

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 4th quarter of 2024

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 4th quarter of 2024

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59.5%

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

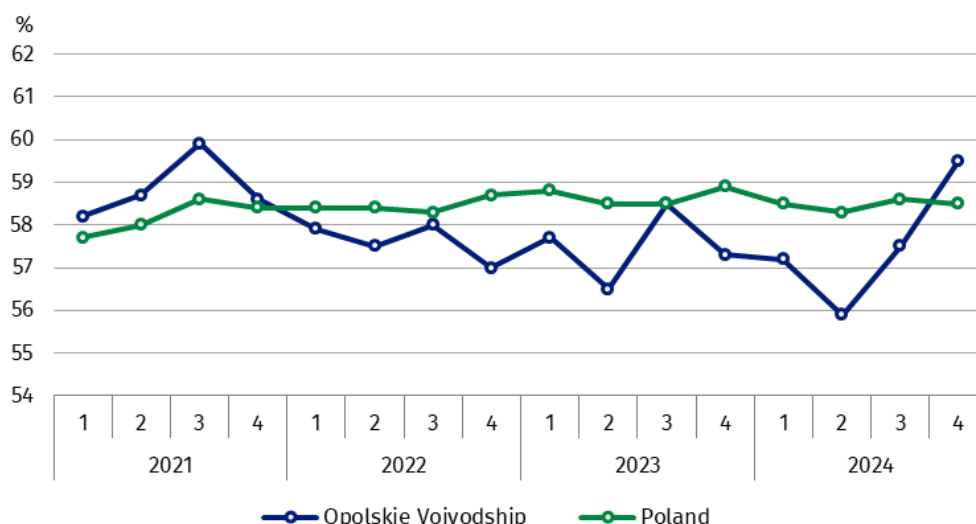
The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS), presenting average data for quarter showed, that in the 4th quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship economically active persons accounted for 59.5% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator increased by 2.0 percentage points compared with the previous quarter as well as by 2.2 percentage points in relation to the 4th quarter of 2023.

Economic activity of the population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 4th quarter of 2024 amounted to 745 thousand persons and decreased compared with the previous quarter as well as corresponding periods of 2023 and 2021 (respectively: by 0.1%, 0.5% and by 1.8%). Population of the economically active amounted to 443 thousand persons (of which 436 thousand employed persons). The number of the economically inactive was 302 thousand persons. The population of the economically active in the 4th quarter of 2024 increased both on a quarterly basis, as well as on an annual basis – 14 thousand persons each, i.e. 3.3% each, however in relation to the 4th quarter of 2021 there was a decrease by 2 thousand persons, i.e. by 0.4%.

Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 4th quarter of 2024 was at the level of 59.5% and its value increased compared with the previous quarter as well as in relation to the corresponding periods of 2023 and 2021 (by 2.0 percentage points, by 2.2 percentage points and by 0.9 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 4th quarter of 2024 was higher among men and amounted to 67.5%, while in the population of women this percentage was at the level of 52.2%. Considering the place of residence, said rate was slightly higher among urban inhabitants than rural ones (59.5% versus 59.4%).

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 25–34 years (92.8%) and was at the higher level (by 1.6 percentage points) than in the 3rd quarter of 2024 as well as (by 2.2 percentage points) compared with the 4th quarter of 2023. The lowest activity rate was recorded among persons in the age group 55–89 years (29.3%), and its value increased (by 3.8 percentage points) on a quarterly basis and (by 1.9 percentage points) on a yearly basis.

For working age population the measure in question in the 4th quarter of 2024 amounted to 84.7% and its value increased both in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2024 as well as to the 4th quarter of 2023: by 1.2 percentage points and by 2.7 percentage points, respectively (in the country – 81.7%, i.e. on the level of the previous quarter, however decreased by 0.1 percentage point on a yearly basis).

