# Well-being and income comparisons

Preliminary results on Ukrainian sample

# Data

- Data: A two-wave survey study conducted on two samples: representative samples of Poles (in terms of gender, age, education) and Ukrainians (representativeness obtained via weights based on PESEL UKR)
- Data Collection: For Polish sample, we used external public opinion company, for Ukrainian sample, we used Panel of Ukrainians developed at the Centre of Migration at the University of Warsaw
- Questionnaire: For both waves, the questionnaire obtained a positive opinion of the Ethics Comitee at the Faculty of Economic Sciences. The questionnaire for Ukrainians was profesionally translated into Ukrainian (79% respondents) and Russian (15% respondents).
- Measures: COR-E, SWLS, PANAS-X, ITQ, sociodemographic, status of migrants, income comparisons

1st wave on Poles (n=1200)	VI 2024	2nd wave on Poles (n=941)	XII 2024	
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III 2024	1st wave on Ukrainians (n= 1233)	X 2024	2nd wave on Ukrainians (n=945)	

### Most Important Resources

Poles		Ukrainians	
Resource	Average Importance	Resource	Average Importance
Health of loved ones	4.73	Health of loved ones	4.74
Happiness of loved ones	4.57	Happiness of children	4.66
Income sufficient for current expenses	4.53	Income sufficient for current expenses	4.58
Good relationships with loved ones	4.48	Good relationships with children	4.56
Happiness of children	4.47	Having financial security in case of dramatic life events	4.56

Note: on a scale 1-5 where 5 means "extremely important"

### Least Important Resources

Poles		Ukrainians	
Resource	Average Importance	Resource	Average Importance
Living in accordance to one's religion principles	3.14	Having influential friends	3.04
Faith, religious beliefs	3.04	High social position	3.02
High social position	2.87	Living in accordance to one's religion principles	2.81
Having influential friends	2.82	Having power	2.74
Having power	2.49	Faith, religious beliefs	2.71

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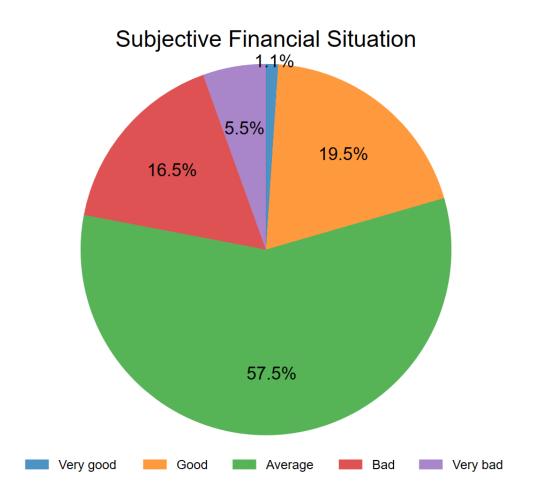
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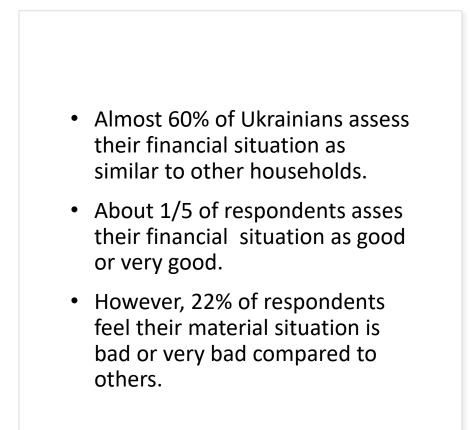
- For Ukrainians, having financial security was one of the most important resources in life.
- In general, we observe similarities in the importance of resources between Poles and Ukrainians, which might be the result of their cultural similarities.

# Changes in subjective well-being of Ukrainians

- Majority of Ukrainians (82%) have greater level of life satisfaction in December as compared to June
- The levels of positive and negative emotions have not changed statistically.
- Almost 60% of respondents asses their health as fair or bad.

#### Income comparisons

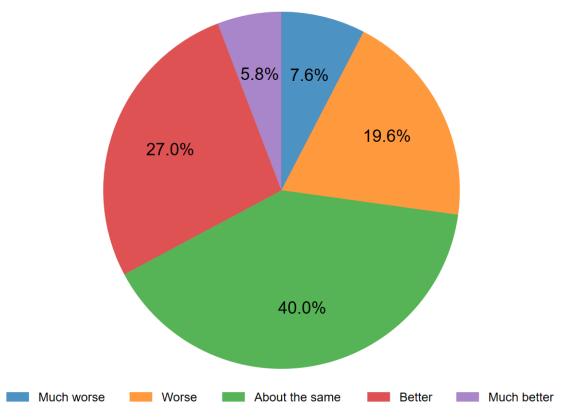




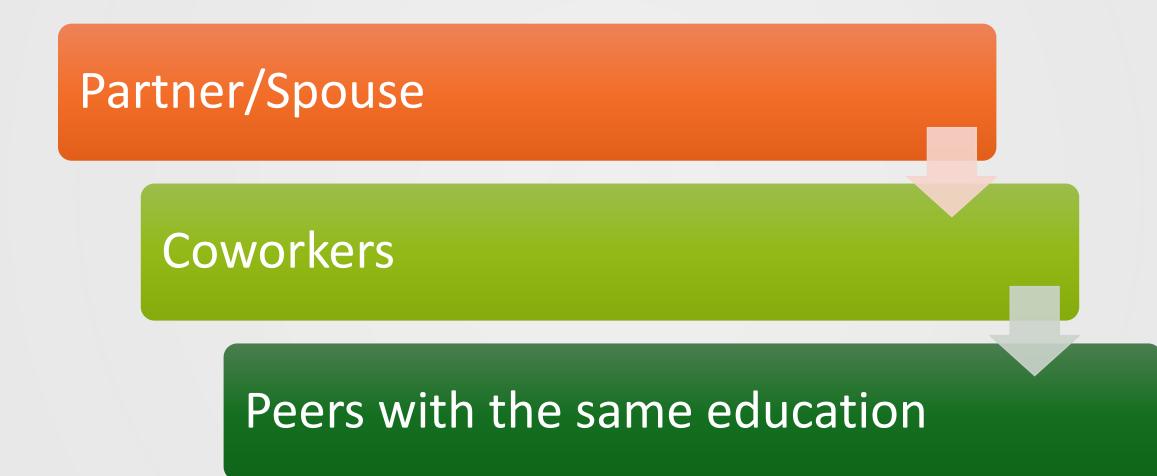
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- For one third of respondents, financial situation improved since last year as compared to 27% who report worse or much worse situation.
- Still, over 50% respondents claim that their material situation is better or much better than their parents' when they were in the same age.

#### Financial Situation Compared to Last Year



# **Comparison Groups – Most important groups**



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- Most popular material comparison group for respondents were partner/spouse, coworkers, and peers with the same education.
- On the contrary, people are less likely to compare themselves with neighbours, migrants from other countries than Ukraine, or influencers from social media