

Nurseries and children's clubs in 2020

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↑ 8.5%

Growth of the number of places in nurseries, children's clubs and nursery wards compared to 2019

In 2020 the number of institutional care facilities for children up to age of 3 increased by 5.0% compared to the previous year. There were 4.6 thousand nurseries, children's clubs and nursery wards, which had 173.5 thousand places. The indicator of the number of children per 1 thousand population aged up to 3 increased from 124 in 2019 to 128 in 2020.

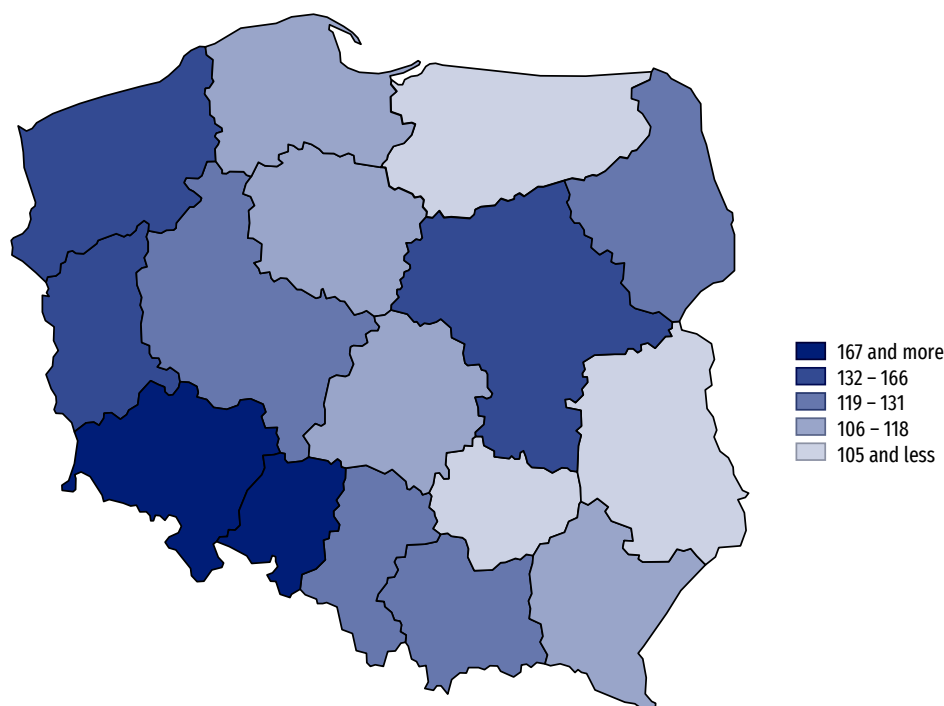
Children

At the end of 2020 there were 142.4 thousand children in institutional care facilities for children up to age of 3, of which nearly 92% children were in nurseries. Considering the availability of care for small children at the voivodship level, it can be seen that the highest value of the indicator of the number of children per 1 thousand population aged up to 3 were in Dolnośląskie Voivodship (200). High value of this indicator was recorded also in Opolskie Voivodship (177). The lowest value of this indicator was characteristic for Świętokrzyskie Voivodship (90). Low value of this indicator was recorded also in Warmińsko-mazurskie Voivodship (92).

In 2020 the number of children staying in nurseries, children's clubs and nursery wards decreased by 0.8% compared to 2019

Map 1. Children staying in facilities for children up to age of 3 per 1 000 population at this age in 2020

