

Active enterprises in the first quarter of 2026

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 **2.0%**

Increase in the number of active enterprises in the first quarter of 2026 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year

In the first quarter of 2026, there were 2 872 113 active enterprises in Poland. With regard to the kind of economic activity, the largest population were enterprises from section trade; repair of motor vehicles (16.7% 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 first quarter of 2026, compared to the same period in 2025, there was an increase of 2.0% in the number of active enterprises. Micro entities (i.e. with up to 9 employees) accounted for 95.9% of all active enterprises, and compared to the first quarter of 2025, their number increased by 2.2%. Small entities (i.e. with 10 to 49 employees), medium entities (i.e. with 50 to 249 employees), and large entities (i.e. with 250 or more employees) accounted for 3.3%, 0.6%, and 0.2% of all active enterprises, respectively. In these three size classes, a decrease in the number of enterprises was observed compared to the first quarter of 2025: for small enterprises by 1.1%, medium-sized enterprises by 1.0% and large enterprises by 0.3%.

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
Q1 2026	2 872 113	2 755 076	95 618	17 251	4 168
Q1 2025	2 815 480	2 697 166	96 716	17 419	4 179

Active enterprises by kind of economic activity

In the first quarter of 2026, the majority of enterprises operated in the sections: trade; repair of motor vehicles (16.7% of all active enterprises), construction (15.1%), and professional, scientific and technical activities (13.9%). The smallest share was held by enterprises in the mining and quarrying section (0.1%).

Compared to the same period in 2025, the largest increase in the number of enterprises was recorded in the administration and support service activities section (13.1%).

In populations of large and medium-sized enterprises, the largest share was held by manufacturing enterprises, accounting for 42.4% and 34.4%, respectively. Among small enterprises, the largest share was held by entities in the trade; repair of motor vehicles (22.3%), manufacturing (21.6%), and construction (14.1%).

In the number of micro entities, the largest share was noticed, similarly to enterprises in general, in the sections: trade; repair of motor vehicles (16.5%), construction (15.2%), and professional, scientific and technical activities (14.2%).

The largest increase in the number of active enterprises was observed in administration and support service activities section

Chart 1. Number of active enterprises

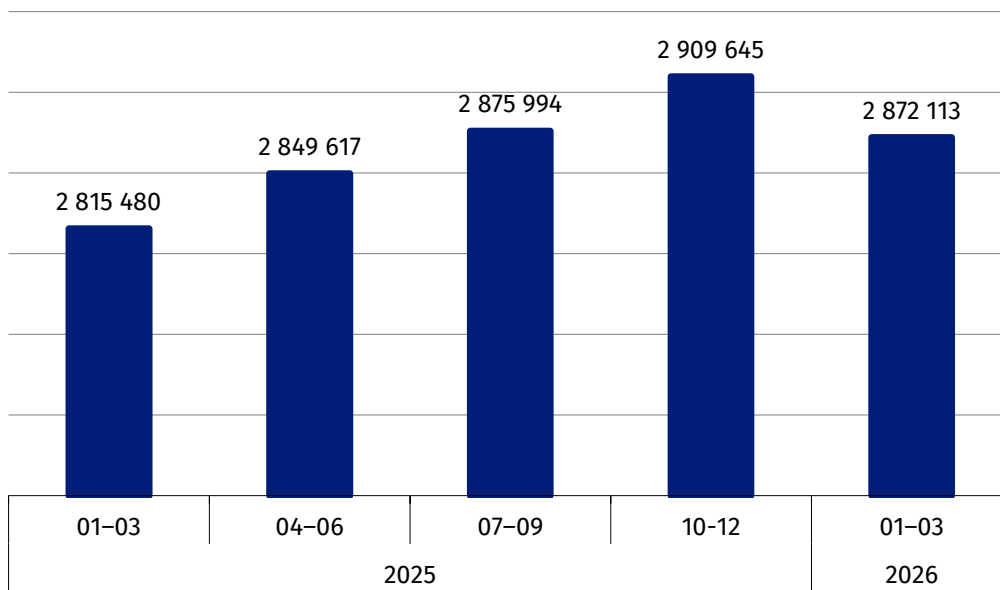


Table 2. Number of active enterprises by size classes and NACE Rev. 2 section in the first quarter of 2026

