

# Active enterprises in the fourth quarter of 2024

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 **3.7%**

Increase in the number of active enterprises in the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year

In the fourth quarter of 2024, there were 2 788 814 active enterprises in Poland. With regard to the kind of economic activity, the largest population were enterprises from section trade; repair of motor vehicles (18.0% of total). The largest number of active enterprises had their registered offices in Mazowieckie voivodship (20.1% of total).

## Basic information on active enterprises

In the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to the fourth quarter of 2023, the number of active enterprises increased by 3.7%. Micro entities (with up to 9 persons employed) constituted 95.7% of the total population of active enterprises and in relation to the same period of 2023 their number increased by 3.8%. Small enterprises (with a number of persons employed from 10 to 49), medium (with a number of persons employed from 50 to 249) and large enterprises (with 250 or more persons employed) accounted for 3.5%, 0.6% and 0.1% of all active enterprises, respectively. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2023, the number of small and large enterprises increased by 1.6% and 1.1%. Only for the medium enterprises a decrease in the number was recorded (by 1.1%).

Micro entities accounted for 95.7% of active enterprises in the fourth quarter of 2024

**Table 1. Number of active enterprises by the number of persons employed**

Quarter	Active enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10-49	50-249	250 and more persons
Q4 2024	2 788 814	2 669 110	97 920	17 601	4 183
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## Active enterprises by kind of economic activity

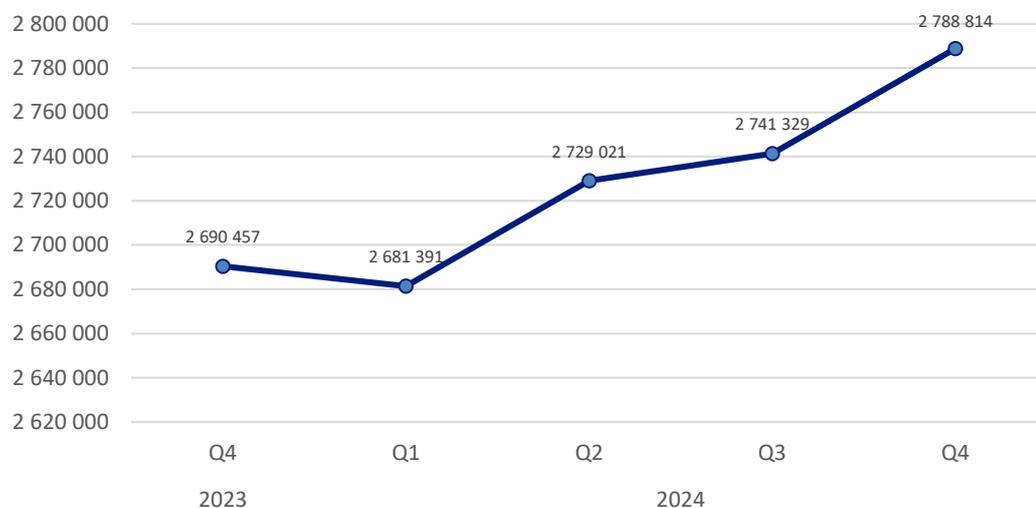
In the fourth quarter of 2024, the largest number of enterprises conducted activity in sections: trade; repair of motor vehicles (18.0% of all active enterprises), construction (15.2%) and professional, scientific and technical activities (13.7%). The smallest share was accounted to enterprises from mining and quarrying (0.1%) and energy generation and supply (0.3%).

Compared to the same period of 2023, the largest increase in the number of active enterprises was recorded in the following sections: energy generation and supply (20.9%), administrative and support service activities (7.7%) and information and communication (7.1%).

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In the population of large entities, the largest share was held by enterprises from manufacturing (42.5%). In the number of micro entities, the large share was recorded in sections: trade; repair of motor vehicles (17.8%), construction (15.3%) and professional, scientific and technical activities (14.0%).

