

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 3rd quarter of 2025

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 3rd quarter of 2025

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56.9%

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

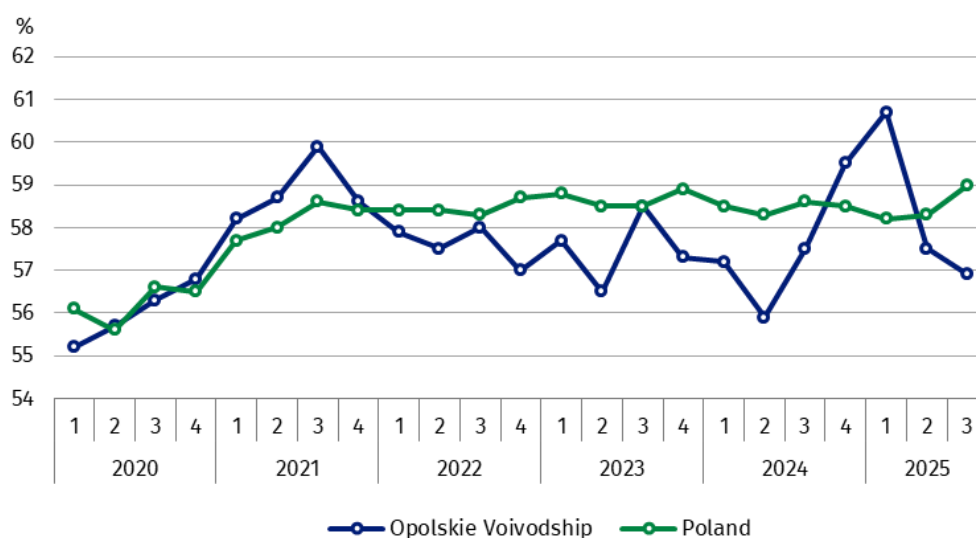
The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS), presenting average data for quarter showed, that in the 3rd quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship economically active persons accounted for 56.9% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator decreased compared to the previous quarter as well as in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024 - by 0.6 percentage point in each case.

Economic activity of population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 3rd quarter of 2025 amounted to 743 thousand persons i.e. less than in the previous quarter and corresponding periods of 2024 as well as 2020 (by 0.1%, and 0.4% as well as by 3.4%, respectively). Population of the economically active amounted to 423 thousand persons (of which 403 thousand employed persons and 20 thousand of the unemployed). The number of economically inactive persons amounted to 320 thousand. The population of the economically active in the 3rd quarter of 2025 decreased by 5 thousand persons, i.e. by 1.2% compared to the previous quarter and by 6 thousand persons i.e. by 1.4% and by 10 thousand persons, i.e. by 2.3% in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024 and 2020, respectively.

Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 3rd quarter of 2025 was at the level of 56.9% and its value decreased both on quarterly and annual basis (by 0.6 percentage point each), however increased (by 0.6 percentage point in relation to the 3rd quarter of 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 3rd quarter of 2025 was higher among men and amounted to 66.1%, while in the population of women this percentage was at the level of 48.4%. Considering the place of residence, said rate was higher among urban inhabitants than rural ones (57.4% versus 55.9%).

Men's activity rate was higher than women's

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 45–54 years (89.9%, i.e. more by 1.4 percentage points versus the 2nd quarter of 2025, and by 3.0 percentage points compared with the 3rd quarter of 2024). The lowest activity rate was recorded among persons in the age group 55–89 years (27.1% – increase on a quarterly and annual basis: by 0.4 percentage point and 1.6 percentage point, respectively).

For working age population the measure in question in the 3rd quarter of 2025 amounted to 82.6%, i.e. by 0.7 percentage point less than in the previous quarter, and by 0.9 percentage point in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024 (in the country – 82.5% and increase of 0.9 percentage point and of 0.8 percentage point, respectively).

