

Economic activity of population in Mazowieckie Voivodship in Q1 2025

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↑ 12.2%

Increase in the number of unemployed persons compared to the previous quarter

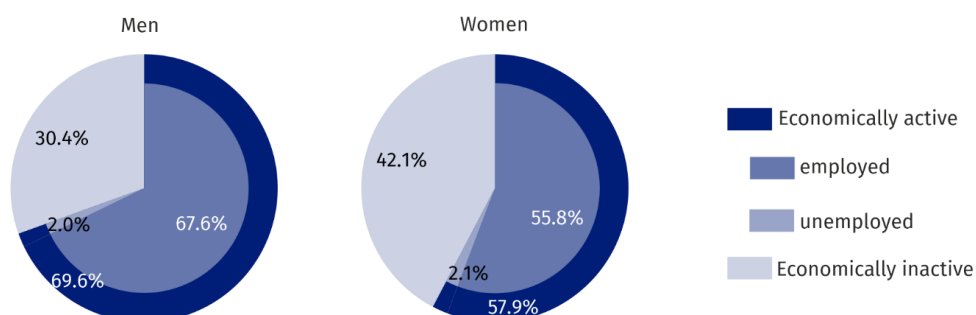
In Q1 2025, there was an increase in the number of unemployed persons and a decrease in economically inactive persons compared to Q4 2024. Unemployed men looked for a job longer than women, and unemployed urban residents longer than rural residents.

Economic activity of population aged 15–89 according to LFS

In the first quarter of 2025, among the total population of Mazowieckie Voivodship aged 15–89, 61.4% represented employed persons, 2.0% – unemployed, and 36.5% – economically inactive persons. This means that less than half of the population aged 15–89 (38.6%) did not work. In urban and rural areas this structure looked similar. However, significant differences were visible in the structure of men and women. 44.2% of women and 32.4% of women remained unemployed (economically inactive and unemployed).

Almost 39% of population aged 15–89 did not work

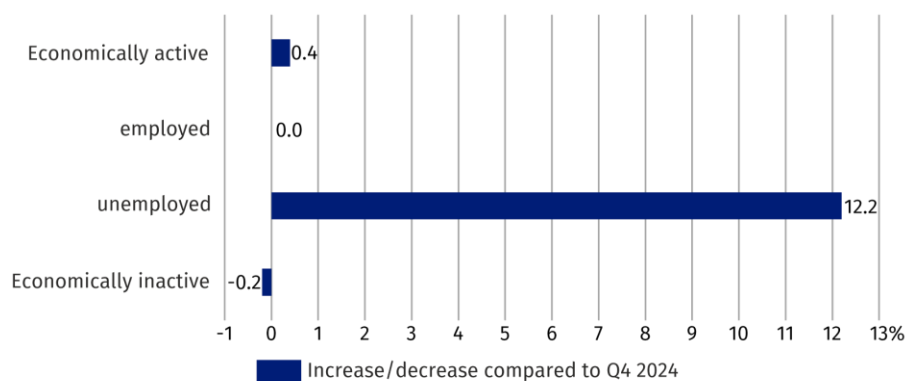
Chart 1. Structure of population aged 15–89 by sex in Q1 2025



Compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, the number of unemployed persons increased by 12.2%, and the number of employed persons did not change. On the other hand, the number of economically inactive persons decreased by 0.2%. An increase in the ratio of non-working population over working population was observed as well. In the first quarter of 2025, there were 628 unemployed and economically inactive persons per 1,000 employed persons (by 2 employed person more than in the fourth quarter of 2024).

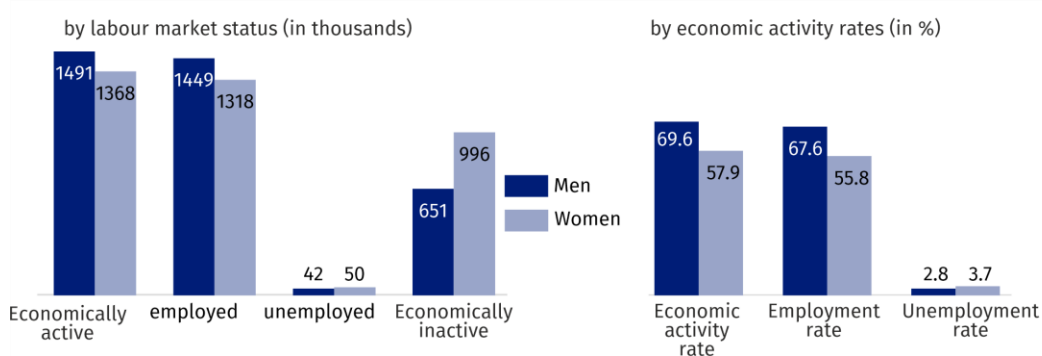
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Chart 2. Changes in the economic activity of population compared to Q1 2025



