

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2026

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 1st quarter of 2026

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60.1%

Economic activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship

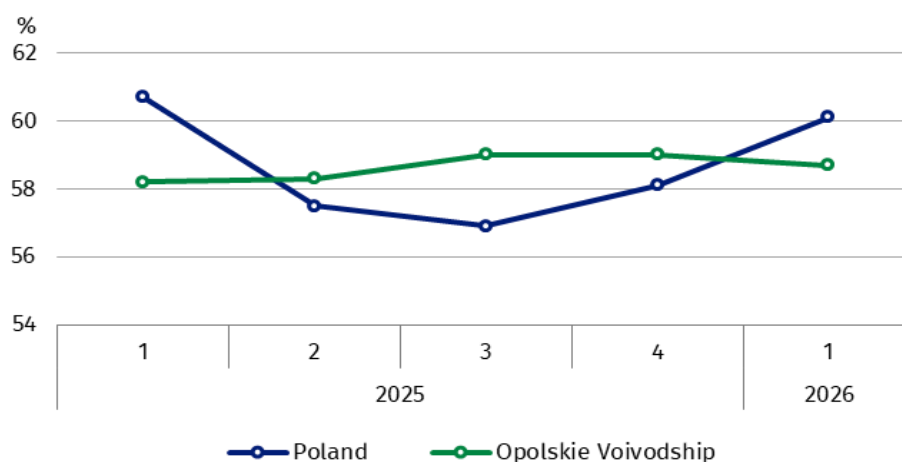
The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS), presenting average data for quarter showed, that in the 1st quarter of 2026 in Opolskie Voivodship economically active persons accounted for 60.1% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator increased by 2.0 percentage points compared with the previous quarter, however decreased by 0.6 percentage points in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025.

Economic activity of population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2026 amounted to 741 thousand persons and decreased by 0.1% compared to the previous quarter and by 0.5% in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025. Population of the economically active amounted to 445 thousand persons (of which 429 thousand employed persons and 16 thousand of unemployed persons). The number of economically inactive persons amounted to 296 thousand. The population of the economically active in the 1st quarter of 2026 increased by 14 thousand persons, i.e. by 3.2% compared to the 4th quarter of 2025, however decreased by 7 thousand persons, i.e. by 1.5% in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025.

Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2026 was at the level of 60.1% and its value increased (by 2.0 percentage points) on a quarterly basis, however decreased (by 0.6 percentage points) on a yearly basis.

Chart 1. Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years by quarters



The share of economically active in the total number of persons in the age group 15–89 years in the 1st quarter of 2026 was higher among men and amounted to 66.6%, while in the population of women this percentage was at the level of 54.3%. Considering the place of

Men's activity rate was higher than women's

residence, said rate was higher among urban inhabitants than rural ones (60.8% versus 59.7%).

Taking age groups into account, there was a diverse level of economic activity. The highest value of the activity rate in Opolskie Voivodship occurred in case of persons in the age group 35–44 years (95.9%, i.e. more by 6.9 percentage points in relation to the 4th quarter of 2025 as well as by 4.7 percentage points compared with the 1st quarter of 2025). The lowest activity rate was recorded among persons in the age group 55–89 years (29.9% – increase on a quarterly and annual basis, of 0.4 percentage point and of 1.1 percentage point, respectively).

For working age population the measure in question in the 1st quarter of 2026 amounted to 85.5%, i.e. by 1.9 percentage point more than in the previous quarter, and by 0.8 percentage point less in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025 (in the country – 82.2%, i.e. by 0.3 percentage point lower versus previous quarter, however more by 0.8 percentage point on an annual basis).

Considering education level, the highest value of the activity rate occurred among persons with a tertiary education (84.8%) and increased compared with the 4th quarter of 2025 (by 1.6 percentage point) as well as the 1st quarter of 2025 (by 0.5 percentage point). The lowest value was recorded for persons with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (21.3% - increase on quarterly and annual basis: by 1.3 percentage point and by 7.0 percentage point, respectively).

The indicator describing relation between unemployed persons (unemployed in the age group 15–74 years or the economically inactive in the age group 15–89 years) to the number of employed persons (in the age group 15–89 years) decreased on a quarterly basis, however increased annually. In Opolskie Voivodship, in the 1st quarter of 2026, per 1000 employed persons, there were 727 unemployed persons (in the 4th quarter of 2025 – 771, in the 1st quarter of 2025 – 717). In the country the tendency was reversed, in the 1st quarter of 2026 this indicator amounted to 761 versus 751 in the 4th quarter of 2025, while 780 in the 1st quarter of 2025.

