



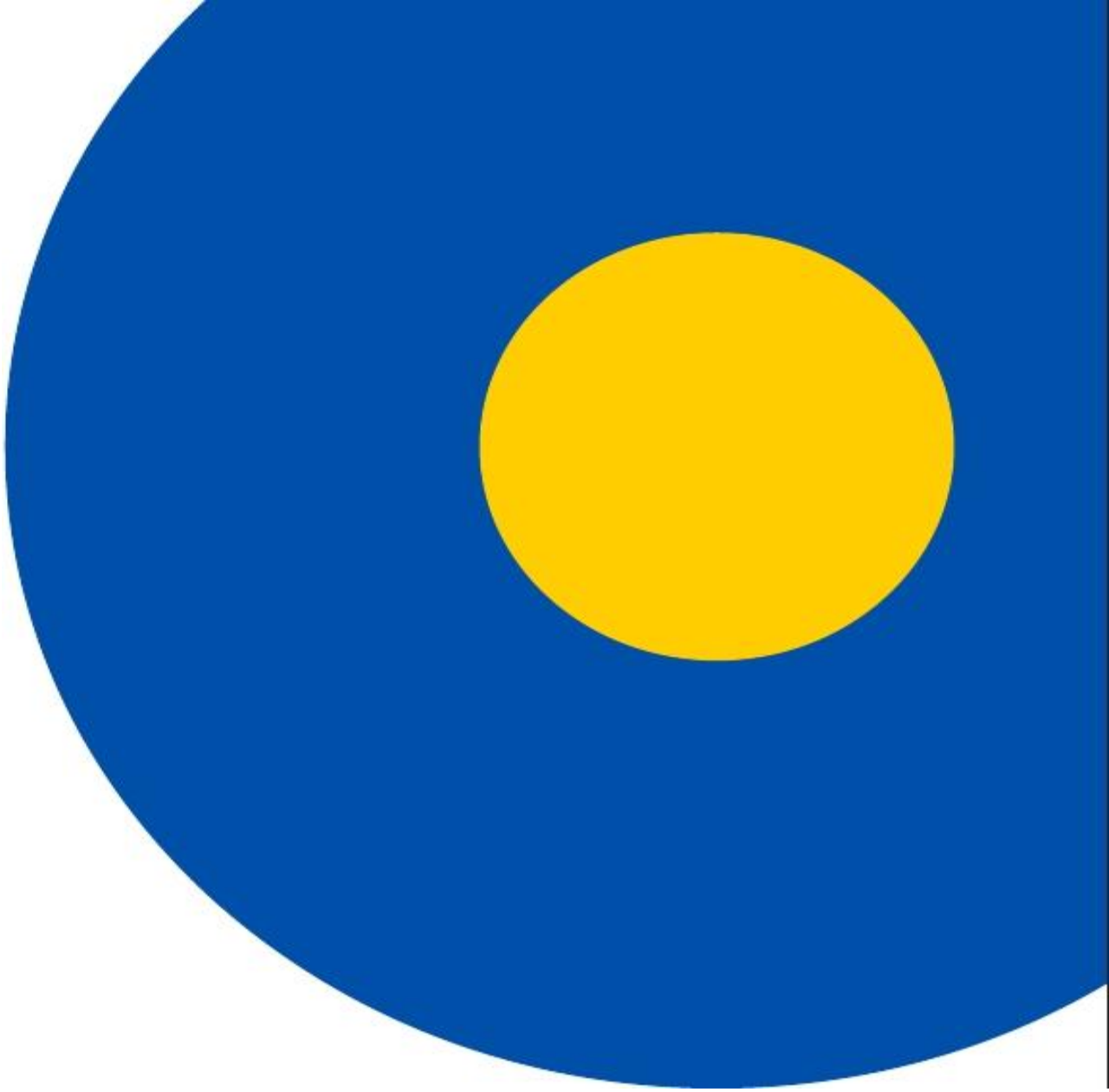
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***The social work approach
as framework to
empower families and the
realization of social rights***

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The Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (NCU)

- founded in 1945
 - 17 faculties
 - 25 000 students
- 100 fields of study courses
 - 4039 employees
- one of the 5 best universities
in Poland

