

Persons with disabilities on the labour market in Opolskie Voivodship in 2023

28 March 2024

8.9%

The share of unemployed persons with disabilities in the total number of unemployed persons in 2023

At the end of December 2023 in Opolskie Voivodship, 1.8 thousand persons with disabilities were unemployed, i.e. fewer by 3.1% in relation to December 2022 and by 25.3% compared with December 2015. In the period January-December 2023, in labour offices, there were 0.6 thousand job offers for persons with disabilities, i.e. 2.9% of the total number of job offers for unemployed persons.

Unemployed persons with disabilities

In Opolskie Voivodship the number of unemployed persons with disabilities at the end of December 2023 amounted to 1.8 thousand and compared to the corresponding period of 2022 it decreased by 3.1% and by 25.3% in relation to 2015.

Among all registered unemployed persons in the voivodship the percentage of persons with disabilities at the end of December 2023 amounted to 8.9% and was lower than the year before by 0.2 percentage point, however higher by 2.2 percentage points in relation to 2015.

In the structure of unemployed persons with disabilities by sex in 2023 there were no significant changes in relation to the previous years. Still men accounted for over a half of unemployed persons in the voivodship. At the end of December 2023 their share was at the level 56.8% and on annual basis it increased by 0.3 percentage point however in relation to December 2015 – by 3.0 percentage points. At the end of 2023 per 100 unemployed women with disabilities there were 131 unemployed men (the year before – 130, and in 2015 – 116).

The number of unemployed persons with disabilities in 2023 was lower than the year before as well as in 2015.

Table 1. Unemployed persons with disabilities
As of 31 December

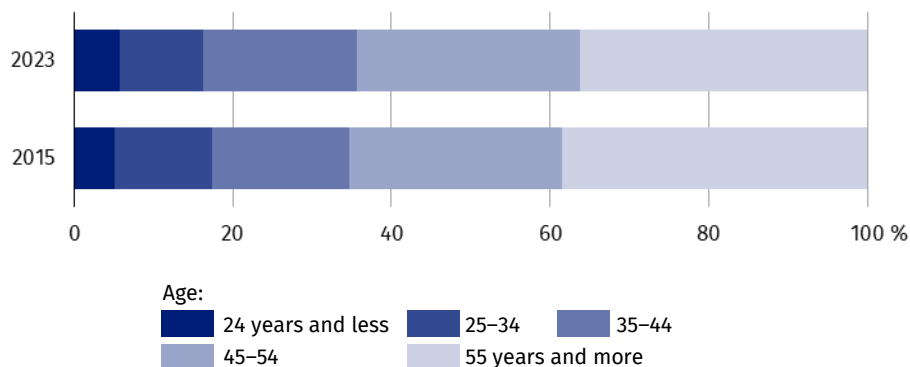
SPECIFICATION	2015	2022	2023		
	In absolute numbers			2015=100	2022=100
TOTAL	2432	1875	1816	74.7	96.9
men	1308	1059	1031	78.8	97.4
women	1124	816	785	69.8	96.2

The chance for a change of status on the labour market by unemployed persons with disabilities is determined by, i.a., socio-demographic features such as: age, education level, work seniority and duration of unemployment.

In Opolskie Voivodship's total number of the unemployed with disabilities, the most numerous group were persons aged 55 years and more. Their share, at the end of 2023 amounted to 36.2% and decreased by 0.3 percentage point on an annual basis by 2.3 percentage points in relation to 2015.

