

Emergency rescue services activity in 2025

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10.1%

Decrease in the number of interventions of fire brigades in 2025 compared to 2024

In 2025, fire brigades intervened in 496.0 thousand events, of which 323.0 thousand related to local threats, 117.6 thousand - fires and 55.4 thousand - false alarms. Water life rescue services carried out 2 445 rescue operations in which 1 578 drowning persons were saved. The Mountain Volunteer Rescue Service carried out 2 744 rescue operations, encompassing 2 952 persons, while the Tatra Volunteer Rescue Service intervened 1 098 times, saving 1 256 persons.

Events involving fire brigades

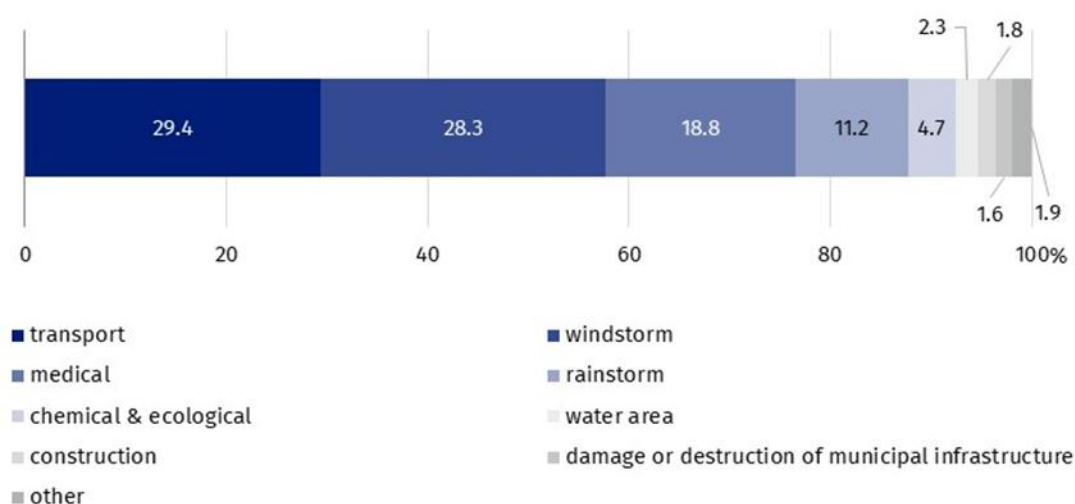
In 2025, fire brigades intervened in 496.0 thousand events across the whole country (decrease by 10.1% in comparison with 2024). The biggest number of interventions of fire brigades was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodeship (70.1 thousand), and the lowest number in Podlaskie Voivodeship (11.0 thousand). The index of the number of events requiring intervention of fire brigades per one thousand persons¹, reached the highest level in Dolnośląskie Voivodeship (15.2), and the lowest one in Podlaskie Voivodeship (9.7).

The interventions referred to 323.0 thousand local threats (18.2% less than in 2024), 117.6 thousand fires (13.4% more) and 55.4 thousand false alarms (3.7% more). Small fires (112.8 thousand) accounted for 96.0% of the total number of fires (increase of 13.1 thousand, i.e. by 13.2%, compared to 2024). Very large fires (93) accounted for 0.1% of the total number of fires (increase by 15 fires, i.e. 19.2%, compared to 2024).

The biggest number of interventions of fire brigades per one thousand persons was recorded in Dolnośląskie Voivodeship (15.2)

In 2025, 96.0% of all fires were categorised as small fires

Chart 1. Local threats by type in 2025



The incidents in road transport accounted for most local threats requiring the intervention of fire brigades (29.4% of cases)

Attention. The total number of local threats is not an exact sum up of subtotals because not all data regarding the type of threat has been entered into the National Headquarters of the State Fire Service. Accidents are related to road, rail and air transport.

Source: National Headquarters of the State Fire Service.