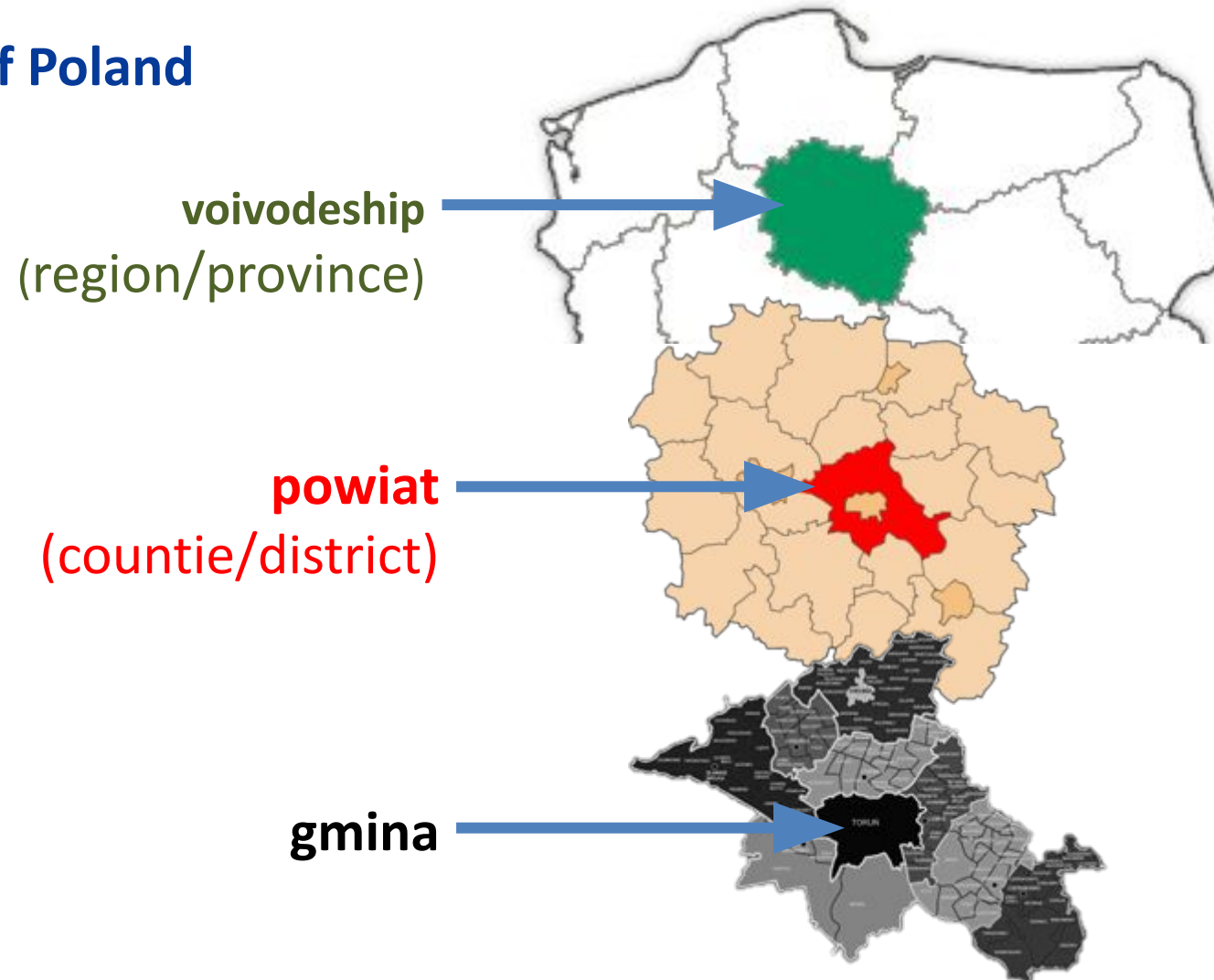


Few facts about Poland

- Area: 312,685 km²,
- Population: 38 413 000 (in 2018),
- The neighboring countries: on its north-eastern border are Lithuania and Russia (Kaliningrad); Ukraine and Belarus are to its east; on the south are Slovakia and the Czech Republic; and Germany is at its west. The Baltic sea borders the northern part of Poland.,
- Famous people: Nicolaus Copernicus (astronomer), Frederic Chopin (composer and pianist), Maria Skłodowska-Curie (physicist and chemist); Pope John Paul II (née Karol Józef Wojtyła).



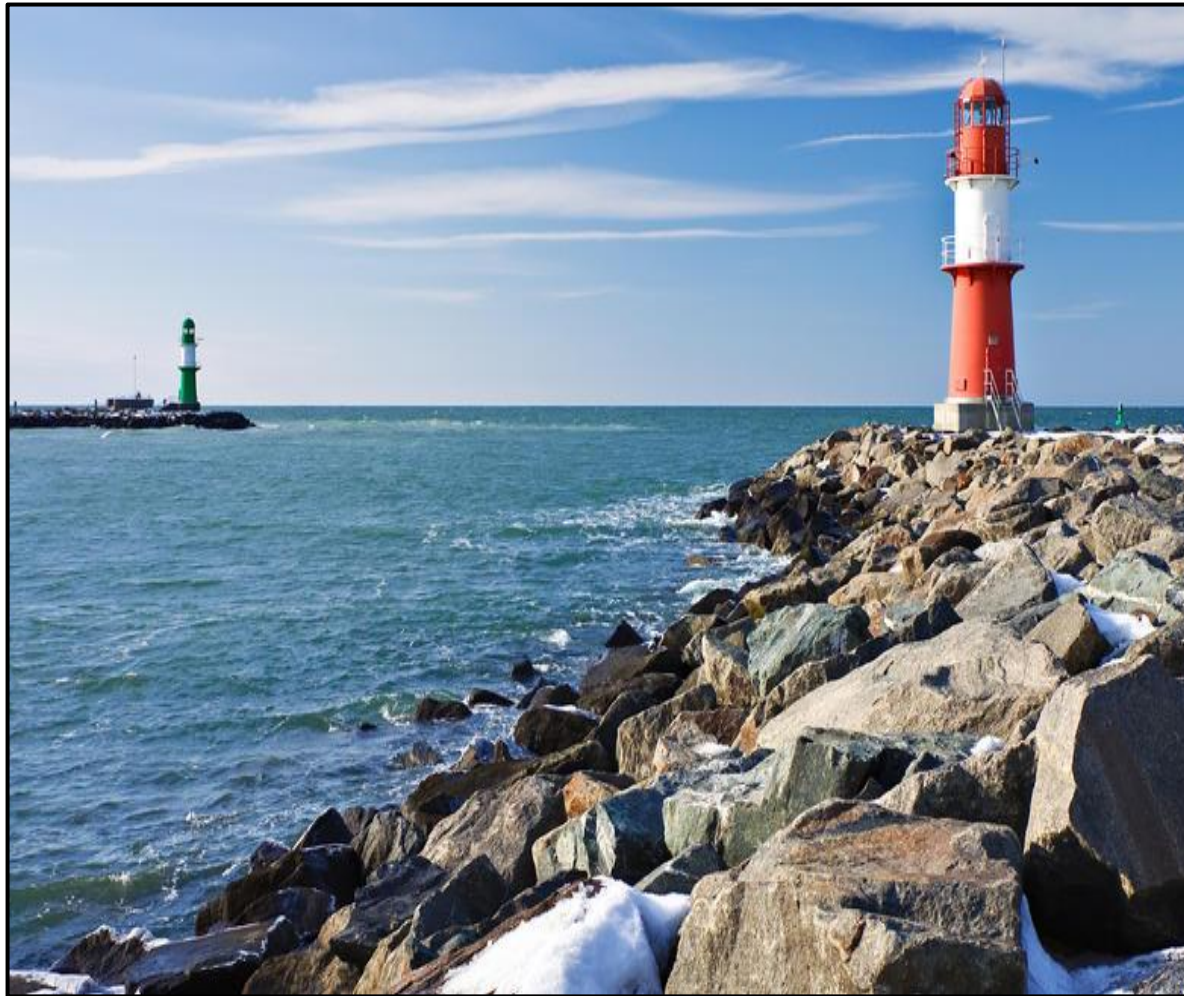
Administration of Poland



Polish mountains and Tatra National Park



On the left: Baltic sea, on the right: Masurian Lake District (or Masurian Lakeland)



Białowieża National Park



Global definition of social work

*“Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes **social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people**. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing. The above definition may be amplified at national and/or regional levels.”*

(source: IFSW General Meeting, <https://www.ifsw.org/what-is-social-work/global-definition-of-social-work/>)

Definition of social work – polish social welfare act (2004)

Art. 2. Social work is an institution of the social policy of the state, aimed at enabling people and families overcoming difficult life situations that they are unable to overcome, using its own powers, resources and

Social welfare in Poland (2017)

