

Health care in Opolskie Voivodship in 2024

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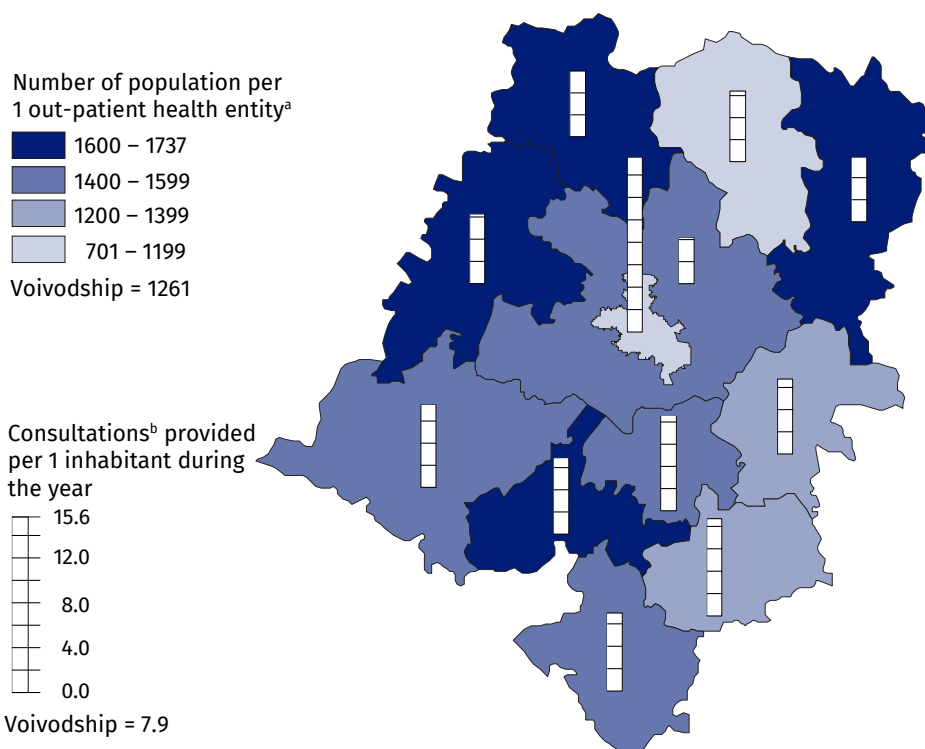
Increase in the number of provided medical consultations in out-patient health care compared to 2023

At the end of 2024, compared to the previous year, in out-patient health care in Opolskie Voivodship there was an increase in the number of out-patient departments with a simultaneous decrease in the total number of medical and dental practices, providing services within public funds. In relation to the previous year the number of provided medical consultations increased, while the number of dental consultations decreased. A larger number of people received medical treatment at the place of occurrence.

Out-patient health care

At the end of 2024, in Opolskie Voivodship, health services under out-patient health care were provided to inhabitants by 738 health care entities, out of which 78.9% were located in rban areas. Compared to the end of 2023 as well as in 2015 the number of health care entities decreased, by 0.3% and by 6.9%. Among entities, both on annual basis as well when compared with 2015 there was an increase in the number of out-patient departments (by 1.4% and by 9.1%), with a simultaneous decrease in the total number of medical and dental practices (by 6.2% and by 40.8%).

Map 1. Out-patient health care in 2024



a As of 31 December. b Excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms.

At the end of 2024 there were 1261 persons (the year before – 1266 persons) on average per 1 out-patient health care entity in Opolskie Voivodship. In the voivodship the value of the indicator varied. The lowest number of inhabitants per 1 medical entity was observed in the city of Opole (701 persons), and the most in Oleski Powiat (1737 persons).

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The number consultations (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms) provided in out-patient health care, per 1 inhabitant of Opolskie Voivodship in 2024 amounted to 7.9 versus 7.6 than the year before. The largest number of consultations provided per 1 inhabitant was recorded in the city of Opole (15.6), and the lowest in Opolski Powiat (4.2).

