

# Economic activity of population in Mazowieckie Voivodship in Q1 2026

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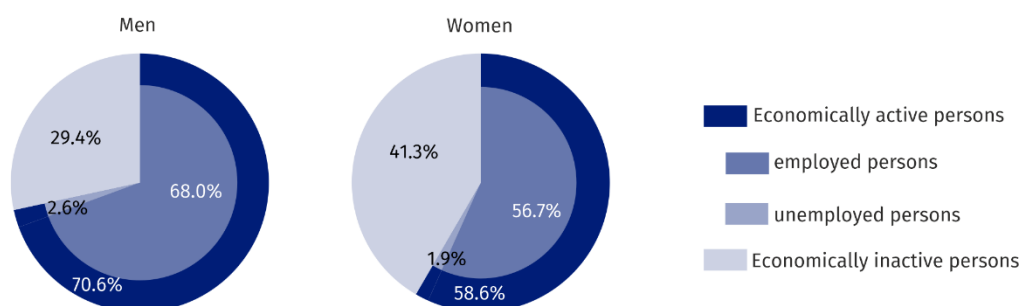
Increase in the number of unemployed persons compared to the previous quarter

In Q1 2026, there was an increase in the number of unemployed persons and a decrease in employed and economically inactive persons compared to Q4 2025. Unemployed men looked for a job shorter than women, and unemployed urban residents longer than rural residents.

## Economic activity of population aged 15–89 according to LFS

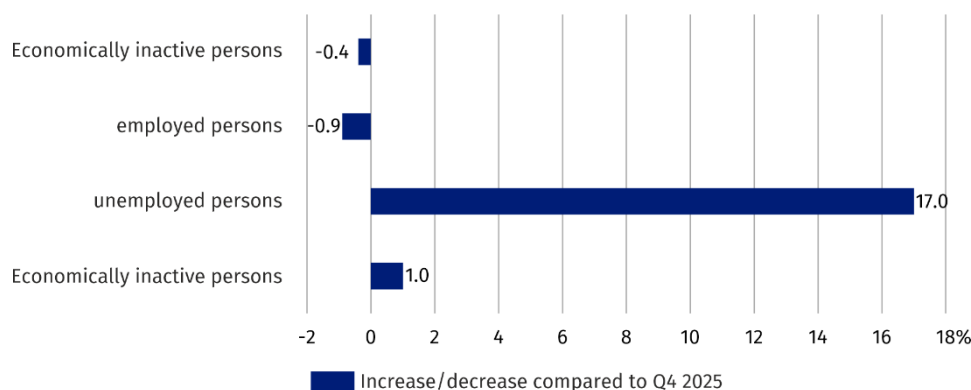
In the first quarter of 2026, among the total population of Mazowieckie Voivodship aged 15–89, 62.1% represented employed persons, 2.3% – unemployed, and 35.6% – economically inactive persons. This means that less than half of the population aged 15–89 (37.9%) did not work. In urban and rural areas this structure looked similar. However, significant differences were visible in the structure of men and women. 43.3% of women and 32.0% of women remained unemployed (economically inactive and unemployed).

Chart 1. Structure of population aged 15–89 by sex in Q1 2026



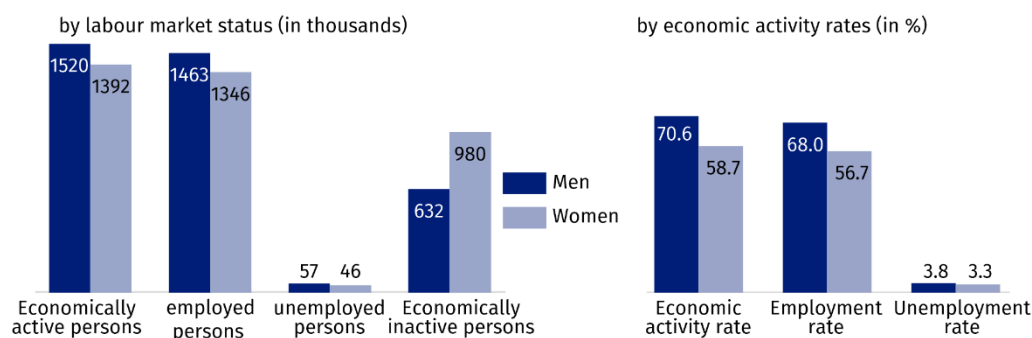
Compared to the fourth quarter of 2025, the number of unemployed persons increased by 17.0%, and the number of employed persons increased by 1.0%. On the other hand, the number of economically inactive persons decreased by 0.9%. An increase in the ratio of non-working population over working population was observed as well. In the first quarter of 2026, there were 611 unemployed and economically inactive persons per 1,000 employed persons (by 17 employed person more than in the fourth quarter of 2025).

