

Pig population as of December 2025

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 **1.6%**

 Increase in pig population
in December 2025 y/y

According to preliminary data, the population of pigs¹ in December 2025 was 9 225.2 thousand heads showing an increase of 1.6% compared to the analogical period last year. The increased in numbers occurred in all production-use groups except fattening pigs.

At the beginning of December 2025, **the pig population** amounted to **9 225.2** thousand heads and was higher by 147 thousand heads (by 1.6%) than the state recorded in the analogical period of 2024, and compared with the number of pigs in June 2025 – higher by 101.7 thousands heads, i.e. by **1.1%**.

Table 1. Pig population in thousands heads in December 2025

Specification	12 2025	12 2024=100	06 2025=100
Pigs	9 225.2	101.6	101.1
Piglets, less than 20 kg	1 841.2	103.4	96.1
Pigs, from 20 kg to less than 50 kg	2 712.7	103.7	106.2
Fattening pigs, 50 kg and over	4 043.7	99.3	100.4
Breeding pigs 50 kg and over	627.6	102.9	100.5
of which: total breeding sows	618.2	103.1	100.6
of which: covered sows	427.9	104.0	101.2

The herd of **sows for breeding** increased compared to December 2024 by 18.5 thousand heads (by 3.1%) to the level of **618.2** thousand heads, including the number of covered sows increased by 16.5 (by 4.0%) to 472.9 thousand heads. Compared to June 2025, the number of sows for breeding increased by 3.7 thousand heads (by 0.6%), including covered sows increased by 5.2 thousand heads, i.e. by 1.2%.

The population of pigs in December 2025 was 9 225.2 thousand heads. The largest change in the herd structure was observed in fattening pigs. Their share decreased by 1.0 pp. compared to December 2024

¹ Preliminary generalised results of a representative survey of pig population and pig production comprising:
- all holdings of legal persons and unincorporated entities,
- selected individual holdings (30 thousand holdings - sample of approximately 2.0%).

In the structure of the total pig herd, the share of individual production-use groups in December 2025 was:

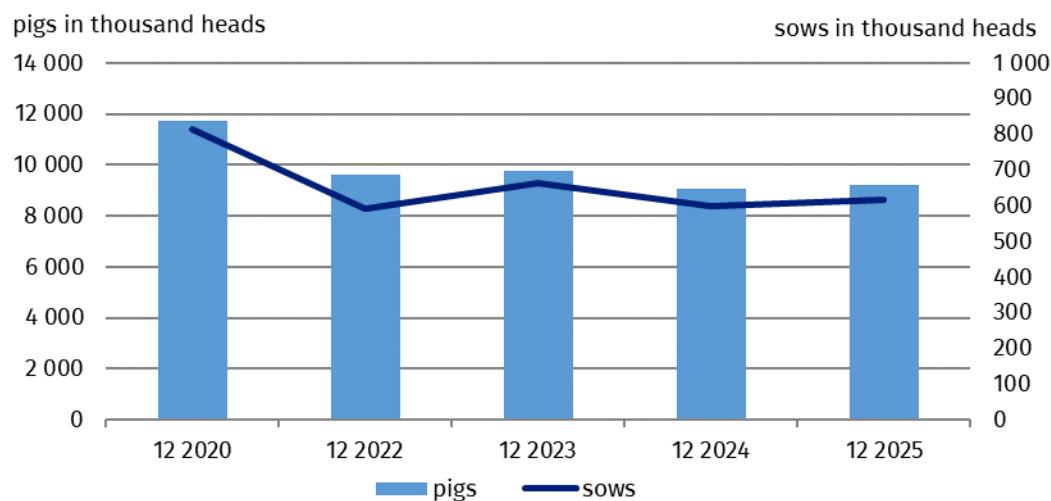
- piglets, less than 20 kg – 20.0%,
- pigs, from 20 kg to less than 50 kg – 29.4%,
- fattening pigs, 50 kg and over – 43.8%,
- breeding pigs, 50 kg and over – 6.8%,

of which:

- total number of breeding sows – 6.8%,
- of which covered sows – 6.7%.

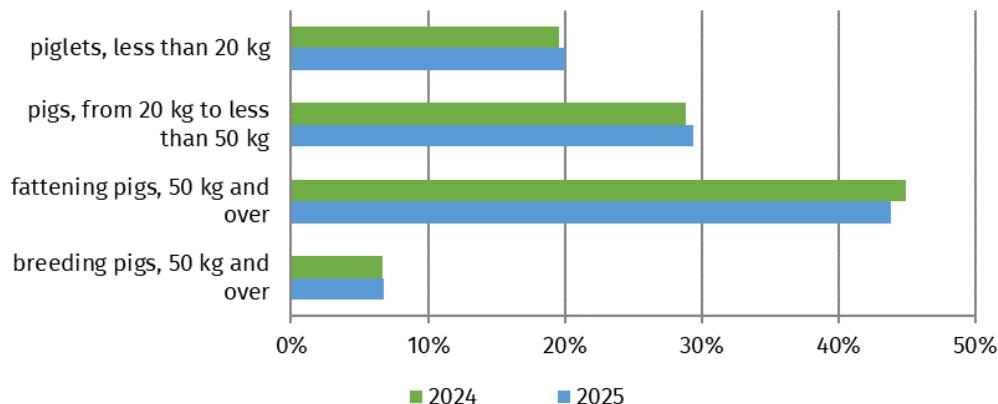
The largest share in the herd structure was the population of fattening pigs - 43.8%

Chart 1. Pigs and sows population in December 2020-2025



Compared to the structure of the pig population recorded at the beginning of December 2024, the proportion of pigs, from 20 kg to less than 50 kg (by 0.6 pp.), piglets (by 0.3 pp.) and breeding pigs (by 0.1 pp.) was increased in 2025. On the other hand, the proportion of fattening pigs 50 kg and over (by 1.0 pp.) was decreased in 2025.

Chart 2. Pig population structure in December 2024 and 2025



In the period from January to November 2025 (according to preliminary data) the import of live pigs amounted to 8 034.5 thousand heads and was by 3.2% higher than in the analogical period of the previous year, including the import of piglets and pigs weighing from 20 kg to 50 kg increased by 4.0%. The average weight of one imported pig during this period was 32.6 kg compared to 32.5 kg in 2024.

The largest shares in the national pig population were recorded in the following voivodeships: Wielkopolskie (24.9%), Mazowieckie (17.5%), Łódzkie (11.8%), Kujawsko-pomorskie (9.2%) and Pomorskie (9.0%). The lowest shares of pig population were recorded in voivodeships: Podkarpackie (0.8%), Lubuskie (0.9%) and Małopolskie (1.1%).

In December 2025, the purchase **price of pigs for slaughter** (PLN 5.22 per kg) was by 5.8% lower than in the previous month, and decreased by 16.7% year-on-year.

African swine fever (ASF) continues to be at risk. In the first half of 2025, the General Veterinary Inspectorate registered 18 outbreaks of ASF in pigs, the disease affected 19 265 animals.

Additional table on pig population by voivodeships is available in Excel file.

From January 1 to November 30 2025, pig import increased by 3.2% compared to the analogical period of the previous year

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