Table 1. Out-patient health care
As of 31 December

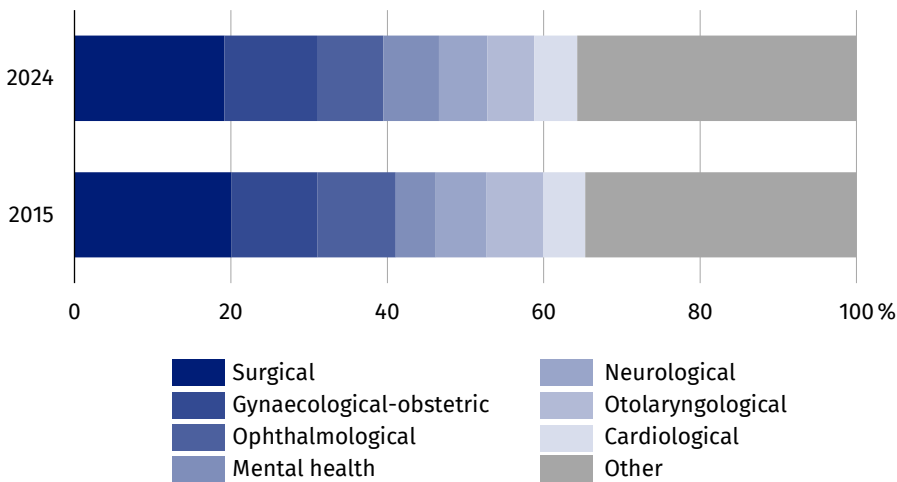
SPECIFICATION	2015	2023	2024		
	In absolute numbers			2015=100	2023=100
Out-patient departments	538	579	587	109.1	101.4
Doctors and dentists practises ^a	255	161	151	59.2	93.8
Consultations ^b provided in thousands (during the year)	7118.9	7164.0	7362.1	103.4	102.8
medical	6469.7	6554.5	6753.9	104.4	103.0
dental	649.2	609.4	608.1	93.7	99.8

a Data include practices that have signed a contract with the National Health Fund or with out-patient departments. b Including consultations paid by patients in out-patient departments as well as including consultations provided as part of night and holiday care services; excluding consultations provided in admission rooms of general hospitals.

In 2024, there were 7362.1 thousand consultations provided (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms) in out-patient health care facilities in the voivodship and their number increased both in comparison with the previous year and in relation to 2015, by 2.8% and by 3.4%, respectively.

In the total number of provided out-patient consultations in Opolskie Voivodship in 2024 a vast majority (91.7%) were medical consultations. Their number increased by 3.0% in relation to the previous year and by 4.4% compared with 2015. Among all medical consultations provided (excluding consultations provided as part of night and holiday health care, as well as consultations from admission rooms) in 2024 similarly as in the previous year, on average every second one was provided in primary health care, while every third in specialist health care.

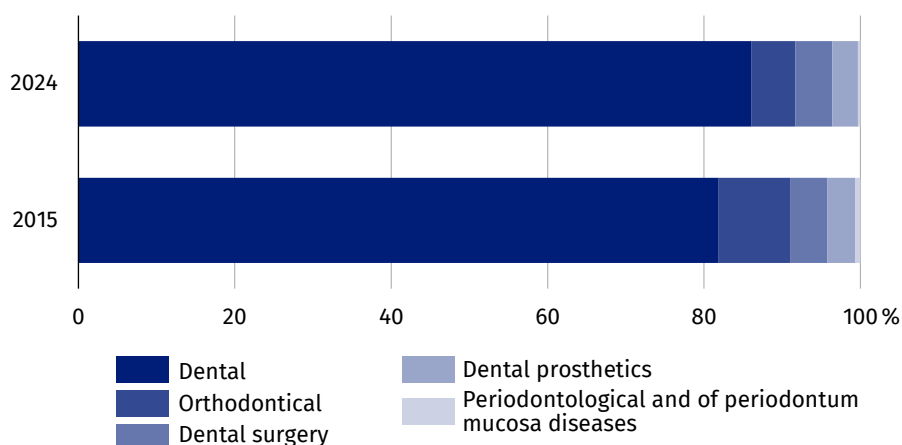
Chart 1. Consultations provided in specialist health care by type of clinic



With regard to specialised health care in Opolskie Voivodship in 2024, the most medical services were provided in surgical clinics. Their share in the total number of provided consultations during the discussed period in the voivodship was at the level of 19.2% and it slightly increased by 0.1 percentage point versus the previous year, and decreased by 0.9 percentage point compared with 2015.

Dental consultations provided in clinics: dental surgery, orthodontics, periodontology and periodontal mucous diseases, stomatology and dental prosthetics in 2024 constituted 8.3% of the total number of consultations provided in out-patient health care facilities in Opolskie Voivodship (the year before – 8.5%, and in 2015 – 9.1%).

