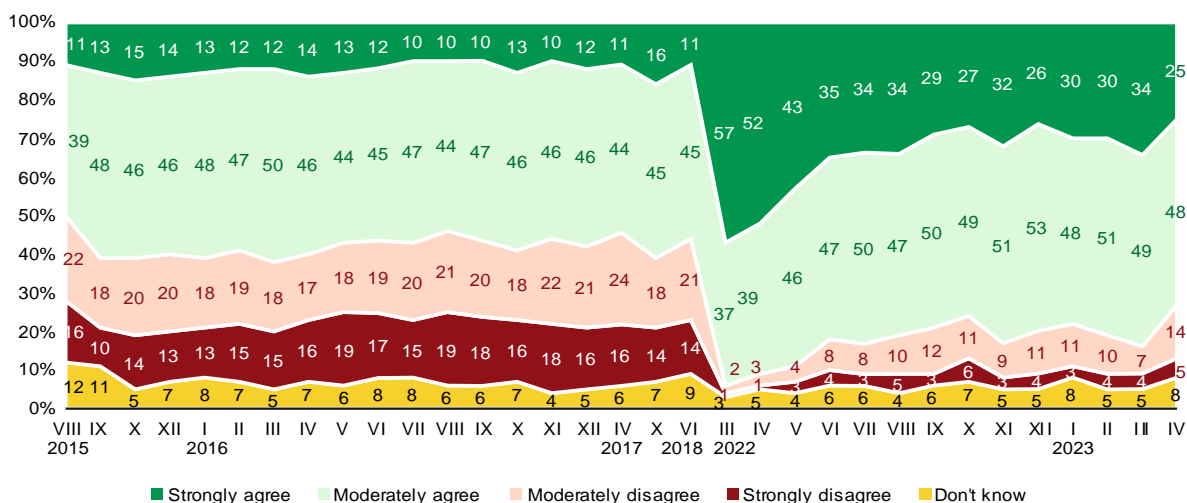


## Attitude towards Ukrainian refugees

In April, there was a clear 10-point drop in the percentage of Poles supporting the acceptance of refugees from Ukraine (73% against 83% in March). Although supporters are still the vast majority of respondents, we have noted the lowest result since the outbreak of the war. Immediately after the start of the Russian invasion, Poles were almost unanimous on this issue and support for accepting refugees remained at a level close to or exceeding 90%, stabilizing after a few months around 80%. Almost one-fifth (19%, an increase of 8 points compared to March) are now opposed to accepting Ukrainian refugees, which is the highest result since the outbreak of the war. These changes can be associated with the uncertain economic situation, and in particular with the uncontrolled influx of cheap Ukrainian grain to Poland, which has recently sparked a wave of protests in our country.

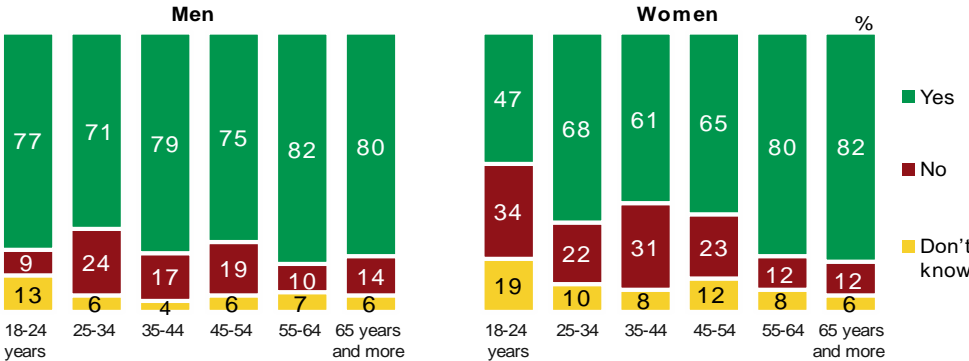
### Do you agree that Poland should accept Ukrainian refugees from the areas affected by the conflict?



Support for accepting Ukrainian refugees is less frequently declared by the following groups: the younger respondents (64% in the 18-24 age group, compared to 81% among the oldest), people living in small towns and villages (68% in rural areas compared to 80% in the largest cities), the less educated (60% respondents with primary or lower secondary education compared to 82% of respondents with higher education), and people assessing their financial situation negatively (50% among those assessing it as bad vs. 80% among people considering it as good).

