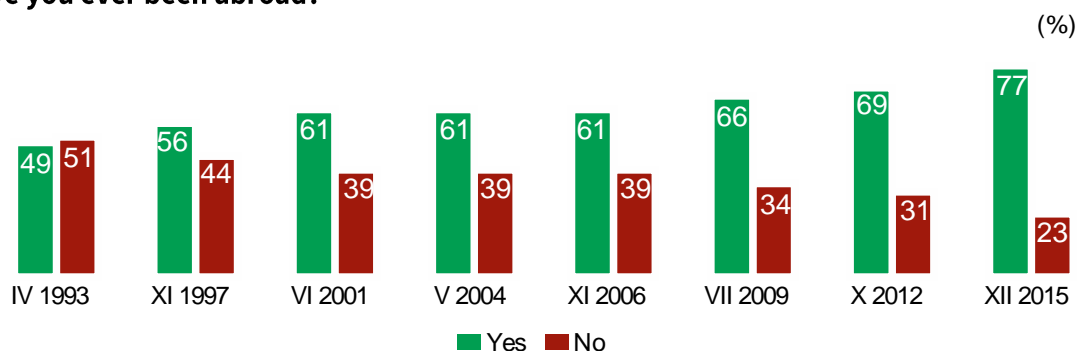


## Foreign travel and knowledge of foreign languages

Since 1993, the proportion of people who were abroad at least once has increased by twenty-eight percentage points. At present 77% of adult Poles declare having been abroad, out of which 73% were abroad in the last twenty years.

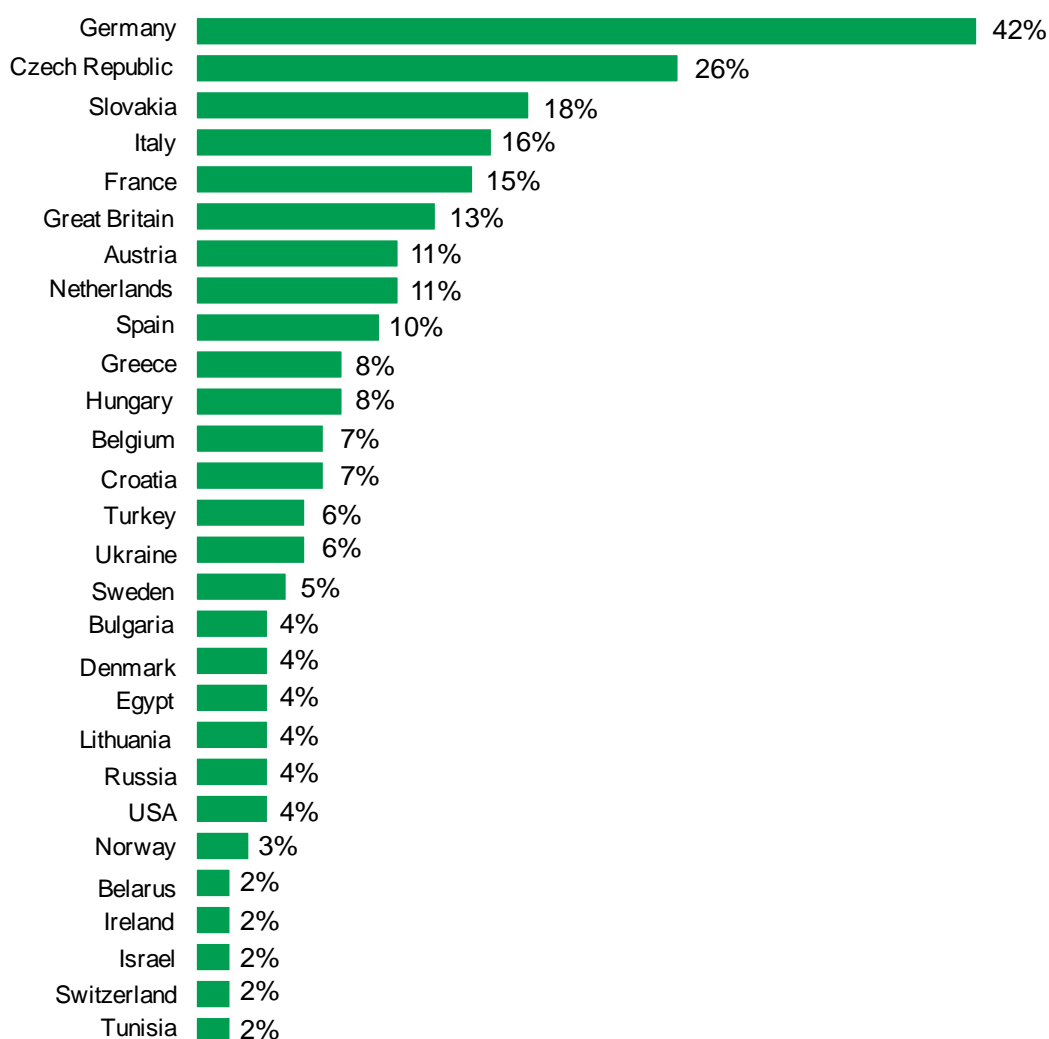
### Have you ever been abroad?



Although the proportion of Poles travelling abroad has increased, the percentage of people having a valid passport is decreasing systematically (drop from 50% in 2001 to 30% in 2015). It is largely the result of Poland's EU accession and absence of obligation to have the passport when travelling within the EU. Most foreign travelers choose European destinations. The most common destination is Germany: over two-fifths of all respondents have been there in the last twenty years. Next is the Czech Republic, visited by a quarter,

and Slovakia, where almost a fifth of Poles spent some time. Poland's eastern neighbours (Ukraine, Russia, Lithuania and Belarus) are visited far less frequently. Among countries without a land border with Poland, the most popular destinations are: Italy, France and Great Britain, followed by Austria, Netherlands, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Belgium and Croatia.

