

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2025

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 1st quarter of 2025

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60.7%

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

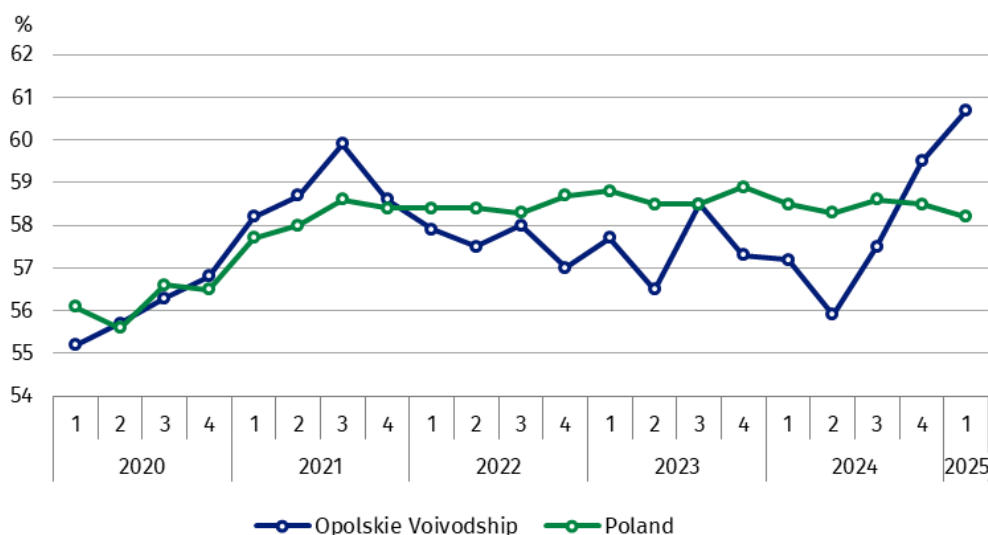
The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS), presenting average data for quarter showed, that in the 1st quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship economically active persons accounted for 60.7% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator increased by 1.2 percentage points compared with the previous quarter as well as by 3.5 percentage points in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024.

Economic activity of the population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2025 amounted to 745 thousand persons, i.e. on the level of the previous quarter, however less than in the corresponding periods of 2024 and 2020 (respectively: by 0.3% and by 3.5%). Population of the economically active amounted to 452 thousand persons (of which 434 thousand employed persons and 18 thousand unemployed persons). The number of the economically inactive was 293 thousand persons. The population of the economically active in the 1st quarter of 2025 increased by 9 thousand persons i.e. by 2.0% compared with the previous quarter, and in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024 and 2020 by 25 thousand persons, i.e. by 5.9% and by 26 thousand persons, i.e. by 6.1%, respectively.

Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2025 was at the level of 60.7% and its value increased compared with the previous quarter as well as in relation to the corresponding periods of 2024 and 2020 r. (by 1.2 percentage points, and by 3.5 percentage points as well as by 5.5 percentage points, respectively).

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 2025 was higher among men and amounted to 66.2%, while in the population of women this percentage was at the level of 55.6%. Considering the place of residence, said rate was higher among urban inhabitants than rural ones (62.0% versus 59.5%).

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 25–34 years (93.3%, i.e. increase by 0.5 percentage point in relation to the 4th quarter of 2024 as well as 6.0 percentage points compared with the 1st quarter of 2024) as well as for persons in the age group 45–54 years (93.2% – increase by 3.5 percentage points and by 1.7 percentage points, respectively). The lowest activity rate was recorded among persons in the age group 55–89 years (28.8% – decrease by 0.5 percentage point on a quarterly basis, and increase by 4.6 percentage points on an annual basis).

For working age population the measure in question in the 1st quarter of 2025 amounted to 84.7%, i.e. and it was on the level of the previous quarter, however by 1.3 percentage points more in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024 (in the country – 81.4% and a decrease by 0.3 percentage point and 0.2 percentage point, respectively).