Employed persons

In the 1st quarter of 2026, in Opolskie Voivodship, the population of the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 429 thousand persons and increased by 2.4% (i.e. by 10 thousand persons) in comparison with the previous quarter, however decreased by 1.2% (i.e. by 5 thousand persons) compared with the 1st quarter of 2025. In the structure of the employed by sex, over a half were men, whose share amounted to 53.3% (i.e. 229 thousand persons), and by place of residence – urban inhabitants (53.8%, i.e. 231 thousand persons).

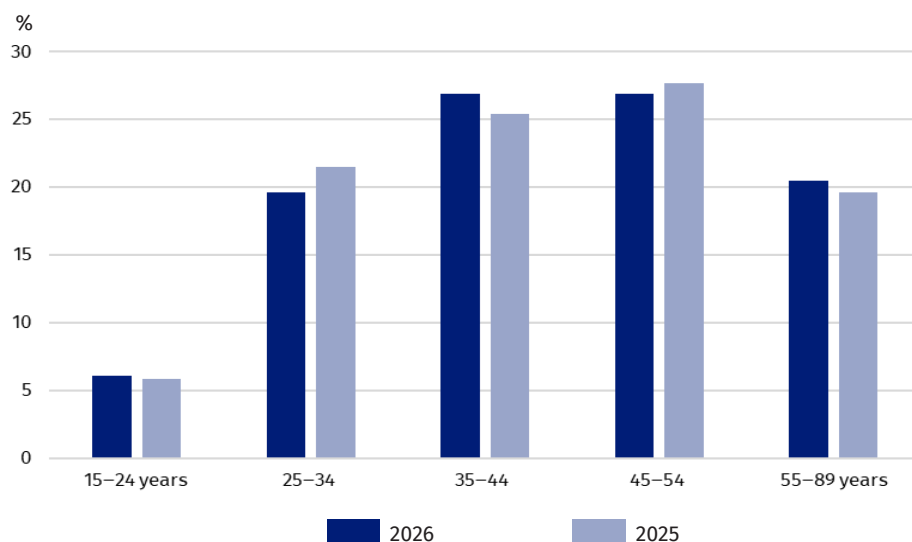
Considering the division by sex, compared to the 4th quarter of 2025, the number of employed women increased (by 7.5%), while for men it decreased (by 1.3%), however in comparison with the 1st quarter of 2025, in both groups of the employed, a decrease in their numbers was recorded: of 1.5% among women and of 0.4% for men.

Taking place of residence into consideration, on a quarterly basis, group of employed urban inhabitants, as well as rural ones increased (by 2.7% and by 2.6%, respectively), however decline noted on annual basis concerned rural inhabitants (of 3.9%), with an increase (of 1.8%) for urban ones.

Taking the age of the employed into account, in the 1st quarter of 2026, the largest share among employed persons was recorded for persons in the age group 35–44 years (26.9% – increase of 0.6 percentage point in relation to the previous quarter and of 1.5 percentage point in comparison with the 1st quarter of 2025) as well as for persons in the age group 45–54 years (also 26.9% - decrease on quarterly and annual basis, by 0.6 percentage point and by 0.8 percentage point, respectively). The lowest percentage was recorded for the employed in the age group 15–24 years (6.1% – slight increase of 0.8 percentage point and of 0.3 percentage point, respectively). Persons of working age in the 1st quarter of 2026

accounted for 93.9% of the total number of the employed (in the 4th quarter of 2025 – 94.0%, and in the 1st quarter of 2025 – 95.4%).

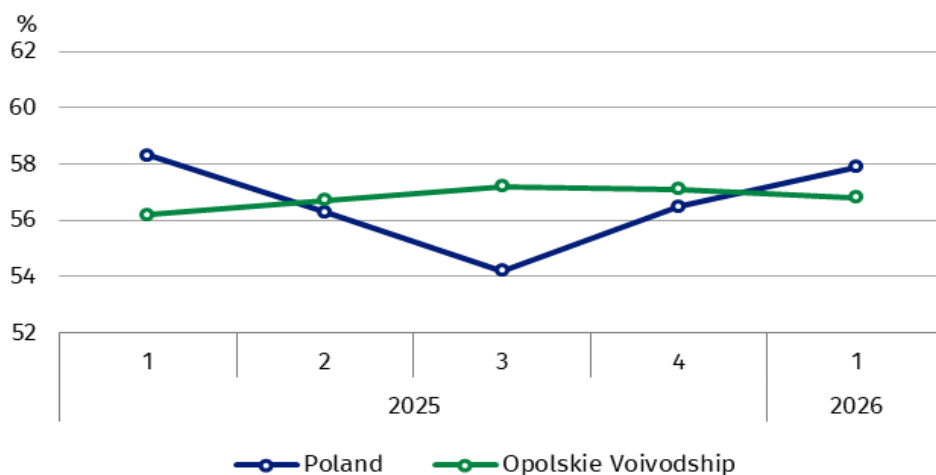
Chart 2. Employed persons aged 15-89 years by age groups in the 1st quarter