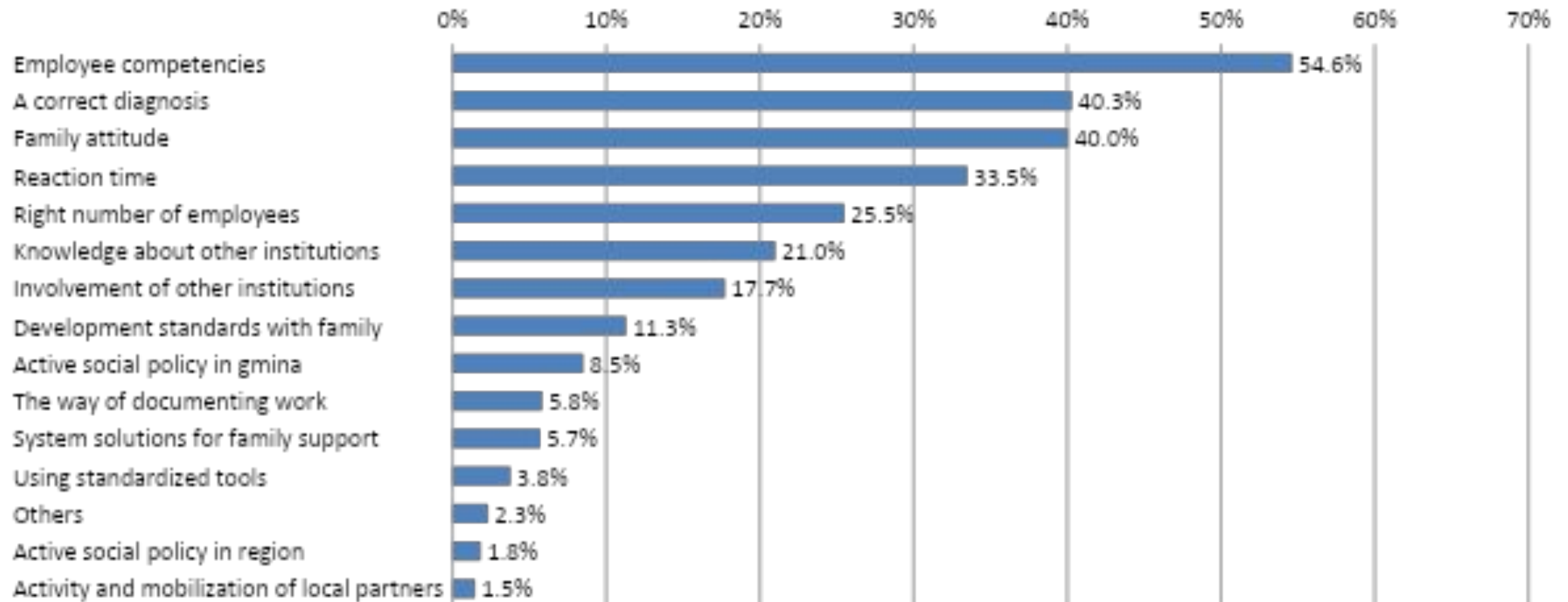
Employment in the organizational units of social welfare in Poland: 130 503 people,
including social workers from:

- Social Welfare Centre (*Ośrodek Pomocy Społecznej, OPS*): 19 610 / 56 092
- Poviats Family Support Centres (*Powiatowe Centra Pomocy Rodzinie, PCPR*): 1 129 / 6 930
- Regional Centre for Social Policy: 1004

Research on cooperation in child and family social work

6 regions – województwa,
40 municipalities,
825 professionals working with families
311 social workers,
2019

Factors that facilitating cooperation between institutions and families (N=825)



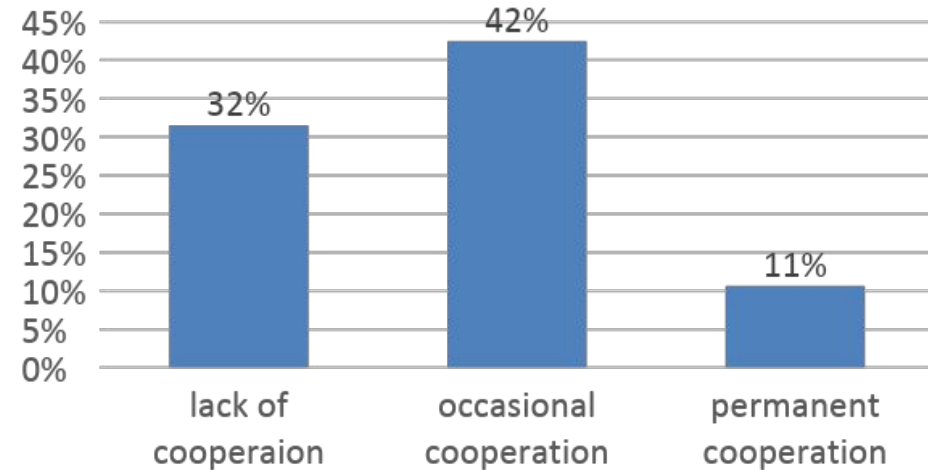
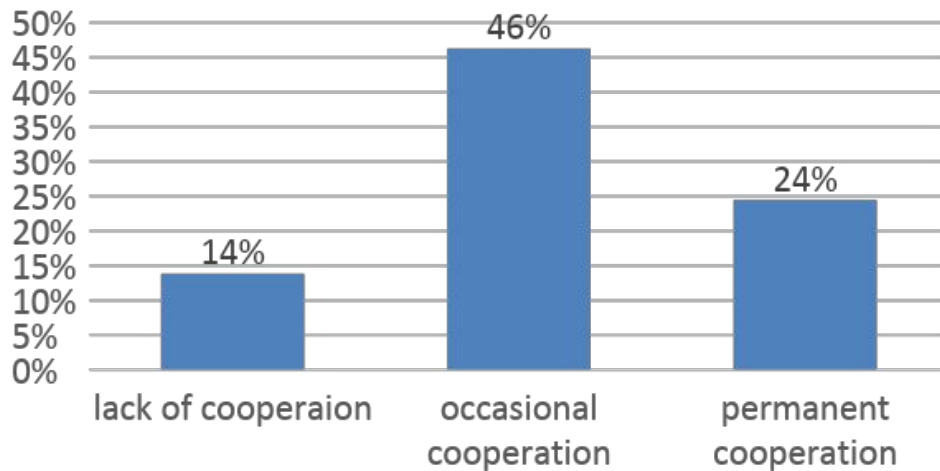
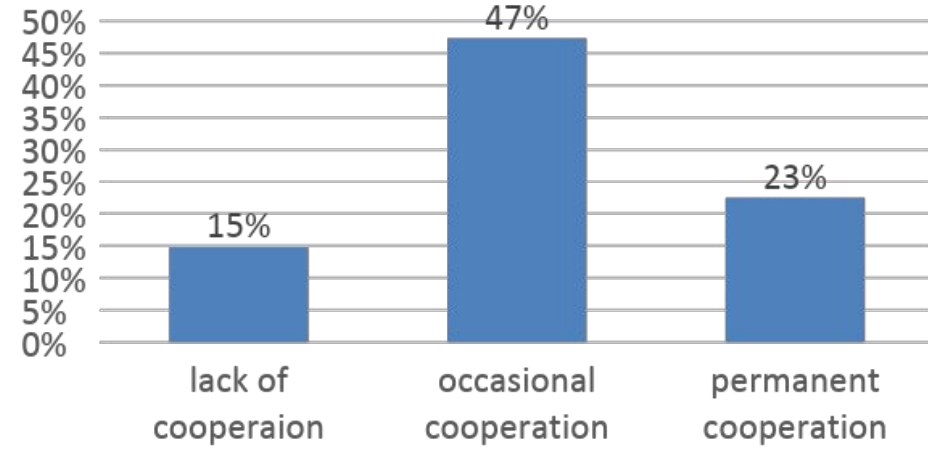
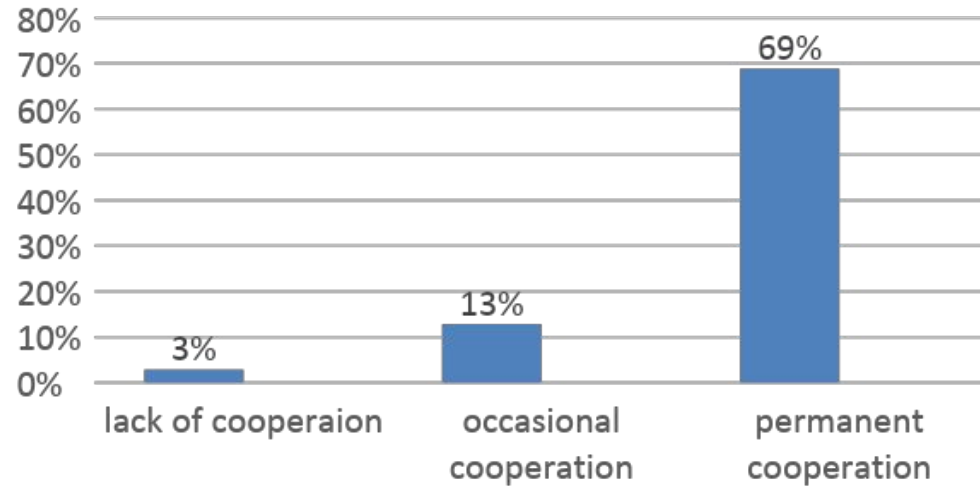
Factors that facilitating cooperation between public institutions (N=825)



