

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 2nd quarter of 2025

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 2nd quarter of 2025

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57.5%

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

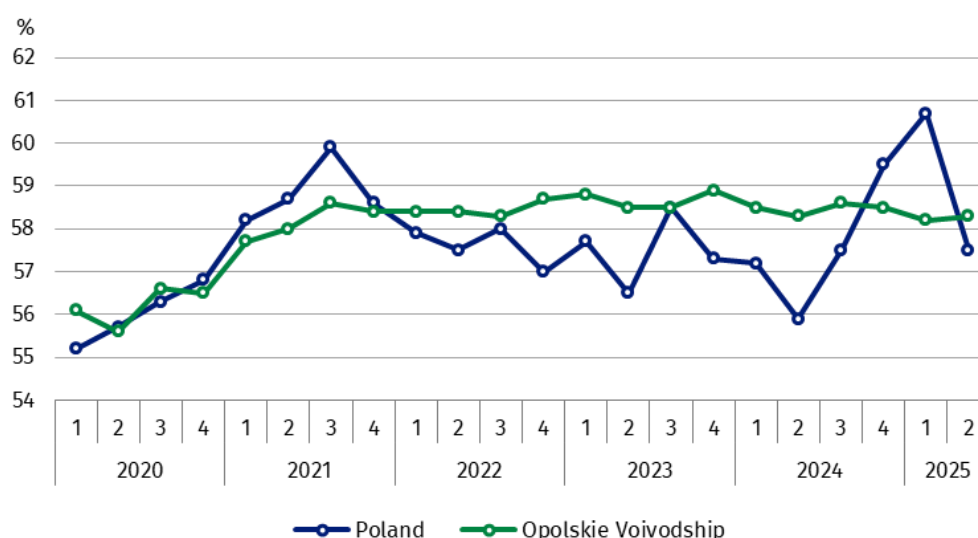
The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS), presenting average data for quarter showed, that in the 2nd quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship economically active persons accounted for 57.5% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator decreased by 3.2 percentage points compared to the previous quarter, however increased by 1.6 percentage points in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024.

Economic activity of population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 2nd quarter of 2025 amounted to 744 thousand persons i.e. less than in the previous quarter and corresponding periods of 2024 as well as 2020 (by 0.1%, and 0.3% as well as by 3.4%, respectively). Population of the economically active amounted to 428 thousand persons (of which 419 thousand employed persons). The number of the economically inactive was 316 thousand persons. The population of the economically active in the 2nd quarter of 2025 decreased by 24 thousand persons, i.e. by 5.3% compared to the previous quarter, however increased by 11 thousand i.e. by 2.6% in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024. Compared with the 2nd quarter of 2020 there was a decrease of analysed population by 1 thousand persons, i.e. by 0.2%.

Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 2nd quarter of 2025 was at the level of 57.5% and its value decreased (by 3.2 percentage points) compared to the previous quarter, however increased (by 1.6 percentage points and by 1.8 percentage points, respectively) in relation to the corresponding quarters of 2024 and 2020.

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 2nd quarter of 2025 was higher among men and amounted to 65.5%, while in the population of women this percentage was at the level of 50.1%. Considering the place of residence, said rate was higher among urban inhabitants than rural ones (57.7% versus 57.4%).

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 (90.7%, i.e. decrease of 0.5 percentage points versus the 1st quarter of 2025, and increase of 0.6 percentage points compared with the 2nd quarter of 2024). The lowest activity rate was recorded among persons in the age group 55–89 years (26.7% – decrease of 2.1 percentage points on a quarterly basis, and increase of 2.3 percentage points on an annual basis).

For working age population the measure in question in the 2nd quarter of 2025 amounted to 83.3%, i.e. 1.4 percentage points less than in the previous quarter, however more by 3.2 percentage points in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024 (in the country – 81.6% and increase of 0.2 percentage point and of 0.4 percentage point, respectively).