Specification	Active enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10-49	50-249	250 and more persons
Total	2 872 113	2 755 076	95 618	17 251	4 168
Agriculture, forestry, hunting and fishing	24 730	22 561	1 711	440	18
Mining and quarrying	2 400	1 938	326	104	32
Manufacturing	235 145	206 785	20 652	5 942	1 766
Energy generation and supply	9 088	8 557	317	165	49
Water supply; sewage and waste management	8 316	6 238	1 320	660	98
Construction	433 349	418 556	13 499	1 168	126
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	479 518	454 590	21 362	3 038	528
Transportation and storage	167 487	156 109	9 747	1 336	295
Accommodation and catering	78 260	73 149	4 693	333	85
Information and communication	238 857	235 567	2 451	625	214
Financial and insurance activities	57 640	55 959	1 072	472	137
Real estate activities	76 771	74 354	1 985	398	34
Professional, scientific and technical activities	398 469	392 303	5 148	769	249
Administrative and support service activities	132 375	127 535	3 605	901	334
Education	89 033	86 286	2 394	323	30
Human health and social work activities	255 471	250 699	4 172	455	145
Arts, entertainment and recreation activities	32 652	32 174	402	63	13
Other service activities	152 552	151 716	762	59	15

Active enterprises by registered office

In the first quarter of 2026, the largest number of active enterprises (according to the place of registered offices) was in the Mazowieckie (20.1% of all active enterprises), as well as in the Wielkopolskie (10.3%), Śląskie (10.3%), and Małopolskie (10.1%) voivodships. The smallest number of enterprises were located in the Opolskie voivodship (1.9% of active entities).

Compared to the same period in 2025, the largest increase in the number of active enterprises was recorded in the Dolnośląskie (2.9%), Małopolskie (2.7%) and Mazowieckie (2.6%) voivodships, the smallest increase was in the Warmińsko-Mazurskie, Lubuskie, Świętokrzyskie, and Kujawsko-Pomorskie voivodships (the percentage did not exceed 1.0%).

In the population of large entities, the largest share was held by enterprises based in the Mazowieckie (27.3%), Śląskie (11.7%), and Wielkopolskie (10.9%) voivodships. In the population of micro-entities, the highest percentage of entities was recorded in the Mazowieckie (20.1%), Wielkopolskie (10.3%), Śląskie (10.2%), and Małopolskie (10.1%) voivodships.

In the first quarter of 2026, the highest number of active enterprises per 1000 population was recorded in the Mazowieckie (104.5), Wielkopolskie (85.1), Pomorskie (84.7), Małopolskie (84.2), and Dolnośląskie (82.4) voivodships. The lowest number was observed in the Podkarpackie voivodship (56.6).

In the powiats that are not cities with powiat status, the highest number of active enterprises per 1000 population was observed in the powiats: piaseczyński (125.5), pruszkowski (114.9), and warszawsko zachodni (113.1). The lowest number of active enterprises per 1000 population occurred in the powiats: chełmski (34.0), przemyski (35.5) and hrubieszowski (35.7).

Chart 2. Structure of active enterprises by voivodships in the first quarter of 2026