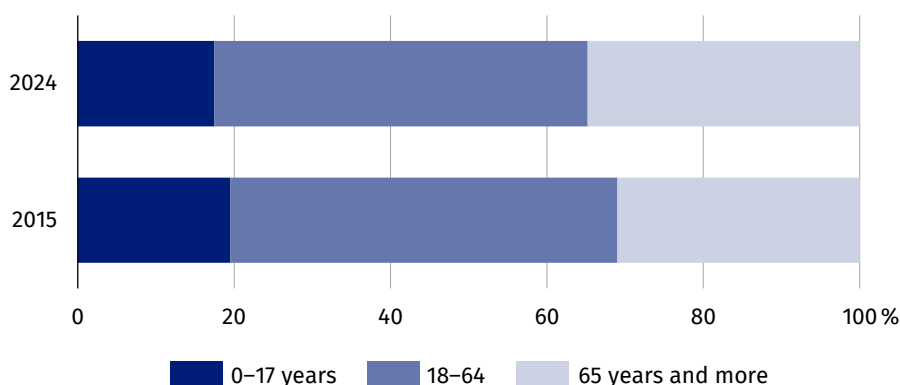
Chart 2. Consultations provided in specialist dental health care by type of clinic



Compared to the previous year, as well as in relation to 2015, the number of dental consultations provided in 2024 decreased, i.e. by 0.2% and by 6.3%, respectively. Among all consultations provided as part of specialist dental health care, the most treatments in Opolskie Voivodship were provided in dental clinics. Their share in the total number of provided dental consultations in 2024 was at the level of 86.1% versus 84.9% the year before and 81.9% in 2015.

Over a half (57.3%) of consultations provided as part of out-patient health care (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms) were provided to women. The number of medical consultations provided to women in Opolskie Voivodship in 2024 was at the level of 4221.0 thousand, that means an increase by 2.5% compared with the previous year and by 1.5% in relation to 2015.

Chart 3. Consultations provided in out-patient health care by age groups of recipients



Taking into account consultations provided by age groups of service recipients (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms), they were most often provided to patients aged 18–64 years. In 2024, 3509.1 thousand consultations were provided, which accounted for 47.7% of all provided out-patient services in Opolskie Voivodship. In relation to 2023, the number of medical consultations provided in the said age group of recipients increased by 2.0%, however decreased by 0.3% compared with 2015. The number

of consultations provided to children and youth in 2024 amounted to 1287.9 thousand and decreased by 0.2% compared to the previous year and by 7.5% in relation to 2015. Persons in the oldest age group (i.e. 65 years and more) in 2024 in the voivodship, were provided more consultations, by 5.4%, than the year before and by 16.3% than in 2015.

At the end of December 2024, in Opolskie Voivodship, 88.8% of out-patient health care entities were suited to the needs of persons with disabilities. Out of them, 69.8% were fitted with slipways/driveways/platforms facilitating entrance to the building, and 32.4% with a lift, of which majority (80.2%) were suited to the needs of persons using wheelchairs.

In comparison with the end of 2023 as well as 2015, the level of adjustment of units providing services in out-patient health care for persons with disabilities (expressed by a relation in the number of facilities fitted with at least one adjustment for disabled persons to the total number of facilities operating in the given area) got improved. The number of health-care entities fitted with at least one adjustment for persons with disabilities increased by 0.3% on an annual basis and by 4.8% in relation to 2015, and their share in the total number of health care entities increased by 0.6 percentage point and by 10.0 percentage points, respectively.

Emergency medical services and first aid

At the end of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship, a medical help in emergencies was provided by 52 units of medical emergency system, which consisted of 44 emergency rescue teams (of which 12 specialist), 7 hospital emergency wards and 1 medical air rescue team. On annual basis, the base of listed units in the voivodship did not change, however increased by 6.1% in relation to 2015. At the end of 2024, 4 admission rooms also cooperated with entities of medical emergency system and their number compared to the previous year, as well as to 2015, did not change.