**Chart 1. Number of active enterprises**



**Table 2. Number of active enterprises by size classes and NACE Rev. 2 section in the fourth quarter of 2024**

Specification	Active enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10-49	50-249	250 and more persons
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 788 814</b>	<b>2 669 110</b>	<b>97 920</b>	<b>17 602</b>	<b>4 182</b>
Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	25 706	23 455	1 764	472	15
Mining and quarrying	2 474	1 987	349	104	34
Manufacturing	234 657	205 385	21 378	6 115	1 779
Energy generation and supply	9 201	8 702	294	157	48
Water supply; sewage and waste management	8 396	6 303	1 343	652	98
Construction	423 130	407 836	13 971	1 194	129
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	502 409	476 116	22 538	3 208	547
Transportation and storage	165 198	153 962	9 562	1 374	300
Accommodation and catering	77 184	72 119	4 650	340	75
Information and communication	227 031	223 572	2 623	627	209
Financial and insurance activities	56 835	55 154	1 088	460	133
Real estate activities	75 111	72 670	2 016	397	28
Professional, scientific and technical activities	381 004	374 730	5 293	736	245
Administrative and support service activities	112 619	107 857	3 505	913	344
Education	80 740	78 180	2 234	301	25
Human health and social work activities	235 050	230 338	4 126	442	144
Arts, entertainment and recreation activities	30 365	29 905	391	56	13
Other service activities	141 704	140 839	795	54	16

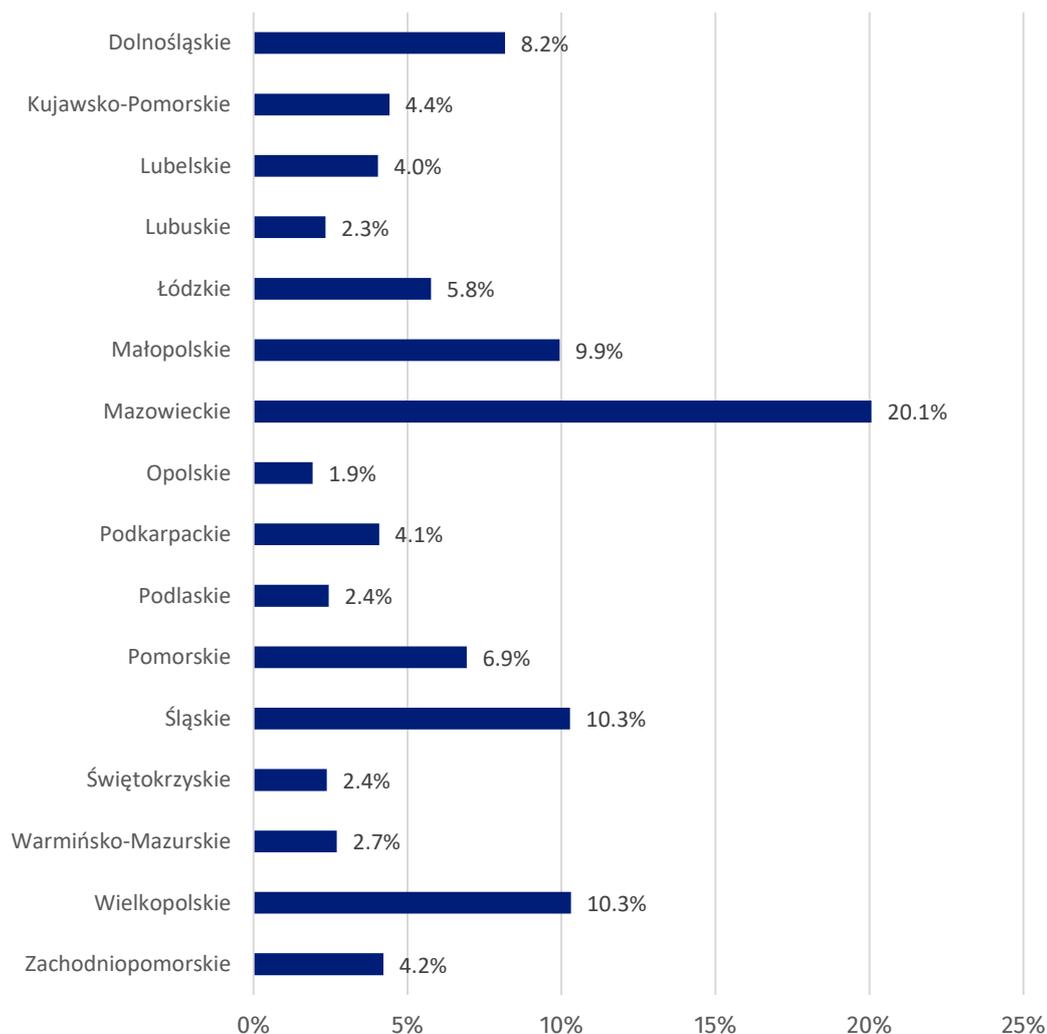
### Active enterprises by registered office