**Chart 2. Changes in the economic activity of population compared to Q1 2026**



The economic activity rate was 64.4% and decreased by 0.3 pp compared to the previous quarter. There was a decrease in the level of economic activity among men (by 1.0 pp) and an increase among women (by 0.3 pp). This indicator decreased in urban areas (by 1.4 pp), and increased in rural areas (by 1.7 pp).

**Chart 3. Economic activity of population in Q1 2026**



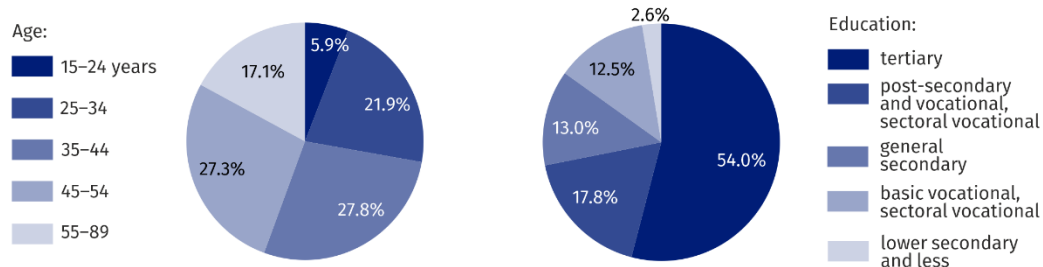
The highest value of the rate in terms of age was recorded for the age group 35–44, which amounted to 94.3%, while the lowest among persons aged 55–89 (31.3%). For working age population, this rate was 86.2%.

### Employed persons

In the first quarter of 2026, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, the population of employed persons counted 2,809 thousand persons, and the employment rate was estimated at 62.1% and decreased by 0.6 pp compared to the previous quarter.

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2025, the number of employed persons decreased by 0.9%. There was a decrease among men (by 1.9%) and an increase among women (by 0.2%). The number of employed persons decreased in urban areas (by 2.2%) and increased in rural areas (by 1.7%).

**Chart 4. Structure of employed persons by age and education in 2026**



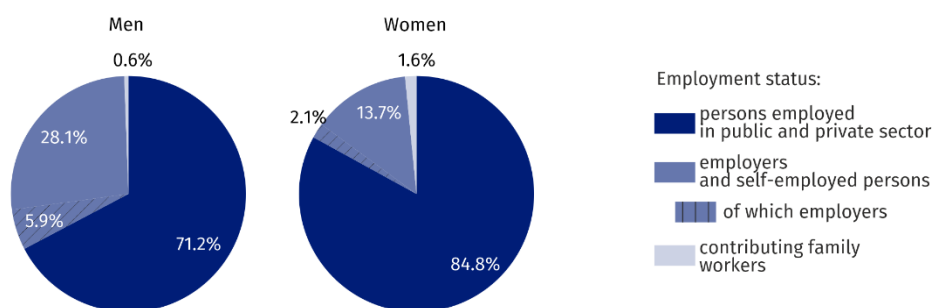
In the first quarter of 2026, the highest employment rate was recorded among persons aged 35–44 (92.0%), and the lowest among persons aged 15–24 (30.5%). The highest increase in the rate was recorded among persons aged 15–24 (by 2.1 pp), while the highest decrease among persons aged 45–54 (by 2.0 pp). The employment rate for working age population amounted to 83.0% (a decrease of 0.9 pp compared to the fourth quarter of 2025).

Among employed persons according to the level of education, the highest employment rate recorded persons with higher education – 82.5%, and the lowest among persons with lower secondary and less education – 13.8%. The highest increase in the employment rate occurred among persons with general secondary education (by 0.4 pp), and the highest drop among employed persons with basic vocational education (by 1.9 pp).