Considering education level, the highest value of the activity rate occurred among persons with a tertiary education (81.5%) and decreased (by 2.8 percentage points) compared with the previous quarter, however increased (by 3.1 percentage points) in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024. The lowest value (19.5%) was recorded for persons with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education and its value increased both on a quarterly and annual basis (by 5.2 percentage points and 2.5 percentage points, respectively).

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 2nd quarter of 2024 and 2020. In Opolskie Voivodship, in the 2nd quarter of 2025 per 1000 employed persons, there were 776 unemployed persons (in the 1st quarter of 2025 – 717, in the 2nd quarter of 2024 – 820, and in the 2nd quarter of 2020 r. – 833). In the country this indicator amounted to 765 (in the 1st quarter of 2025 – 780, in the 2nd quarter of 2024 – 764, and in the 2nd quarter of 2020 – 859).

Employed persons

In the 2nd quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship the population of the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 419 thousand persons and decreased by 3.5% (i.e. by 15 thousand persons) on a quarterly basis, however increased by 2.2% (i.e. by 9 thousand persons) in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024. Compared with the 2nd quarter of 2020 the number of employed persons decreased by 0.2% (i.e. by 1 thousand persons).

In the structure of the employed by sex, over a half were men, whose share amounted to 55.1% (i.e. 231 thousand persons), and by place of residence – urban inhabitants (53.2%, i.e. 223 thousand persons).

Considering the division by sex, on a quarterly basis the number of employed persons decreased (by 7.8%) in the group of women with a simultaneous increase (of 0.4%) among men. On a yearly basis there was an increase of employed persons regardless of sex, with women being more affected (of 3.3%) than men (of 1.3%).

Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis there was a decrease in the number of employed rural, as well as urban inhabitants (of 4.9% and of 1.8%, respectively), however, on an annual basis an increase was observed (by 2.3%) in the group of urban inhabitants as well as (by 1.6%) rural inhabitants.

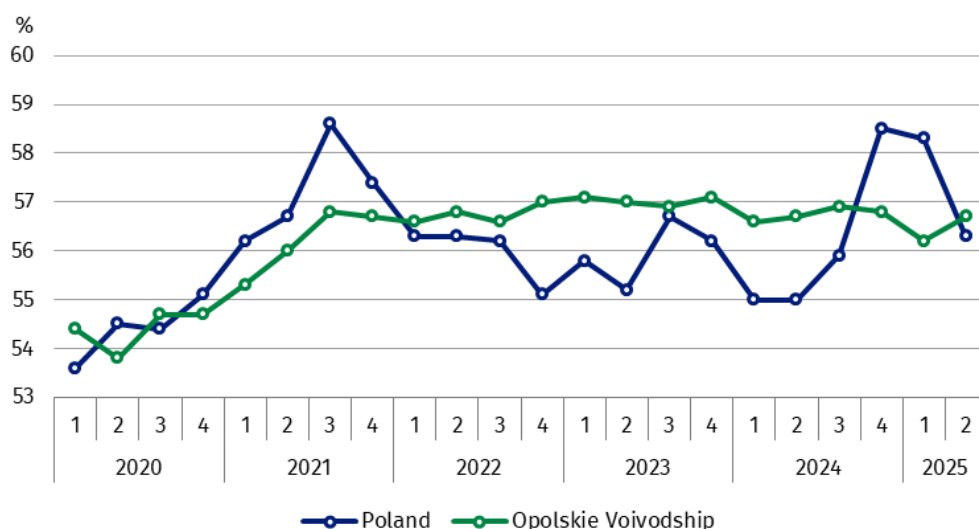
Taking the age of the employed into account, in the 2nd quarter of 2025 the largest share

among employed persons was recorded for persons in the age group 35–44 years (27.5%, i.e. by 2.1 percentage points more than in the 1st quarter of 2025, however fewer by 3.2 percentage points compared with the 2nd quarter of 2024), and then for persons in the age group 45–54 years (27.3%, i.e. by 0.4 percentage point less than in the previous quarter, and more by 0.8 percentage point in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024). The lowest percentage was recorded for the employed in the age group 15–24 years (6.5% – increase on a quarterly and on annual basis of 0.7 percentage point). Persons of working age in the 2nd quarter of 2025 accounted for 95.7% of the total number of the employed (in the 1st quarter of 2025 – 95.4%, and in the 2nd quarter of 2024 – 95.6%).