Considering education level, the highest value of the activity rate occurred among persons with a tertiary education (82.1%) and increased both compared to the 3rd quarter of 2024, as well as to the 4th quarter of 2023 (by 3.2 percentage points and by 3.7 percentage points, respectively). The lowest value (13.5%) was recorded for persons with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education, and its value decreased on a quarterly and annual basis (by 1.9 percentage points and by 0.4 percentage point).

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) decreased both on a quarterly basis, as well as compared to the 4th quarter of 2023 and 2021. In Opolskie Voivodship in the 4th quarter of 2024 per 1000 employed persons, there were 709 unemployed ones (in the 3rd quarter of 2024 – 787, in the 4th quarter of 2023 – 781, and in the 4th quarter of 2021 – 741). In the country this indicator amounted to 760 (in the 3rd quarter of 2024 – 757, in the 4th quarter of 2023 – 753, and in the 4th quarter 2021 – 763).

Employed persons

In the 4th quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship the population of the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 436 thousand persons and increased on a quarterly basis as well as on a yearly basis, respectively: by 4.6% (i.e. by 19 thousand persons) and by 3.6% (i.e. by 15 thousand persons). Compared to the 4th quarter of 2021 there was no change in the number of employed persons.

In the structure of the employed by sex, over a half were men, whose share amounted to 53.9% (i.e. 235 thousand persons), and by the place of residence – urban inhabitants (53.7%, i.e. 234 thousand persons).

Considering the division by sex, on a quarterly basis the number of employed persons increased (by 12.3%) in the group of women, with a simultaneous decrease (by 1.7%) among men. On a yearly basis there was an increase of employed persons regardless of sex, with women being more affected (by 4.1%) than men (by 3.1%).

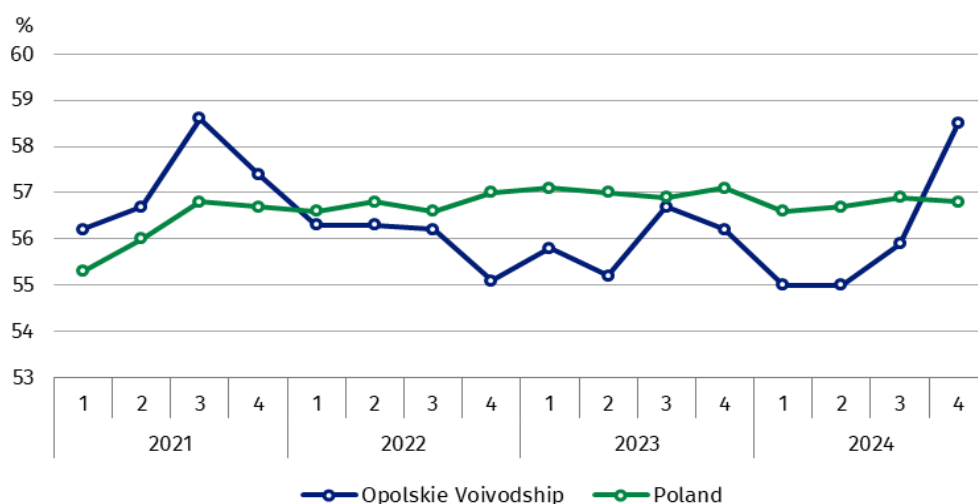
Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis there was an increase in the number of employed rural inhabitants (by 7.4%), as well as urban inhabitants (by 2.2%). On the other hand, in comparison with the 4th quarter of 2023 an increase in the number of employed persons was noted only among urban inhabitants (by 7.3%), and among rural inhabitants there was a decrease in this group (0.5%).

Taking the age of the employed into account, in the 4th quarter of 2024, the largest share among the employed was registered for persons in the age group 45–54 years – 27.8%, i.e. more by 0.9 percentage points than in the previous quarter as well as by 1.4 percentage points compared with the 4th quarter of 2023. The lowest percentage was recorded for the employed in the age group 15–24 years (5.3% – lower by 0.7 percentage point on a quarterly basis, and higher by 0.3 percentage point on a quarterly basis). Persons in working age in the 4th quarter of 2024 accounted for 95.0% of the total number of the employed (in the 3rd quarter of 2024 – 95.2%, and in the 4th quarter of 2023 – 95.5%).