Considering education level, the highest value of the activity rate occurred among persons with a tertiary education (84.3%) and it increased both compared to the previous quarter as well as in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024 (by 2.2 percentage points and by 3.4 percentage points, respectively). The lowest value (14.3%) was recorded for persons with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education and its value increased (by 0.8 percentage point) on a quarterly basis and decreased by (by 2.7 percentage points) on an annual basis.

The indicator describing relation between unemployed persons (unemployed in the age 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) increased on a quarterly basis, however decreased in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024 and 2020. In Opolskie Voivodship, in the 1st quarter of 2025 per 1000 employed persons, there were 717 unemployed ones (in the 4th quarter of 2024 – 709, in the 1st quarter of 2024 – 818, and in the 1st quarter of 2020 – 865). In the country this indicator amounted to 780 (in the 4th quarter of 2024 – 760, in the 1st quarter of 2024 – 765, and in the 1st quarter of 2020 – 839).

Employed persons

In the 1st quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship the population of the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 434 thousand persons and decreased by 0.5% (i.e. by 2 thousand persons) on a quarterly basis, however increased by 5.6% (i.e. by 23 thousand persons) compared with the 1st quarter of 2024 and by 4.8% (i.e. by 20 thousand persons) in comparison with the 1st quarter of 2020.

In the structure of the employed by sex, over a half were men, whose share amounted to 53.0% (i.e. 230 thousand persons), and by place of residence – urban inhabitants (52.4%, i.e. 227 thousand persons).

Considering the division by sex, on a quarterly basis the number of employed persons decreased (by 2.1%) in the group of men, with a simultaneous increase (by 1.5%) among women. On a yearly basis there was an increase of employed persons regardless of sex, with women being more affected (by 7.4%) than men (by 4.1%).

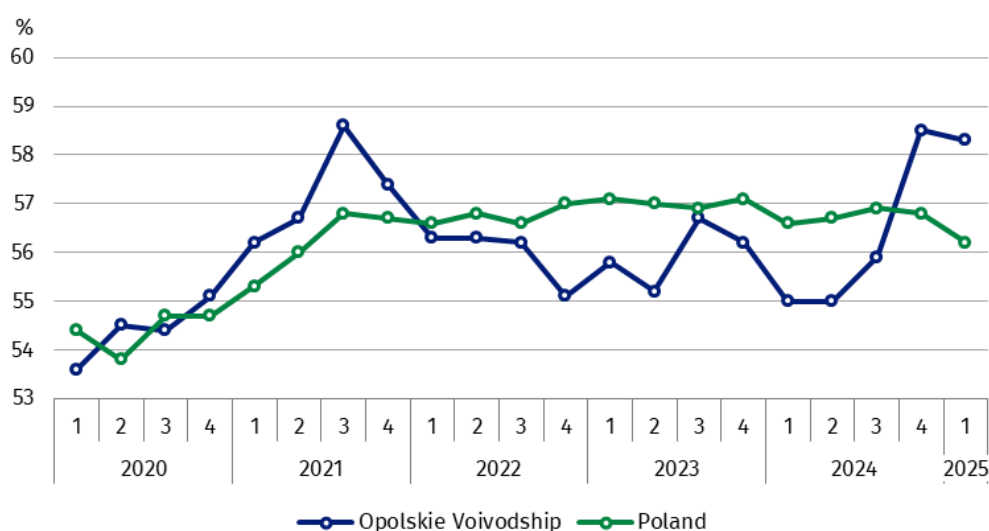
Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis there was a decrease in the number of employed urban inhabitants (by 3.0%), but on the other hand there was an increase in the number of employed rural inhabitants (by 2.0%). On the other hand, in comparison with the 1st quarter of 2024, the number of employed persons increased regardless of the place of residence, but more in the group of urban inhabitants (by 10.2% versus by 0.5% among rural inhabitants).