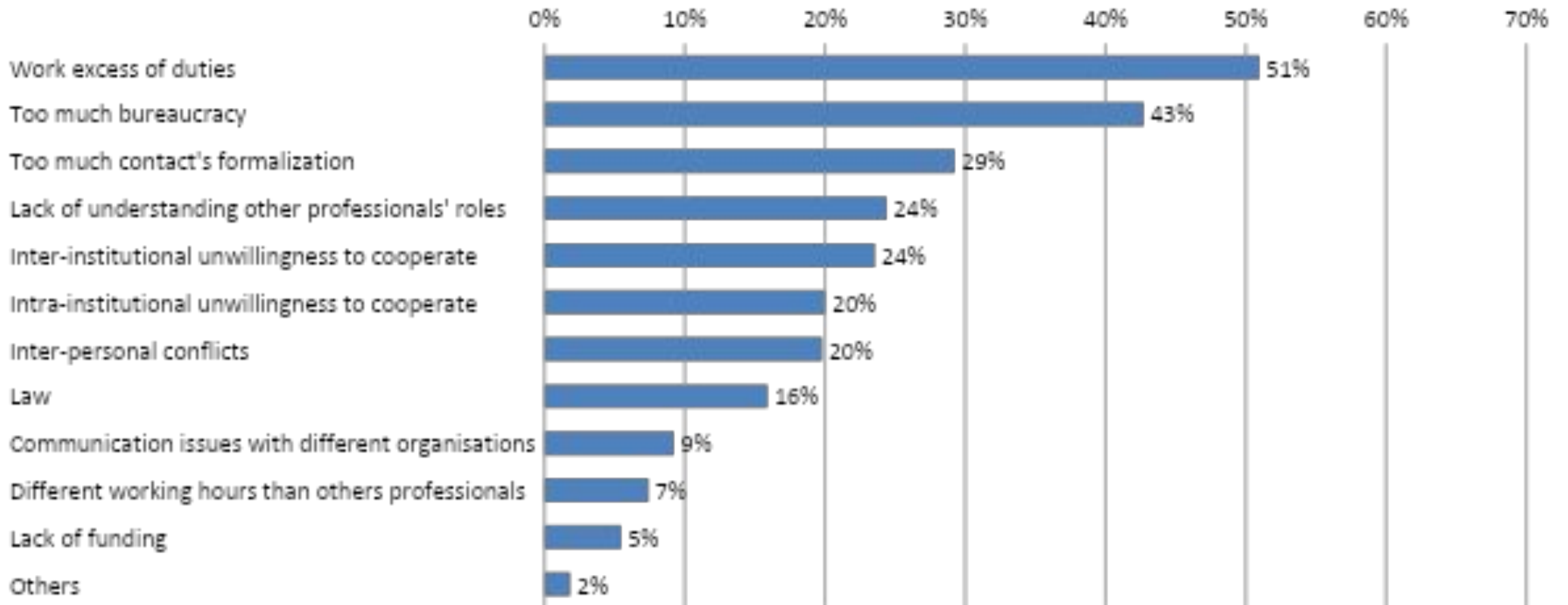
Factors that facilitating cooperation between public and non-public institutions (N=825)



