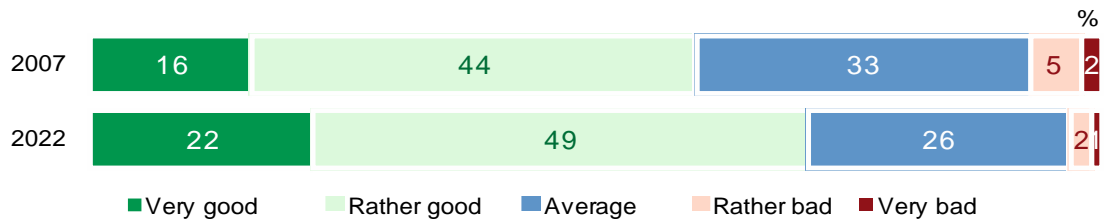


Housing situation and preferences regarding the place of residence

More than two-thirds of Poles live in houses (43%) or flats (25%) owned by themselves or their spouses. About a fifth (19%) live in a house (11%) or flat (8%) owned by their parents or other relatives. Slightly more than one-twentieth (6%) occupy a council or company flat, and two out of a hundred (2%) live in a co-operative without ownership rights. Three out of one hundred respondents (3%) rent their flat or house. Regardless of the type of ownership of their housing, more than half of Poles (54%) live in houses, and more than two fifths (41%) live in flats in multi-family buildings.

Most Poles are satisfied with their living conditions. Seven out of ten respondents (71%) rate them as good. A quarter (26%) describe them as average, and only three in a hundred (3%) consider them as bad. Compared to the study from fifteen years ago, there has been a noticeable increase in number of people who are satisfied in this respect (an 11-point rise), with a decline in the number of the dissatisfied by 4 points, as well as a 7-point decrease in the proportion of people assessing their housing conditions as average.

How would you evaluate your living conditions?

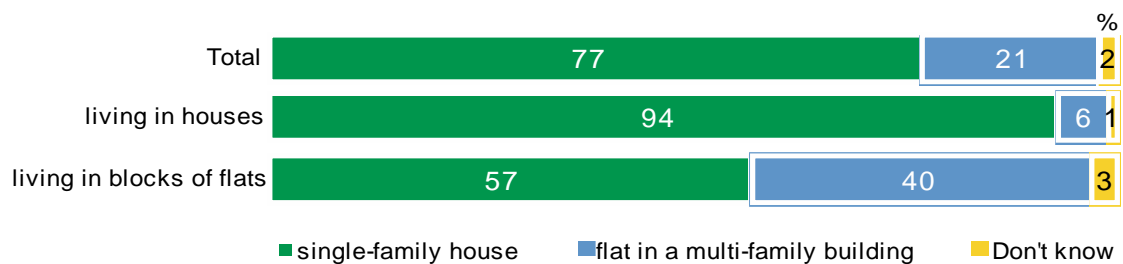


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Almost three out of ten respondents (29%) declare their intention to move to another house or flat, including 12% of the total wishing to do it within the next few years. The willingness to move is expressed more often than average by young respondents (80% of those aged 18 to 24), and least frequently, by those aged 65+ (4%). The plan to change the place of residence is most often voiced by respondents from the largest cities (48%), and least often by inhabitants of rural areas (21%).

The vast majority of Poles would prefer to live in a single-family house (77%), rather than in a block of flats (21%). These preferences depend primarily on the type of buildings currently inhabited. Almost all people living in single-family houses prefer to live in the house (94%). Opinions of people living in multi-family buildings are more divided, although the preference for a house prevails in this group as well (57% vs. 40%).

Regardless of where you currently live, would you prefer to live in a:

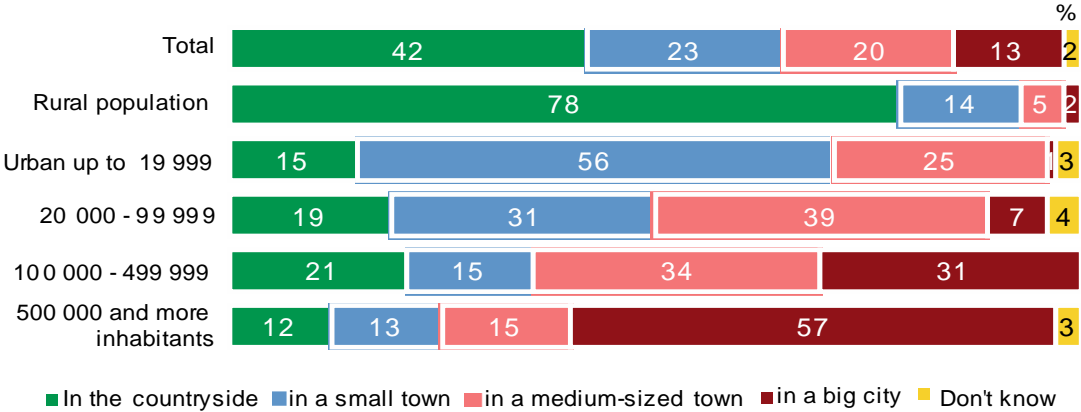


The analysis of socio-demographic differences also shows that people aged 35-44 would prefer to live in single-family houses (87%), whereas respondents aged 65 or more would relatively often like to live in multi-family houses (31%). Taking into account the place of residence, single-family houses are most often preferred by inhabitants of rural areas (91%), while inhabitants of the largest cities relatively often prefer multi-family buildings (32%).

Poles, when asked about the possibility of choosing a place of residence, prefer rural areas and smaller towns: the bigger the size of settlement, the lower the preference. More than two-fifths of respondents (42%) would like to live in the countryside, and only 13% in large cities.

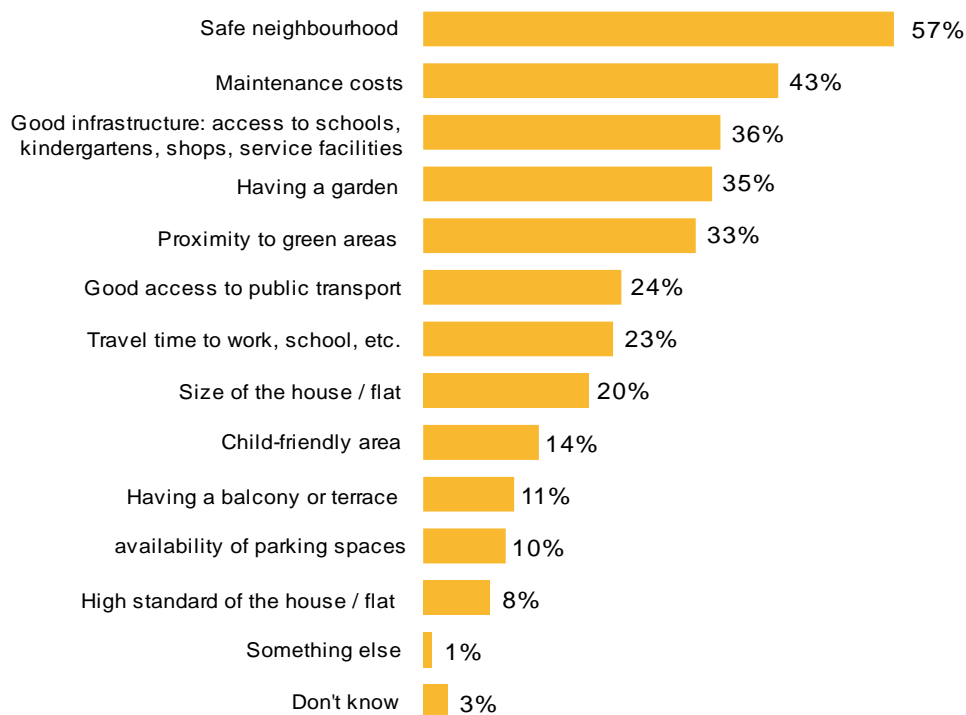
Residence size preferences depend primarily on the current place of residence. The vast majority of rural residents would like to live in the countryside (78%), and the majority of respondents from cities up to 20,000 residents would like to live in a small town (56%). In contrast, residents of larger cities prefer metropolitan areas. More than half of the inhabitants of the largest cities (57%) would like to live in a large city.

If you now had the option of choosing a place of residence, where would you like to live?



When it comes to choosing a place of residence, security issues are of key importance (indicated by 57% of respondents), followed by the cost of maintaining a flat or a house (43%). For a large group of respondents, good social infrastructure is important, i.e. access to schools, kindergartens, shops, service facilities (36%), as well as contact with nature: having a garden (35%) and proximity to green areas (33%). Another very important issue is good transportation in the area: good access to public transport (24%) and appropriate travel time to work, school, etc. (23%).

What is the most important for you regarding your place of residence?



More information about this topic can be found in CBOS reports in Polish: "Housing Situation of Poles" and "How Would Poles Like to Live?", August 2022. Fieldwork for national sample: June 2022, N=1050. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.