Considering education level, the highest value of the activity rate occurred among persons with a tertiary education (80.6%) and decreased (by 0.9 percentage point) compared to the previous quarter, however increased (by 1.7 percentage points) in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024. The lowest value (20.0%) 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 0.5 percentage points and 4.6 percentage point, 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 as well as in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024 and 2020. In Opolskie Voivodship, in the 3rd quarter of 2025 per 1000 employed persons, there were 844 unemployed persons (in the 2nd quarter of 2025 – 776, in the 3rd quarter of 2024 – 787, and in the 3rd quarter of 2020 r. – 842). In the country this indicator amounted to 749 (in the 2nd quarter of 2025 – 765, in the 3rd quarter of 2024 – 757, and in the 3rd quarter of 2020 – 827).

Employed persons

In the 3rd quarter of 2025, in Opolskie Voivodship, the population of the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 403 thousand persons and decreased by 3.8% (i.e. by 16 thousand persons) on a quarterly basis, by 3.4% (i.e. by 14 thousand persons) in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024. and by 3.6% (i.e. by 15 thousand persons) compared to the 3rd quarter of 2020.

In the structure of the employed by sex, over a half were men, whose share amounted to 56.1% (i.e. 226 thousand persons), and by place of residence – urban inhabitants (54.3%, i.e. 219 thousand persons).

Considering the division by sex, compared to the 2nd quarter of 2025 as well as 3rd quarter of 2024, there was a decrease in the number of both employed women (of 5.9% and of 1.1%, respectively) as well as men (of 2.2% and of 5.4%). Considering place of residence, a drop in the number of the employed (of 6.1% and of 2.1%) was recorded in the group of rural inhabitants as well as (of 1.8% and of 4.4%) for urban inhabitants.

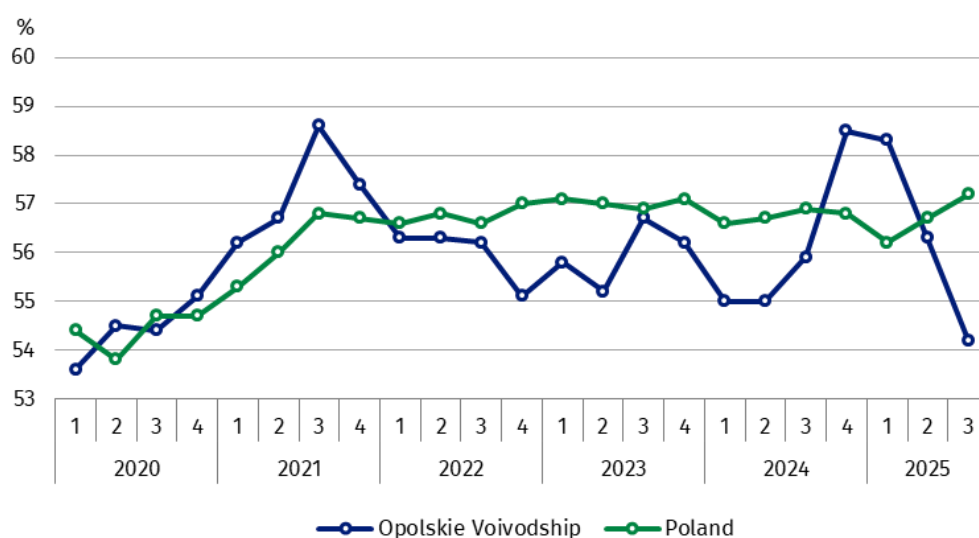
Taking the age of the employed into account, in the 3rd quarter of 2025 the largest share among employed persons was recorded for persons in the age group 35–44 years (27.7%, i.e. by 0.2 percentage point more than in the 2nd quarter of 2025, however fewer by 1.6 percentage point compared with the 3rd quarter of 2024), and then for persons in the age group 45–54 years (also 27.7%, i.e. more by 0.4 percentage point than in the previous quarter, and more by 0.8 percentage point in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024). The lowest percentage was recorded for the employed in the age group 15–24 years (5.2% – decrease on a quarterly and on annual basis of 1.3 percentage point and of 0.8 percentage point,

respectively). Persons of working age in the 3rd quarter of 2025 accounted for 94.3% of the total number of the employed (in the 2nd quarter of 2025 – 95.7%, and in the 3rd quarter of 2024 – 95.2%).