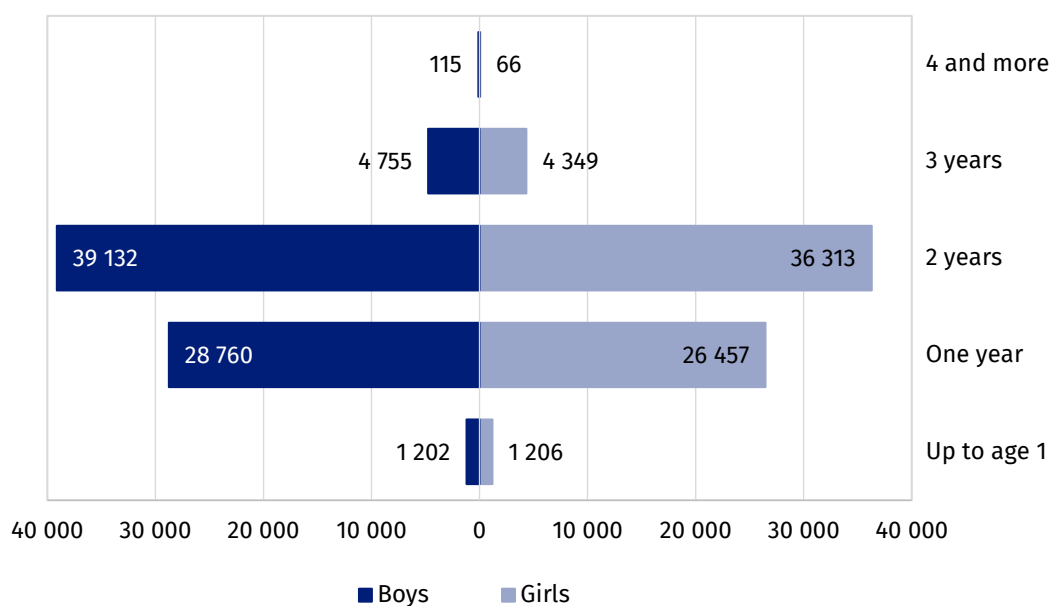
As of 31 December



Children at age of 2 constituted the major group (53.0%) and one-year-olds – about 39%. Percentage of children under age of 1 amounted to 1.7%. Boys constituted nearly 52% of total number of children in facilities.

Chart 1. Children in facilities for children up to age of 3 by sex and age in 2020

As of 31 December



During the year there were 229.1 thousand children in facilities, of which 1.3 thousand disabled children. The costs of stay in facilities were partly or completely covered by local government for 67.7% of children.

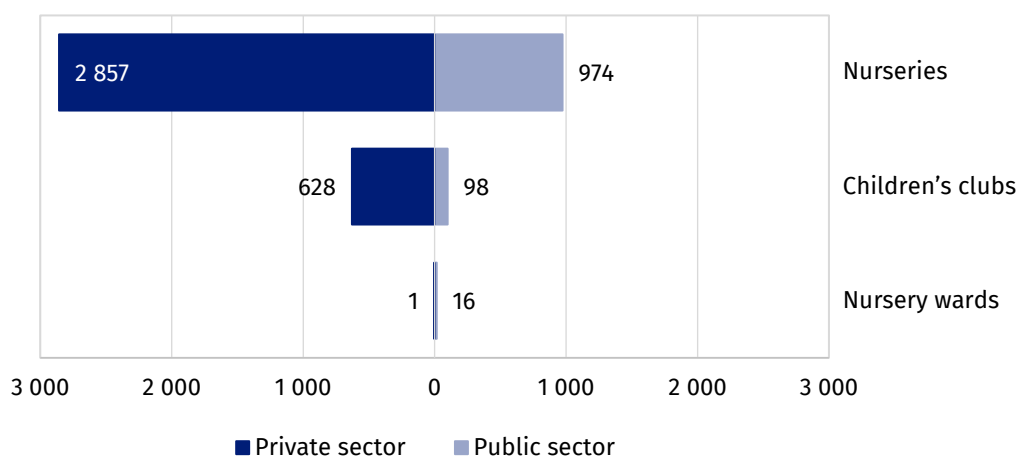
Facilities

As of 31 December 2020 there were 4.6 thousand facilities for children up to age of 3 in Poland, of which the most of nurseries (83.8%). Among all facilities over 76% belonged to private sector. The most of nurseries and children's clubs in private sector belonged to natural persons conducting economic activity (67.7%). Every tenth facility was founded by limited liability company (11.0%) or civil law partnership company (9.3%). In public sector nearly 98% nurseries and children's clubs were run by local government. All nursery wards were founded at kindergartens, of which mainly at public kindergartens (94.1%).

Nearly 84% of all facilities for children up to age of 3 are nurseries

Chart 2. Facilities for children up to age of 3 by ownership sectors in 2020

As of 31 December



The most of nurseries were open 5 to 10 hours a day (60.3%) and the others for over 10 hours a day. Children's clubs were usually open 5 to 10 hours a day (91.9%), less often to 5 hours

a day (5.8%) and sporadically over 10 hours a day (2.3%). Nursery wards usually provided care for 5–10 hours a day (88.2%) and the others for over 10 hours a day (11.8%).

