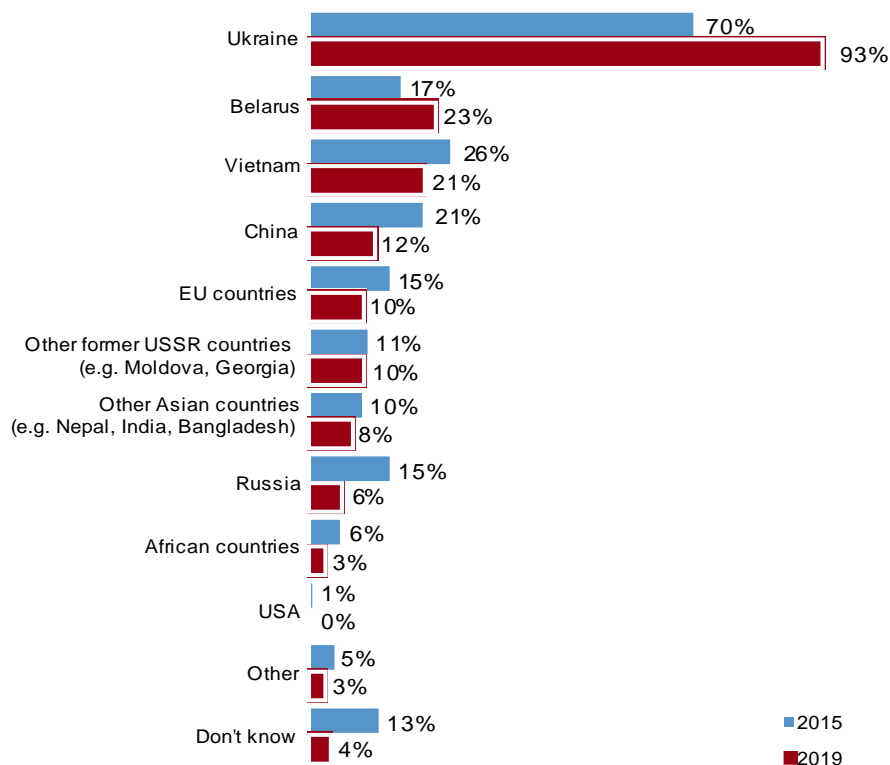


Employment of foreigners in Poland

Poles have noticed the recent influx of Ukrainians to Poland, and among the three most numerous groups of foreigners, apart from Ukrainians, they mention Belarusians and Vietnamese. Social perception regarding the country of origin of foreigners residing in Poland is largely consistent with official data, according to which Ukrainians, and then Belarusians, Germans, Russians and Vietnamese register most often to stay in our country.

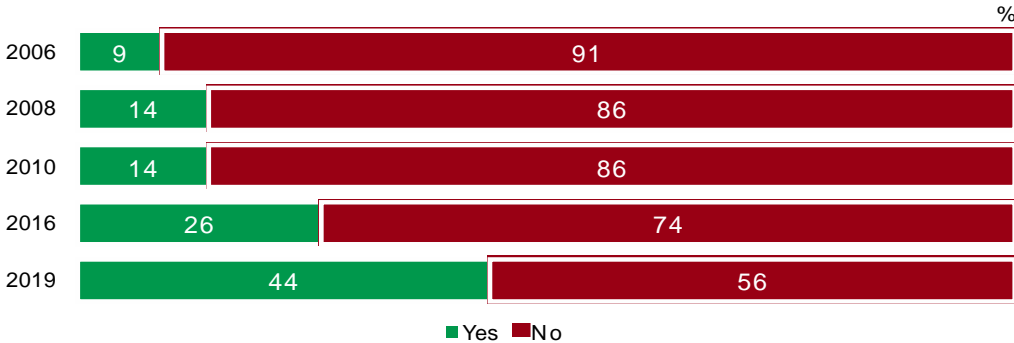
There are more and more foreigners (people without Polish citizenship) living in Poland. Citizens of which countries, in your opinion, are currently most common in Poland?