In the fourth quarter of 2024, the largest number of active enterprises (according to the place of registered offices) was in the Mazowieckie (20.1% of all active enterprises), the Wielkopolskie (10.3%) and the Małopolskie (9.9%) voivodships. The smallest number of enterprises was in the Opolskie voivodship (1.9% of active enterprises), and in the following four voivodships the percentage of active enterprises did not exceed 3%: in the Lubuskie (2.3%), the Podlaskie (2.4%), the Świętokrzyskie (2.4%) and the Warmińsko-Mazurskie voivodships (2.7%).

Compared to the same period of 2023, the largest increase in the number of active enterprises was recorded in the Mazowieckie (6.1%) and the Małopolskie (4.7%) voivodships, and the smallest in the Świętokrzyskie (1.6%) and the Zachodniopomorskie (1.5%) voivodships.

The largest share in the number of large entities was recorded in the Mazowieckie (26.9%), the Śląskie (12.0%) and the Wielkopolskie (11.1%) voivodships. The largest share in the number of microenterprises was recorded in the same voivodships: Mazowieckie (20.1%), Wielkopolskie (10.3%) and Śląskie (10.2%).

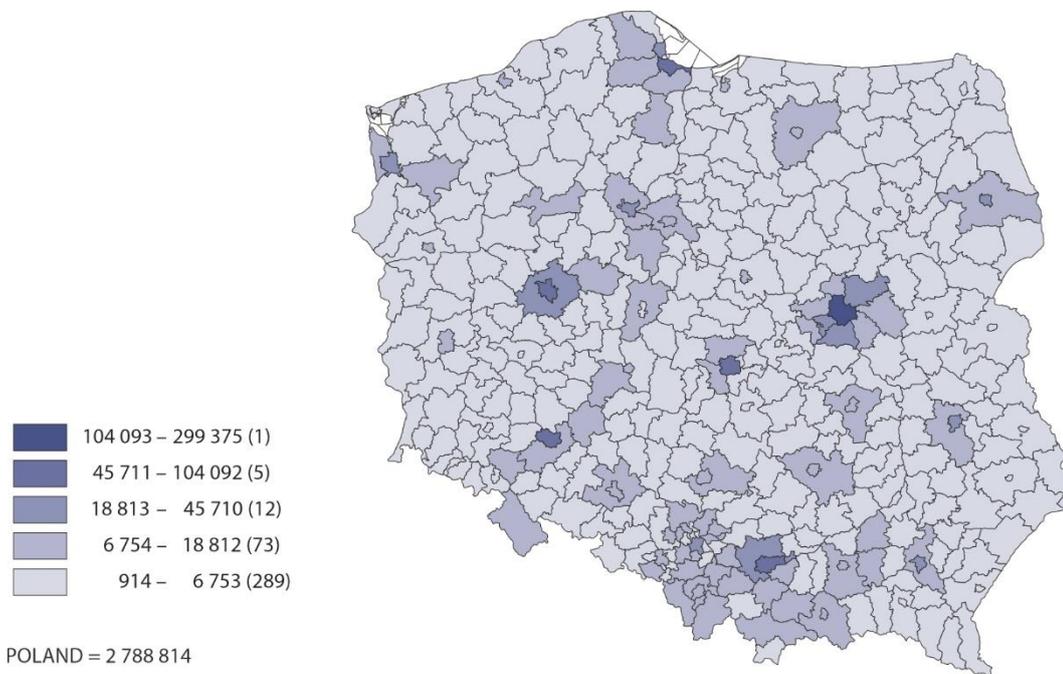
**Chart 2. Structure of active enterprises by voivodships in the fourth quarter of 2024**



