Economic activity of enterprises with foreign capital in 2023

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⇧ 12.3%

y/y foreign capital growth

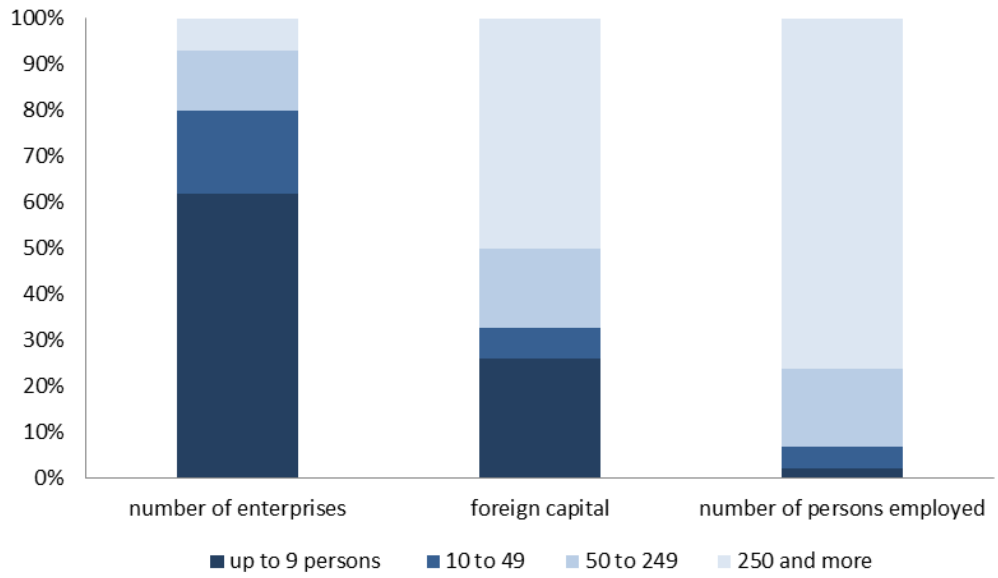
In 2023, 25.0 thousand enterprises with foreign capital conducted economic activity in Poland and the value of their foreign capital amounted to 262.4 billion PLN. Over half of the foreign capital (50.1%) was located in entities with 250 and more persons employed. The largest number of entities operated in trade; repair of motor vehicles (23.0%) and the largest amount of foreign capital (37.0%) was involved in manufacturing.

Number of enterprises with foreign capital

The population of entities with foreign capital was dominated by micro and small units with the number of persons employed up to 49. They accounted for 80.0% of the total number of surveyed enterprises. Medium-sized entities (50-249 persons employed) accounted for 13.0% of the total population of entities with foreign capital and large entities (250 and more persons employed) for 7.0%. The largest number of entities were engaged in activities related to trade; repair of motor vehicles (23.0%), manufacturing (18.6%), professional, scientific and technical activities (11.1%) and construction (9.0%).

Large enterprises, which were the smallest group (7.0%), had the largest amount of foreign capital (50.1%) and the largest number of persons employed (76.4%)

Chart 1. Structure of the number of enterprises, foreign capital and number of persons employed in 2023



Foreign capital

The share capital of enterprises with foreign capital amounted to 276.7 billion PLN at the end of 2023. In its structure, foreign capital accounted for 94.8% and amounted to 262.4 billion PLN. In large entities there was 50.1% of the total value of foreign capital, 32.6% of foreign capital belonged to entities with a number of persons employed up to 49 persons employed (including 26.0% of foreign capital belonging to micro-enterprises) and 17.3% – to medium-sized enterprises.

Table 1. Value of capital by size class of enterprises in 2022-2023

(in million PLN)

Specification	Value of capital by size class of enterprises				
	total	up to 9 persons employed	10 - 49 persons employed	50 - 249 persons employed	250 and more persons employed
Share capital					
2022	248 560.3	57 908.2	15 613.8	40 838.5	134 199.8
2023	276 650.6	70 882.6	19 732.1	46 874.1	139 161.8
including: domestic					
2022	11 492.2	2 193.6	869.4	1 228.5	7 200.7
2023	10 782.8	2 603.5	2 171.7	1 227.7	4 779.9
foreign					
2022	233 686.0	55 665.7	14 402.9	39 421.7	124 195.7
2023	262 356.2	68 097.3	17 257.9	45 477.8	131 523.2

The highest percentage of foreign capital (37.0%) was invested in entities operating in manufacturing. High share of foreign capital was recorded in trade; repair of motor vehicles – 17.2% and real estate activities – 12.3%.