In the structure of the employed by education level, in the 1st quarter of 2026, the highest share concerned persons with higher education (38.2%, i.e. of 0.5 percentage point less than in the previous quarter, while of 0.6 percentage point more on annual basis), while the lowest with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary and no school education (4.0% - decrease of 0.1 percentage point on quarterly basis, while an increase of 1.2 percentage point on annual scale).

The value of employment rate in the 1st quarter of 2026 in Opolskie Voivodship shaped around the level of 57.9% (in the country – 56.8%) and increased by 1.4 percentage point versus the 4th quarter of 2025, however decreased by 0.4 percentage point in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025.

Chart 3. Employment rate of persons in the age group 15-89 by quarters



By analysing the population of the employed by sex, a higher employment rate occurred in the voivodship among men (64.3% versus 52.2% for women), and by considering the place of residence – among urban inhabitants (58.2% versus 57.6% for rural inhabitants).

Taking sex into account, the value of employment rate increased on a quarterly basis (by 3.8 percentage points) among women, however decreased (by 0.9 percentage point) in the group of men. On the other hand, on an annual basis, there was a decrease of rate in question the analysed groups (of 0.5 percentage point) for women with a minor growth (of 0.1 percentage point) for men.

Employment rate was significantly higher in the population of men than of women

Considering place of residence, compared to the previous quarter, value of an employment rate increased both among urban inhabitants (of 1.7 percentage point) as well as rural inhabitants (of 1.5 percentage point). However, in comparison with the 1st quarter of 2025, value of an indicator decreased (of 2.1 percentage points) in the group of rural inhabitants, with a simultaneous increase (of 1.4 percentage point) for urban ones.

For working age population the value of an indicator in the voivodship amounted to 82.2%, i.e. by 1.3 percentage point more than in the 4th quarter of 2025, and by 1.2 percentage point less in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025 (in the country – 79.5%, i.e. by 0.3 percentage point less in a quarterly basis and by 1.0 percentage point more than the year before).

On a quarterly and annual basis, among the employed in Opolskie Voivodship, an increase occurred in the share of persons employed in public companies/institutions or for a private employer, i.e. by 2.5 percentage points and by 3.8 percentage points, respectively – to the level of 84.4% (i.e. 362 thousand persons). On the other hand, share of self-employed persons decreased in relation to the compared periods, by 2.2 percentage points and by 3.5 percentage points, respectively – to the level of 15.2% (i.e. 65 thousand persons).

Among persons employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer, a vast majority performed their work on the basis of a job contract for indefinite term – 82.6% (i.e. 299 thousand persons). This share decreased on quarterly basis (by 0.2 percentage point), while in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025 remained at the same level.

The largest percentage of the employed in the 1st quarter of 2026 concerned persons, who, during a reference week, worked in the main workplace 40 and more hours (65.6%, i.e. less by 2.9 percentage points than in the previous quarter, and by 1.6 percentage point than in the 1st quarter of 2025). In the analysed group of persons, over a half (55.7%) were men; urban inhabitants also had a larger share (also 55.7%). Percentage of the employed working part-time shaped at the level of 12.6% for a group of persons who worked 30–39 hours a week, then 7.7% for the group who worked 20 to 29 hours. Group who worked less than 20 hours a week accounted for 5.3% of the surveyed persons.