The economic activity rate was 63.4% and decreased by 0.1 pp compared to the previous quarter. There was an increase in the level of economic activity both among men and among women (by 0.1%). This indicator also decreased in urban areas (by 1.1 pp), and increased in rural areas (by 2.3 pp).

Chart 3. Economic activity of population in Q1 2025



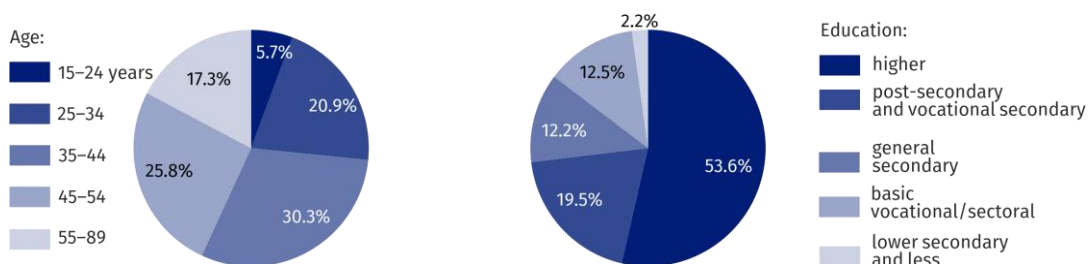
The highest value of the rate in terms of age was recorded for the age group 35–44, which amounted to 93.2%, while the lowest among persons aged 55–89 (30.9%). For working age population, this rate was 85.8%.

Employed persons

In the first quarter of 2025, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, the population of employed persons counted 2767 thousand persons, and the employment rate was estimated at 61.4% and decreased by 0.1 pp compared to the previous quarter.

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, the number of employed persons did not change. There was an increase among women (by 0.1%) and no changes among men. The number of employed persons decreased in urban areas (by 1.9%) and increased in rural areas (by 4.1%).

Chart 4. Structure of employed persons by age and education in 2025



In the first quarter of 2025, the highest employment rate was recorded among persons aged 35–44 (90.7%), and the lowest among persons aged 15–24 (29.5%). The highest increase of the rate was recorded among persons aged 15–24 (by 2.0 pp), while the highest decrease in among persons aged 45–54 (by 1.0 pp). The employment rate for working age population amounted to 83.0% (a decrease of 0.3 pp compared to the fourth quarter of 2024).

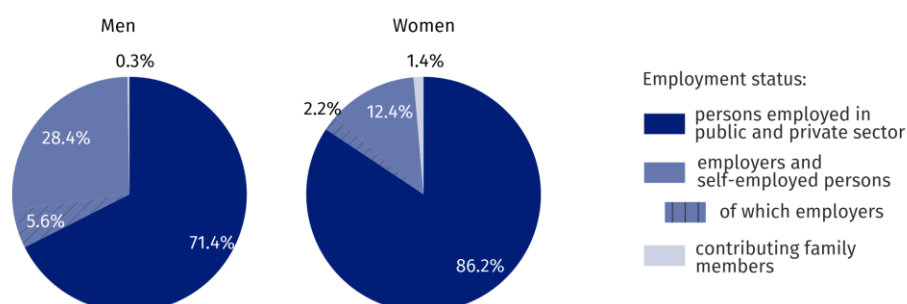
Among employed persons according to the level of education, the highest employment rate recorded persons with higher education – 81.8%, and the lowest among persons with lower secondary and less education – 12.3%. The highest increase in the employment rate occurred among persons with post-secondary, vocational secondary and sectoral vocational education (by 0.8 pp), and the highest drop among employed persons with basic vocational education (by 0.7 pp).

In the first quarter of 2025, there were 2170 thousand persons employed in the public and private sector (i.e. 78.4% of total employees), and their number decreased by 0.3% compared to the fourth quarter of 2024. There was an increase both among contributing family workers (from 21 thousand to 24 thousand), and an increase among employers and self-employed persons (from 568 thousand to 573 thousand).

