

Additional file 2 Selected demographic characteristics and health conditions

CHARACTERISTICS	ALL RESPONDENTS N =3027	ALL RESPONDENTS %
SEX: MEN WOMEN	1454 1573	48,0 52,0
AGE Years (+/- SD) Median (min-max)	43,61 (+/- 17,5) 43 (15-94)	
EDUCATION*: A level B level C level	1065 1251 711	35,18 41,33 23,49
EMPLOYMENT STATUS Paid work (including self-employment) In education Unemployed Retired Housework/care for children or other persons Permanently sick or disabled Other	1359 409 224 681 191 145 18	44,9 13,5 7,4 22,5 6,3 4,8 0,6
RESIDENCE: PLACE Big cities (above 100000 residents) Minor cities Villages/rural area	966 941 1120	31,9 31,1 37,0
HEALTH STATUS (subjective assessment) Very good Good Fair Poor Very poor	539 1204 1068 176 40	17,8 39,8 35,3 5,8 1,3
FREQUENCY OF DOCTOR'S VISITS (during last 12 months) N (mean +/- SD) Median (min-max)	5,91 (+/- 8,54) 3 (0-99)	
CHRONIC DISEASES/DISABILITY Yes, I personally Yes, a person close to me No	402 978 1647	13,3 32,3 54,4

* The item related to the education of the respondents included eleven options, from basic to university level, specific to the Polish education system. The eleven levels were collapsed into three categories according to the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED): (A) education level lower than upper secondary; (B) education level including upper secondary to post-secondary non-tertiary; and (C) education level covering all levels according to ISCED higher than post-secondary non-tertiary.