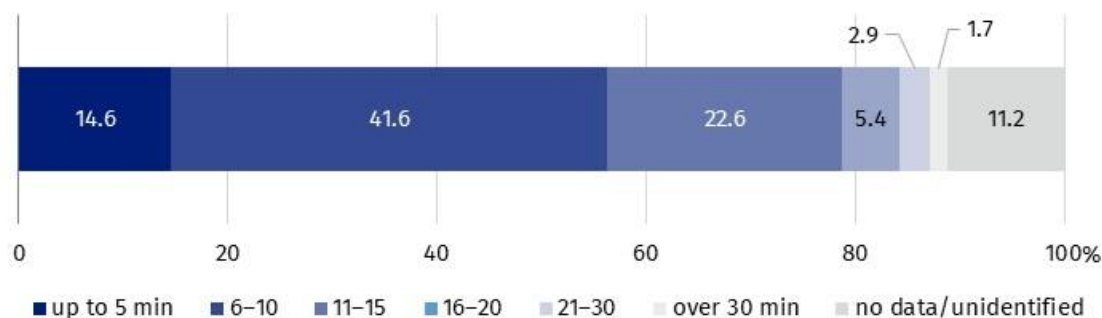
¹ Population as of 30th June.

In 2025, 3 675.7 thousand firefighters² were involved in interventions of fire brigades, including 1 895.9 thousand volunteer firefighters, which account for a decrease by 15.3% and 14.0%, respectively, in comparison with the previous year. There were 842.1 thousand vehicles³ used, including 712.5 thousand fire engines.

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As a result of fires and local threats, 14.1 thousand persons died i.e. 17.4% more than in 2024, and 61.0 thousand were injured – an increase by 4.8%.

Chart 2. Events requiring intervention of fire brigades by drive time in 2025



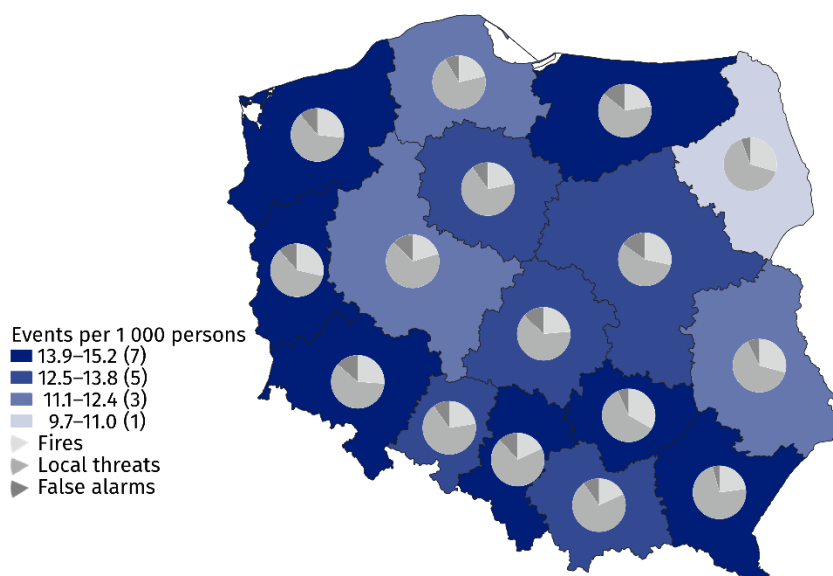
Source: National Headquarters of the State Fire Service.

The biggest share of interventions of fire brigades was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodeship (14.1%), fires accounted for 16.9% and false alarms for 19.3%. Yet, the largest share of local threats occurred in Śląskie Voivodeship (13.4%). The lowest share of events involving fire brigades occurred in Podlaskie Voivodeship (2.2%), local threats (2.2%) and false alarms (1.1%). The lowest share of fires occurred in Opolskie Voivodeship (2.5%).

The index of the number of local threats requiring intervention of fire brigades per one thousand persons reached the highest value in Podkarpackie Voivodeship (10.2), and the lowest one in Podlaskie Voivodeship (6.3). Most local threats requiring intervention of fire brigades occurred in transport (63.9 thousand), which number increased by 2.9% in comparison with 2024.

The biggest number of interventions of fire brigades was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodeship (14.1%) and the smallest in Podlaskie Voivodeship (2.2%)

Map 1. Events requiring intervention of fire brigades units in 2025



Source: the data of the National Headquarters of the Police.

² The same firefighter might take part in more than one intervention.

³ The same vehicle might be used in more than one intervention.