The vast majority of employed persons supported the private sector (69.1% of the total). Of these, the majority (54.0%) were men. The situation was different among persons employed in the public sector, where women predominated among 671 thousand employed persons (66.5%). There were 85.8% of employees employed for an indefinite period (a 0.1 pp decrease compared to the fourth quarter of 2024).

More than 69% of total employed persons worked in the private sector

Chart 5. Structure of employed persons by employment status in the first quarter of 2025



28% of men and more than 12% of women worked as employers and self-employed persons

Unemployed persons

In the first quarter of 2025, the population of unemployed persons (aged 15–74) in Mazowieckie Voivodship amounted to 92.0 thousand persons and increased by 12.2% compared to the fourth quarter of 2024. Compared to the previous quarter, the number of unemployed men increased (by 16.7%), as well as the number of women (by 8.7%). There was an increase both among urban residents (by 14.8%), and among rural residents (by 6.9%).

The total unemployment rate in the Voivodship amounted to 3.2% and increased by 0.3 pp compared to the fourth quarter of 2024. It was 3.3% in urban areas (by 0.1 pp higher than in rural areas). For working age population the unemployment rate was 3.4%.

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, the unemployment rate increased both among men (by 0.4 pp), and women (by 0.3 pp). There was an increase both in urban areas (by 0.5 pp), and in rural areas (by 0.1 pp).

An average time of job seeking by unemployed persons amounted to 8 months. Men looked for a job for 8.1 months on average (by 0.2 months longer than women), and urban residents for 8 months (by 0.1 months longer than rural residents).

The number of unemployed men increased by almost 17%, and women by almost 9%

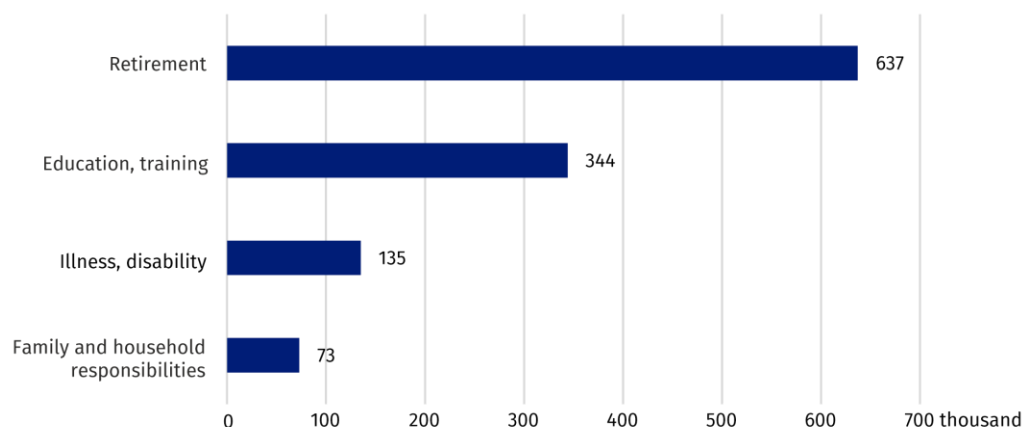
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Economically inactive persons

In the first quarter of 2025, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, 1646 thousand persons remained economically inactive, which accounted for 36.5% of total population aged 15-89 (in urban areas – 35.8% and in rural areas – 38.0%). Women were the majority in this population – 60.5%. Among economically inactive persons, persons with lower secondary and less education predominated – 26.4%. Working age population made up 27.0% of total economically inactive persons.

Women predominated among economically inactive persons (nearly 61%)

Chart 6. Economically inactive persons aged 15–74 by selected causes of economic inactivity in Q1 2025



Compared to Q4 2024, the economically inactive population decreased by 0.2% (the same in the male and female populations, a decrease of 0.2% each). Considering the place of residence, there was an increase in the number of economically inactive persons among urban residents (by 3.2%), and a decrease among rural residents (by 5.7%).

Out of total economically inactive persons (aged 15–74), 50.7% accounted for persons who did not seek work because of being retired. Other reasons for economic inactivity were: education and training – 27.4%, illness or disability – 10.7%, family and household responsibilities – 5.8%.

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