Taking the age of the employed into account, in the 1st quarter of 2025 the largest share among employed persons was recorded for persons in the age group 45–54 years – 27.7%, i.e. slightly less (by 0.1 percentage point) than in the previous quarter and (by 0.2 percentage point) in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024. The lowest percentage was recorded for the employed in the age group 15–24 years (5.8% – higher by 0.5 percentage points than in the 4th quarter of 2024 as well as by 0.9 percentage point in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024). Persons in working age in the 1st quarter of 2025 accounted for 95.4% of the total number of the employed (in the 4th quarter of 2024 – 95.0%, and in the 1st quarter of 2024 – 96.1%).

In the structure of the employed by level of education, in the 1st quarter of 2025 the largest share concerned persons with tertiary education (37.6%, i.e. increase by 2.0 percentage points on a quarterly basis, and decrease by 0.4 percentage point on an annual basis), while the lowest with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (2.8%, i.e. on the level of the previous quarter, however less by 1.1 percentage point on an annual basis).

The value of employment rate in the 1st quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship was at the level of 58.3% (in the country – 56.2%) and decreased by 0.2 percentage point compared with the 4th quarter of 2024, while it increased compared to the 1st quarter of 2024 and 2020 i.e. by 3.3 percentage points and by 4.7 percentage points, respectively.

Chart 2. 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 (64.2% versus 52.7% for women), and by considering the place of residence – slightly among rural inhabitants (59.7% versus 56.8% for urban inhabitants).

Taking the division by sex into account, compared to the 4th quarter of 2024 the value of the employment rate decreased among men (by 1.6 percentage points), however there was an increase in the group of women (by 0.8 percentage points). In relation to the 1st quarter of 2024 there was an increase of the analysed indicator both for women as well as men (by 3.9 percentage points and by 2.6 percentage points, respectively).

Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis, the level of employment rate decreased (by 1.7 percentage points) among urban inhabitants, with a simultaneous increase for rural inhabitants (by 1.1 percentage points). On the other hand, on an annual basis there was an increase of the analysed value, both among urban (by 5.4 percentage points), as well as rural inhabitants (by 0.5 percentage points).

Value of employment rate for working age population in the voivodship, shaped at the level of 81.0%, i.e. lower by 2.3 percentage points than in the 4th quarter of 2024, however higher by 0.9 percentage point than in the 1st quarter of 2024 (in the country – 78.5% and decrease by 0.8 percentage point and by 0.4 percentage point).

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

On a quarterly basis, among the total number of the employed in Opolskie Voivodship, there was a decrease in the share of workers employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer – by 0.4 percentage point to the level of 80.6% (i.e. 350 thousand persons), and on an annual basis its increase was recorded (by 1.8 percentage point). On the other hand, the share of self-employed persons increased compared with the previous quarter by 0.4 percentage points to the level of 18.7% (i.e. 81 thousand persons), and decreased (by 1.3 percentage point) on an annual basis.

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. 289 thousand persons). This share increased (by 2.1 percentage points) on a quarterly basis, however decreased (by 2.3 percentage points) on an annual basis.

The largest percentage of the employed in the 1st quarter of 2025 concerned persons, who, during a reference week, worked in the main workplace 40 and more hours (67.2%, i.e. more by 4.1 percentage points than in the previous quarter, however less by 9.0 percentage points in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024). In the analysed group of persons, over a half (58.9%) were men; urban inhabitants also had a larger share (55.1%). Percentage of the employed working part-time shaped at the level of 14.1% for a group of persons, who worked 30–39 hours during a week and 6.9% for the group which worked from 20 to 29 hours. Out of surveyed persons, 3.9% worked less than 20 hours.