In the first quarter of 2026, there were 2,184 thousand persons employed in the public and private sector (i.e. 77.8% of total employees), and their number decreased by 2.2% compared to the fourth quarter of 2025. There was an increase both among contributing family workers (from 26 thousand to 30 thousand), as well as self-employed persons (from 575 thousand to 596 thousand).

The vast majority of employed persons supported the private sector (68.9% of the total). Of these, the majority (55.0%) were men. The situation was different among persons employed in the public sector, where women predominated among the 679 thousand employed persons (68.3%). There were 85.8% of employees employed for an indefinite period (a 0.8 pp increase compared to the fourth quarter of 2025).

**Chart 5. Structure of employed persons by employment status in the first quarter of 2026**



## Unemployed persons

In the first quarter of 2026, the population of unemployed persons (aged 15–74) in Mazowieckie Voivodship amounted to 103.0 thousand persons and increased by 17.0% compared to the fourth quarter of 2025.

Compared to the previous quarter, the number of unemployed men increased (by 18.8%), as well as the number of women (by 15.0%). There was an increase both among urban residents (by 5.7%), and among rural residents (by 27.8%).

The total unemployment rate in the Voivodship amounted to 3.5% and increased by 0.5 pp compared to the fourth quarter of 2025. It was 2.9% in urban areas (by 1.7 pp lower than in rural areas). For working age population the unemployment rate was 3.7%.

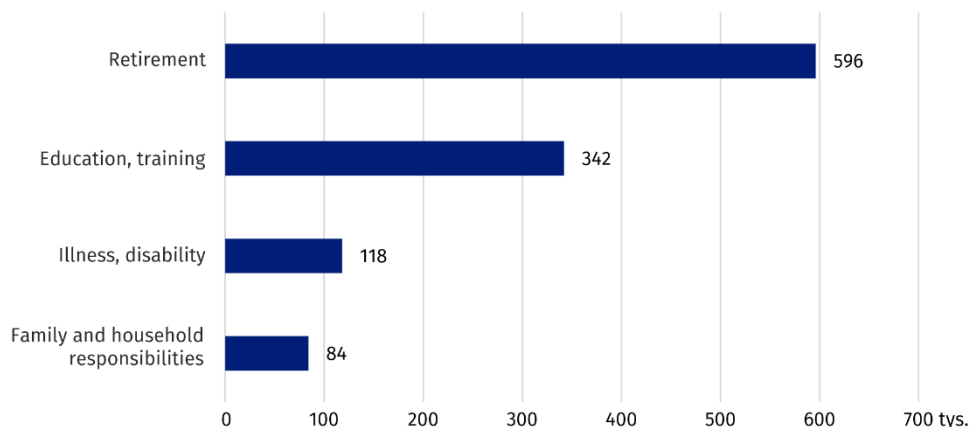
Compared to the fourth quarter of 2025, the unemployment rate increased both among men (by 0.7 pp), and women (by 0.4 pp). There was an increase both in urban areas (by 0.2 pp), and in rural areas (by 0.9 pp).

An average time of job seeking by unemployed persons amounted to 9 months. Men looked for a job for 7.9 months on average (by 2.5 months shorter than women), and urban residents for 9.1 months (by 0.2 months longer than rural residents).

### Economically inactive persons

In the first quarter of 2026, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, 1,612 thousand persons remained economically inactive, which accounted for 35.6% of total population aged 15-89 (in urban areas – 35.2% and in rural areas – 36.4%). Women were the majority in this population – 60.8%. Among economically inactive persons, persons with lower secondary and less education predominated – 27.4%. Working age population made up 27.3% of total economically inactive persons.

**Chart 6. Economically inactive persons aged 15–74 by selected causes of economic inactivity in Q1 2026**



Compared to Q4 2025, the economically inactive population increased by 1.0% (in the male population it increased by 3.6%, and in the female population it decreased by 0.6%). Considering the place of residence, there was an increase in the number of economically inactive persons among urban residents (by 4.1%), and a decrease among rural residents (by 4.4%).

Out of total economically inactive persons (aged 15-74), 49.8% accounted for persons who did not seek work because of being retired. Other reasons for economic inactivity were: education and training – 28.6%, illness or disability – 9.9%, family and household responsibilities – 7.0%.

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#### Terms used in official statistics

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