

Stationary social welfare facilities in Opolskie Voivodship in 2024

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 **1.3%**

Increase in the number
of residents of social welfare
facilities in relation to 2023

At the end of 2024, in Opolskie Voivodship, there were 77 operating social welfare facilities in which there were 4.9 thousand places. There were 4.5 thousand residents living in there. Compared to 2023 the number of facilities increased as well as the number of their residents, however the number of places in them decreased.

At the end of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship there were 77 stationary social welfare facilities, which accounted for 3.4% of all facilities of this kind in the country. Their number increased by 1.3% compared to 2023, while it increased by 57.1% in relation to 2015.

Table 1. Stationary social welfare facilities
As of 31 December

SPECIFICATION	2015	2023	2024		
	in absolute numbers			2015=100	2023=100
Stationary social welfare facilities (without branches)	49	76	77	157.1	101.3
Places	3916	4914	4899	125.1	99.7
Residents	3711	4485	4543	122.4	101.3

Out of all stationary social welfare facilities operating at the end of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship, the largest number was that of social assistance houses as well as by facilities ensuring 24-hour care to disabled, chronically ill or aged persons within the scope of economic and statutory activity (29 each). There were also 10 shelters for homeless persons, 3 houses for mothers with children under age and pregnant women, 3 night shelters and 3 other facilities.

The most facilities were located in Strzelecki Powiat (12), in the city of Opole (11) as well as in Nyski Powiat (10). There were 9 operational facilities in Kędzierzyńsko-Kozielski Powiat. In other powiats the number of facilities varied between 2 and 7.

At the end of December 2024, majority, i.e. 90.9% of stationary social assistance facilities had buildings adapted to the needs of persons with disabilities. The most common amenities in the buildings were bathrooms adapted to the needs of persons with disabilities and elevators. Over a half of facilities had had rooms/rooms with bathrooms adapted to the needs of persons with disabilities as well as ramps, driveways and platforms facilitating the entrance to the building. Only 7 facilities, mostly homeless shelters, did not have any facilities with amenities for persons with disabilities.

At the end of 2024 social assistance houses accounted for 37.7% of all stationary social welfare facilities

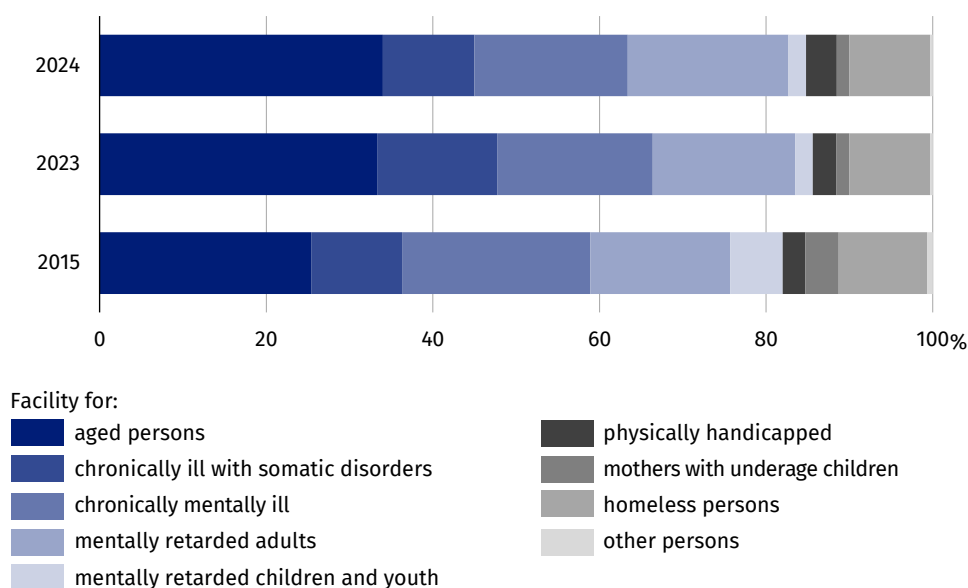
Stationary social welfare facilities operating within Opolskie Voivodship, at the end of 2024, had 4.9 thousand places for residents. Their number decreased on an annual basis (by 0.3%) however increased in relation to 2015 (of 25.1%). Among all available places in social welfare facilities, 62.2% were in social assistance houses, 22.8% in facilities ensuring 24-hour care for disabled, chronically ill or aged persons within the scope of economic or statutory activity while 10.1% in homeless shelters. Houses for mothers with underage children and pregnant women, night shelters and other stationary social welfare facilities jointly had 4.9% of all places.

The largest number of places were in facilities located in Głubczycki Powiat, followed by Strzelecki Powiat and the city of Opole, while the lowest one in Krapkowicki and Namysłowski powiaty. Per 10 thousand population, the most places in stationary social welfare facilities were in Głubczycki Powiat (225.0), while the least in Krapkowicki (17.2). This indicator amounted to 52.7 for Opolskie Voivodship versus 35.8 for the country. In terms of this indicator, Opolskie Voivodship was ranked on the 1st place in the country.