In the structure of the employed by level of education, in the 3rd quarter of 2025 the largest share concerned persons with tertiary education (37.8%, i.e. increase on a quarterly basis and annual basis, of 1.2 percentage point and of 4.8 percentage points, respectively), while the lowest with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (4.5% – decrease of 0.3 percentage point on quarterly basis, however an increase of 0.9 percentage point on annual scale).

The value of employment rate in the 3rd quarter of 2025 in Opolskie Voivodship was at the level of 54.2% (in the country – 57.2%) and decreased compared to the 2nd quarter of 2025, as well as corresponding periods of 2024 and 2020, i.e. by 2.1 percentage points, by 1.7 percentage point and by 0.2 percentage point, 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 (63.3% versus 45.9% for women), and by considering the place of residence – among urban inhabitants (54.9% versus 53.3% for rural inhabitants).

Regardless of sex and independently of place of residence, in line with the observed trend, value of the employment rate on quarterly and annual basis decreased: by 2.7 percentage points and by 0.2 percentage point for women as well as by 1.4 percentage point and by 3.5 percentage points for men, and also by 1.2 percentage point for rural inhabitants as well as 1.0 percentage point and 2.2 percentage points among urban inhabitants, respectively.

Value of employment rate for working age population in the voivodship, shaped at the level of 78.7%, i.e. fewer by 2.8 percentage points than in the 2nd quarter of 2025 as well as by 2.3 percentage points than in the 3rd quarter of 2024 (in the country – 79.8% and increase of 0.6 percentage point, respectively).

On a quarterly, 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 0.3 percentage point and of 2.3 percentage points, respectively, to the level of 83.6% (i.e. 337 thousand persons), with a simultaneous decrease in the share of self-employed persons – of 0.1 percentage point and of 2.1 percentage points to the level of 15.9% (i.e. 64 thousand persons).

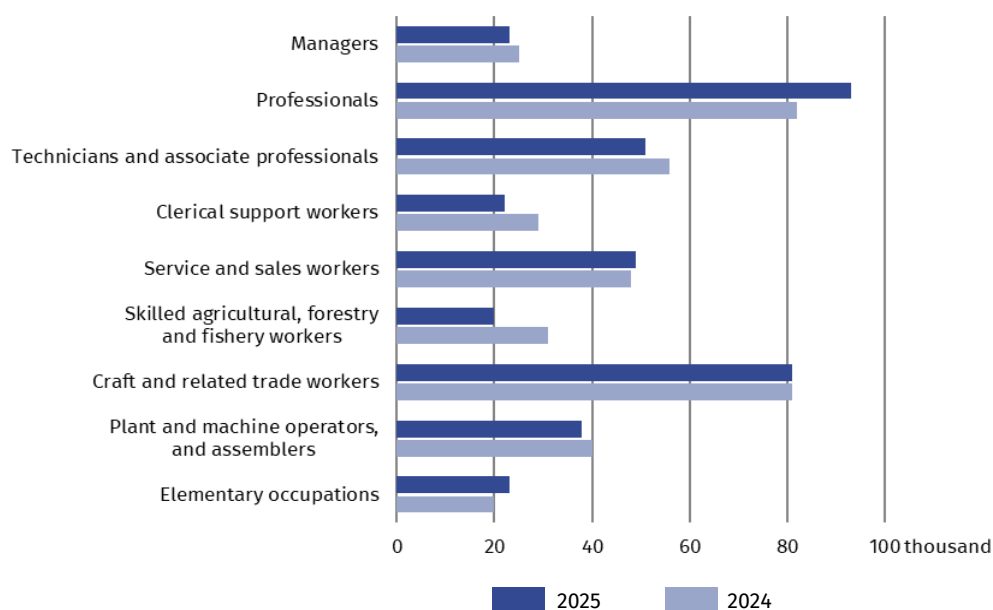
Among persons employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer, a vast majority performed their work on the basis of a job contract for indefinite term – 82.2%

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

(i.e. 277 thousand persons). This share increased (by 0.5 percentage point) on a quarterly basis, however decreased slightly (by 0.1 percentage point) on an annual scale.