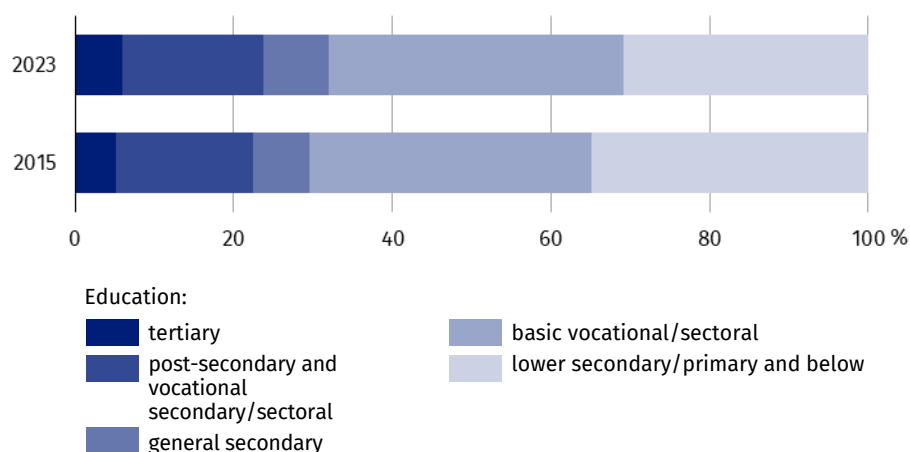
Unemployment was the least frequent for persons with disabilities up to the age of 25. Percentage of this unemployed group at the end of 2023 in voivodship was at the level of 5.7%, i.e. higher by 0.3 percentage point compared to the previous year and by 0.6 percentage point in relation to 2015.

Chart 1. Structure of unemployed persons with disabilities by age groups
as of 31 December



As in previous years, persons with the lowest levels of education were in the most difficult situation on the labour market. At the end of 2023, out of the total number of registered unemployed persons with disabilities in the voivodship, majority, i.e. 68.0% had the basic vocational/sectoral, lower secondary, primary and incomplete primary education, which meant a decrease in the share by 0.5 percentage point on an annual basis and by 2.5 percentage points versus 2015. The least threatened with unemployment were persons with disabilities with tertiary education and at the end of 2023 percentage of persons with disabilities with said education in the voivodship was 6.0% versus 6.6% in the previous year and 5.1% at the end of 2015.

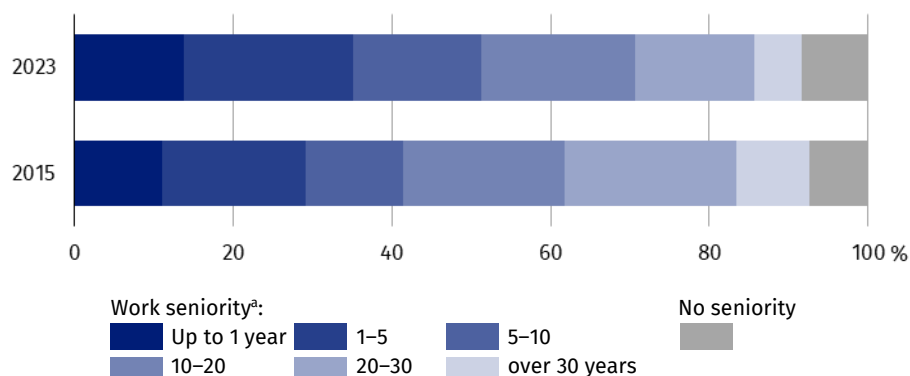
Chart 2. Structure of unemployed persons with disabilities by the level of education
as of 31 December



The analysis of the structure of unemployed persons with disabilities in terms of their work experience has shown that in 2023, in Opolskie Voivodship, the most numerous group was composed of persons with 1–5 years' work seniority (21.3% of the total number of registered unemployed persons). The percentage of the unemployed with the discussed work seniority increased annually by 1.1 percentage point as well as by 3.3 percentage points in relation to 2015. On the other hand, persons with the longest work seniority (over 30 years) were in the most favourable situation and at the end of 2023 they constituted 5.9% of the total number of registered unemployed in the voivodship, the year earlier– 6.4%, and in 2015 – 9.3%. The share of persons with disabilities, who did not have any work seniority at the end

of 2023 was at the level of 8.4% and was higher by 0.4 percentage point compared to 2022 and by 1.1 percentage point in relation to 2015.

