

Pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2024

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 **2.1%**

Decrease in the number of
generally available
pharmacies compared to 2023

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Pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

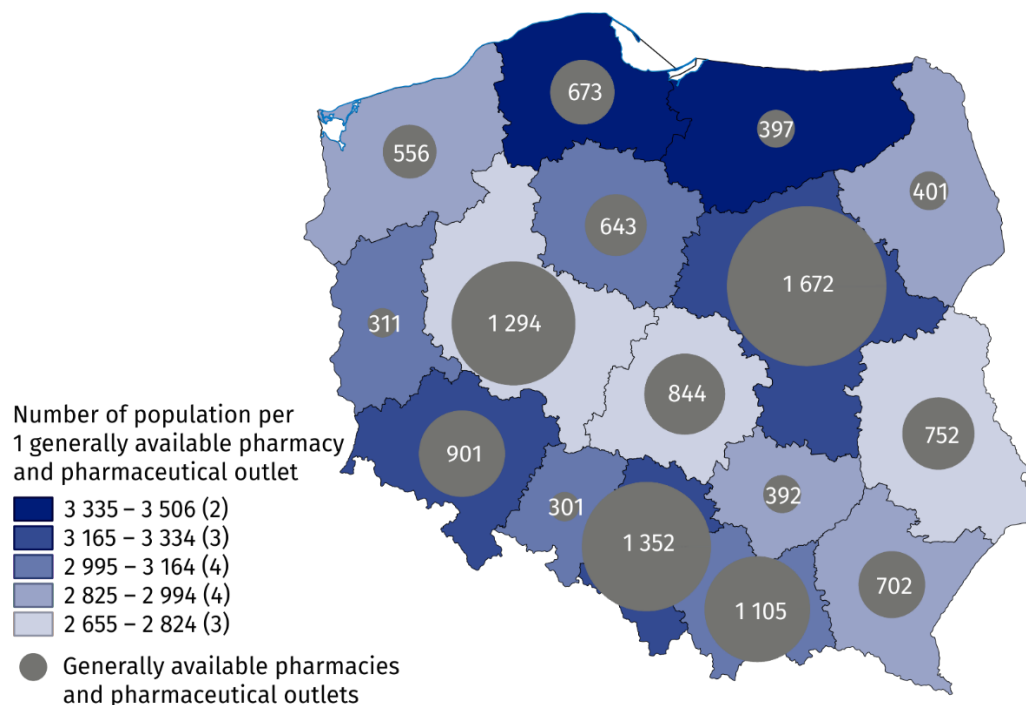
At the end of 2024¹, there were operating 11.2 thousand generally available pharmacies and 1.1 thousand pharmaceutical outlets (by 2.1% and 2.2% less respectively compared to 2023). Online sale of medicines² was carried out by 236 pharmacies and 8 pharmacy outlets (197 and 6 respectively in 2023).

There were on average 3 049³ persons per one generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet (by 53 more than in the previous year). The highest number of inhabitants per one generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet was recorded in Pomorskie Voivodship (3 506), while the lowest – in Lubelskie Voivodship (2 655).

The number of population
per one generally available
pharmacy and
pharmaceutical outlet
amounted to 3 049 persons

Map 1. Generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2024

As of 31 December



¹ See information on changes in the data compilation methodology on page 2.

² According to the Act of 6 September 2001 – the Pharmaceutical Law (Journal of Laws 2025, item 750) and Regulation of the Minister of Health of 26 March 2015 on online sale of medicines (Journal of Laws 2015, item 481).

³ Population as of 31 December was used to calculate the ratio.

Employed in generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

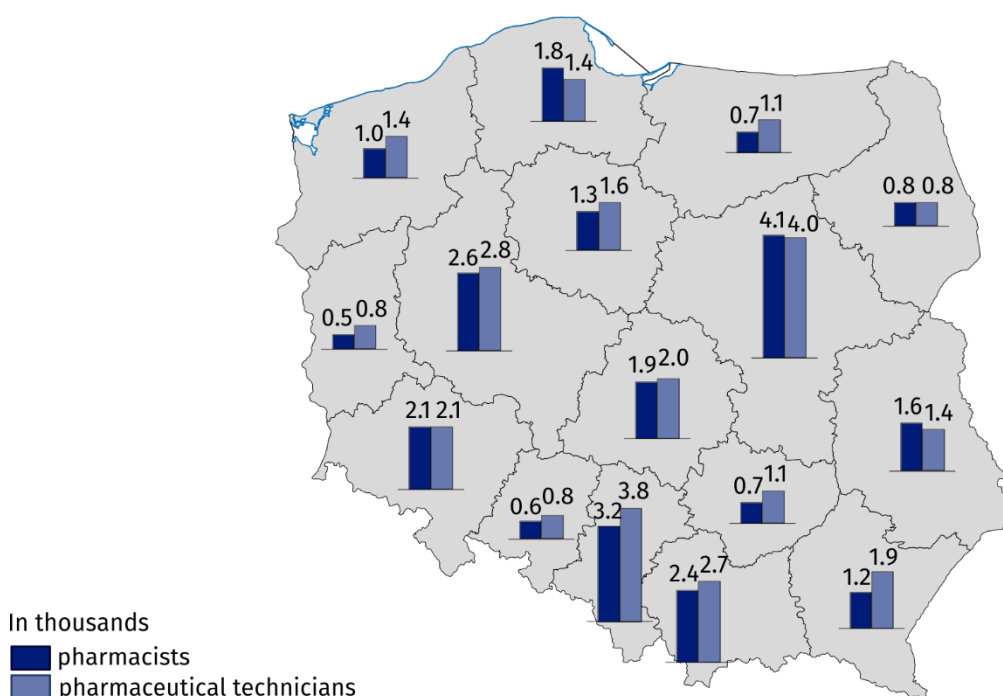
At the end of 2024, generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets employed⁴ 26.2 thousand pharmacists and 29.8 thousand pharmaceutical technicians (compared to 2023 respectively increase by 1.5% and decrease by 6.3%). Like a year earlier, the vast majority of employees were females (83.0% of pharmacists and 95.0% of pharmaceutical technicians).

Table 1. Employed in generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2024

SPECIFICATION	Pharmacists	Pharmaceutical technicians
Generally available pharmacies	26 151	28 371
Pharmaceutical outlets	79	1 440

Map 2. Employed in generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2024

As of 31 December



Since 2024 data on generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets, together with data on the employed pharmacists and pharmaceutical technicians filling prescriptions, are compiled from the following databases: the National Register of Permits to Operate Generally Available Pharmacies, Pharmaceutical Outlets (Chief Pharmaceutical Inspectorate); list of pharmacists and pharmaceutical technicians engaged in the reimbursement of prescribed medicines (NFZ); the insured and contribution payers lists (ZUS, KRUS).

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⁴ Refers to employees for whom the establishment is the main workplace, as determined on the basis of NFZ data on the filled prescriptions.

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