In the structure of the employed by level of education, in the 4th quarter of 2024, the largest share concerned persons with tertiary education (35.6% – increase on a quarterly and annual basis, by 2.6 percentage points and by 1.4 percentage points, respectively), while the lowest with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (2.8% – decrease on a quarterly and annual basis, by 0.8 percentage point and by 0.5 percentage point, respectively).

The value of employment rate in the 4th quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship was at the level of 58.5% (in the country – 56.8%) and increased both compared to the 3rd quarter of 2024 as well as corresponding periods of 2023 and 2021, i.e. by 2.6 percentage points, 2.3 percentage points and by 1.1 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 (65.8% versus 51.9% for women), and by considering the place of residence – slightly among rural inhabitants (58.6% versus 58.5% for urban inhabitants).

Taking the division by sex into account, compared to the 3rd quarter of 2024 the value of the employment rate increased among women (by 5.8 percentage points), with a simultaneous decrease among men (by 1.0 percentage points). In relation to the 4th quarter of 2023 there was an increase of the analysed indicator both for women as well as men (2.3 percentage points each).

Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis, the level of employment rate increased among rural inhabitants, as well as urban ones (by 4.1 percentage points and by 1.4 percentage points, respectively). On a yearly basis, and increase of the analysed value was noted, only among urban inhabitants (by 4.3 percentage points), with a slight decrease (by 0.1 percentage points) among rural inhabitants.

Value of employment rate for working age population in the voivodship, shaped at the level of 83.3% (in the country – 79.3%), i.e. higher than in the 3rd quarter of 2024 as well as in the 4th quarter of 2023, respectively, by 2.3 percentage points and by 2.9 percentage points (in the country – 0.1 percentage points, each).

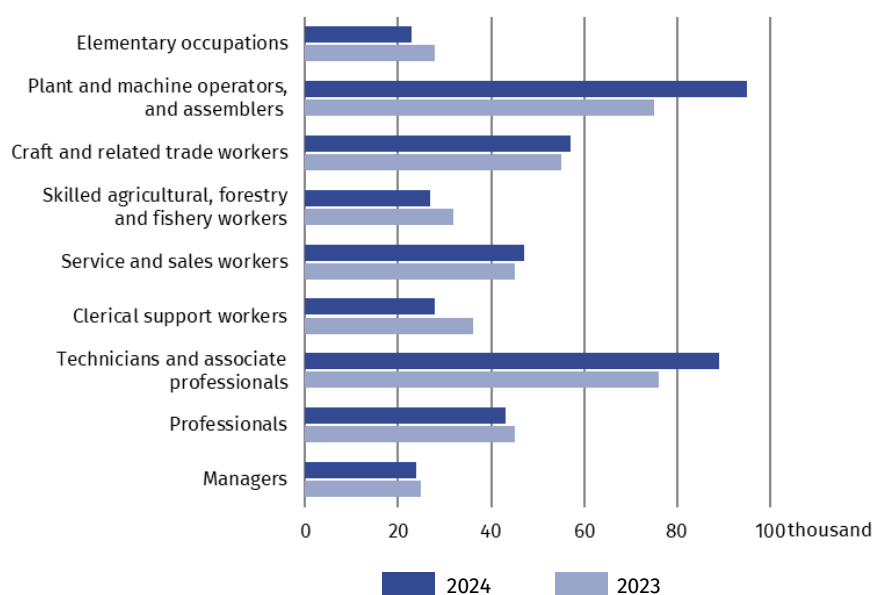
Employment rate was significantly higher in the population of men than of women

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 0.3 percentage point to the level of 81.0% (i.e. 353 thousand persons), while on an annual basis its increase was recorded (by 0.5 percentage point). On the other hand, the share of self-employed persons increased compared with the previous quarter by 0.3 percentage point to the level of 18.3% (i.e. 80 thousand persons), and decreased (by 0.5 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 – 80.5% (i.e. 284 thousand persons). This share decreased both on a quarterly and annual basis (by 1.8 percentage points and by 3.3 percentage points, respectively).