Chart 3. Employed persons in the age group 15–89 by selected occupational groups in the 1st quarter



In the 1st quarter of 2025 the most persons were employed in the profession from the group of professionals (92 thousand) and accounted for 21.2% of all employed persons. Among women, share for this occupational group amounted to 29.4% and was lower by 0.9 percentage point than in the previous quarter, but lower by 3.6 percentage points compared with the 1st quarter of 2024. A significant share in the population of women was held by group service and sales workers – 15.7% (percentage decreased both on a quarterly and annual basis by 1.2 percentage points and by 2.7 percentage points, respectively). Among men the most persons worked in occupational group of craft and related trade workers (31.3% – decrease of 2.3 percentage points compared with the previous quarter, while an increase of 3.2 percentage points compared to the 1st quarter of 2024), followed by group of plant and machine operators, and assemblers (14.8% – increase of 0.8 percentage points on a quarterly basis but a decrease of 2.8 percentage points on an annual basis).

Unemployed persons

In the 1st quarter of 2025 the population of unemployed persons in the age group 15–74 lata in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 18 thousand, of which over a half (63.2%) were women, and by the place of residence – urban inhabitants (55.6%).

Unemployed persons in the 1st quarter of 2025 accounted for 4.0% (in the country – 3.4%) of economically active persons in the age group 15–89 years.

The average time of job seeking in the discussed period, in Opolskie Voivodship, similarly as in the country, amounted to 7.5 month.

Economically inactive persons

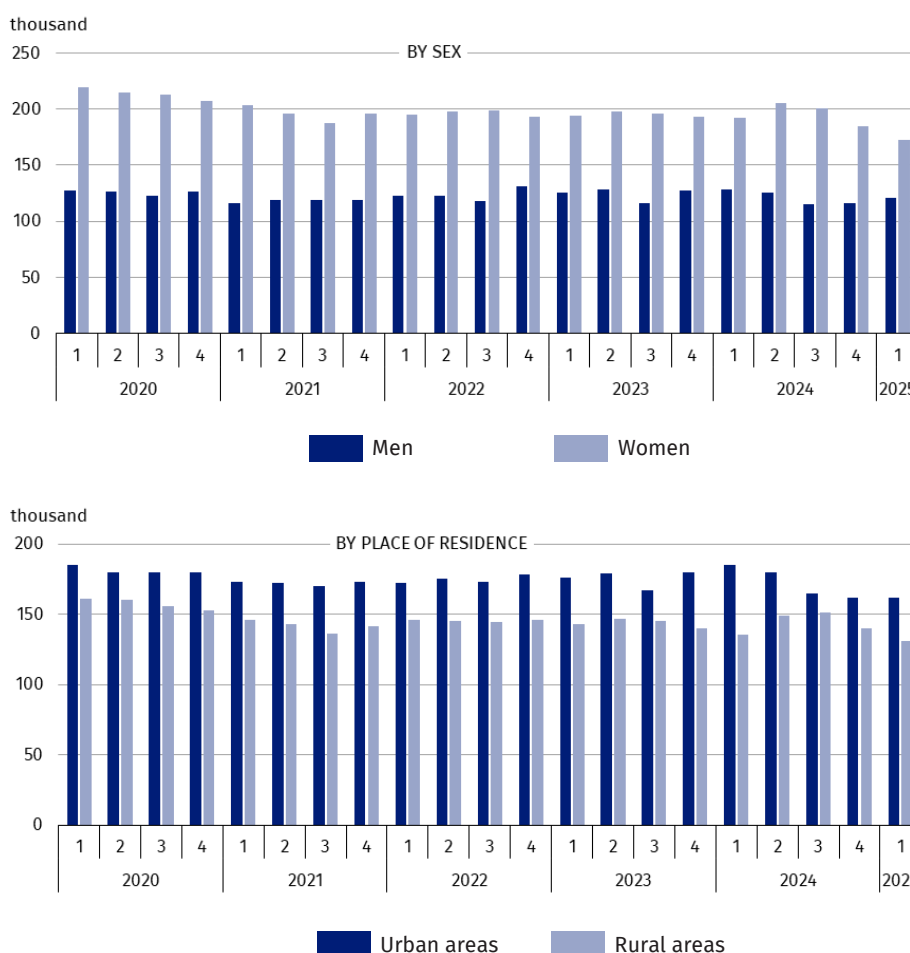
The population of the economically inactive in the age 15–89 years in the 1st quarter 2025, in Opolskie Voivodship accounted for 293 thousand persons, i.e. 39.3% of the total number of persons in the said age group (versus 41.8% – in the country). Analysed population number decreased compared to the previous quarter by 3.0% as well as in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024 and 2020 by 8.4% and by 15.3%, respectively.