In the structure of the employed by level of education, in the 2nd quarter of 2025 the largest share concerned persons with tertiary education (36.6%, i.e. decrease of 1.0 percentage points on a quarterly basis, and an increase of 1.7 percentage points on an annual basis), while the lowest with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (4.8% – increase on a quarterly and annual basis, of 2.0 percentage points and of 0.7 percentage point, respectively).

The value of employment rate in the 2nd quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship was at the level of 56.3% (in the country – 56.7%) and decreased by 2.0 percentage points compared with the 1st quarter of 2025, however increased in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024 as well as 2020 i.e. by 1.3 percentage points and 1.8 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 (64.7% versus 48.6% for women), and by considering the place of residence – among rural inhabitants (56.8% versus 55.9% for urban inhabitants).

Taking the division by sex into account, compared to the 1st quarter of 2025 the value of the employment rate decreased among women (by 4.1 percentage points), however increased in the group of men (by 0.5 percentage point). In relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024, an increase of the analysed indicator was observed, both form women and men (of 1.7 percentage points and of 1.0 percentage point, respectively).

Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis, the level of employment rate decreased, among both rural and urban inhabitants (by 2.9 percentage points and by 0.9 percentage point, respectively), however increased on an annual basis, with a greater increase among urban inhabitants (of 1.5 percentage points) than rural inhabitants (of 0.9 percentage point).

Value of employment rate for working age population in the voivodship, shaped at the level

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

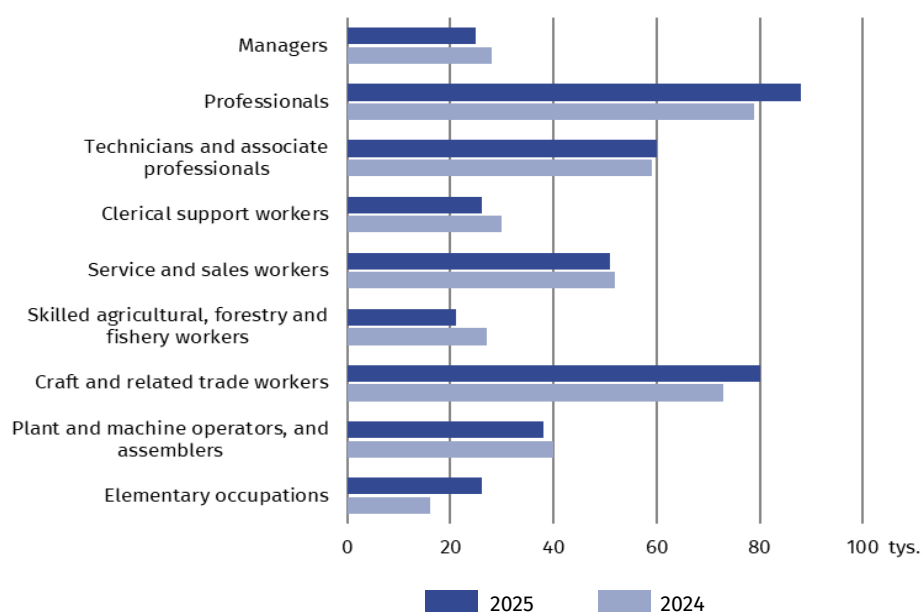
of 81.5%, i.e. higher by 0.5 percentage points than in the 1st quarter of 2025 as well as 2.8 percentage points than in the 2nd quarter of 2024 (in the country – 79.2% and increase by 0.7 percentage points and 0.2 percentage points, respectively).

On a quarterly basis, as well as on a yearly basis, among the total number of the employed in Opolskie Voivodship, there was an increase in the share of workers employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer – of 2.7 percentage points and of 3.3 percentage points, respectively, to the level of 83.3% (i.e. 349 thousand persons), with a simultaneous decrease in the share of self-employed persons – 2.7 percentage points each to the level of 16.0% (i.e. 67 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 – 81.7% (i.e. 285 thousand persons). This share decreased on a quarterly as well as annual basis (by 0.9 percentage point and 4.0 percentage points, respectively).