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Table 2. Capital value by NACE section in 2023

NACE sections	Number of enterprises	Share capital			
		total	domestic	foreign	dispersed
		in million PLN			
TOTAL	**24 964**	**276 650.6**	**10 782.8**	**262 356.2**	**3 511.5**
Mining and quarrying	71	877.3	25.8	848.8	2.8
Manufacturing	4 648	101 582.5	3 326.4	97 026.7	1 229.3
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	570	9 960.6	182.4	9 757.6	20.6
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation	129	1 308.8	221.3	1 055.1	32.4
Construction	2 238	14 090.9	563.0	13 299.2	228.7
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	5 745	45 624.1	362.5	45 106.7	154.9
Transport and storage	2 032	6 874.3	235.4	6 635.9	3.1
Accommodation and catering	614	3 228.2	60.0	3 168.2	0.0
Information and communication	2 138	27 281.0	2 927.5	22 785.7	1 567.8
Real estate activities	1 984	34 358.8	2 144.8	32 201.5	12.5
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2 783	25 896.7	593.9	25 048.5	254.4
Administrative and support service activities	1 376	3 395.7	41.6	3 351.1	3.0
Other sections	636	2 171.5	98.3	2 071.3	1.9

Foreign capital in Poland at the end of 2023 came from 121 countries, mostly (80.5%) from EU countries. The countries that invested the most capital in Poland were the Netherlands (18.2% of total foreign capital), Germany (16.6%) and France (11.7%).

The dominant value of foreign capital came from EU countries, of which almost the half from the Netherlands, Germany and France

Table 3. Foreign capital by country of origin of major shareholders in 2023

Countries	Foreign capital of shareholders	Share of the country in total foreign capital
	w mln zł	%
TOTAL	262 356.2	100.0
including:		
EU countries	211 288.1	80.5
OECD countries	247 022.5	94.2
of total:		
Netherlands	47 610.4	18.2
Germany	43 619.3	16.6
France	30 566.2	11.7
Luxembourg	24 278.7	9.3
United Kingdom	20 718.4	7.9
Denmark	9 747.7	3.7
Cyprus	9 322.0	3.6
Belgium	9 245.9	3.5
South Korea	9 214.7	3.5
Switzerland	8 565.4	3.3
Austria	8 291.1	3.2
Spain	7 169.3	2.7
Sweden	5 724.3	2.2
Italy	5 346.8	2.0
United States of America	3 490.5	1.3
Finland	2 298.3	0.9

Number of persons employed

At the end of 2023, enterprises with foreign capital employed 2 221.0 thousand persons. Large entities constituted the workplace for 76.4% of persons employed in enterprises with foreign capital. Manufacturing enterprises employed 43.6% of the total number of persons employed in analysed population, whereas those involved in trade; repair of motor vehicles – 22.4%. On average, 89 persons were employed in an enterprise with foreign capital, including 968 persons in a large entity, 116 in a medium-sized entity, 24 in a small entity and 3 persons in a micro-enterprise.

Basic financial results

In 2023, enterprises with foreign capital earned total revenues of 2 821.4 billion PLN. 94.2% of these revenues were generated by entities employing 10 and more persons. The total costs amounted to 2 685.8 billion PLN. The highest total revenues were achieved by enterprises engaged in manufacturing (1 190.0 billion PLN which accounted for 42.2% of the revenues of all entities with foreign capital), as well as in trade; repair of motor vehicles (998.2 billion PLN which constituted 35.4% of total revenues).

Revenues from the sale of products, goods and materials for export obtained 51.7% of the surveyed enterprises with foreign capital. The highest percentage of entities obtaining revenues from export sales was involved in manufacturing and trade; repair of motor vehicles (28.9% and 27.1% of exporting entities, respectively).

The data on enterprises with foreign capital presented in this study do not include agriculture, forestry and fishing (NACE section A), financial and insurance activities (NACE section K), higher education institutions, independent public health care facilities, cultural institutions with legal personality and trade unions, religious and political organisations.

Due to the rounding of data, in some cases sums of components may slightly differ from the amount given in the item ‘total’.

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Total costs

Share capital

Foreign capital