There were 81 persons per 1000 population who were provided with medical assistance by emergency rescue teams at the place of occurrence

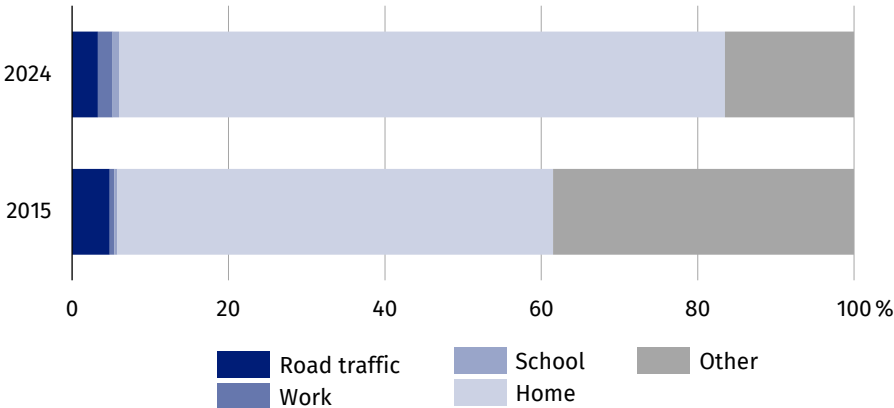
Table 2. Emergency medical services
As of 31 December

SPECIFICATION	2015	2023	2024		
	In absolute numbers			2015=100	2023=100
Units of medical emergency system	49	52	52	106.1	100.0
of which emergency rescue teams	42	44	44	104.8	100.0
Calls to the place of occurrence ^a	65929	67255	75430	114.4	112.2
Persons who received a health service at the place of occurrence ^a	66215	67484	75765	114.4	112.3

a During the year.

In 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship, emergency rescue teams completed 75.4 thousand calls to the place of occurrence. On an annual basis their number increased by 12.2% and by 14.4% in relations to 2015. Considering the place of occurrence, emergency rescue teams were most often called to the patient’s home.

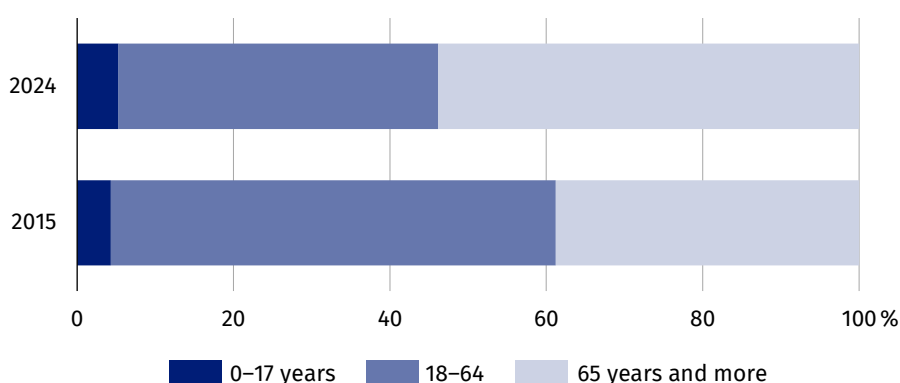
Chart 4. Calls of medical rescue teams to the places of occurrence



In Opolskie Voivodship, in 2024, a total of 75.8 thousand persons benefitted from the assistance of medical emergency technicians, i.e. by 12.3% more than the year before and by 14.4% than in 2015. Among the total number of persons who received help as part of the emergency medical services in 2024 slightly over a half (50.4%) were men. The share of men predominated in most categories, distinguished according to the place of occurrence, in which health service was provided (excluding the service provided in patient's home, where the share of women was at the level of 53.9%). Compared to the previous year the share of men benefitting from the assistance of medical emergency technicians increased by 0.6 percentage point however decreased by 1.0 percentage point in relation to 2015.

Among persons, who received medical services in 2024, over a half, i.e. 53,8% were persons in the age group of 65 years and more. The share of these persons, compared to the year before increased in the voivodship by 0.6 percentage points and by 15.0 percentage points in relation to 2015.

Chart 5. Structure of persons who received health service at the place of occurrence by age groups



First aid in out-patient mode (not ended with hospitalisation) in 2024 was provided in the voivodship by 4 admission rooms and 7 hospital emergency wards. In total, 67.2 thousand patients benefitted from their services, which, compared to the previous year means a decrease of 11.4% and by 27.0% in relation to 2015.

In 2024, a total of 67.3 thousand medical services were provided in out-patient mode versus 92.0 thousand in 2015. Help was most often provided to patients in surgical clinics (including trauma-orthopaedic and neurosurgery) – 51.7% of the total number of consultations provided in out-patient mode (more by 4.4 percentage points than the year before and by 16.6 percentage points in relation to 2015).

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