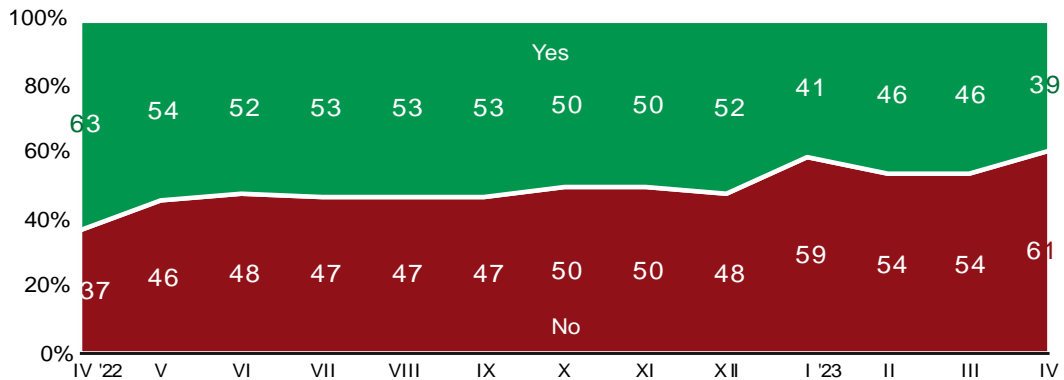
In-depth analysis shows that mainly young women contribute to the lower support for accepting refugees among the youngest respondents. In fact, the level of support among young men aged 18-24 is relatively high (77%), while among women of this age it is as much as 30 percentage points lower (47%), which makes them stand out in society. As many as one-third of female respondents aged 18–24 (34%) are against accepting refugees. Perhaps the more reluctant attitude of young Polish women towards refugees from Ukraine is related to the fact that a significant part of the newcomers are young women who may be perceived as potential rivals in various fields.

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



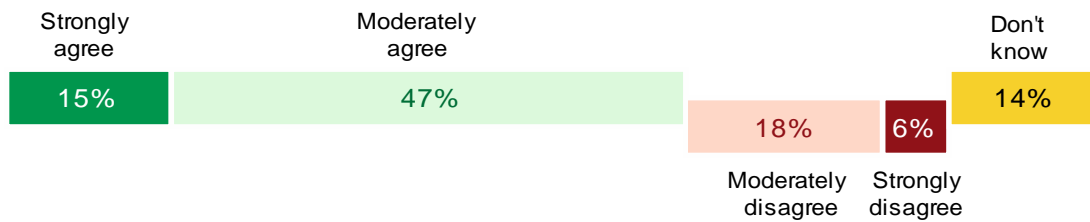
The declared help for Ukrainian refugees has clearly decreased since the previous measurement (39% against 46% in March), reaching the lowest level since the outbreak of the war. A year ago, this proportion still exceeded 60%. Then, for the rest of 2022, it remained around 50%, dropped below this threshold at the beginning of the new year and now fell below 40% for the first time.

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



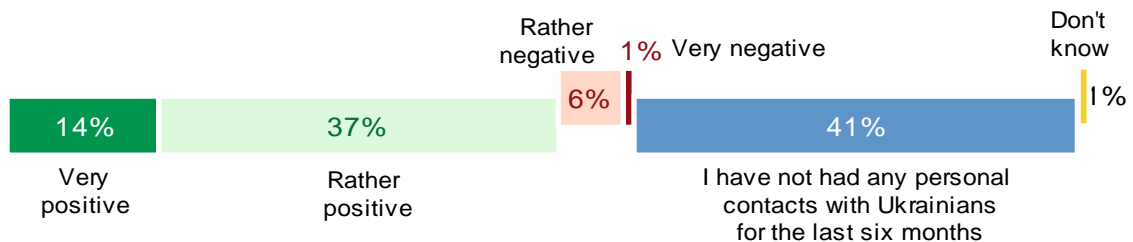
More than half of Poles (62%) believe that Ukrainians appreciate the help received from our country, but one-fourth (24%) are of the opposite opinion.

**Do you agree that Ukrainians appreciate the help they receive in Poland?**



According to declarations, the majority of adult Poles have had personal contacts with Ukrainians in recent months. As a rule, these contacts are assessed positively (response given by 51% of all respondents, i.e. by 86% of those who have had contact with Ukrainians). Only 7% (i.e. 12% of those who have had such contacts) described their experiences as negative.

**How would you describe your personal contacts with Ukrainians in the last months?**



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles about War in Ukraine and Ukrainian Refugees", May 2023. Fieldwork for national sample: April 2023, N=1081. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.