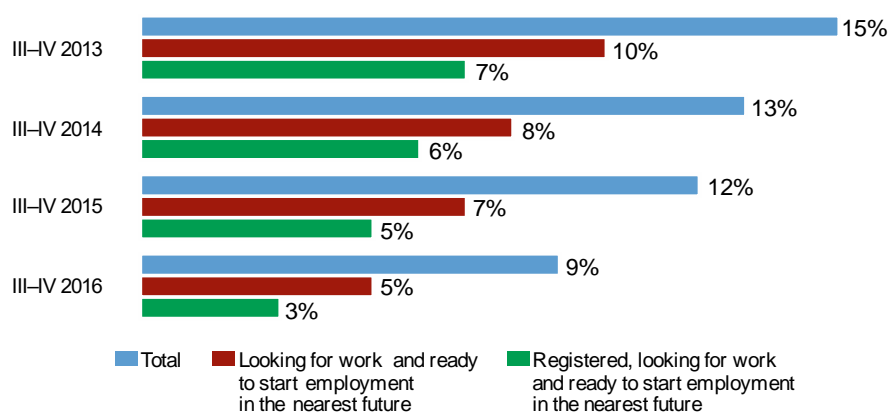


Unemployment in 2016

According to official statistics unemployment is falling in Poland. In April 2016 unemployment was registered at 9.5%, while a year ago it was 11.1%, two years ago it was 13% and three years ago it was 14%. The improvement on the labour market noted by the Central Statistical Office (GUS) is also reflected in CBOS surveys. Based on declarations, the level of unemployment decreased last year. Unemployment concerns 21% of households, while 9% of adult Poles self-describe as unemployed. However, only 5% do not work, but are actively looking for work and are ready to take a job. The percentage of unemployed is even lower (3%) if registration in the employment office is included as a criterion. According to declarations only half of the self-declared unemployed are registered in the employment office.

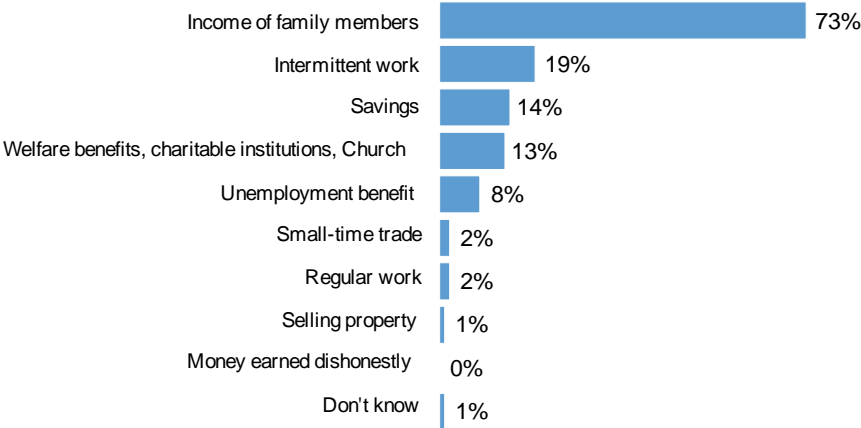
Self-described unemployed*:



Responses of people self-describing as unemployed

As in previous years, a vast majority of people self-describing as unemployed (73%, a 5-point increase relative to last year) admit that they live on income earned by other family members. A quarter of them (23%, a 4-point drop) have their own income, usually working intermittently but sometimes permanently, or from small-time trade. One-seventh (14%, a 2-point increase) use their savings. Welfare benefits or charity (from charitable institutions or the Church) are the main source of subsistence for 13% of people out of work (a 3-point decline), while 8% (a 3-point increase) live on unemployment benefit. Only very few admit supporting themselves by selling off their property. This time no-one admitted receiving illegal financial sources.

What is your main source of subsistence?



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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "The Unemployed 2016", May 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: March and April 2016, N=2138. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.