At the end of 2024, in stationary social welfare facilities there were a total of 4.5 thousand residents (of which 51.3% were men) and their number increased both compared to 2023 and 2015, i.e. by 1.3% and by 22.4%, respectively. Among all occupants 65.6% are residents of social assistance houses. There were 23.0% persons in facilities providing 24-hour care for disabled, chronically ill or aged persons within the scope of economic or statutory activity, while in homeless shelters 8.3% of all persons inhabiting stationary social welfare facilities.

The most residents of stationary social welfare facilities (34.0%) lived in facilities for aged persons, followed by facilities for the chronically mentally ill adults (19.3%). The lowest number of residents stayed in houses for underage children and pregnant women (1.5%).

Chart 1. Residents of stationary social welfare facilities by groups of residents
As of 31 December

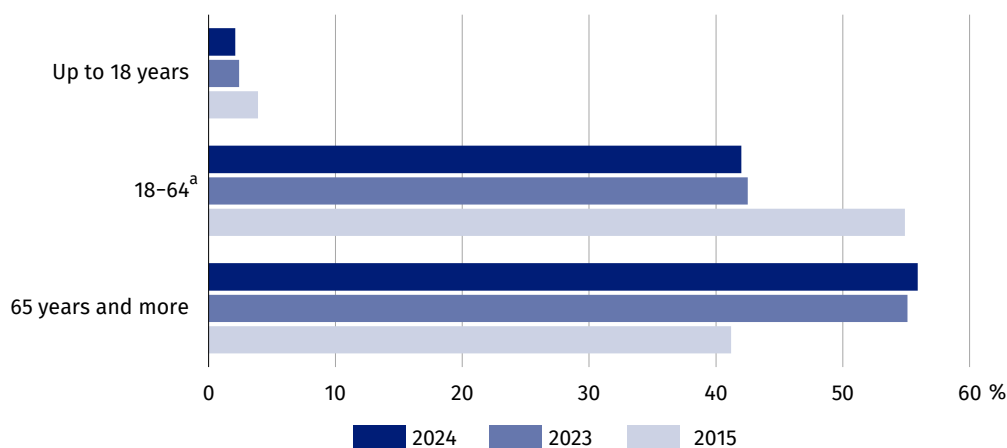


Over a half (55.9%) of residents in stationary social welfare facilities at the end of 2024 in the voivodship were persons over 65 years of age. Every fourth resident was a person aged 40-59 years. The least numerous group were residents aged up to 18 years (2.1%).

Over 62% of all places in stationary social welfare facilities are places in social assistance houses

Chart 2. Residents of stationary social welfare facilities by age groups

As of 31 December



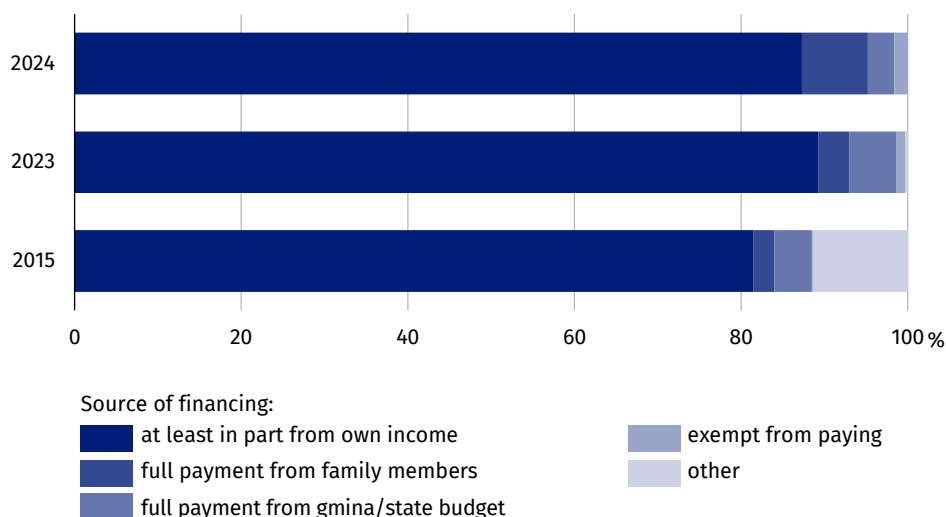
a In 2015 aged 19-64 years.

Data on the registration of pending persons shows that at the end of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship, 334 persons were expected to be placed in stationary social welfare facilities, while in the year before 308 and in 2015 – 181.

The vast majority of stationary social welfare facilities, at least partially, participated in financing their stay in the establishment. Percentage of residents, who paid at least a part of the fee for their stay from their own income (e.g. own retirement pension, other pension, permanent benefit), at the end of 2024, amounted to 87.3% i.e. by 2.0 percentage points lower than in the previous year, and by 5.8 percentage points more compared to 2015. Out of all residents, 1.6% of them were exempt from paying, which means an increase of 0.5 percentage point in relation to 2023 and of 1.5 percentage point compared to 2015.

Chart 3. Residents of stationary social welfare facilities by source of financing their stay

As of 31 December



At the end of 2024, there were 2498 persons employed in stationary social welfare facilities, for whom it was a main workplace. The staff of employees included i.a.: 121 nurses and 58 physiotherapists. Selfless assistance for the elderly and persons with disabilities was provided by 169 volunteers.

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