

Active enterprises in the third quarter of 2025

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 **4.9%**

Increase in the number of active enterprises in the third quarter of 2025 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year

In the third quarter of 2025, there were 2 875 994 active enterprises in Poland. With regard to the kind of economic activity, the largest population were enterprises from section trade; repair of motor vehicles (17.2% of total). The largest number of active enterprises had their registered offices in the Mazowieckie voivodship (20.1% of total).

Basic information on active enterprises

In the third quarter of 2025, compared to the same period in 2024, the number of active enterprises increased by 4.9%. Micro entities (with up to 9 persons employed) accounted for 95.9% of all active enterprises, and compared to the third quarter of 2024, their number increased by 5.2%. Small enterprises (with the number of persons employed from 10 to 49), medium (with 50 to 249 persons employed) and large (with 250 or more persons employed) accounted for 3.4%, 0.6%, and 0.1% of all active enterprises, respectively. Differently than in the case of micro entities, number of small enterprises decreased by 0.5%, medium enterprises by 1.0% and large enterprises by 3 entities, compared to the third quarter of 2024.

The share of micro entities increased year-on-year to 95.9% of active enterprises

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
Q3 2025	2 875 994	2 757 202	97 170	17 439	4 183
Q3 2024	2 741 329	2 621 869	97 666	17 608	4 186

Active enterprises by kind of economic activity

In the third quarter of 2025, the largest of enterprises conducted activity in sections: trade; repair of motor vehicles (17.2% of all active enterprises), construction (15.2%), and professional, scientific and technical activities (13.8%). The smallest share was accounted to enterprises in the section mining and quarrying (0.1%) and energy generation and supply (0.3%).

Compared to the same period of 2024, the largest increase in the number of active enterprises was observed in the sections: education (17.8%), administration and support activities (15.9%), and arts, entertainment and recreation activities (9.2%).

In the population of large entities, the largest share was held by enterprises in the manufacturing (43.1%). Among micro entities, the largest share was recorded, as for all enterprises, in the sections: trade; repair of motor vehicles (17.0%), construction (15.3%), and professional, scientific, and technical activities (14.1%).

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Chart 1. Number of active enterprises

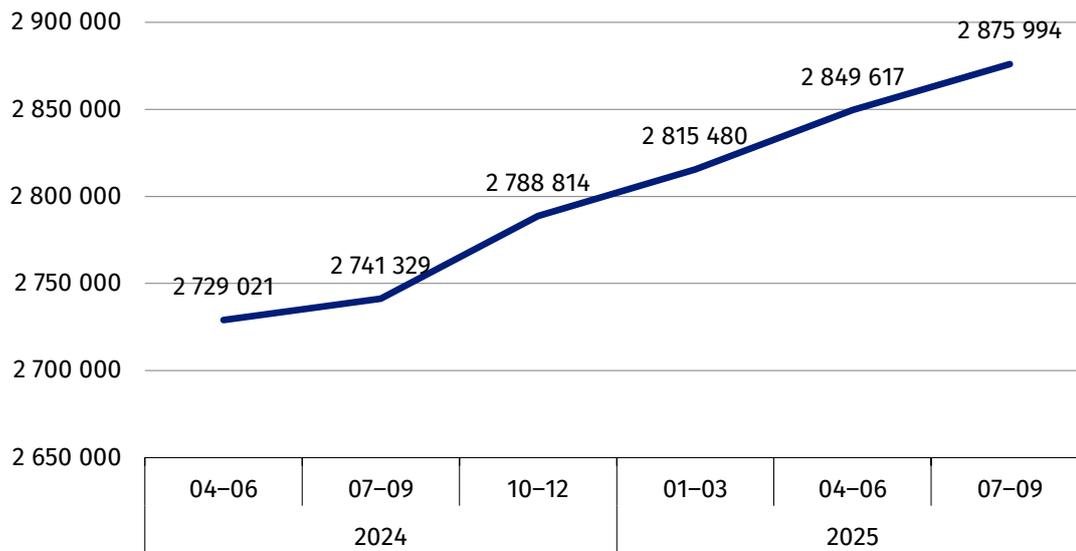


Table 2. Number of active enterprises by size classes and NACE Rev. 2 section in the third quarter of 2025

Specification	Active enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10-49	50-249	250 and more persons
Total	2 875 994	2 757 202	97 170	17 439	4 183
Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	25 881	23 670	1 749	445	17
Mining and quarrying	2 483	2 024	319	106	34
Manufacturing	238 459	209 369	21 199	6 090	1 801
Energy generation and supply	9 178	8 638	322	169	49
Water supply; sewage and waste management	8 401	6 370	1 284	648	99
Construction	437 295	421 992	14 008	1 174	121
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	494 680	469 277	21 773	3 103	527
Transportation and storage	168 448	157 002	9 783	1 362	301
Accommodation and catering	83 879	78 704	4 759	338	78
Information and communication	236 478	233 106	2 531	631	210
Financial and insurance activities	57 985	56 307	1 083	460	135
Real estate activities	77 559	75 118	2 011	398	32
Professional, scientific and technical activities	395 482	389 317	5 181	741	243
Administrative and support service activities	128 332	123 468	3 632	890	342
Education	83 518	80 869	2 315	306	28
Human health and social work activities	246 327	241 667	4 062	458	140
Arts, entertainment and recreation activities	32 696	32 242	380	62	12
Other service activities	148 913	148 062	779	58	14