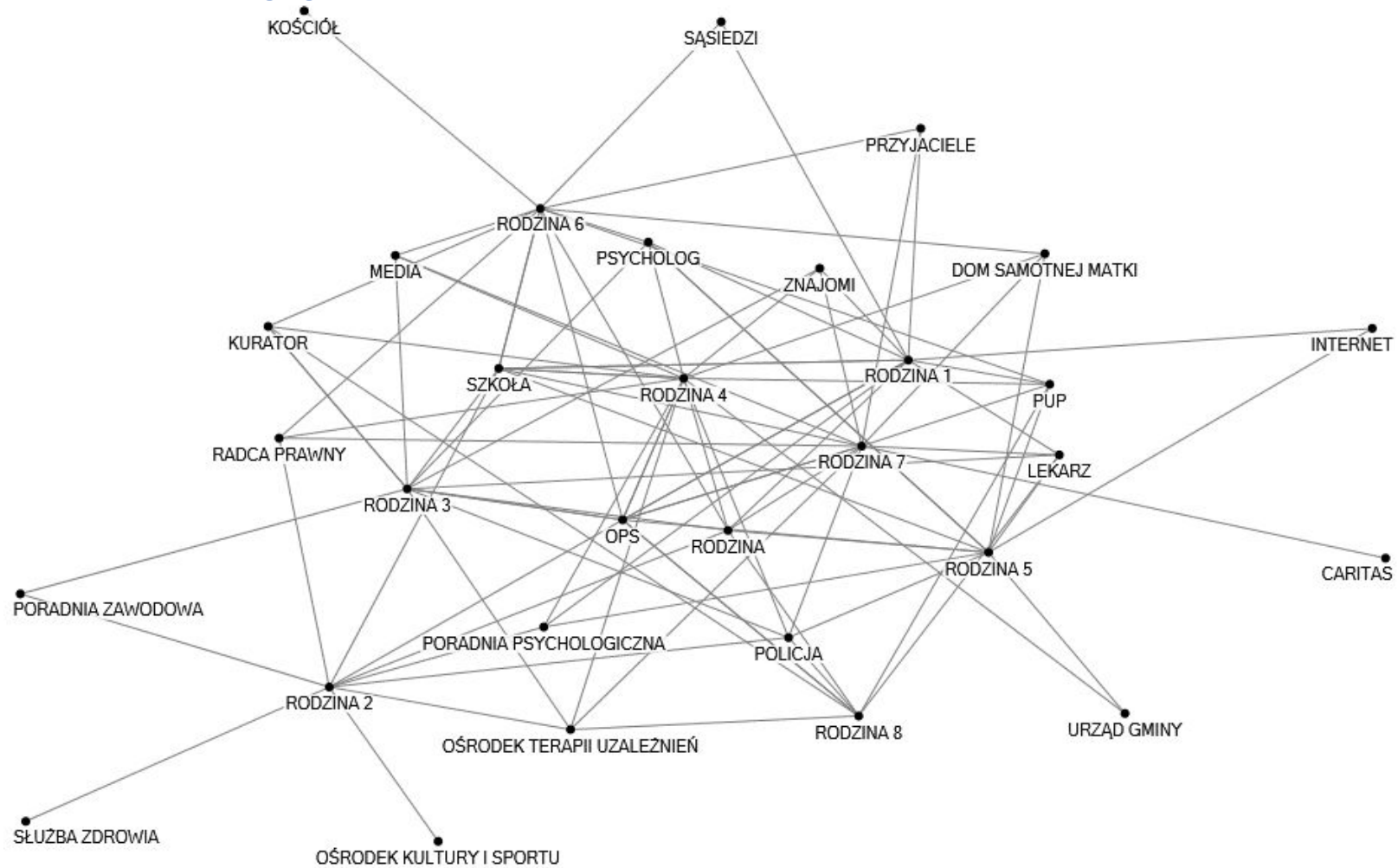
The level of cooperation (N=311)



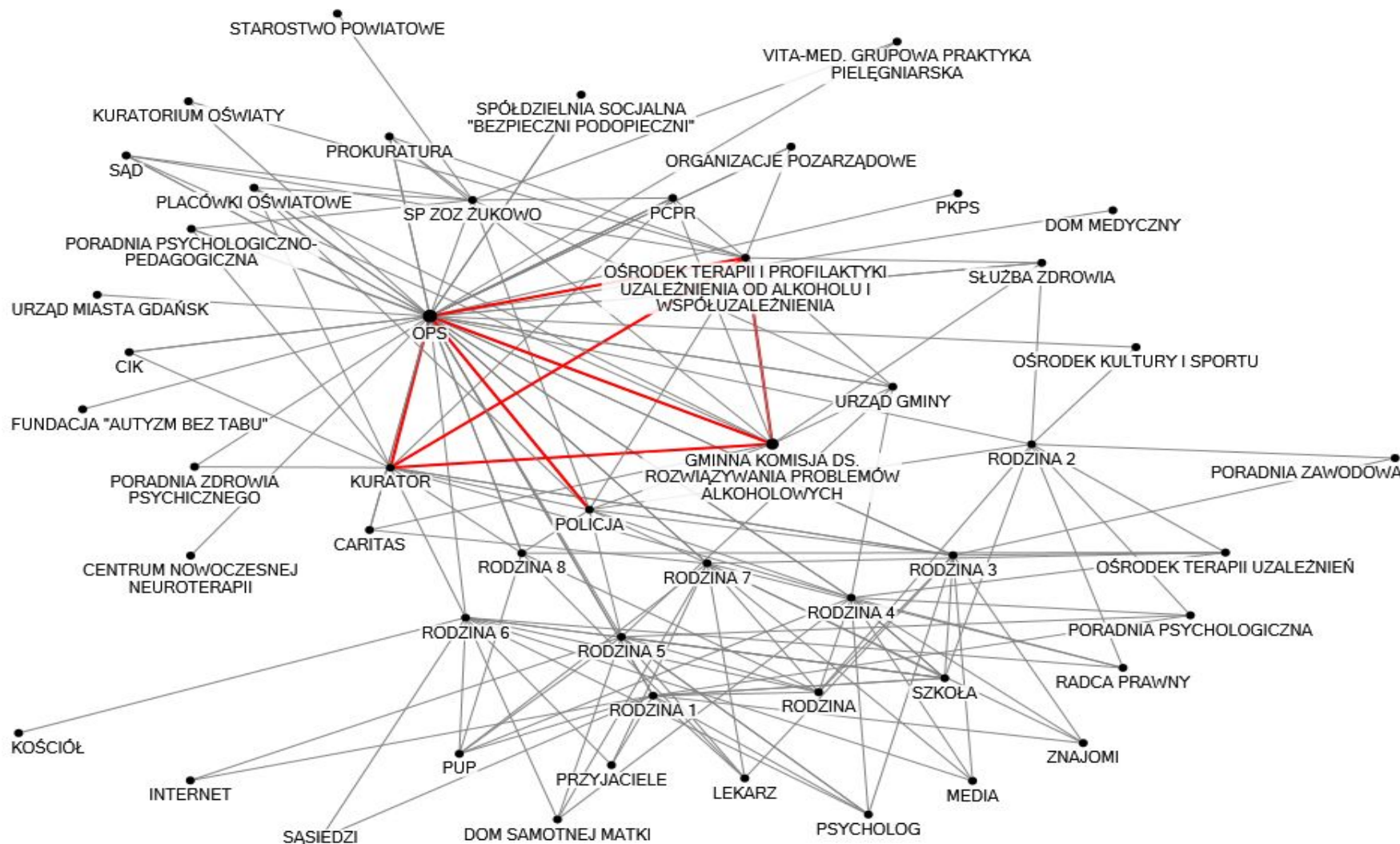
Factors that hinder cooperation (N=825)