Table 1. Events involving fire brigades by voivodeships in 2025

Specification	Total	Fires	Local threats	False alarms
Poland	495 994	117 558	323 044	55 392
Dolnośląskie	43 525	11 343	26 275	5 907
Kujawsko-pomorskie	25 928	5 622	17 739	2 567
Lubelskie	23 299	6 799	14 787	1 713
Lubuskie	14 097	4 012	8 465	1 620
Łódzkie	29 466	6 976	18 643	3 847
Małopolskie	47 316	8 596	34 118	4 602
Mazowieckie	70 052	19 913	39 431	10 708
Opolskie	12 791	2 885	8 636	1 270
Podkarpackie	28 739	6 587	20 931	1 221
Podlaskie	10 994	3 237	7 143	614
Pomorskie	27 985	5 952	19 609	2 424
Śląskie	61 756	11 214	43 277	7 265
Świętokrzyskie	16 122	5 367	9 669	1 086
Warmińsko-mazurskie	18 695	4 174	11 854	2 667
Wielkopolskie	41 109	8 428	27 489	5 192
Zachodniopomorskie	24 120	6 453	14 978	2 689

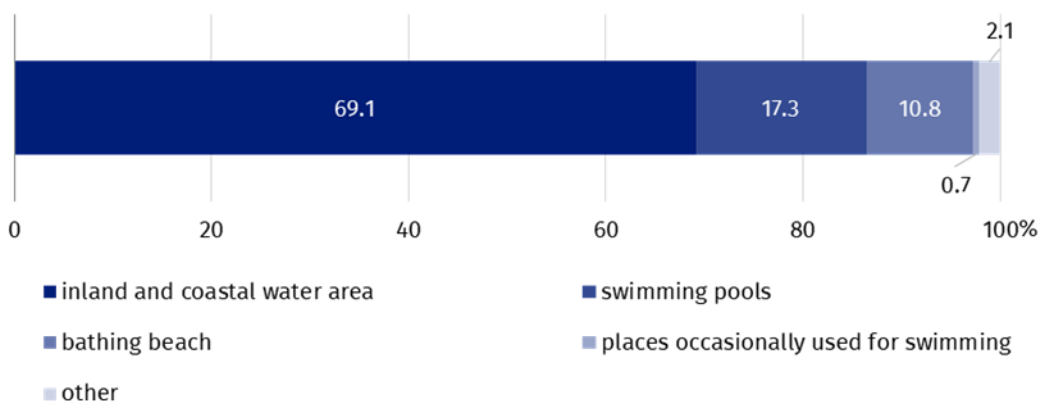
Source: National Headquarters of the State Fire Service.

Actions of water rescue services⁴

As of 31 December 2025, 126 entities were granted a permission to water rescue service and they employed 15 169 water lifeguards (an increase of 5.3% in the number of rescuers compared with the previous year). Water lifeguards carried out 2 445 rescue operations (increase by 28.5% i.e. 542 operations in comparison with 2024), most of them in inland and coastal water area (1 690) and least of them in places occasionally used for swimming (16). They saved 1 578 lives⁵.

As of 31 December 2025, 126 entities employed 15 169 water lifeguards (an increase of 5.3%). During 2025 they carried out 2 445 rescue operations (increase by 28.5%), in which they saved 1 578 lives (an increase of 1.2%)

Chart 3. Rescue operations to save drowning people by place of rescue in 2025



Source: Ministry of the Interior and Administration.

Water lifeguards carried out 7 255 actions requiring professional first aid, which is a decrease by 17 cases in comparison with 2024. Most rescue actions occurred during swimming (3 453), such interventions occurred in the least cases in places occasionally used for swimming (139).

The highest share of water rescue operations involving professional first aid (47.6 %) took place at swimming pools

In 2025 the units of the State Medical Emergency executed 742 actions dealing with transporting victims of the incidents or in danger of losing health or life in water area to a location where it was possible to perform medical rescue actions. Water lifeguards took part in 554 actions of searching for missing persons.

Drowning events⁶

In 2025, 327 drowning events were reported to the Police (by 33.0% less than in 2024), resulting in 292 deaths (by 34.2% less), including 25 women (57.6% less than in 2024). Most victims of drowning events were recorded in Pomorskie Voivodeship (49), while the smallest number of them in Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship (3).

