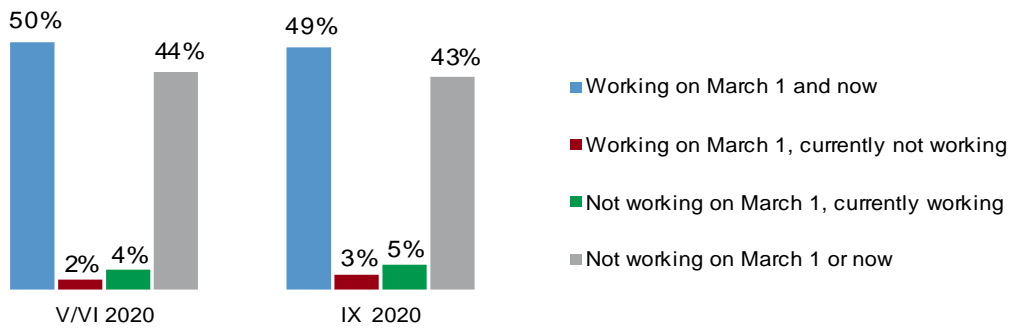


Professional situation of Poles during the coronavirus epidemic

So far, the economic crisis related to the pandemic has increased unemployment to a limited extent. According to Central Statistical Office (GUS), the registered unemployment rate in Poland increased from 5.4% in March to 6.1% in September.

Comparing the professional status of respondents on the eve of the epidemic with the current situation, it can be observed that three out of a hundred Poles (3%) in paid employment on March 1 this year (working on a labour contract, running their own company or farm or performing work commissioned on the basis of a civil contract) are currently not working. Five out of one hundred (5%) of those unemployed at that time now have a job. For the remaining 92% of the respondents, i.e. 49% of the employed and 43% of the unemployed, their current professional status is the same as at the beginning of March. Although the current results are similar to those recorded at the turn of May and June, it can be noticed that the percentage of respondents whose professional situation has changed since March 1 has slightly increased.

Paid employment on March 1 2020 and currently.

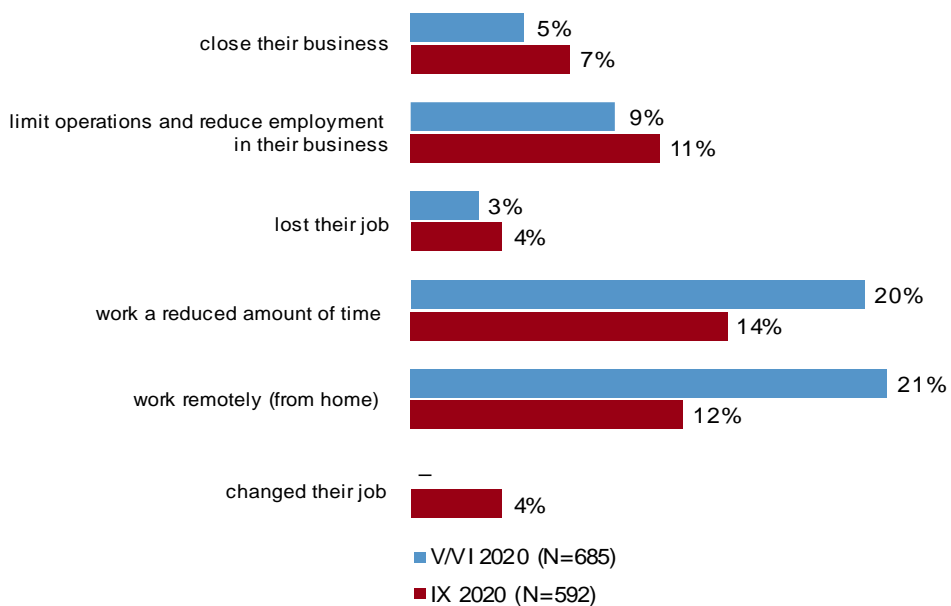


Young people under 24 (7%) and inhabitants of small towns of less than 20,000 (6%) are more often than on average among those who lost their jobs between the beginning of March and the survey date.

The impact of the coronavirus epidemic on professional life is now felt by a total of one-third of respondents who had an income at its very beginning, i.e. March 1 this year (34%). Compared to the turn of May and June, the number of people who lost their jobs due to the epidemic increased slightly, while the percentage of those working part-time and remotely significantly decreased.

Have there been any changes in your professional career due to the coronavirus epidemic and related restrictions?

Percentages of respondents employed at the beginning of March who had to ...



More than a tenth (11% compared to 9% at the turn of May and June) had to scale down business and reduce employment in their company, and seven out of one hundred (7% compared to 5%) had to close the company. Due to the epidemic, 14% of respondents are working on reduced workload, compared to 20% at the turn of May and June, and four out of a hundred (4% compared to 3%) lost their jobs. Four out of a hundred respondents (4%) changed jobs during the epidemic. About one-eighth (12% against 21% at the turn of May and June) work remotely from home.

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Professional Situation of Poles during Coronavirus Epidemic ", October 2020. Fieldwork for national sample: September 2020, N=1149. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.