Over a half of economically inactive persons are women – 58.7%, i.e. 172 thousand persons. Considering the place of residence, urban inhabitants constituted 55.3% of this population (i.e. 162 thousand persons).

In terms of sex, on a quarterly basis, the number of economically inactive women decreased (by 7.0%) with a simultaneous increase (by 4.3%) of economically inactive men. Compared with the 1st quarter of 2024 there was a decrease of the said population regardless of sex, with women being more affected (by 10.4%) than men (by 5.5%).

Over a half of economically inactive persons were women

Chart 4. Economically inactive persons aged 15–89 years by sex and place of residence as well as quarters



Considering place of residence, on quarterly basis, the number of economically inactive rural inhabitants decreased (by 6.4%), while in the case of urban inhabitants it remained on the

same level. However, in relation to the 1st quarter 2024 there was a decrease of the said population regardless of place of residence, but it was higher in the group of urban inhabitants (by 12.4% versus 3.0%).

Out of economically inactive in the voivodship, 78 thousand persons, i.e. 26.6% were of working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had basic vocational/sectoral education (29.1%) as well as lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (28.4%).

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 222 thousand was retirement – 57.7%. Among persons receiving pension 60.9% were women.

Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking job in the 1st quarter of 2025 for 21.2% persons of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 6.8% persons, while family and household responsibilities – 5.9% persons of the economically inactive from the discussed age group.

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

SPECIFICATION	2020	2024		2025
		1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
POLAND				
Economically active in thousand	17282	17754	17742	17660
employed	16740	17194	17247	17060
unemployed ^a	542	559	495	600
Economically inactive in thousand	13507	12600	12610	12709
Activity rate in %	56.1	58.5	58.5	58.2
Employment rate in %	54.4	56.6	56.8	56.2
Unemployment rate in %	3.1	3.1	2.8	3.4
OPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP				
Economically active in thousand	426	427	443	452
employed	414	411	436	434
unemployed ^a	12	16	.	18
Economically inactive in thousand	346	320	302	293
Activity rate in %	55.2	57.2	59.5	60.7
Employment rate in %	53.6	55.0	58.5	58.3
Unemployment rate in %	2.8	3.7	.	4.0

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	2020	2024		2025
		1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
		in %		
TOTAL	55.2	57.2	59.5	60.7
of which in working age ^a	.	83.4	84.7	84.7
men	66.0	64.1	67.5	66.2
women	45.4	50.6	52.2	55.6
Urban areas	55.7	53.9	59.5	59.5
Rural areas	54.5	61.0	59.4	62.0
By age:				
15–24 years	34.1	27.2	32.1	37.0
25–34	80.8	87.3	92.8	93.3

35-44	87.9	93.3	88.1	91.2
45-54	82.8	91.5	89.7	93.2
55-89 years	.	24.2	29.3	28.8

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	2020	2024		2025
		1st quarter	4th quarter	1st quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	53.6	55.0	58.5	58.3
of which in working age ^a	.	80.1	83.3	81.0
men	63.9	61.6	65.8	64.2
women	44.1	48.8	51.9	52.7
Urban areas	54.3	51.4	58.5	56.8
Rural areas	52.8	59.2	58.6	59.7
By age:				
15-24 years	31.8	24.7	28.4	30.9
25-34	77.5	82.4	91.8	88.6
35-44	85.7	90.3	88.1	88.0
45-54	81.1	89.1	89.0	90.9
55-89 years	24.6	23.8	28.6	28.1

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.

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