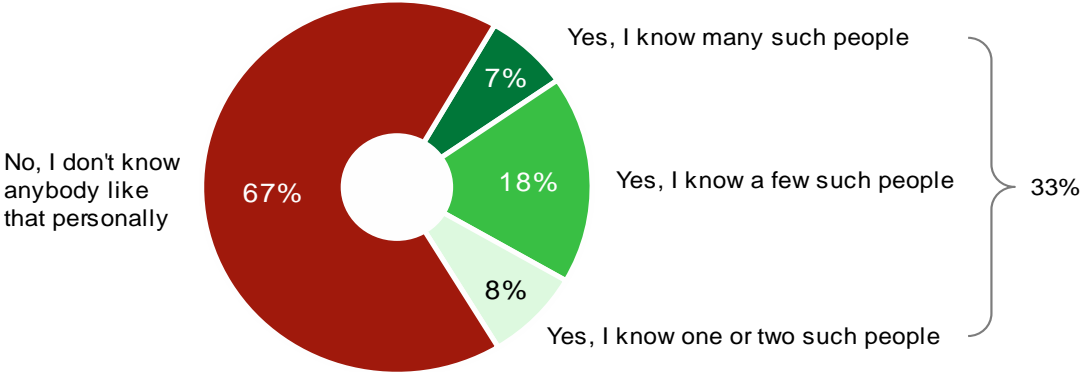
There remains an almost unanimously favourable attitude towards the reception of refugees from Ukraine in Poland. The belief that our country should accept them is expressed by more than nine out of ten respondents (91% vs. 94% in March).

Do you agree that Poland should accept Ukrainian refugees from the areas affected by the conflict?



Three-quarters (75%) state that there are people who came from Ukraine to escape the war in their area of residence. One-third of the general public (33%) know personally someone who came to Poland from Ukraine after February 24 this year.

Do you know personally someone who came to Poland from Ukraine after February 24 this year?



Respondents are divided in their predictions as to whether refugees from Ukraine who came to Poland after the outbreak of the war will remain in our country. The belief that most of them will leave when the war is over prevails minimally (45% versus 40%).

Do you think that the majority of refugees from Ukraine in Poland, after the end of the war...



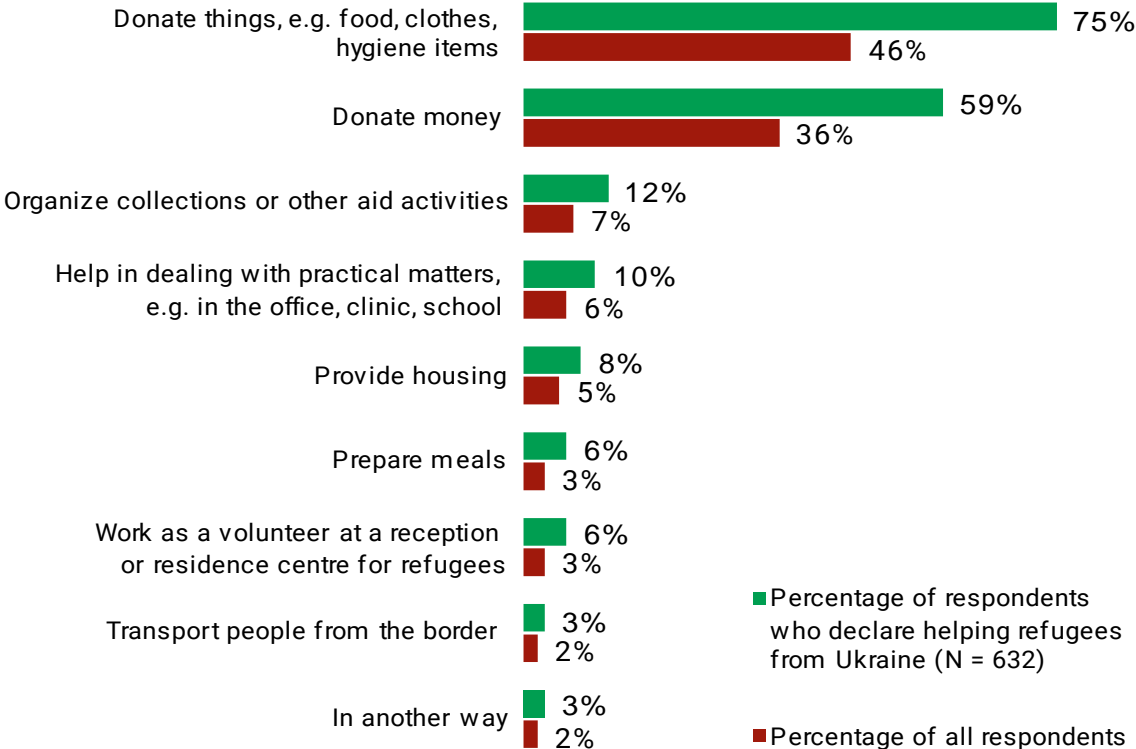
Almost two-thirds (63%) claim that someone in their household helps refugees from Ukraine. Helping is facilitated by a higher socio-economic status. It is more often done by respondents with higher education (79%), respondents with relatively high income per person in the household (PLN 3,000 or more: 76%) and residents of the largest cities (73%). People who are most involved in religious practices (77%) also stand out in this respect.