Up to 3 answers possible.



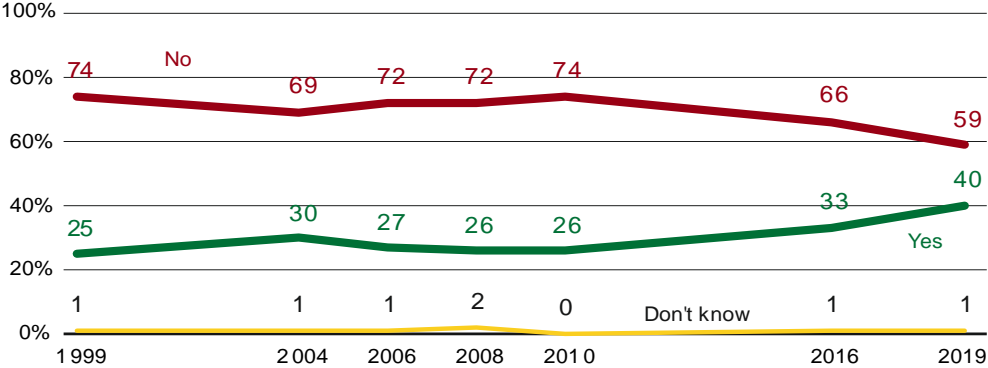
Half of Poles (49%) come into contact with foreigners working in Poland at least once a week while shopping or using various types of services. More than one-eighth (7%) declare having used paid assistance of a foreigner (e.g. for housework, renovation, childcare) or employed a foreigner, e.g. on a construction site or in agriculture. Since 2016, the number of respondents who know someone employing a foreigner personally has increased from 26 to 44%.

Do you personally know someone employing a foreigner (e.g. as a home help, babysitter, nurse, employee on a construction site or during renovation, in agriculture, etc.)?



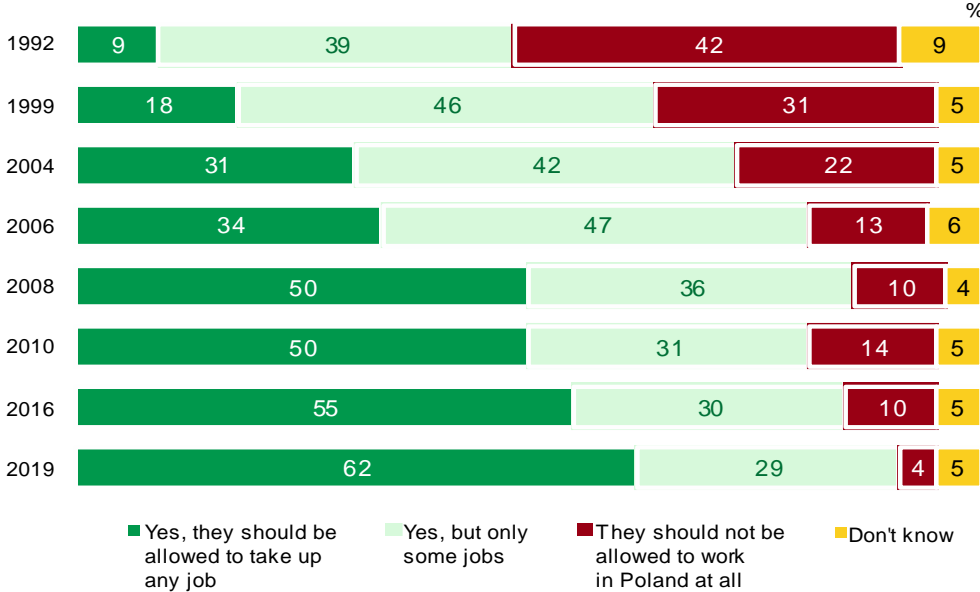
The percentage of respondents who have a friend from another country living in Poland has increased from 33% to 40%. Such acquaintances are characteristic of inhabitants of urban agglomerations, executives and specialists with higher education.

Do you know personally a foreigner living in Poland?



