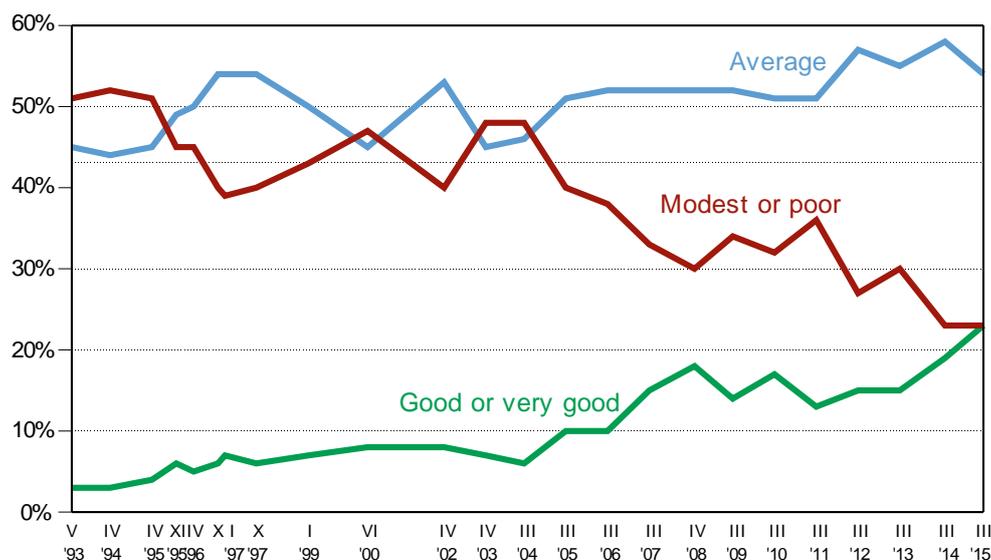


## Material living conditions

Material living conditions of Poles are improving. The majority of people (54%) describe them as average, but now, for the first time since the beginning of systemic transformation, the proportion of people who live in good conditions equals the percentage of respondents who describe them as modest or bad (23% each).

### Which is the best description of material standard of your household?

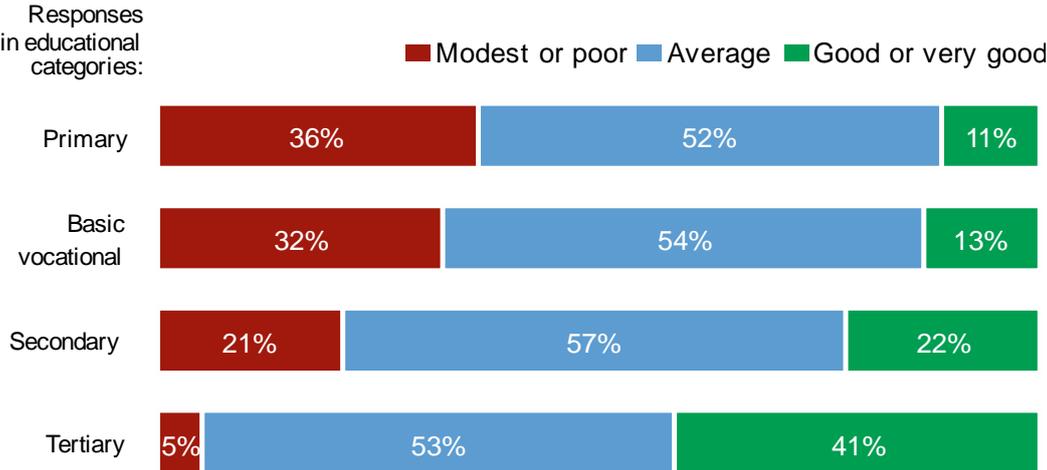


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Education is the key factor differentiating financial situation. Among respondents with primary or basic vocational education one-third live modestly or are poor; among respondents with tertiary education only one in twenty lives in bad conditions. In the latter group over two-fifths describe their conditions as good or very good. Financial situation is also strongly differentiated by age.

The older the respondents, the more often they have problems satisfying their needs, and the younger they are, the more frequently they declare living in good conditions. Among those aged 55 and older, a third declare living in modest or bad conditions, while one in seven describes his or her conditions as good. Among the youngest, only one-tenth locate themselves below average, while two-fifths place themselves above it.

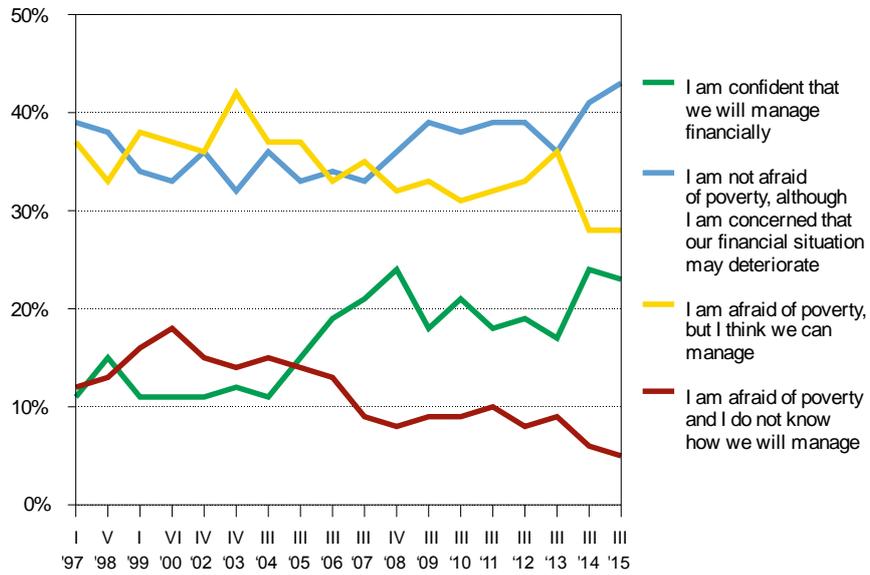
**Which is the best description of material standard of your household?**



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Anxiety about deterioration of the household financial situation is on a relatively low level. Almost a quarter of Poles (23%) are confident about their financial future, while two-fifths (43%) are afraid that their financial situation may deteriorate, but are not afraid of falling into poverty. Overall, a third of respondents (33%) fear poverty, but most of them (28%) believe they can cope with it. One-twentieth (5%) are helpless in the face of poverty.

## Which statement best describes the financial situation of your household?



*"Don't know" omitted*

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Material standard of living", April 2015. Fieldwork for national sample: March 2015, N=1062. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.