

# Pig population as of December 2024

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 **7.1%**

Decrease in pig population in  
December 2024 y/y

According to preliminary data, the population of pigs\* in December 2024 was 9 078.3 thousand heads showing an decrease of 7.1% compared to the analogical period last year. The reduction of the pig population occurred in all groups of pigs.

At the beginning of December 2024, the **pig population** amounted to **9 078.3** thousand heads and was lower by 691.4 thousand heads (by 7.1%) than the state recorded in the analogical period of 2023, and compared with the number of pigs in June 2024 –lower by 53.7 thousands heads, i.e. by 0.6%.

The population of pigs in December 2024 was 9 078.3 thousand heads. In the structure of the herd increased the share of fattening pigs, 50 kg and over by 1.3 pp compared to December 2023

**Table 1. Pig population in December 2024**

Specification	12 2024 in thousand heads	12 2023=100	06 2024=100
<b>Pigs</b>	<b>9 078.3</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>99.4</b>
Piglets, less than 20 kg	1 780.3	88.7	93.5
Pigs, from 20 kg to less than 50 kg	2 616.4	92.3	96.7
Fattening pigs, 50 kg and over	4 071.5	95.7	105.2
Breeding pigs 50 kg and over	610.0	90.5	93.4
of which: breeding sows	599.7	90.4	93.3
of which: covered sows	411.4	90.1	93.6

The herd of **sows for breeding** decreased compared to December 2024 by 63.6 thousand heads (by 9.6%) to the level of **599.7** thousand heads, including the number of covered sows decreased by 45.1 (by 9.9%) to 411.4 thousand heads. Compared to June 2024, the number of sows for breeding decreased by 42.6 thousand heads (by 6.7%), including covered sows increased by 28.1 thousand heads, i.e. by 6.4%.

\*Preliminary generalised results of a representative survey of pig population and pig production comprising:

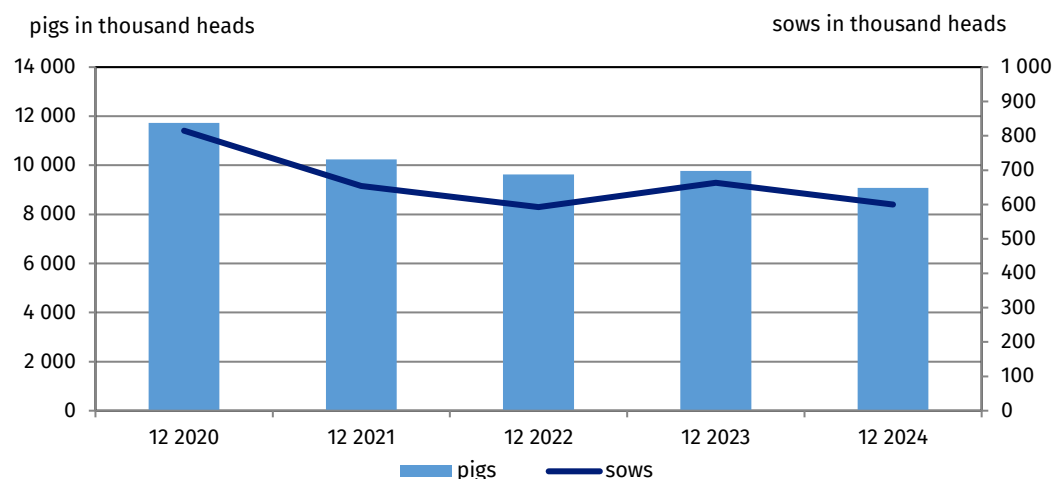
- all holdings of legal persons and unincorporated entities,
- selected individual holdings (30 thousand holdings - sample of approximately 2.0%).