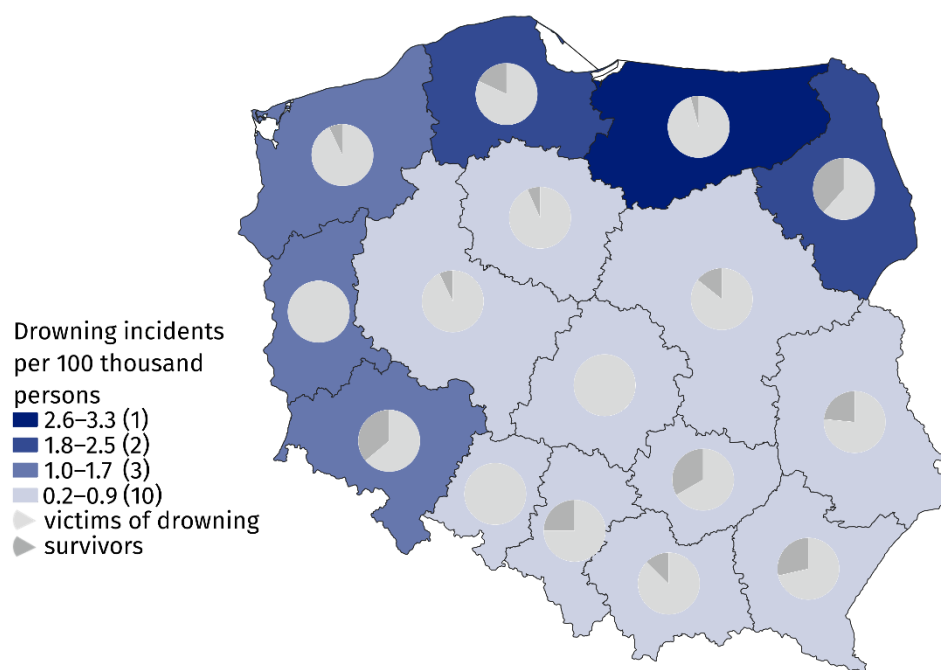
In 2025, 327 drowning events were reported to the Police (by 33.0% less than in 2024). There were 292 fatal drowning (a decrease by 34.2%)

⁴ Data based on reports of entities possessing concessions to water life savings reported to the Ministry of the Interior and Administration as referred to in Article 32(1) Act of 8 September 2006 on Medical State Emergency. Journal of Laws 2026, pos. 141 and further amendments.

⁵ There are different rescue services involved in different rescue operations; the police are not involved in every water rescue operation.

⁶ All data are related to the events reported to the Police.

Map 2. Drowning incidents in 2025

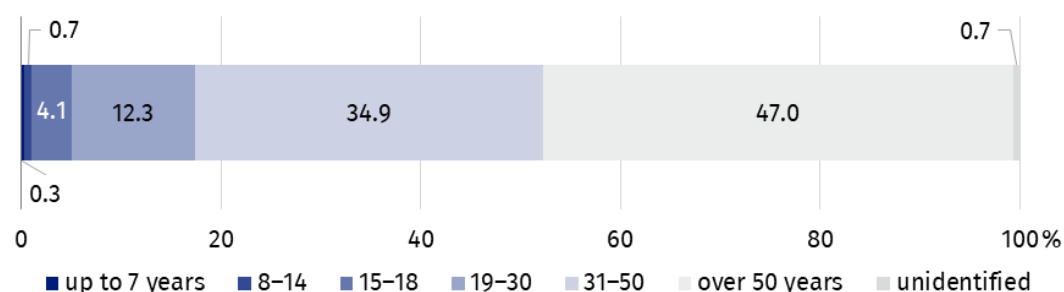


Source: the data of the National Headquarters of the Police.

Persons over 50 years of age were the largest group of drowning victims (137 persons), while children under 7 years of age were in the smallest group (one person).

Of the drowning victims, 137 persons were over 50 years old

Chart 4. Victims of drowning by age in 2025



Source: National Headquarters of Police.

Most of victims drowned in lakes – 77. The biggest number of victims of drowning in lakes was recorded in Warmińsko-mazurskie Voivodeship (30), while the smallest number of such victims was in Śląskie Voivodeship (1). There were no victims of drowning in lakes in Małopolskie, Dolnośląskie, Łódzkie, Świętokrzyskie, Lubelskie and Podkarpackie Voivodeship. There were 76 persons who drowned in rivers. The biggest number of victims of drowning in rivers was in Mazowieckie Voivodeship (14), while the smallest number of such victims was in Opolskie, Łódzkie and Świętokrzyskie Voivodeships (one person in each). There were no victims of drowning in rivers in Śląskie Voivodeship. 14 persons drowned in the sea, 9 in Pomorskie and 5 in Zachodniopomorskie Voivodeship.

