

Forestry in 2025

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3.5%

 Decrease in total removals
in comparison with the
previous year

Forest land area, as of 31 December 2025, comprised 9489.5 thousand ha, with forest area amounting to 9290.8 thousand ha, i.e. 29.6% of the area of the country. In 2025, forest renewals covered 60.3 thousand ha and afforestation – 0.8 thousand ha. In 2025, in comparison with the previous year, there was a 3.5% decrease in total removals to 39764.6 thousand m³ with timber removals, dropping by 3.7%, to 37992.1 thousand m³.

Forest resources

At the end of 2025, forest land comprised 9489.5 thousand ha. According to the standard used in international valuation that uses the category of land under forest management, the share of forest land in the land area of the country equalled 31.0%. Forests covered 9290.8 thousand ha, i.e. 29.6% of the area of Poland. Over many years forest area has been gradually increasing. At the end of the analysed year, forest area grew by 1.8 thousand ha in comparison with the data for the preceding year.

At the end of 2025, in comparison with the data for the preceding year, forest area grew by 1.8 thousand ha

Table 1. Forest land area
As of 31 December

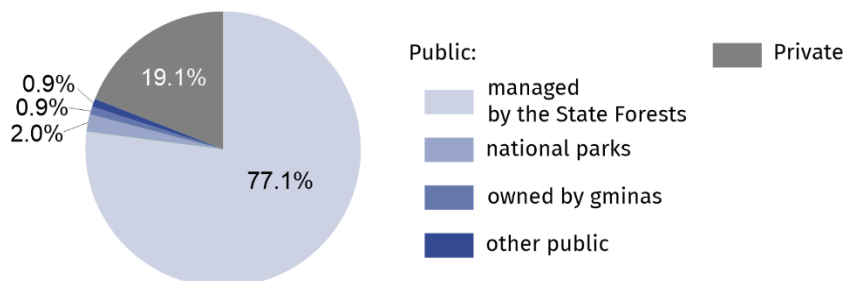
Specification	2024	2025
TOTAL in thousand ha	9488.8	9489.5
Forest	9289.0	9290.8
public	7513.5	7520.7
of which managed by the State Forests	7152.4	7159.8
private	1775.6	1770.2
Land related to forest management	199.7	198.7
Forest cover in %	29.6	29.6
Share of forest land area in the land area of the country in %	31.0	31.0
Forest area per capita in ha	0.248	0.249

This gradual increase in the forest area is a result of the afforestation of non-forest land either under agricultural use or classified as wasteland. It is also connected with providing information on the latest results of afforestation carried out in previous years and the into-forest reclassification of other land covered with naturally regenerated forest vegetation. A forest area balance is also affected by the reclassification of forest land into the land of non-forest use.

The ownership structure of forests was dominated by public share. At the end of the analysed period public forests constituted 80.9% of the total forest area, with the State Forests managing 77.1% of the total forest area. Private forests comprised the remaining 19.1% of forest area in the country.

Chart 1. Ownership structure of forests in 2025

As of 31 December



As of the end of 2025, 93.4% of private forest land was covered by an approved and updated forest management planning documentation, i.e. simplified forest management planning manuals and forest inventories.

As of 31 December 2025, forest area per capita in Poland equalled 0.249 ha.

At the end of analysed year, the protective forest status, i.e. the one with non-productive functions, was characteristic of 3930.6 thousand ha of forests (42.3% of forest area of the country), of which 97.7% comprised forests managed by the State Forests.

At the end of 2025, protective forests covered 42.3% of the forest area of the country

Forests and forest land constitute one of the most important and most valuable natural objects under legal protection. At the end of 2025, forest land area within national parks comprised 197.3 thousand ha (i.e. 2.1% of forest land area of the country) and 62.8% of the total area of these parks. Forest land prevailed in the area structure of 19 parks, constituting over 49% of the total area of each park, of which forest land share in 7 parks exceeded 90%. Forest area in nature reserves and landscape parks exceeded 50% of their total area, while in landscape areas under protection – 36% of their total area.

Forest management

In 2025, forest renewals comprised 60.3 thousand ha, of which 40.8 were felling sites and 37.5% renewals under shelterwood.

In the analysed year, the area of afforested farmland and wasteland equalled 794 ha and was by 85 ha bigger than in 2024 (growth by 9.6%). Moreover, almost 118 ha of afforestation was attributed to natural regeneration (in 2024 – 109 ha).

Afforestation on farmland and wasteland fell by 9.6% in comparison with the previous year

As far as carried-out afforestation in 2025 is concerned, 83.7% of afforestation was done by the State Forests, while 13.7% – by owners of private forests. Afforestation activities covered 666 ha of the State Treasury land.

In 2025, tending works covered 301.1 thousand ha, which is an area by 6.3% smaller than a year earlier. These works were carried out on 3.2% of the forest area of the country. The works covered mostly young forest cultures comprising 72.1% of the total area of tending works. The structure of total area under tending works shows a 96.8% share of forests managed by the State Forests and a 2.1% private forest share.

In the analysed year, irrigation and drainage activities covered 66.6 thousand ha of forests.

Table 2. Renewals, afforestation and other silviculture operations

Specification	2024	2025
	in ha	
Renewals and afforestation	61546	61046
Renewals	60667	60252
artificial	48514	47563
felling sites	25225	24572
under shelterwood	22770	22586
blanks and irregularly stocked open stands	519	405
natural	12153	12690
Afforestation	879	794
Forest tending	321281	301085
Of which: young forest cultures	231944	217074
young stands	88688	83538
Forest drainage and irrigation	70473	66557

Economic exploitation of the forest

In 2025, removals in Poland equalled 39764.6 thousand m³, i.e. 37992.1 thousand m³ of timber and 1772.4 thousand m³ of slash removals. 36272.2 thousand m³ of the total tree stand timber (95.5%) was removed in the State Forests and 1250.0 thousand m³ (3.3%) – in private forests. In comparison with 2024, total removals fell by 3.5% and precisely timber removals decreased by 3.7%, while slash removals – by 0.2%. The indicator of timber removals per capita was 1.02 m³ and the one calculated per 1 ha of forest area equalled 4.09 m³.

Timber removals fell by 3.7% in comparison with the previous year

Table 3. Removals

Specification	2024	2025
TOTAL^a in thousand m³	41222.9	39764.6
Timber	39447.4	37992.1
Slash	1775.6	1772.4
Timber per 1 ha of forest area in m³	4.25	4.09
Timber per capita in m³	1.05	1.02

a Excluding stump wood.

Within auxiliary forest activity in 2025, the procurement of forest fruit equalled 0.9 thousand tonnes (by 47.8% less than in 2024) and 2.6 thousand tonnes of forest mushrooms (by 35.0% less than a year earlier).

In the analysed year, the procurement of game animals amounted to 10.8 thousand tonnes (an increase by 16.0% in comparison with the previous year), of which 53.0% constituted deer procurement.

The procurement of forest fruit fell by 47.8% and the procurement of forest mushrooms decreased by 35.0% in comparison with the previous year

Table 4. Procurement of forest fruit, forest mushrooms^a, and game animals

Specification	2024	2025
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Forest fruit	1751	914
Forest mushrooms	4001	2601
Game animals	9288	10772

a Data concern fresh forest both fruit and mushrooms.

Note

Relative numbers (indices, percentages) are usually calculated on the basis of absolute data expressed with greater precision than that presented in the elaboration.

Due to data rounding, in some cases sums of components may slightly differ from the amount given in the “total” item.

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[Forest land](#)

[Protective forests](#)

[Forest breeding](#)

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[Timber \(large timber\)](#)

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