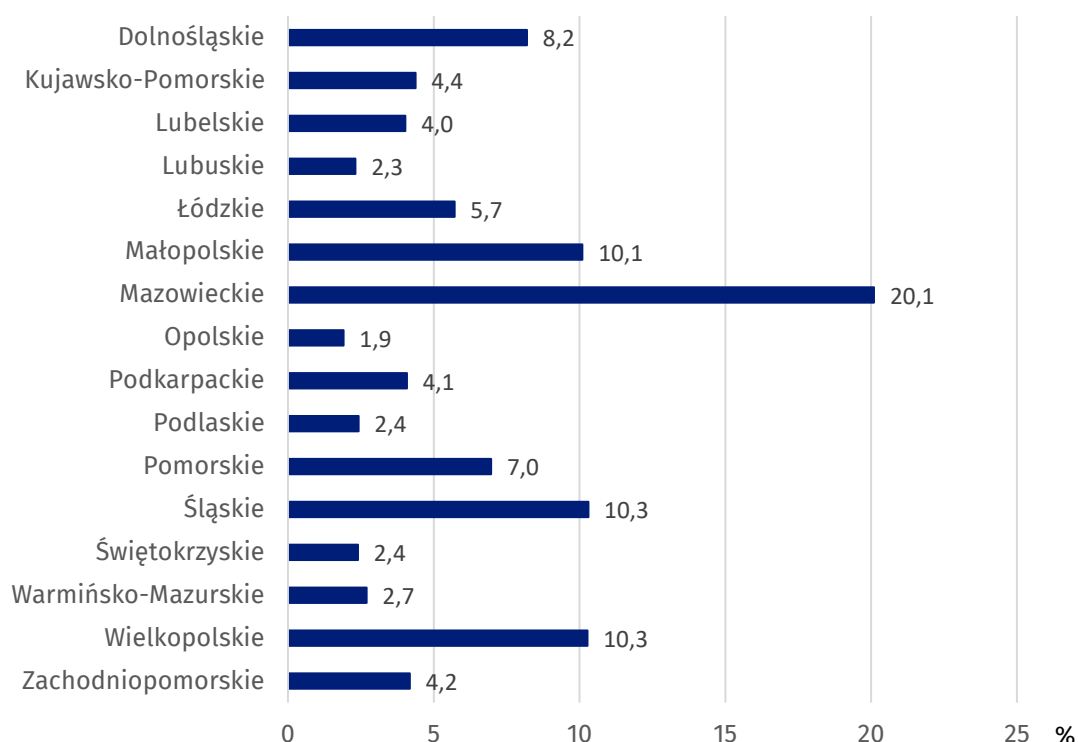
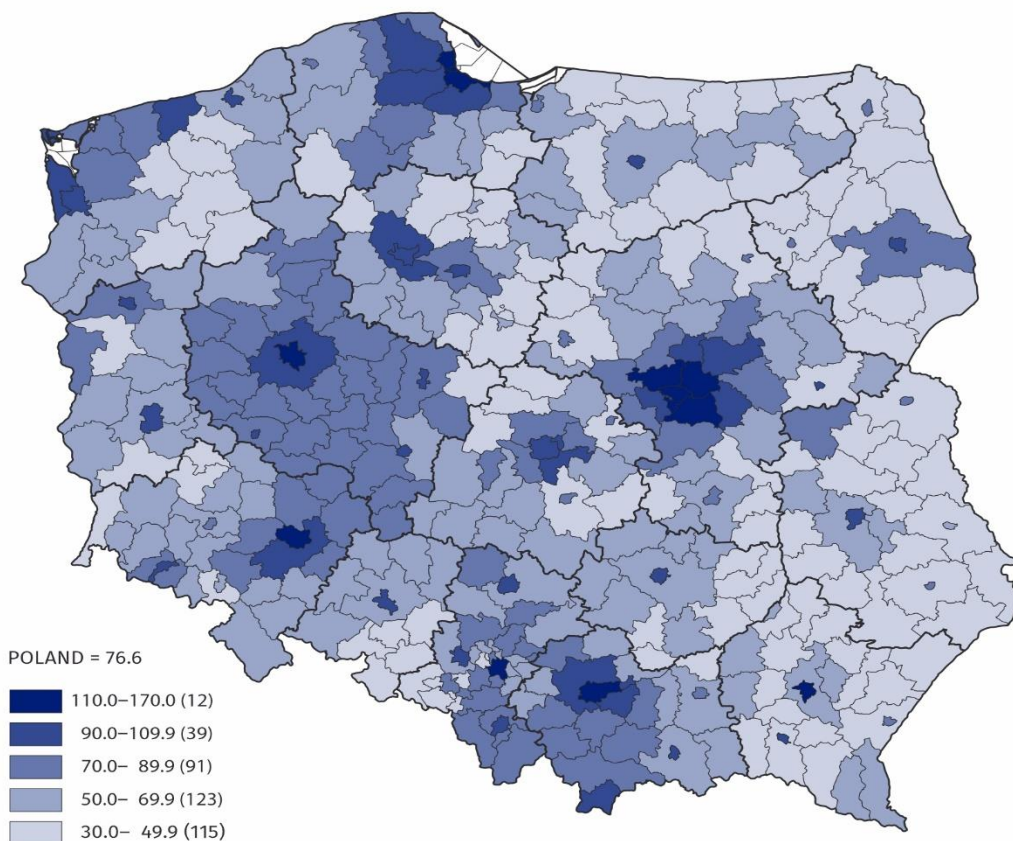


Table 3. Number of active enterprises by size classes and voivodships in the first quarter of 2026

Specification	Active enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10-49	50-249	250 and more
Total	2 872 113	2 755 076	95 618	17 251	4 168
Dolnośląskie	236 452	228 236	6 562	1 283	371
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	126 092	120 505	4 589	829	169
Lubelskie	116 004	111 271	4 050	585	98
Lubuskie	66 542	63 822	2 199	434	87
Łódzkie	165 050	157 994	5 863	990	203
Małopolskie	288 877	277 422	9 579	1 518	358
Mazowieckie	575 888	553 997	17 289	3 463	1 139
Opolskie	54 991	52 480	2 035	389	87
Podkarpackie	117 639	112 242	4 475	768	154
Podlaskie	69 867	67 077	2 314	413	63
Pomorskie	199 751	192 176	6 195	1 128	252
Śląskie	294 997	281 440	11 070	2 000	487
Świętokrzyskie	67 863	65 060	2 360	373	70
Warmińsko-Mazurskie	76 379	73 354	2 490	461	74
Wielkopolskie	296 074	282 506	11 135	1 979	454
Zachodniopomorskie	119 647	115 494	3 413	638	102

Map 1. Number of active enterprises by powiats per 1 000 population in the first quarter of 2026



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

An integral part of this news release are tables in XLSX format (downloadable files) with a set of tables presenting data in detailed breakdown, including by NACE Rev. 2 groups and by powiats.

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