Chart 4. Employed persons in the age group 15–89 by selected occupational groups in the 1st quarter



In the 1st quarter of 2026 the most persons were employed in the profession from the group of professionals (98 thousand) and accounted for 22.8% of all employed persons. Among women, share for this occupational group amounted to 33.3% and was lower by 0.4 percentage point than in the previous quarter, though higher by 3.9 percentage points compared to the 1st quarter of 2025. Next group, in terms of share in the population of

women, was held by service and sales workers – 17.9% (percentage decreased on a quarterly basis by 0.8 percentage point, and increased by 2.2 percentage points on an annual basis). Among men the most persons worked in occupational group of craft and related trade workers (25.8% – decrease on quarterly and annual basis by 1.8 percentage point and by 5.5 percentage points, respectively). A vast share of men (14.0% each) was recorded in the groups of professionals (fewer by 3.2 percentage points than in the previous quarter, while more by 0.1 percentage point than in the 1st quarter of 2025) as well as plant and machine operators and assemblers (decrease versus compared periods, of 0.2 percentage point and of 0.8 percentage point, respectively).

Unemployed persons

In the 1st quarter of 2026, population of the unemployed in the age group 15–74 years in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 16 thousand and increased by 33.3% (i.e. by 4 thousand persons) compared with the previous quarter, however decreased by 11.1% (by 2 thousand persons) in relation to the 1st quarter of 2025.

Unemployed persons in the 1st quarter of 2026 constituted 3.6% of economically active persons in the age group 15–89 years, while in the 4th quarter of 2025, a corresponding percentage was at the level of 2.8%, while in the 1st quarter of 2025 – 4.0% (in the country – 3.3%, 3.2% and 3.4%, respectively).

An average time of seeking job in discussed period in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 9.3 months, versus 10.3 in the 4th quarter of 2025 and 7.5 in the 1st quarter of 2025 (in the country – 8.5 versus 8.6 and 7.5).

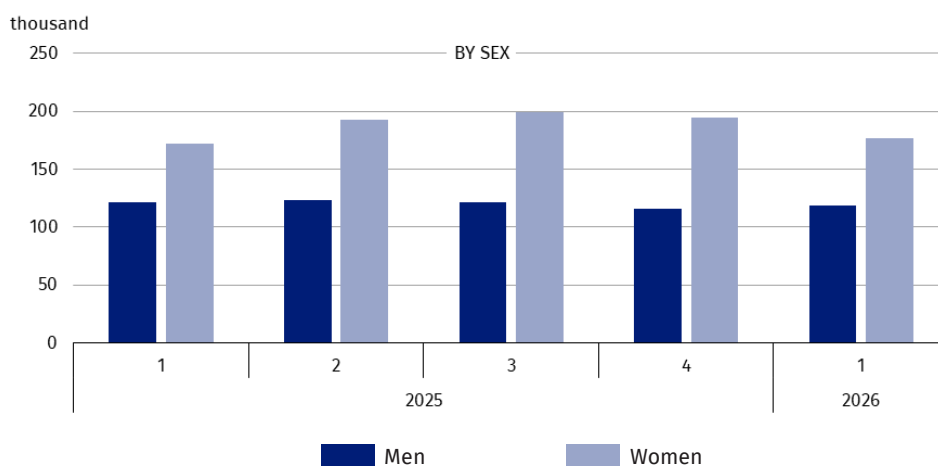
Economically inactive persons

The population of the economically inactive in the age 15–89 years in the 1st quarter of 2026, in Opolskie Voivodship accounted for 296 thousand persons, i.e. 39.9% of the total number of persons in the said age group (versus 41.3% – in the country). Analysed population number decreased (by 4.8%) compared to the previous quarter, and increased (by 1.0%) versus the 1st quarter of 2025.

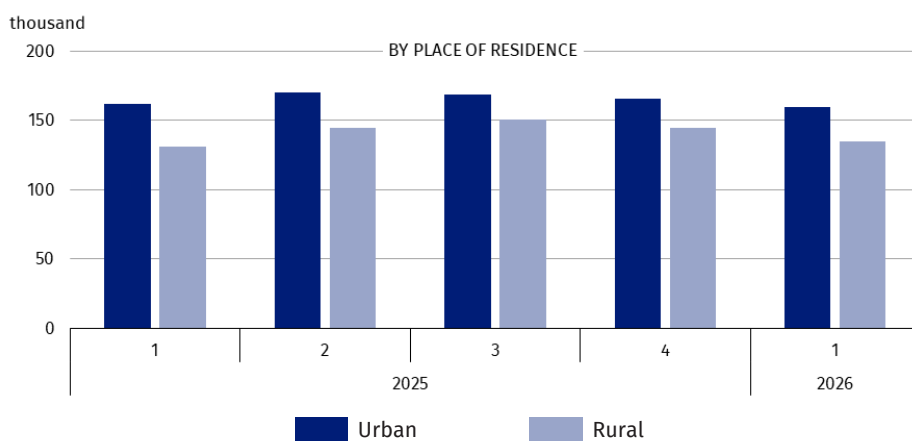
Over a half of economically inactive persons were women – 59.8%, i.e. 177 thousand persons. Considering the place of residence, urban inhabitants constituted 54.2% of this population (i.e. 160 thousand persons).