Active enterprises by registered office

In the third quarter of 2025, the largest number of active enterprises (according to the place of registered offices) was in the Mazowieckie (20.1% of all active enterprises), and also many active enterprises operated in the Wielkopolskie (10.3%), the Śląskie (10.2%) and the Małopolskie (10.0%) voivodships. The smallest number of enterprises were located in the Opolskie voivodship (1.9% of all active enterprises).

Compared to the same period of 2024, the largest increase in the number of active enterprises was recorded in the Mazowieckie (5.9%), Małopolskie (5.7%), and Pomorskie (5.5%) voivodships, the smallest was in the Zachodniopomorskie voivodship (3.7%), the Warmińsko-Mazurskie (3.5%), and the Podlaskie (3.6%) voivodships.

In the population of large entities, the largest share was held by enterprises based in the Mazowieckie (26.9%), Śląskie (12.1%), and Wielkopolskie (11.1%) voivodships. In the population of microenterprises, the highest percentage of entities was recorded in the Mazowieckie (20.2%), Wielkopolskie (10.2%), Śląskie (10.2%), and Małopolskie (10.0%) voivodships.

In the powiats that are not cities with powiat status, the largest number of active enterprises was located in the powiats: poznański (47 450 entities), piaseczyński (27 216), krakowski (25 519), wołomiński (24 029), pruszkowski (20 573), wrocławski (19 705). The number of active enterprises did not exceed 1000 entities in the following powiats: gołdapski (987), węgorzewski (957) and sejneński (935).

In relation to the third quarter of 2024, the largest increase in the number of active enterprises, greater than for the entire country (i.e. 4.9%) was observed in 77 powiats that are not cities with powiat status. The largest increase (above 7.0%) was recorded in the following powiats: legionowski, pruszkowski, wrocławski, grodziski, średzki and zwoleński. A decrease in the number of active enterprises was observed in the powiats: węgrowski, krasnostawski and pyrzycki.

In the third quarter of 2025, the highest number of active enterprises per 1000 population was observed in the Mazowieckie (104.9), Pomorskie (85.2), Wielkopolskie (85.0), Małopolskie (83.8), and Dolnośląskie (82.1) voivodships. In contrast, the lowest number was observed in the Podkarpackie voivodship (57.1).

Chart 2. Structure of active enterprises by voivodships in the third quarter of 2025