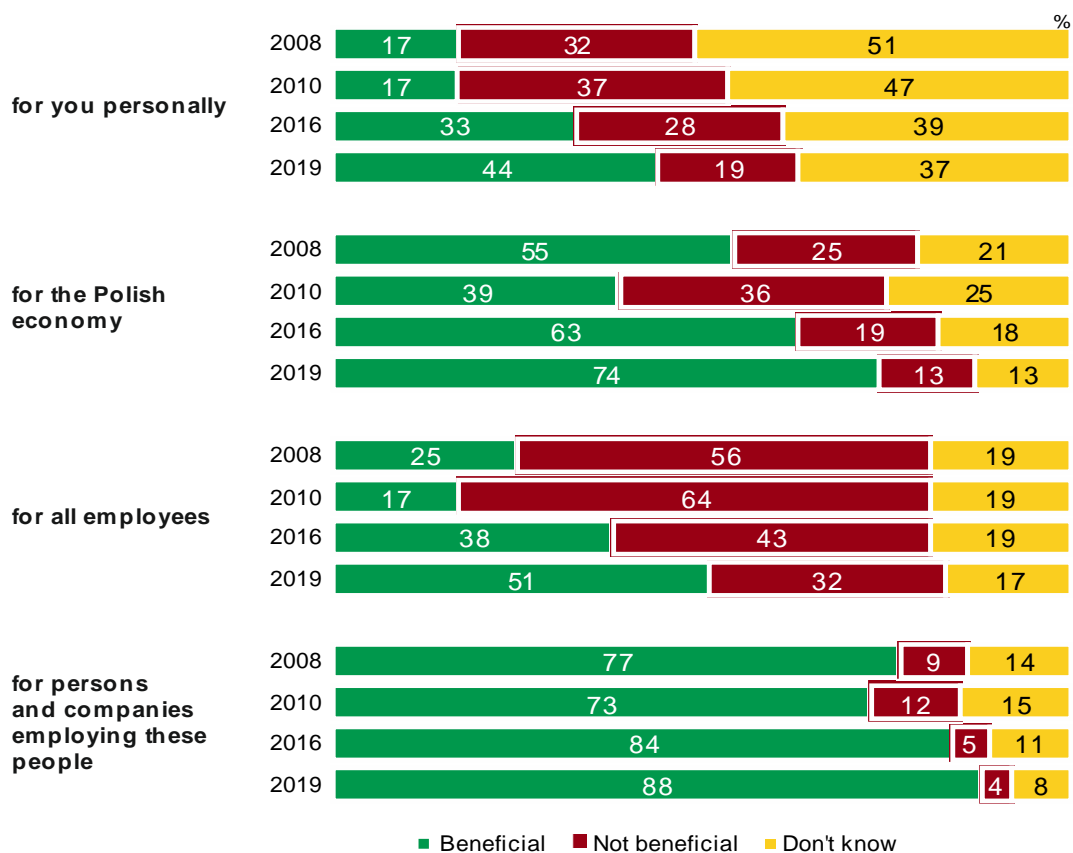
Currently, the majority of respondents (62%) are in favour of foreigners taking up work in Poland freely. Less than a third (29%) believe that job opportunities for foreigners should be limited: it would be best if only certain types of work were available to them. Only a small number think that foreigners should not be allowed to work in Poland at all. Since 1992, acceptance of foreigners taking up work in Poland has been steadily increasing.

Should foreigners be allowed to work in Poland?



Since 2010, Poles have become much more supportive of the work of non-EU foreigners in our country. The vast majority of respondents believe that people and companies employing them (81%) and the Polish economy (74%) benefit from the work of non-EU foreigners. More than half (51%) believe that the work of non-EU foreigners is beneficial for all employed persons, and more than two-fifths (44%) see benefits for themselves personally.

In Poland, non-EU citizens from countries such as Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, as well as Nepal and India take up work. Do you think that their work is beneficial...



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Foreigners Working in Poland", January 2019. Fieldwork for national sample: November 2019, N=944. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.