The largest percentage of the employed in the 2nd quarter of 2025 concerned persons, who, during a reference week, worked in the main workplace 40 and more hours (62.8%, i.e. less by 4.4 percentage points than in the previous quarter and by 3.9 percentage points than in the 2nd quarter of 2024). In the analysed group of persons, over a half (61.2%) were men; urban inhabitants also had a larger share (54.4%). Percentage of the employed working part-time shaped at the level of 15.8% for a group of persons, who worked 30–39 hours during a week and 10.3% for the group which worked from 20 to 29 hours. Out of surveyed persons, 6.4% worked less than 20 hours.

Chart 3. Employed persons in the age group 15–89 by selected occupational groups in the 2nd quarter



In the 2nd quarter of 2025 the most persons were employed in the profession from the group of professionals (88 thousand) and accounted for 21.0% of all employed persons. Among women, share for this occupational group amounted to 29.8% and was higher by 0.4 percentage points than in the previous quarter and by 1.8 percentage points compared with the 2nd quarter of 2024. A significant share in the population of women was held by group service and sales workers – 17.6% (percentage increased by 1.9 percentage points on a quarterly basis, however decreased by 3.8 percentage points in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024). Among men the most persons worked in occupational group of craft and related trade workers (30.7% – decrease of 0.6 percentage point in relation to the previous quarter, however increase of 3.1 percentage points compared with the 2nd quarter

of 2024), followed by group of professionals (13.9%, i.e. on the level of the previous quarter, however more of 1.6 percentage points on an annual basis).

Economically inactive persons

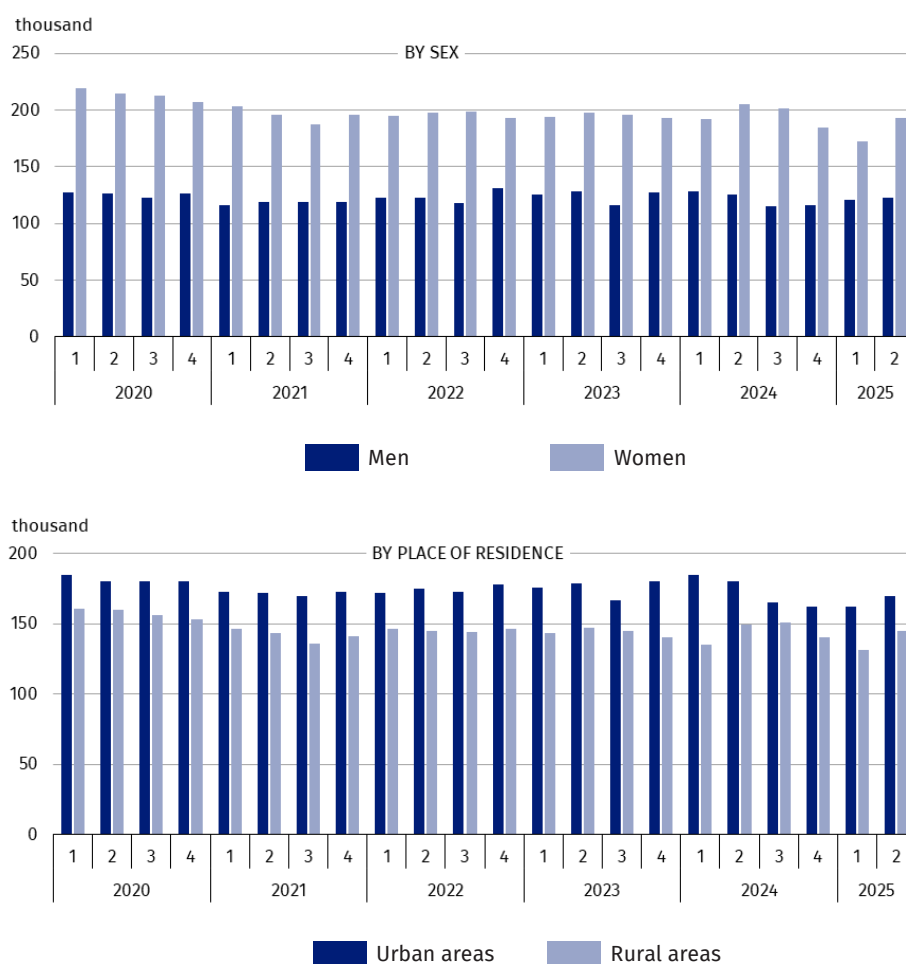
The population of the economically inactive in the age 15–89 years in the 2nd quarter 2025, in Opolskie Voivodship accounted for 316 thousand persons, i.e. 42.5% of the total number of persons in the said age group (versus 41.7% – in the country). Analysed population number increased compared to the previous quarter by 7.8%, however decreased in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024 and 2020, respectively: by 4.2% and by 7.3%.