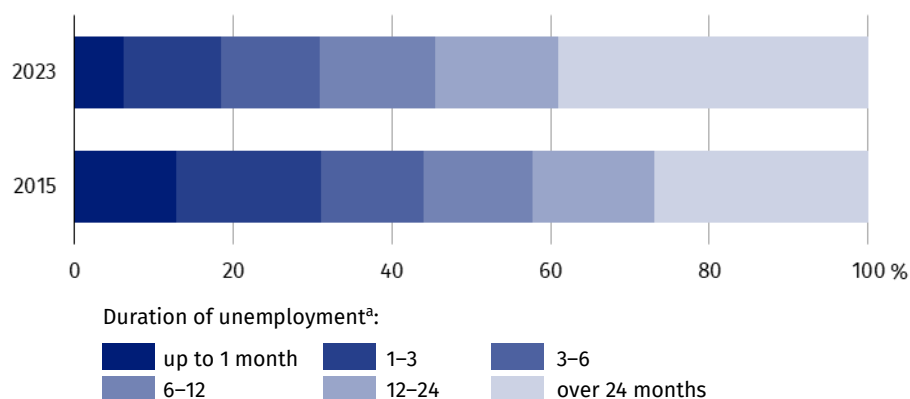
Chart 3. Structure of unemployed persons with disabilities by work seniority
as of 31 December



a Intervals were shifted upwards, e.g. interval 1-5 includes persons working from 1 year and 1 day up to full 5 years.

Given the duration of the unemployment, it was observed, that in 2023, similarly to previous years, the majority were persons with disabilities looking for a job over 12 months. The share of this group of at the end of 2023 in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 54.6% and on a yearly basis decreased by 0.2 percentage point while in relation to 2015 it increased by 12.3 percentage points. On the other hand, the least threatened by the phenomenon of unemployment were persons who remained unemployed up to 1 month, and their percentage at the end of 2023 was at the level of 6.2%, the year before – 5.8%, and at the end of 2015 – 12.7%.

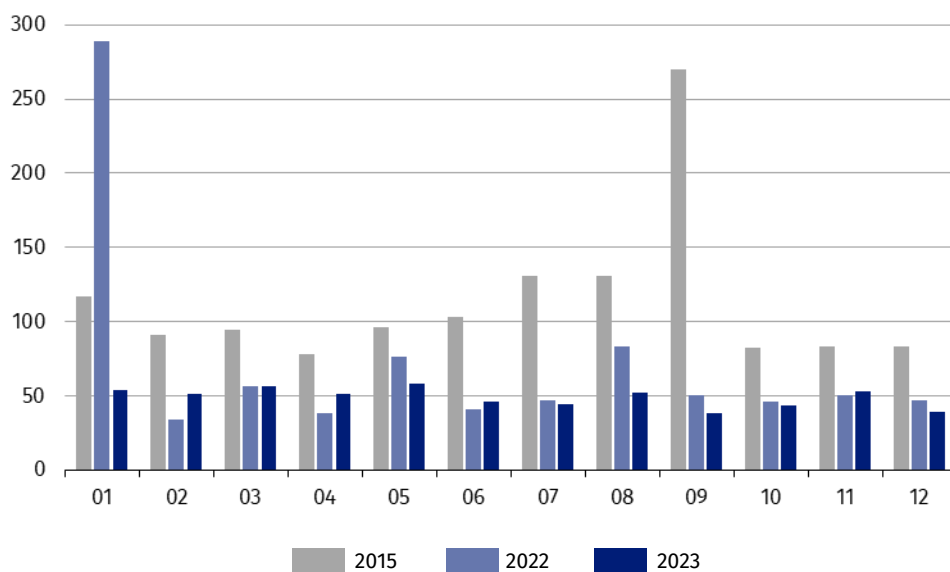
Chart 4. Structure of unemployed persons with disabilities by duration of unemployment
as of 31 December



a Since registration in labour office, intervals were shifted upward, e.g. interval 3-6 includes persons, who remained unemployed for 3 months and 1 day to 6 full months included.

In the period January-December 2023 a total of 0.6 thousand job offers addressed to persons with disabilities were submitted to labour offices in Opolskie Voivodship (i.e. 2.9% of the total number of job offers submitted to the unemployed). Their number decreased both in relations to 2022 as well as to 2015, i.e. by 31.7% and by 57.0%, respectively. Among all job offers dedicated to persons with disabilities in 2023 (similarly to the previous year as well as in 2015) majority of them came from the private sector, and, on average, every sixth job offer concerned seasonal work (in 2022 – every eighth and in 2015 – every fourth).

Chart 5. Job offers for persons with disabilities
during the period



At the end of December, per job offer, there were 28 unemployed persons with disabilities, i.e. similarly as in the previous year, while in 2015 there were 51 persons.