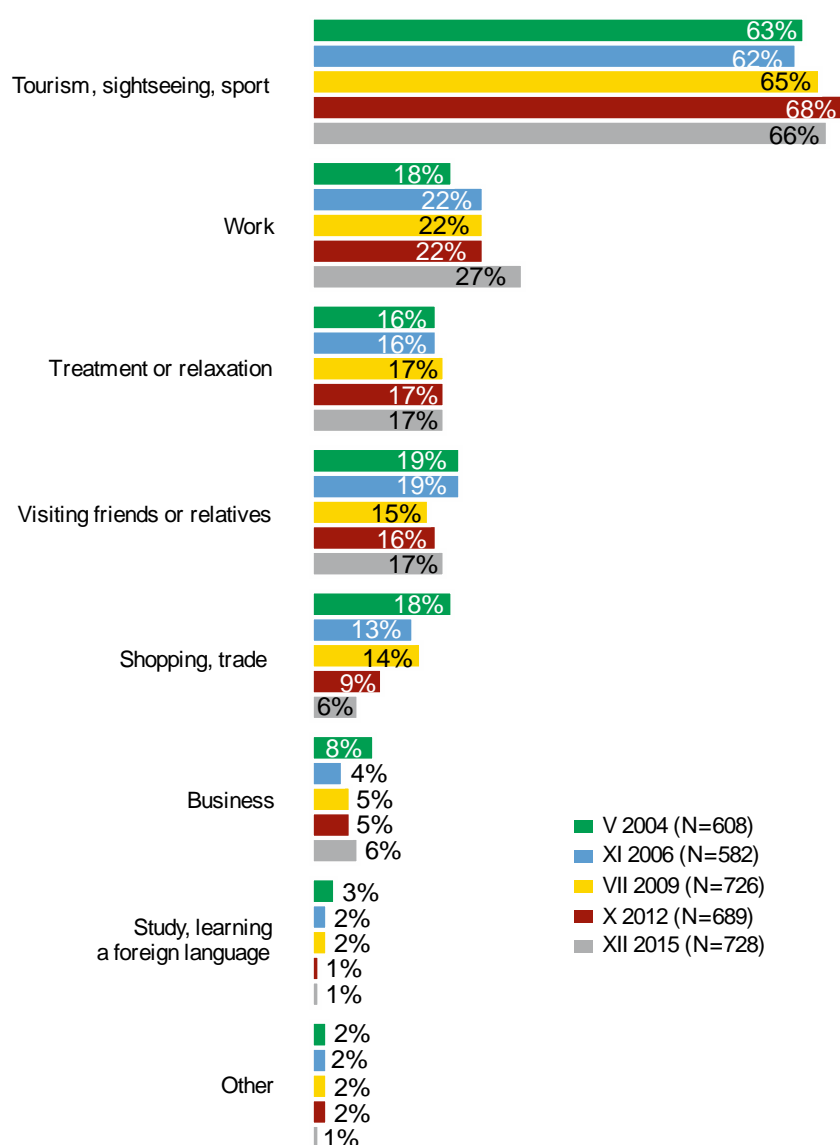
### Most common destinations in the last twenty years



Relative to 2012, the popularity of most destinations has remained unchanged, while others increased in popularity. There has been an increase in the proportion of people who have been to France (by 7 points), Germany (by 6 points), Netherlands (by 5 points), as well as Italy, Great Britain, Austria and Belgium (by 4 points). Greece, Turkey and Denmark are gaining in attractiveness systematically, if not by a large margin (a 2-point increase since 2012).

Most travellers went abroad for tourism. Over a quarter went to another country to work. Less than a sixth went to relax or undergo treatment. The same proportion visited friends or relatives. One-sixteenth travelled to trade or shop, and the same number of people took a business trip. Only a few claim to have travelled to learn.

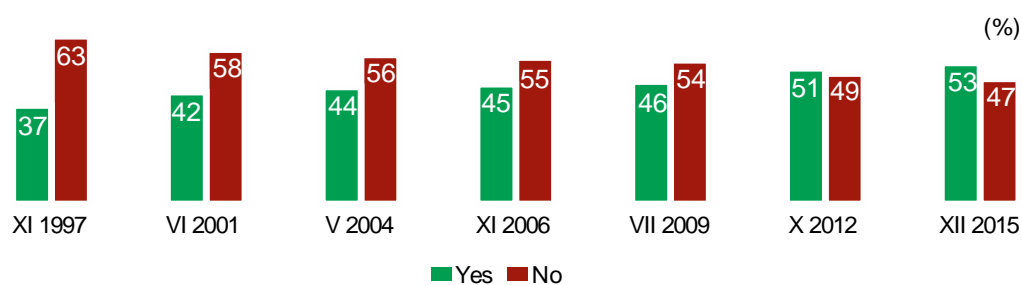
### Purpose of foreign travel



*Responses of people travelling abroad in the last twenty years Up to two main purposes*

The number of people who are able to speak a foreign language is increasing systematically. At present, according to declarations, over half of adult Poles (53%) can communicate in a foreign language. This group has increased by 16 percentage points since 1997.

### Do you know a foreign language well enough to communicate?



The most commonly known foreign language is English (32% of all adults). A fifth (20%) can speak Russian. The third most popular foreign language is German, spoken by 14% of adults.

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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Knowledge of Foreign Languages and Foreign Trips", January 2016. Fieldwork for national sample: December 2015, N=989. The random address sample is representative for adult population of Poland.