Over a half of economically inactive persons are women – 61.1%, i.e. 193 thousand persons. Considering the place of residence, urban inhabitants constituted 54.0% of this population (i.e. 170 thousand persons).

In terms of sex, the number of economically inactive women, as well as men, increased on a quarterly basis (by 12.2% and by 1.7%, respectively), however decreased compared with the 2nd quarter of 2024 (by 5.9% and by 1.6%).

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, as well as urban inhabitants increased on a quarterly basis (by 10.7% and by 4.9%, respectively), and on a yearly basis decreased (by 5.6%) in the group of urban inhabitants and (by 2.7%) among rural inhabitants.

Out of economically inactive in the voivodship, 82 thousand persons, i.e. 25.9% were of working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had basic vocational/sectoral education (30.5%) as well as lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (28.9%).

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 243 thousand was retirement – 54.7%. Among persons receiving pension 60.6% were women.

Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking job in the 2nd quarter of 2025 for 21.4% persons of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 8.2% persons, while family and household responsibilities – 7.8% 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	
	2nd quarter		1st quarter	2nd quarter
POLAND				
Economically active in thousand	17099	17678	17660	17701
employed	16557	17205	17060	17198
unemployed ^a	542	472	600	503
Economically inactive in thousand	13676	12667	12709	12658
Activity rate in %	55.6	58.3	58.2	58.3
Employment rate in %	53.8	56.7	56.2	56.7
Unemployment rate in %	3.2	2.7	3.4	2.8
OPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP				
Economically active in thousand	429	417	452	428
employed	420	410	434	419
unemployed ^a	.	.	18	.
Economically inactive in thousand	341	330	293	316
Activity rate in %	55.7	55.9	60.7	57.5
Employment rate in %	54.5	55.0	58.3	56.3
Unemployment rate in %	.	.	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	
	2nd quarter		1st quarter	2nd quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	55.7	55.9	60.7	57.5
of which of working age ^a	.	80.1	84.7	83.3
men	65.9	65.1	66.2	65.5
women	46.5	47.4	55.6	50.1
Urban areas	56.6	55.1	59.5	57.4
Rural areas	54.5	56.8	62.0	57.7
By age:				
15–24 years	29.8	30.9	37.0	34.6
25–34	79.8	87.0	93.3	85.9

35–44	87.9	90.1	91.2	90.7
45–54	87.7	85.3	93.2	88.5
55–89 years	.	24.4	28.8	26.7

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	
	2nd quarter		1st quarter	2nd quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	54.5	55.0	58.3	56.3
of which of working age ^a	.	78.7	81.0	81.5
men	64.6	63.7	64.2	64.7
women	45.5	46.9	52.7	48.6
Urban areas	55.2	54.4	56.8	55.9
Rural areas	53.7	55.9	59.7	56.8
By age:				
15–24 years	28.6	29.6	30.9	33.3
25–34	78.2	84.8	88.6	82.8
35–44	85.7	88.7	88.0	89.1
45–54	86.1	84.5	90.9	87.0
55–89 years	25.6	24.4	28.1	26.4

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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