In the structure of the total pig herd, the share of individual production-use groups in December 2024 was:

- piglets, less than 20 kg – 19.6%,
  - pigs, from 20 kg to less than 50 kg – 28.8%,
  - fattening pigs, 50 kg and over – 44.9%,
  - breeding pigs, 50 kg and over – 6.7%,
- of which:
- breeding sows in total – 6.6%,
  - of which covered sows – 4.5%.

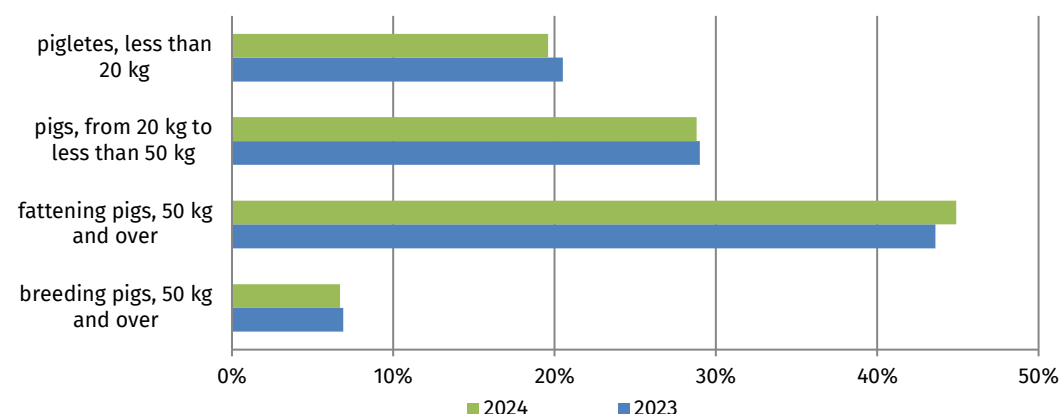
The largest share in the herd structure was the population of fattening pigs - 44.9%

**Figure 1. Pigs and sows population in December 2020-2024**



Compared to the structure of the pig population recorded at the beginning of December 2023, the proportion of fattening pigs was increased by 1.3 pp. The share of other groups of pigs decreased: piglets (by 0.9 pp), pigs weighing from 20 kg to 50 kg, pigs for breeding and breeding sows by 0.2 pp and covered sows (by 0.1 pp).

**Figure 2. Pig population structure in December 2023 and 2024**



In the period from January to December 2024 (according to preliminary data) imports of live pigs amounted to 7 725.6 thousand heads and was by 11.2% higher than in the analogous period of the previous year, including imports of piglets and pigs weighing from 20 kg to 50 kg increased by 13.5%. The average weight of one imported pig during this period was 32.4 kg compared to 33.7 kg in 2023.

From January to December, pig import increased by 11.2% compared to the analogous period of the previous year

The largest shares in the national pig population were in the following voivodeships: Wielkopolskie (26.7%), Mazowieckie (15.2%), Łódzkie (12%), Kujawsko-pomorskie (9.5%), and Pomorskie (8.9%). The lowest shares were in voivodeships: Lubuskie (0.9%), Podkarpackie (0.9%) and Małopolskie (1.1%).

In December 2024, the procurement **price of pigs for slaughter** (PLN 6.26 per kg) was by 1.5% lower than the previous month, and year-on-year it decreased by 16.1%, the price of **potatoes** averaged PLN 108.25 per dt was higher month-on-monthly - by 66.9% and lower year-on-year - by 2.6%. The procurement price of **wheat** in December 2024 (PLN 91.26 per dt), increased compared to the previous month (by 1.3%), and year-on-year (by 5.2%), for **rye** one had to pay PLN 68.33 per dt, i.e. by 8% more than in November 2024, and compared to December 2023, increased of 7.3%.

African swine fever (ASF) continues to be a threat. In 2024, the General Veterinary Inspectorate registered 44 outbreaks (30 in 2023) of ASF in pigs, the disease affected 27 399 (in 2023 8 505) animals.

Additional table on pig population by voivodeships in Excel file.

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#### **Terms used in official statistics**

[Pigs](#)