The largest percentage of the employed in the 3rd quarter of 2025 concerned persons, who, during a reference week, worked in the main workplace 40 and more hours (70.2%, i.e. more by 7.4 percentage points than in the previous quarter and fewer by 0.1 percentage point than in the 3rd quarter of 2024). In the analysed group of persons, over a half (62.2%) were men; urban inhabitants also had a larger share (50.9%). Percentage of the employed working part-time shaped at the level of 8.2% for a group of persons who worked 30–39 hours during a week and 4.7% for the group which worked from 20 to 29 hours. Out of surveyed persons, 3.7% worked less than 20 hours.

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



In the 3rd quarter of 2025 the most persons were employed in the profession from the group of professionals (93 thousand) and accounted for 23.1% of all employed persons. Among women, share for this occupational group amounted to 32.8% and was higher by 3.0 percentage points than in the previous quarter and by 3.2 percentage points compared with the 3rd quarter of 2024. A significant share in the population of women was held by group service and sales workers – 19.8% (percentage increased on a quarterly and annual basis, by 2.2 percentage points and by 0.2 percentage point, respectively). Among men the most persons worked in occupational group of craft and related trade workers (33.2% – increase of 2.5 percentage points in relation to the previous quarter and of 1.8 percentage points compared with the 3rd quarter of 2024), followed by group of professionals (15.0%, i.e. more by 1.1 percentage point on quarterly basis and by 2.9 percentage points on an annual scale).

Unemployed persons

In the 3rd quarter of 2025, population of the unemployed in the age group 15–74 years in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 20 thousand. The share of men and women in analysed group shaped on the same level, and according to the place of residence – over a half were urban inhabitants (55.0%).

Unemployed persons in the 3rd quarter of 2025 constituted 4.7% (in the country – 3.1%) of economically active population in the age group 15–89 years.

An average time of seeking job in discussed period in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 8.3 months (in the country – 7.9).

Economically inactive persons

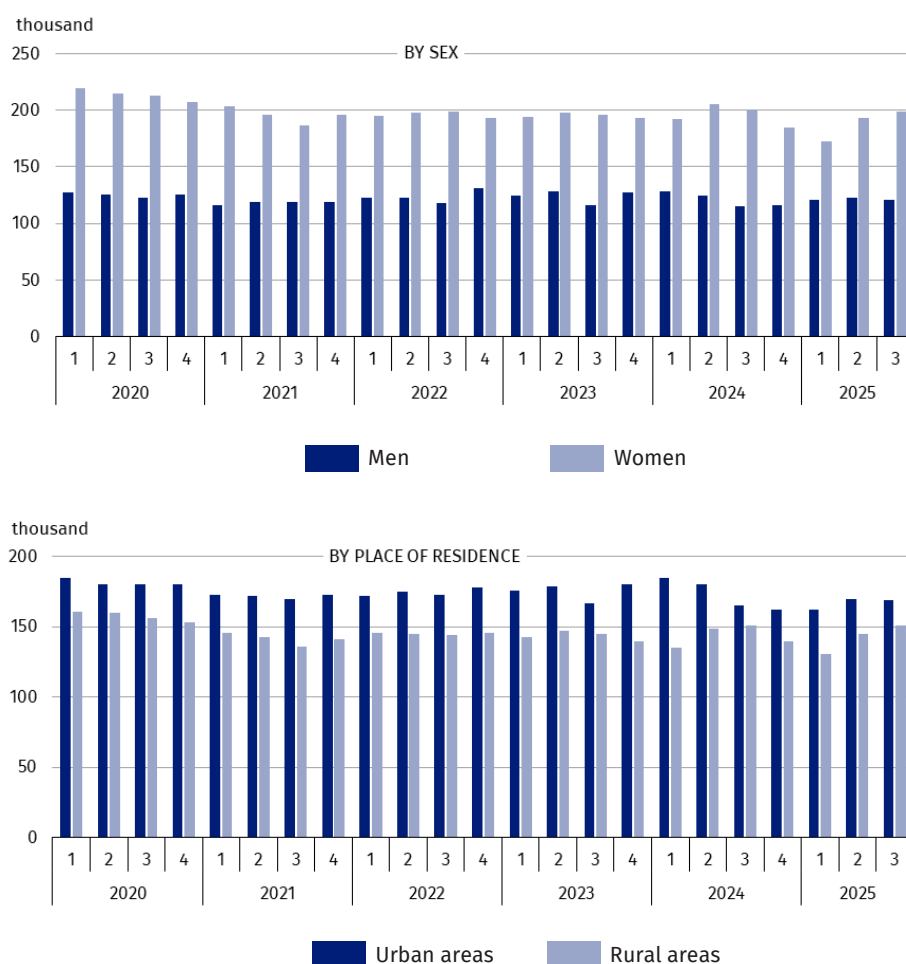
The population of the economically inactive in the age 15–89 years in the 3rd quarter 2025, in Opolskie Voivodship accounted for 320 thousand persons, i.e. 43.1% of the total number of persons in the said age group (versus 41.0% – in the country). Analysed population number increased compared to the previous quarter likewise in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024 (by 1.3% each), however decreased (of 4.8%) versus 3rd quarter of 2020.