The largest percentage of the employed in the 4th quarter of 2024 concerned persons, who, during a reference week, worked in the main workplace 40 and more hours (63.1%, i.e. less than in the previous quarter and in the 4th quarter of 2023, by 7.2 percentage points and by 4.8 percentage points, respectively). In the analysed group of persons, over a half (58.0%) were men; urban inhabitants also had a larger share (53.1%). Percentage of the employed working part-time shaped at the level of 15.6% or a group of persons, who worked 30–39 hours during a week and 7.8% for the group which worked less than 20 hours. Out of surveyed persons, 7.1% worked from 20 to 29 hours.

Chart 3. Employed persons in the age group 15–89 by selected occupational groups in the 4th quarter



In the 4th quarter of 2024 the most persons were employed in the profession from the group of professionals (95 thousand) and they accounted for 21.8% of all employed persons. Among women, share for this occupational group amounted to 30.3% and was higher by 0.7 percentage points than in the previous quarter and by 4.9 percentage points compared with the 4th quarter of 2023. A significant share in the population of women was held by group service and sales workers – 16.9% (percentage decreased both on a quarterly and annual basis, by 2.7 percentage points and by 1.2 percentage points, respectively).

Among men the most persons worked in occupational group of craft and related trade workers (33.6% – increase by 2.2 percentage points compared with the previous quarter and by 3.8 percentage points in relation to the 4th quarter of 2023), followed by group of professionals (14.5% – increase on a quarterly and annual basis, by 2.4 percentage points and by 3.1 percentage points, respectively) and in the group plant and machine operators, and assemblers (14.0% – decrease by 0.6 percentage point and by 1.8 percentage points, respectively).

Economically inactive persons

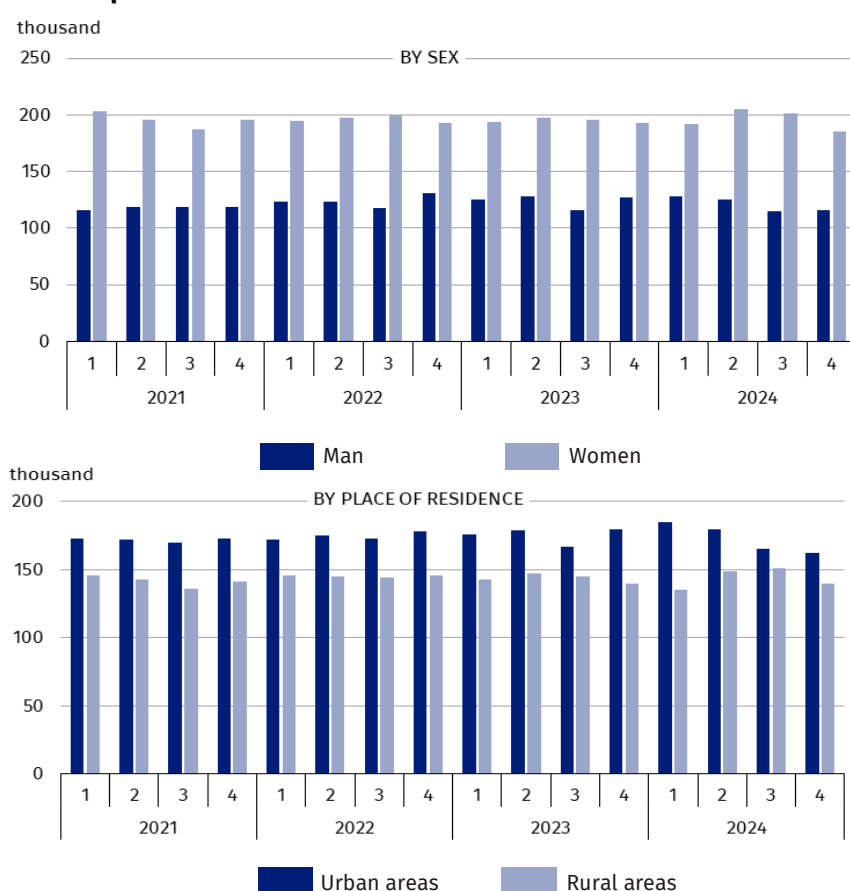
The population of the economically inactive in the age 15–89 years in the 4th quarter of 2024 accounted for 302 thousand persons in Opolskie Voivodship, i.e. 40.5% of the total number of persons in the said age group (versus 41.5% – in the country). Analysed population number decreased compared to the previous quarter as well as in relation to the 4th quarter of 2023 and 2021, by 4.4%, 5.6% and 3.8%, respectively.