Gmina 1 – families approach



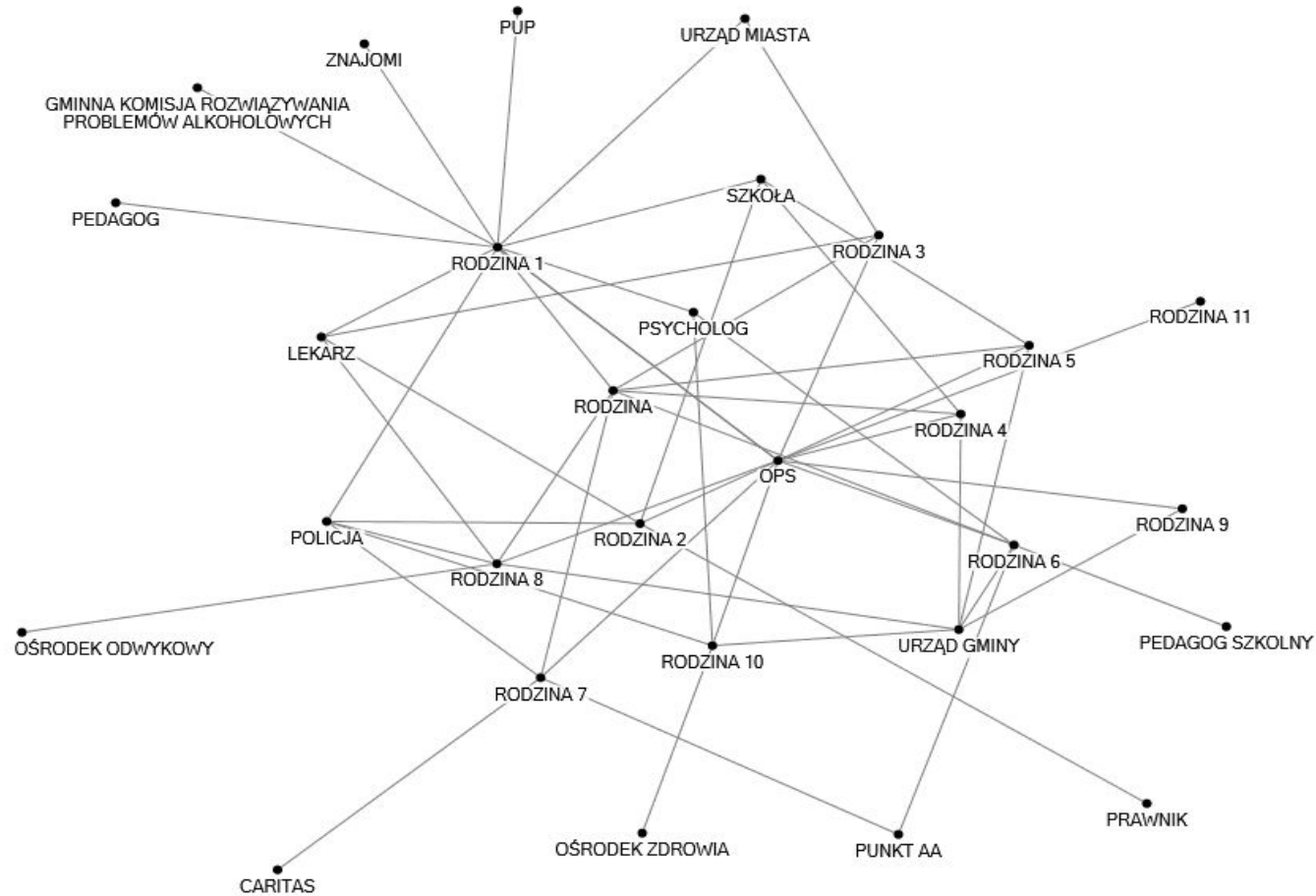
Gmina 1 – family and institutions



Gmina 2 – institutions approach



Gmina 2 – family approach



Child and family support system in municipalities

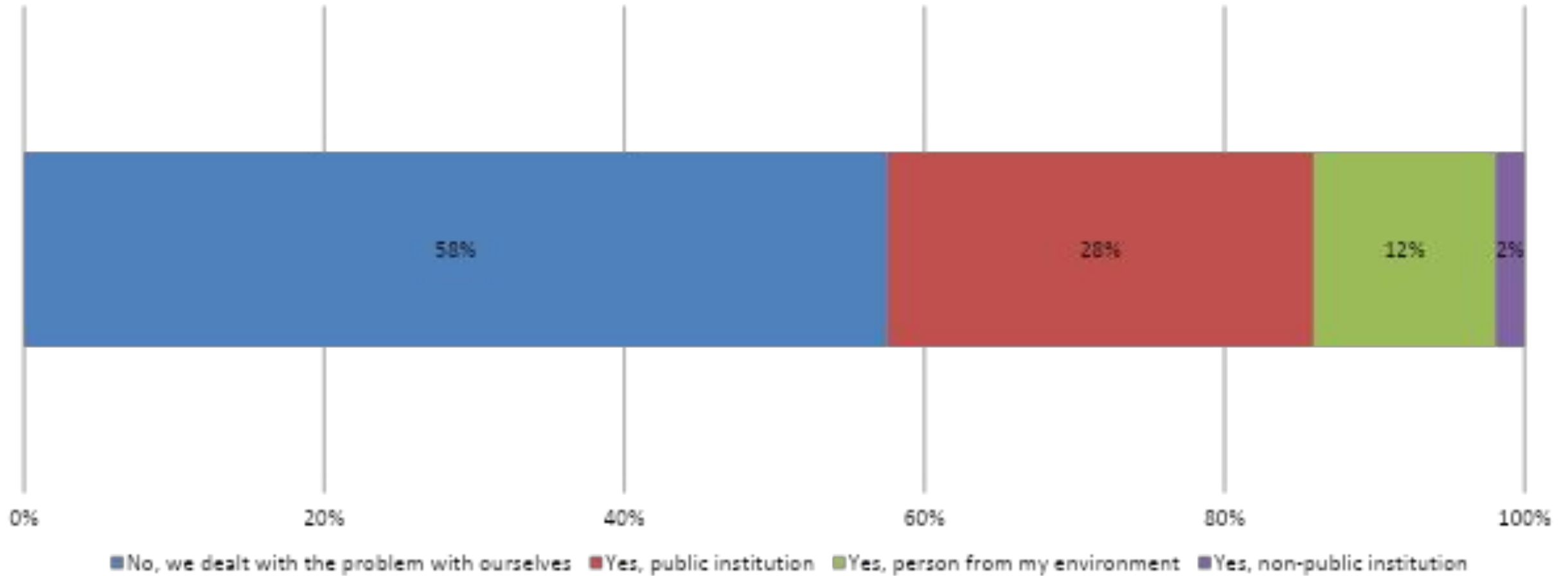
– family perspective

