

## Pilgrimages of Polish people

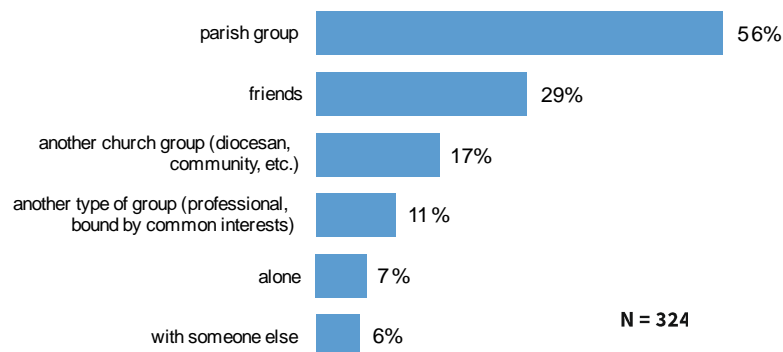
Almost one third of Poles (32%) declare that at least once during their life they participated in a pilgrimage (irrespective of its form and purpose), of which 14% participated once and 18% did it more than once.

### Have you ever been on a pilgrimage?



Poles embark on pilgrimages primarily in parish groups. Such is the experience of more than half of those who have ever participated in a pilgrimage. More than one in four declared that they were on a pilgrimage with friends, 17% travelled with another church group (diocesan, community), and 11% went with a professional group or with people sharing common interests. Individual pilgrimages are less common, as only 7% of the total number of pilgrims went alone.

### Have you been on a pilgrimage with:

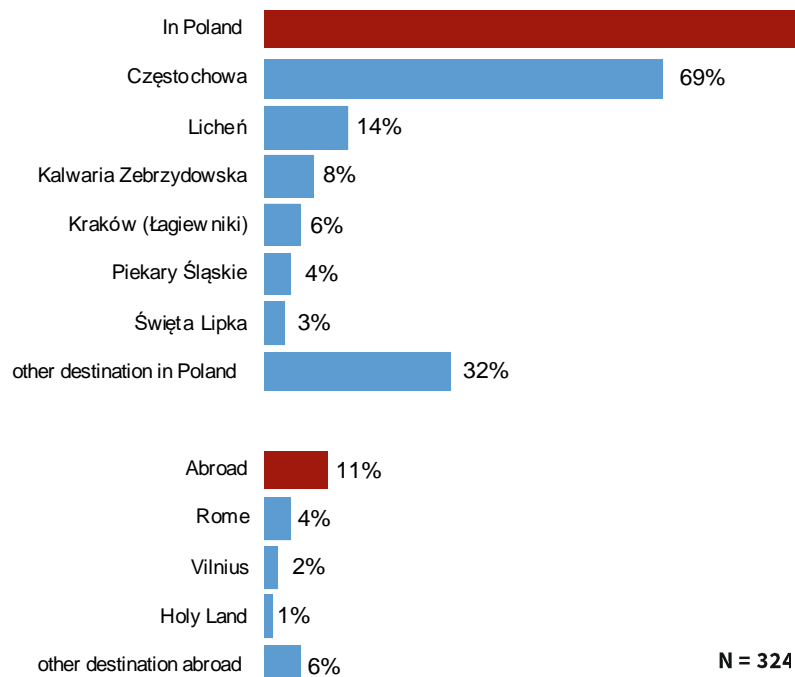


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In Poland there are about five hundred shrines, but one stands out as attraction for pilgrims. By far the most common destination is Jasna Góra in Częstochowa. According to declarations, two thirds of all pilgrims went there, i.e. about every fifth Pole. Other important places on the pilgrimage map are also Licheń and, to a lesser extent, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and Łagiewniki. Besides, there are many other destinations of pilgrimages in Poland, visited by small groups of pilgrims.

About one-tenth (11%) of all pilgrims travelled abroad, mostly to Rome. Apparently foreign "pilgrimage tourism" is not yet popular in our country.

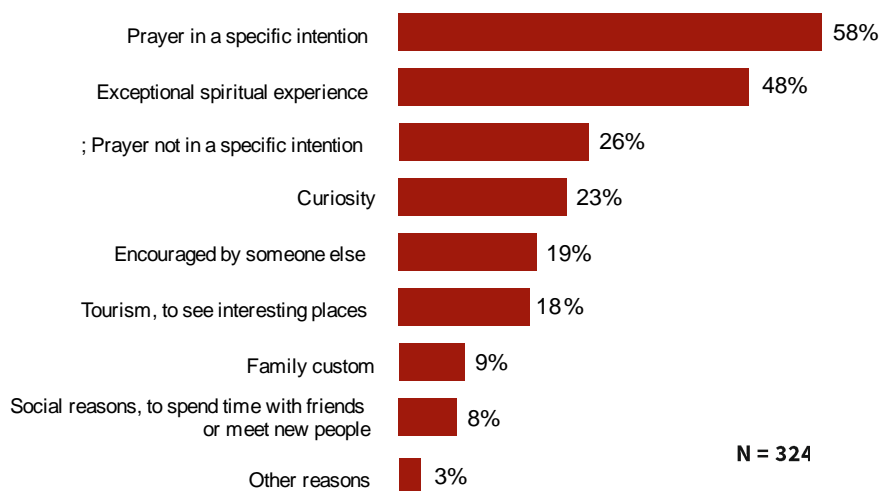
### Where did you travel on pilgrimage?



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More than half of pilgrims declare that the reason for their pilgrimage was prayer in a specific intention. Almost half indicate the unique spiritual experiences of taking part in the pilgrimage. About a quarter of the pilgrims went on pilgrimages to pray, but not in a specific intention, and almost a quarter went out of curiosity. Slightly less admit that someone else induced them to attend or went as tourists.

## What were the reasons for your participation in the pilgrimage?



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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Is It Only Jasna Góra Monastery? Pilgrimage Experience in Poland", September 2017. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2017, N=1009. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.