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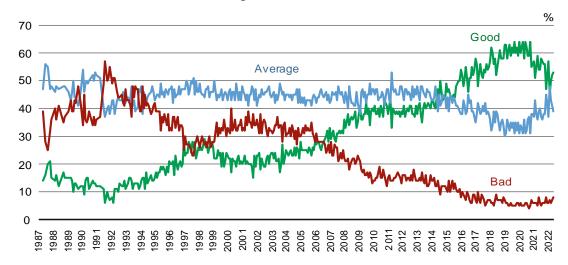
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### **Evaluation of household material living conditions**

Responses show that the rising inflation has not translated into a marked deterioration in the living conditions of people. In April 2022, more than half of respondents assessed the material conditions of their households as good (53%), nearly two-fifths as average (39%), and only a few as bad (5%). Over the last year, the perception of the material conditions of households has changed little.

We recorded the best assessments of material conditions in the period preceding the coronavirus pandemic. From about the middle of the first decade of this century to 2020, their perception was more or less systematically improving. Despite the deterioration of the assessments of the financial situation during the pandemic, since August 2006 positive assessments of material conditions have continuously prevailed over negative ones.

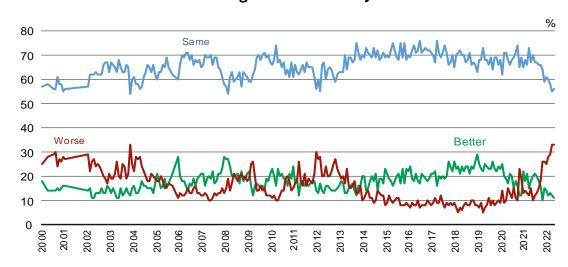
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Over the last year, we have observed clear unfavourable changes in predictions about the material conditions of households. From April 2021 to April 2022, the percentage of people expecting a drop in living standards more than doubled from 15% to 33%. Invariably, the largest group (currently 56%) are people who do not expect changes in either direction.

#### Predicted household material living conditions next year

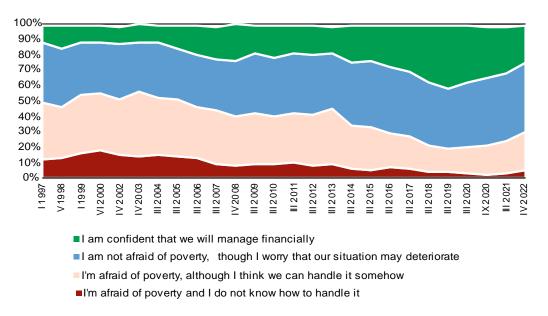


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Since last year, there have been more people fearing poverty (a rise from 24% to 30%), and fewer people completely confident about their financial future (a drop from 30% to 24%). The largest percentage of respondents (45%) are not afraid of poverty, although they take into account the possibility of their financial situation deteriorating

Taking into account the longer, twenty-five-year perspective, it can be stated that the lowest level of anxiety in the history of our research, and at the same time the highest percentage of people completely confident about their financial future, was recorded in 2019. In the following years, the level of anxiety grew. This year, compared to the previous, it increased quite significantly and is similar to the level recorded in 2016.

## Which of the following statements best describes your household's current financial situation?



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More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Financial Situation of Households", May 2022. Fieldwork for national sample: April 2022, N=1030. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.