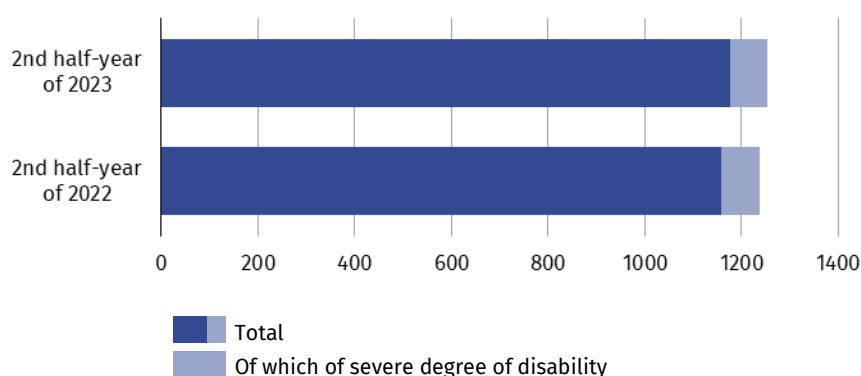
Persons with disabilities employed in sheltered workshops¹

At the end of December 2023, in Opolskie Voivodship, there were 11 sheltered workshops employing total of 1.3 thousand persons with disabilities, which constituted 62.1% of the total number of the employed in this type of units (the year before – 67.0%). Compared with December 2022 the number of employed persons with disabilities increased by 1.4%.

As in the previous year, the vast majority, i.e. 66.9% of employed persons with disabilities had a moderate degree of disability. In relation to December 2022 the share of the said group with disabilities decreased by 1.4 percentage point. The share of persons with mild degree of disability, in December 2023 amounted to 27.0%, and with severe degree of disability – 6.2%.

Opolskie Voivodship's sheltered workshops recorded an increase in the number of employed persons with disabilities in relation to December 2022

Chart 6. Persons with disabilities employed in sheltered workshops
as of 31 December



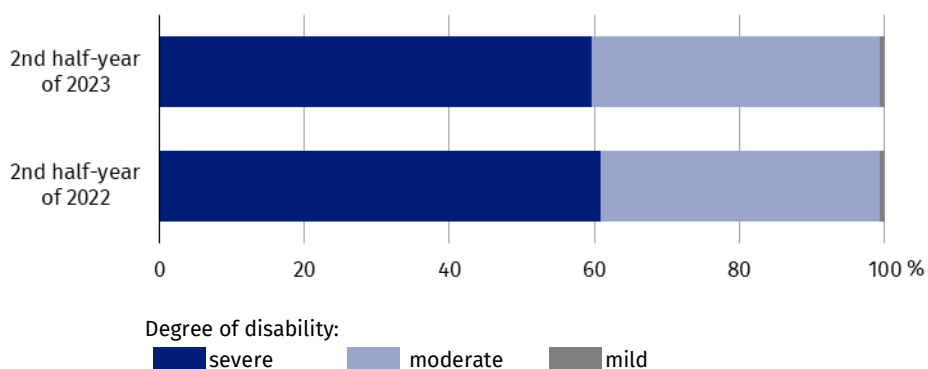
¹ Opolski Voivodship Office.

Persons with disabilities employed in vocational development centres²

At the end of December 2023, in Opolskie Voivodship, there were 5 vocational development centres, which employed 0.3 thousand persons with disabilities. The said group of persons accounted for 83.9% of the total number of employed persons in the discussed type of establishments and in relation to the corresponding period of 2022 their share increased by 2.2 percentage points.

Percentage of persons with disabilities employed in vocational development centres in Opolskie Voivodship increased in comparison with December 2022

Chart 7. Structure of employed persons with disabilities in vocational development centres by degree of disability as of 31 December



The structure of employed persons with disabilities in vocational development centres at the end of December 2023 in Opolskie Voivodship, compared to the corresponding period of 2022, did not change significantly. Persons with a severe degree of disability continued to predominate (59.6%), and their share decreased (by 1.2 percentage points). The share of persons with moderate degree of disability in December 2023 amounted to 39.8%, and with mild level of disability– 0.6%.

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