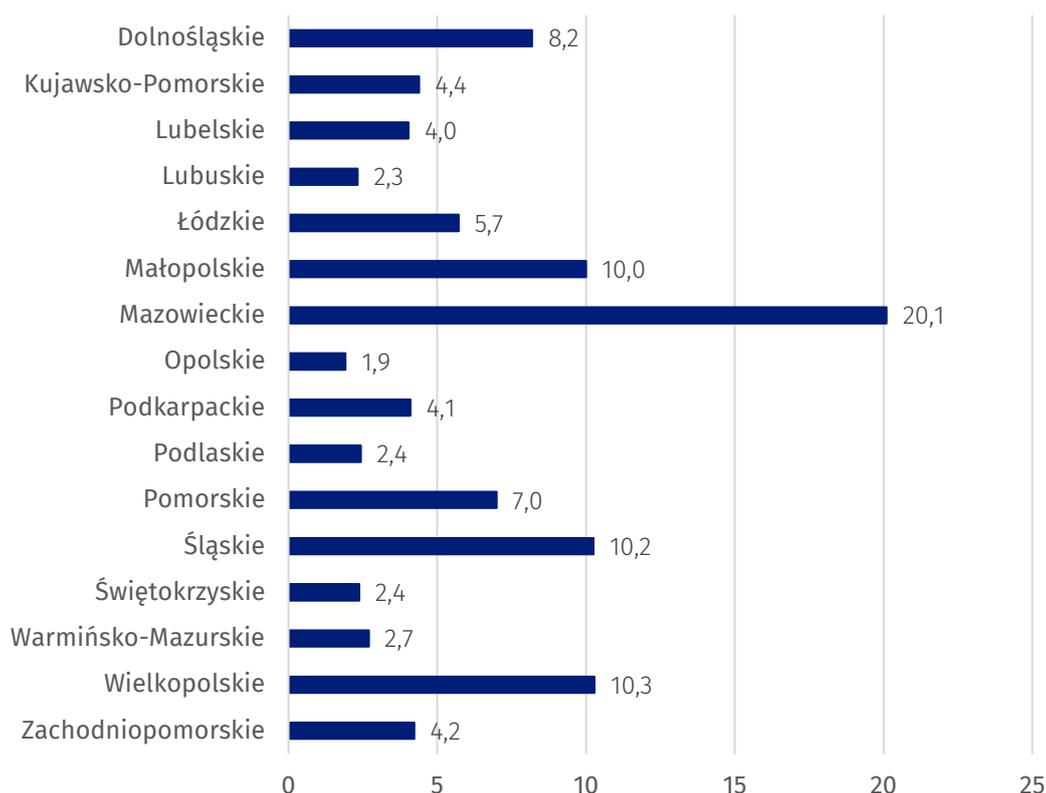
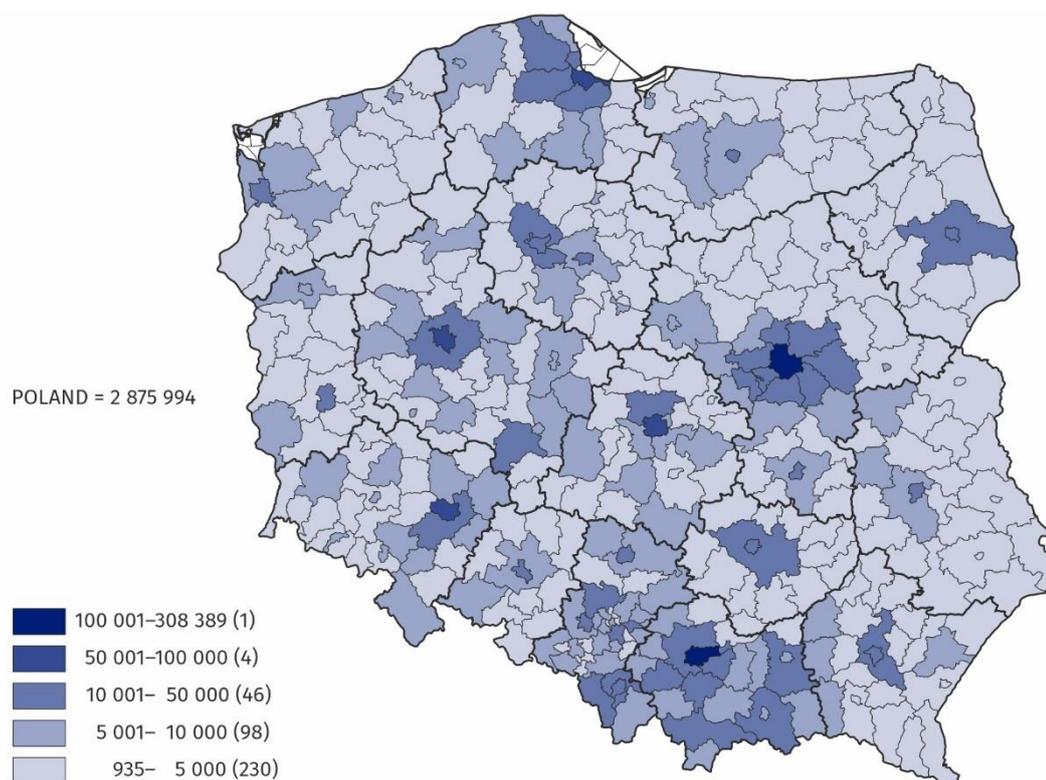


Table 3. Number of active enterprises by size classes and voivodships in the third quarter of 2025

Specification	Active enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10-49	50-249	250 and more
Total	2 875 994	2 757 202	97 170	17 439	4 183
Dolnośląskie	235 362	227 014	6 671	1 304	373
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	126 206	120 516	4 667	852	171
Lubelskie	116 071	111 254	4 107	615	95
Lubuskie	66 826	64 044	2 251	441	90
Łódzkie	164 410	157 145	6 042	1 017	206
Małopolskie	287 522	276 021	9 627	1 522	352
Mazowieckie	578 017	555 840	17 596	3 457	1 124
Opolskie	55 085	52 504	2 103	393	85
Podkarpackie	117 819	112 388	4 493	780	158
Podlaskie	69 851	67 050	2 300	437	64
Pomorskie	201 071	193 350	6 358	1 120	243
Śląskie	294 724	280 936	11 289	1 992	507
Świętokrzyskie	68 274	65 458	2 369	375	72
Warmińsko-Mazurskie	77 619	74 521	2 549	474	75
Wielkopolskie	295 688	281 970	11 257	1 998	463
Zachodniopomorskie	121 449	117 191	3 491	662	105

Map 1. Number of active enterprises by powiats in the third quarter of 2025



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 and the kind of accounting record kept. 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

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