In terms of sex, the number of economically inactive women decreased on a quarterly basis by 9.2%, and for men a growth of 2.6% was recorded. On the other hand, compared to the 1st quarter of 2025 the number of economically inactive women increased by 2.9%, and in the case of men it declined by 1.7%.

Chart 5. Economically inactive persons aged 15–89 years by sex and place of residence as well as quarters



Over a half of economically inactive persons were women



Considering place of residence, on quarterly basis, the number of economically inactive rural, as well as urban inhabitants, decreased (by 6.9% and by 3.6%, respectively), however on an annual basis a growth of discussed population concerned rural inhabitants (of 3.1%, with a simultaneous decline for urban ones (of 1.2%).

Out of economically inactive in the voivodship, 71 thousand persons, i.e. 24.0% were of working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had basic vocational/sectoral education (29.5%) as well as lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (25.4%).

The main reason for the inactivity of economically inactive persons in the age group 15–74 years (for this group a cause for inactivity was determined), amounting to 223 thousand was retirement – 57.4%. Among persons receiving pension 59.4% were women. Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking job in the 1st quarter of 2026 for 23.3% of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 5.8% persons, while family and household responsibilities – 4.9% of the economically inactive persons from the discussed age group.

Table 1. Economic activity of the population aged 15-89 in Opolskie Voivodship compared to the country

SPECIFICATION	2025		2026
	1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
POLAND			
Economically active in thousand	17660	17912	17817
employed	17060	17346	17237
unemployed ^a	600	567	580
Economically inactive in thousand	12709	12456	12538
Activity rate in %	58.2	59.0	58.7
Employment rate in %	56.2	57.1	56.8
Unemployment rate in %	3.4	3.2	3.3
OPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP			
Economically active in thosuand	452	431	445
employed	434	419	429
unemployed ^a	18	12	16
Economically inactive in thousand	293	311	296
Activity rate in %	60.7	58.1	60.1
Employment rate in %	58.3	56.5	57.9
Unemployment rate in %	4.0	2.8	3.6

a Persons aged 15-74 years.

Table 2. Activity rate in the age group 15-89 by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2025		2026
	1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
	in %		
TOTAL	60.7	58.1	60.1
of which of working age ^a	84.7	83.6	85.5
men	66.2	67.4	66.6
women	55.6	49.5	54.3
Urban areas	59.5	58.3	59.7
Rural areas	62.0	57.8	60.8
By age:			
15-24 years	37.0	30.9	37.0
25-34	93.3	86.7	88.1
35-44	91.2	89.0	95.9
45-54	93.2	90.8	89.4
55-89 years	28.8	29.5	29.9

a Men 18-64 years; women 18-59 years.

Table 3. Employment rate in the age group 15-89 by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2025		2026
	1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
	in %		
TOTAL	58.3	56.5	57.9
of which of working age ^a	81.0	80.9	82.2
men	64.2	65.2	64.3
women	52.7	48.4	52.2
Urban areas	56.8	56.5	58.2
Rural areas	59.7	56.1	57.6
By age:			
15-24 years	30.9	27.2	32.1
25-34	88.6	82.7	83.2
35-44	88.0	86.6	93.5
45-54	90.9	88.5	87.1
55-89 years	28.1	29.5	28.9

a Men 18-64 years; women 18-59 years.

Note. LFS results refer to the population residing or intending to stay in the country for at least 12 months, living in households. Data collected in representative survey up to 3rd quarter of 2023 have been generalised to the general population with the use of balances prepared on the basis of the results of National Housing and Population Census 2011. Since 4th quarter of 2023, as to generalise the survey results to general population, data on the resident population from the balances prepared on the basis of National Housing and Population Census 2021 results were used. Data for the period from 1st quarter of 2019 to the 3rd quarter of 2023 were calculated in accordance with the new basis for generalising the results, therefore they are comparable.

In the study, the sums of components may differ from the "total" value, which is the result of rounding made when generalising the survey results. Due to the representative survey method, caution is recommended in the use of data in those cases where more detailed divisions are used and there are low-order numbers (less than 20 thousand). Numbers which, after generalising the results from the sample, are below 10 thousand have been replaced with a dot ("."), which means that a specific value cannot be shown due to a random sample error.

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