Over a half of economically inactive persons are women – 62.2%, i.e. 199 thousand persons. Considering the place of residence, urban inhabitants constituted 52.8% of this population (i.e. 169 thousand persons).

In terms of sex, the number of economically inactive women increased by 3.1% on a quarterly basis, with a recorded drop of 1.6% for economically inactive men. On the other hand, compared to the 3rd quarter of 2024, a reverse relation occurred and the number of economically inactive men increased by 5.2%, with a decrease of 1.0% among women.

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 increased (by 4.1%), while decreased for urban inhabitants (by 0.6%). On the other hand, on a yearly basis, the number of economically inactive urban inhabitants increased (by 2.4%) while in case of rural inhabitants, it remained on the same level.

Out of economically inactive in the voivodship, 84 thousand persons, i.e. 26.3% were of working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had basic vocational/sectoral education (27.5%) as well as lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (27.5%).

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 250 thousand was retirement – 52.4%. Among persons receiving pension 63.4% were women.

Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking job in the 3rd quarter of 2025 for 20.8% persons of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 9.6% persons, while family and household responsibilities – 6.4% 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	
	3rd quarter		2nd quarter	3rd quarter
POLAND				
Economically active in thousand	17398	17798	17701	17923
employed	16821	17277	17198	17361
unemployed ^a	577	521	503	562
Economically inactive in thousand	13341	12552	12658	12440
Activity rate in %	56.6	58.6	58.3	59.0
Employment rate in %	54.7	56.9	56.7	57.2
Unemployment rate in %	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.1
OPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP				
Economically active in thousand	433	429	428	423
employed	418	417	419	403
unemployed ^a	16	12	.	20
Economically inactive in thousand	336	316	316	320
Activity rate in %	56.3	57.5	57.5	56.9
Employment rate in %	54.4	55.9	56.3	54.2
Unemployment rate in %	3.7	2.8	.	4.7

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	
	3rd quarter		2nd quarter	3rd quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	56.3	57.5	57.5	56.9
of which of working age ^a	78.0	83.5	83.3	82.6
men	66.8	67.9	65.5	66.1
women	46.9	48.2	50.1	48.4
Urban areas	57.0	58.9	57.4	57.4
Rural areas	55.8	55.9	57.7	55.9
By age:				
15-24 years	34.5	35.8	34.6	28.4
25-34	82.1	91.2	85.9	87.6
35-44	87.9	90.1	90.7	89.2
45-54	85.4	86.9	88.5	89.9
55-89 years	.	25.5	26.7	27.1

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	
	3rd quarter		2nd quarter	3rd quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	54.4	55.9	56.3	54.2
of which of working age ^a	.	81.0	81.5	78.7
men	64.6	66.8	64.7	63.3
women	44.9	46.1	48.6	45.9
Urban areas	55.5	57.1	55.9	54.9
Rural areas	53.0	54.5	56.8	53.3
By age:				
15-24 years	29.8	30.9	33.3	25.9
25-34	76.9	90.1	82.8	81.4
35-44	86.4	86.5	89.1	86.2
45-54	83.7	86.2	87.0	86.8
55-89 years	25.9	25.2	26.4	26.1

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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