**Table 3. Number of active enterprises by size classes and voivodships in the fourth quarter of 2024**

Specification	Active enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10-49	50-249	250 and more
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 788 814</b>	<b>2 669 110</b>	<b>97 920</b>	<b>17 602</b>	<b>4 182</b>
Dolnośląskie	227 830	219 387	6 757	1 305	381
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	123 144	117 353	4 760	857	174
Lubelskie	112 725	107 905	4 098	628	94
Lubuskie	65 216	62 361	2 319	443	93
Łódzkie	160 770	153 540	6 019	1 008	203
Małopolskie	277 253	265 813	9 568	1 528	344
Mazowieckie	559 691	537 568	17 554	3 444	1 125
Opolskie	53 527	50 963	2 088	392	84
Podkarpackie	113 761	108 284	4 495	828	154
Podlaskie	68 085	65 252	2 315	454	64
Pomorskie	193 070	185 226	6 456	1 144	244
Śląskie	286 767	272 694	11 531	2 039	503
Świętokrzyskie	66 424	63 571	2 398	380	75
Warmińsko-Mazurskie	75 481	72 290	2 623	492	76
Wielkopolskie	287 445	273 619	11 370	1 992	464
Zachodniopomorskie	117 625	113 284	3 569	668	104

**Map 1. Number of active enterprises by powiats in fourth quarter of 2024**



The data presented in this news release concern active enterprises (understood as a one legal unit) regardless of the size class by number of persons employed, the kind of accounting record kept and the kind of business activity conducted. The data include entities of the national economy which are market producers, for which the predominant activity is classified according to the NACE Rev. 2 to section A (excluding individual agricultural holdings), B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S (excluding division 94).

The enterprises method was used for preparing the data, and this method involves taking entire enterprises as the basic for grouping data according to classifications and territorial divisions.

An enterprise is considered to have been active in the quarter if it conducted economic activity at least in one month of that quarter (regardless of the number of days of activity conducted).

In this news release, abbreviated names of some sections of NACE Rev. 2 were used; the list of letter symbols of the section (code), full names and abbreviated names is as follows:

Code	Full name	Abbreviation
A*	Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	–
B	Mining and quarrying	–
C	Manufacturing	–
D	Electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air conditioning manufacturing and supply	Energy generation and supply
E	Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	Water supply; sewage and waste management
F	Construction	–
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles including motorcycles	Trade; repair of motor vehicles
H	Transportation and storage	–
I	Accommodation and food service activities	Accommodation and catering
J	Information and communication	–
K	Financial and insurance activities	–
L	Real estate activities	–
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	–
N	Administrative and support service activities	–
P	Education	–
Q	Human health and social work activities	–
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation activities	–
S**	Other service activities	–

\* Section A– excluding individual agricultural holdings

\*\* Section S – excluding division 94 Activities of membership organisations

**An integral part of this news release are tables in XLSX format (downloadable files) with a set of tables presenting data in detailed breakdown, including by NACE Rev. 2 groups and by powiats.**

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