Over a half of economically inactive persons are women – 61.5%, i.e. 185 thousand persons. Considering the place of residence, urban inhabitants constituted 53.6% of this population (i.e. 162 thousand persons).

In terms of sex, on a quarterly basis, the number of economically inactive women decreased (by 8.0%), with a simultaneous increase (by 0.9%) of economically inactive men. Compared with the 4th quarter of 2023 there was a decrease of the said population regardless of sex, with men being more affected (by 8.7%) than women (by 4.1%).

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, a decrease was noted both of economically active rural as well as urban inhabitants (by 7.3% and by 1.8%, respectively). In relations to the 4th quarter of 2023, number of economically inactive urban inhabitants decreased (by 10.0%), while among rural inhabitants it remained on the same level.

Out of economically inactive in the voivodship, 76 thousand persons, i.e. 25.2% were of working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had basic vocational/sectoral education (29.9%) as well as lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (27.6%).

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 234 thousand was retirement – 55.6%. Among persons receiving pension 63.8% were women.

Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking job in the 4th quarter of 2024 for 21.8% of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 6.8% persons, while family and household responsibilities – 5.1% 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	2021	2023	2024	
	4th quarter		3rd quarter	4th quarter
POLAND				
Economically active in thousands	17804	17870	17798	17742
employed	17293	17323	17277	17247
unemployed ^a	511	547	521	495
Economically inactive in thousands	12684	12492	12552	12610
Activity rate in %	58.4	58.9	58.6	58.5
Employment rate in %	56.7	57.1	56.9	56.8
Unemployment rate in %	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.8
OPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP				
Economically active in thousands	445	429	429	443
employed	436	421	417	436
unemployed ^a	.	.	12	.
Economically inactive in thousands	314	320	316	302
Activity rate in %	58.6	57.3	57.5	59.5
Employment rate in %	57.4	56.2	55.9	58.5
Unemployment rate in %	.	.	2.8	.

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	2021	2023	2024	
	4th quarter		3rd quarter	4th quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	58.6	57.3	57.5	59.5
of which in working age ^a	82.3	82.0	83.5	84.7
men	67.4	64.9	67.9	67.5
women	50.5	50.6	48.2	52.2
Urban areas	57.8	55.5	58.9	59.5
Rural areas	59.6	59.5	55.9	59.4
By age:				
15–24 years	29.3	29.6	35.8	32.1
25–34	90.6	90.6	91.2	92.8
35–44	93.2	88.7	90.1	88.1
45–54	85.2	85.5	86.9	89.7
55–89 years	28.5	27.4	25.5	29.3

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	2021	2023	2024	
	4th quarter		3rd quarter	4th quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	57.4	56.2	55.9	58.5
of which in working age ^a	80.6	80.4	81.0	83.3
men	66.3	63.5	66.8	65.8
women	49.2	49.6	46.1	51.9
Urban areas	56.8	54.2	57.1	58.5
Rural areas	58.2	58.7	54.5	58.6
By age:				
15-24 years	28.0	25.9	30.9	28.4
25-34	88.0	88.5	90.1	91.8
35-44	90.2	87.2	86.5	88.1
45-54	84.4	84.7	86.2	89.0
55-89 years	28.2	27.1	25.2	28.6

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 2021 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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