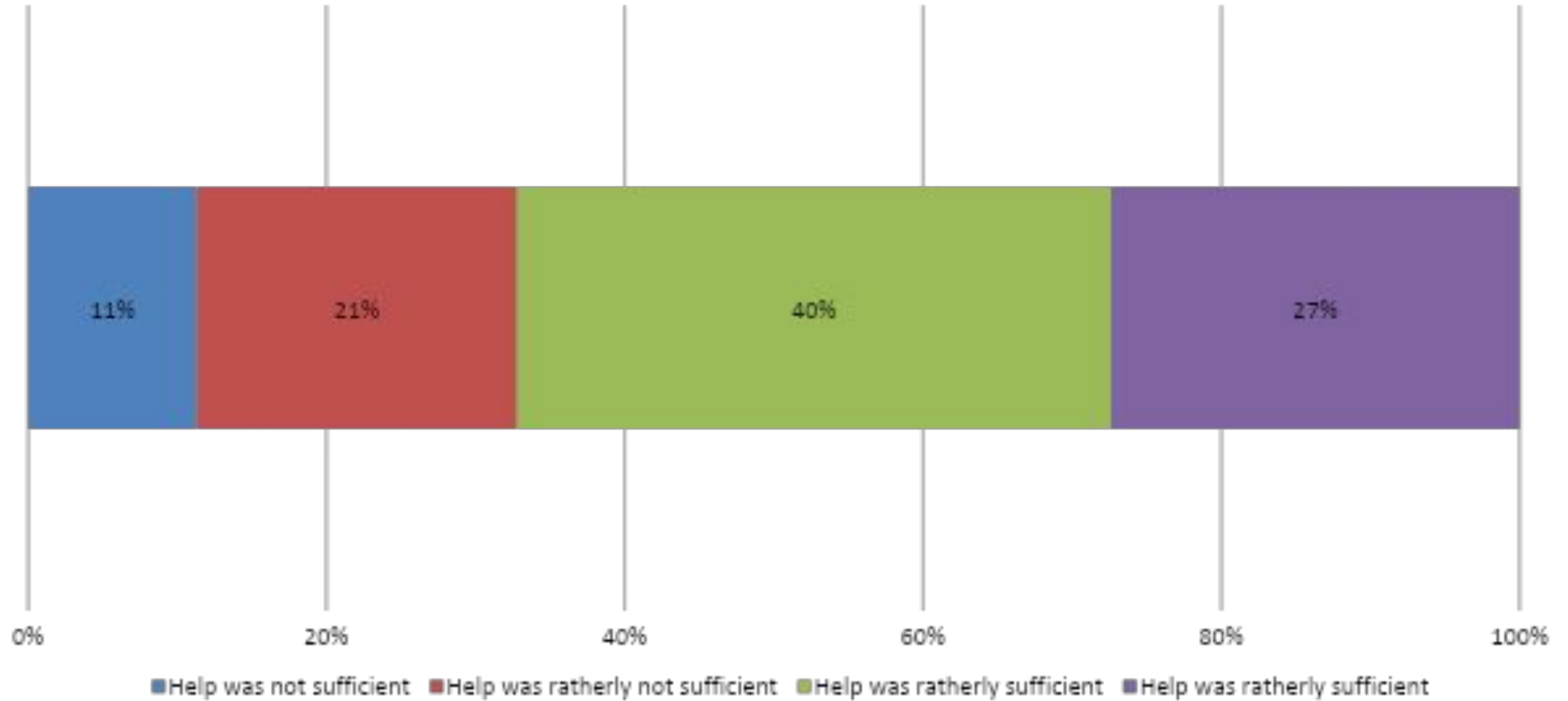
6 regions – województwa,

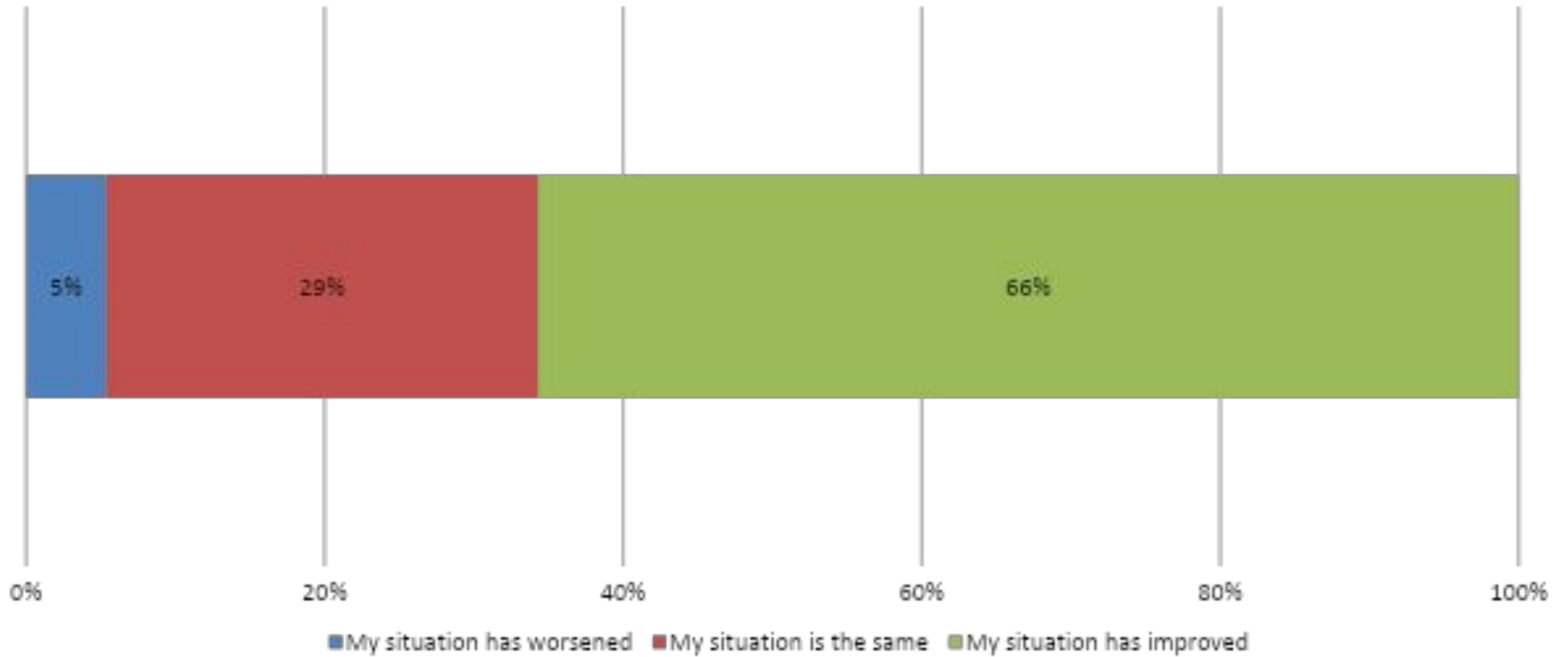
40 municipalities,

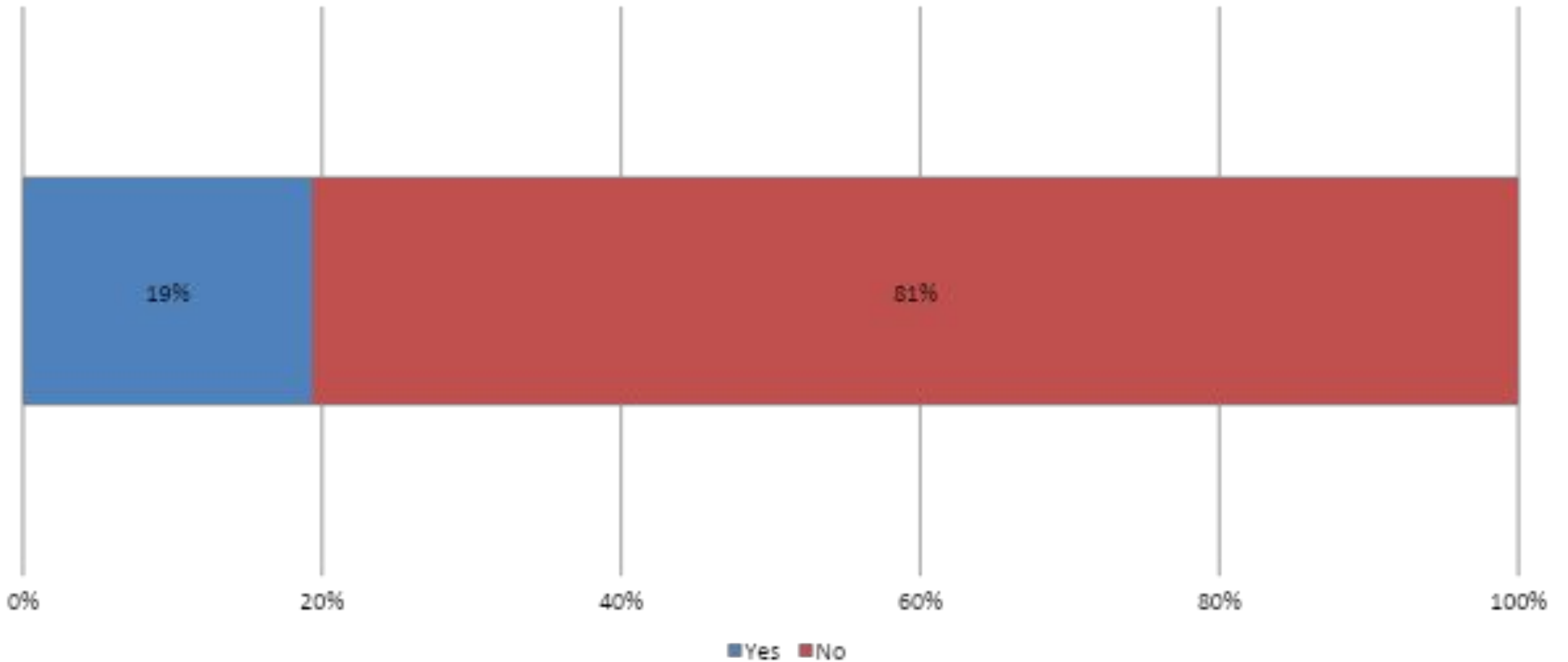
1364 family members

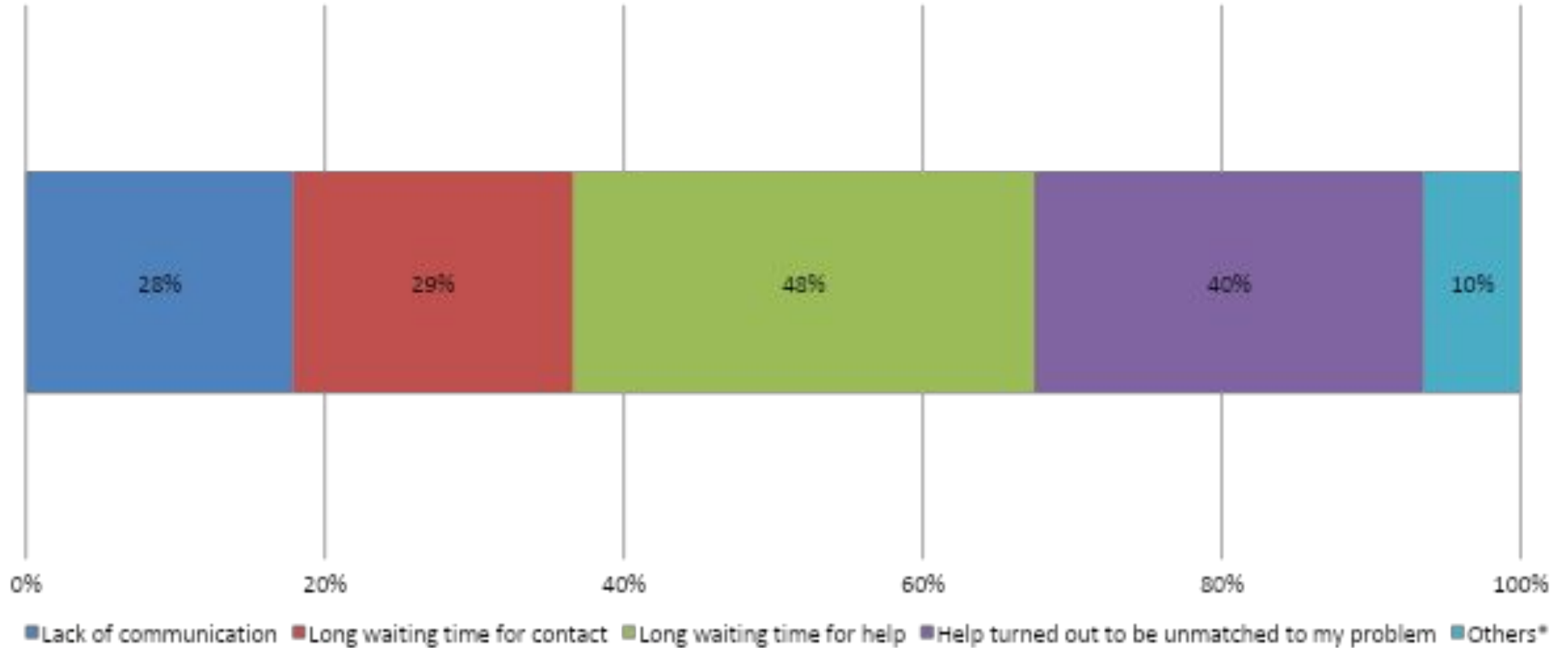
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**8 out of 80 people said they didn't received enough help (including 3 people pointed to insufficient financial support)*

INVITATION

II International Scientific Conference of Research on Family Services

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Thank you for you attention

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