In 2020, nurseries and children's clubs limited their activities due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Nurseries and children's clubs were closed for 41 working days on average and nursery wards for a little longer – for 46 working days on average per this year.

56.7% of facilities for small children had facilities for the disabled. Mostly there were slip-ways, driveways and platforms (36.0% of the total number), non-slip floors (26.9%) and bathrooms adapted for disabled children (26.5%).

Places

The number of places in all facilities for small children increased from 159.9 thousand in 2019 to 173.5 thousand in 2020. There were 104.7 thousand places in nurseries, children's clubs and nursery wards in private sector and 68.8 thousand places in public sector.

In private sector, there were 33 places per one nursery on average and in public sector the average value was more than two times higher (68 places). In the case of nursery wards, the average number of places was 15 in private sector facilities and 31 in public sector facilities. There were 19 places per one children's club in private sector and 21 places in public sector on average.

Staff

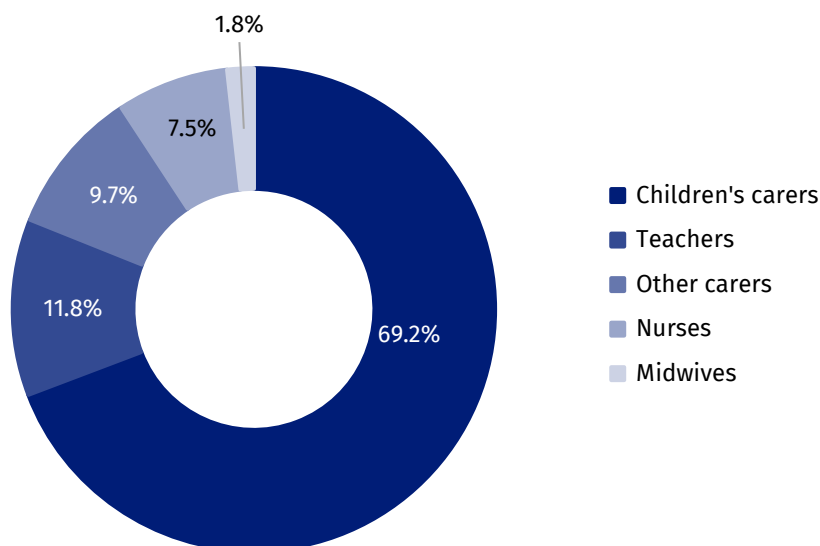
28.7 thousand people worked in facilities for small children. Among employed in facilities children's carers dominated (over 69%). Teachers constituted nearly 12% of the total number of employees. The vast majority of employees were women (99.3%). Facilities for children up to age of 3 were the main workplace for over 90% of children's carers and teachers. In the case of midwives and nurses, this percentage was definitely lower and was equal about 53% and 46%, respectively.

Over 60% of all places in facilities for children up to age of 3 are places in private sector facilities

Over 99% of all people employed in nurseries, children's clubs and nursery wards are women

Chart 3. Structure of employed persons in facilities for children up to age of 3 in 2020

As of 31 December



Nurseries, children's clubs and nursery wards were supported by volunteers. During the year, 426 volunteers assisted in these facilities. This number decreased by nearly 23% compared to the previous year.

Table 1. The institutional care facilities for children up to age of 3 by voivodships in 2020

As of 31 December

Voivodships	Facilities	Places	Children
POLAND	4 574	173 533	142 355
Dolnośląskie	482	19 108	15 993
Kujawsko-pomorskie	192	7 934	6 213
Lubelskie	182	6 923	5 648
Lubuskie	115	4 741	4 163
Łódzkie	223	8 915	7 390
Małopolskie	513	17 914	13 402
Mazowieckie	788	28 853	24 595
Opolskie	110	5 274	4 380
Podkarpackie	216	8 557	7 123
Podlaskie	122	5 003	4 104
Pomorskie	329	10 696	8 589
Śląskie	451	18 345	14 517
Świętokrzyskie	83	3 097	2 703
Warmińsko-mazurskie	108	3 926	3 503
Wielkopolskie	463	16 431	13 345
Zachodniopomorskie	197	7 816	6 687

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