Do you or someone in your household offer help to refugees from Ukraine voluntarily and free of charge?



Most often, material and financial assistance is provided. Three-quarters of respondents who reported that their household helps refugees donate items such as clothes, hygiene products or food (75%), and about six out of ten give money (59%). Forms of assistance based on direct involvement are less widespread. They include: organizing collections and other aid actions (12%), assisting in various matters, e.g. in offices, clinics, schools (10%), providing refugees with a house or apartment (8%), preparing meals (6%), working as a volunteer at a reception and accommodation point (6%) and transporting people from the Polish-Ukrainian border (3%). Other, spontaneously mentioned forms of help were such activities as: involvement in information campaigns on the Internet, education (language teaching, tutoring in other subjects), free medical assistance, job offers, free provision of various services and donation of firewood.

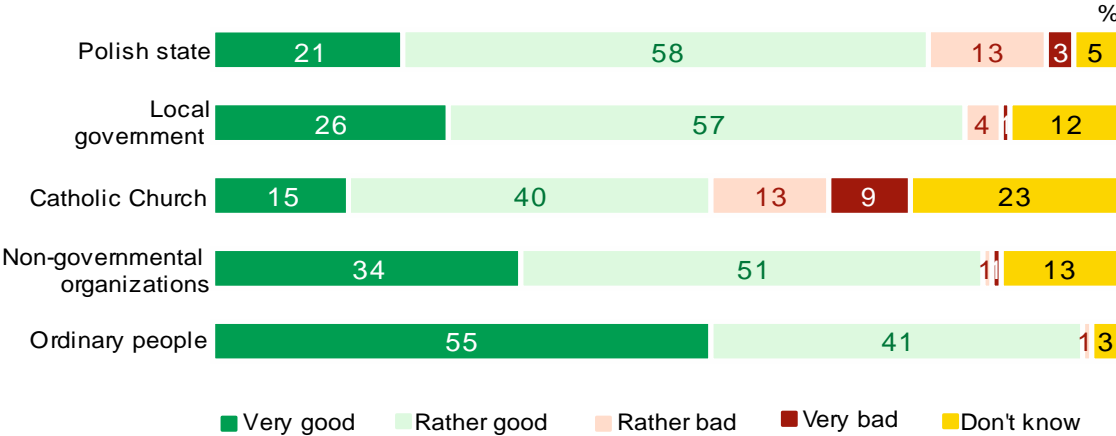
Do you or someone from your household do the following to help refugees from Ukraine? Please indicate all applicable answers.



Two-thirds of Poles (67%) believe that the help our country offers to refugees from Ukraine is sufficient. Among the remainder, the belief that the aid is too big (18%) is more frequent than the opinion that it is too small (7%).

The majority of respondents positively perceive the actions of the Polish state towards refugees (79% as compared to 16% who were of the opposite opinion). The involvement of local governments (83% compared to 5%) and non-governmental organizations (85% compared to 2%) is assessed even better. Against this background, opinions about the Catholic Church actions towards refugees are slightly more diverse, as more than half of Poles (55%) evaluate them positively, and more than one-fifth (22%) have a bad opinion. A relatively high percentage does not have a clear opinion about them (23%). Poles almost universally (96%) positively assess the involvement of ordinary people in activities for refugees from Ukraine.

How do you generally assess the actions of [...] towards refugees from Ukraine?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles on Refugees from Ukraine", April 2022. Fieldwork for national sample: April 2022, N=1030. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.