

One in 4 Russians Can't Find Big Enough Clothes

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One in four Russians has trouble finding clothes that are big enough, according to a recent survey.

Thirty-five percent of female respondents and 15 percent of male respondents said they struggle "very often" or "often" to find clothes in their size, according to the August <u>survey</u> by Romir, a market research firm.

Most clothing retailers offer up to size 48, even though more than 42 percent of respondents (53 percent of men and 32 percent of women), said they wear size 50 or bigger.

Romir did not specify which article of clothing the survey referred to. Russian size 48 corresponds to U.S. size 14 for women and size 38 for men.

Larger clothing sizes appeared to be correlated with age, marital status and wealth.

Sixty-six percent of "oversized" respondents came from the upper class, as opposed to 32

percent from the working class; 50 percent of those who had trouble finding clothes were married, while only 21 percent were unmarried; and a full 51 percent of 36- to 40-year-olds said they had trouble finding clothes in their size.

The survey sample consisted of 1,500 respondents in cities of more than 100,000 people in eight federal districts. No margin of error was given.

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