The highest numbers of drowning accidents were recorded on Saturdays (60), while the lowest numbers of them were recorded on Mondays and Thursdays (29 in each).

At the time of the incident, 58 drowning victims were intoxicated whereas 22 persons were not found to be under the influence of alcohol. In 212 events of drowning (72.6%) state of consciousness (i.e. sober, intoxicated or under influence of drugs) could not be determined.

Most of victims drowned in lakes (77) and the least in the sea (14)

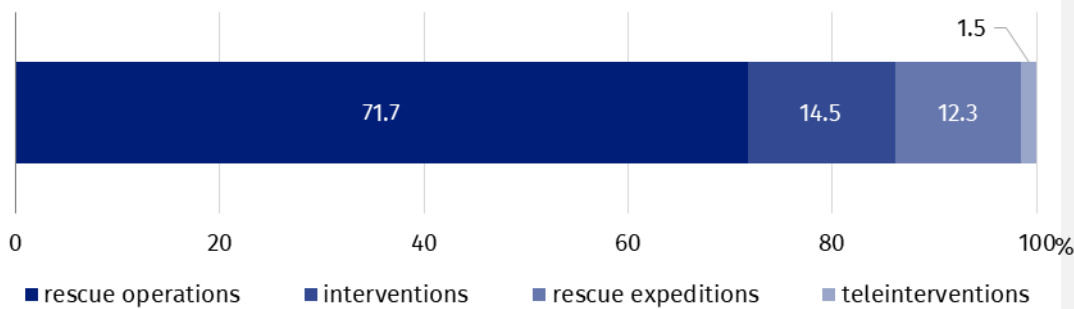
The biggest percentage of drowning incidents was recorded in Pomorskie Voivodeship (15.0%) and the smallest in Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship (0.9%). In regard to drowning victims, the highest percentage was recorded in Warmińsko-mazurskie Voivodeship (15.4%) and the lowest one in Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship (0.7%). The highest share of people saved was recorded in Dolnośląskie Voivodeship (23.2%) and the lowest in Kujawsko-pomorskie, Świętokrzyskie and Wielkopolskie Voivodeships (1.8% in each).

Expeditions, operations and interventions of the Mountain Volunteer Rescue Service (GOPR) and the Tatra Volunteer Rescue Service (TOPR)⁷

GOPR rescuers carried out 2 744 rescue operations (1.1% less than in 2024), including: expeditions (338), operations (1 967), interventions (397) and teleinterventions (42). They helped 1 726 injured persons (3.8% less than in 2024) and 430 persons whose health deteriorated quickly (9.1% less). A rescue service (GOPR) was also called upon by 796 persons who gave other reasons for needing help (an increase of 9.6%). During the operations, 50 persons died (a decrease of 12.3%) Among the rescued there were 176 foreigners (5.9% of all rescued). Most people requiring assistance were found in open mountainous terrain (2 098), and least in caves (4). The use of helicopter was necessary in 65 rescue expeditions and operations (2.8% of the total).

GOPR carried out 2 744 rescue operations, involving 3 002 persons (1.6% less than in 2024). There were 50 deaths (by 12.3% less than in the previous year).

Chart 5. Rescue operations of the Mountain Volunteer Rescue Service in 2025



Source: Mountain Volunteer Rescue Service.

TOPR rescuers carried out 1 098 rescue operations (5.1% less than in 2024). They included: expeditions (355), operations (719) and interventions (24). They carried out 283 operations using a helicopter (25.8% of all operations). In total, they saved 1 256 persons, including 161 (12.8%) foreigners. The rescue was provided for 527 persons due to serious injury or illness (22.6% more than in 2024), for 446 persons due to minor injury or illness (less by 3.5%) and 264 persons without injuries (less by 43.6%). There were 19 deaths (17.4% less than in 2024).

TOPR rescuers saved 1256 people (i.e. 5.1% less than in 2024). It was not possible to save 19 persons (17.4% less)

The most events were caused by falls (535), and the least number by high fever (5). There were no events caused by lightning. Most persons requiring help were hikers (1 016), while the smallest group consisted of cave climbers and hang-gliders or paragliders (one person each).

⁷ All data derive from the Mountain Volunteer Rescue Service Information System and the Tatra Volunteer Rescue Service Information System.

Suicide attempts⁸

In 2025, 14 935 persons attempted suicide, resulting in 4 776 deaths. In comparison with 2024, the number of suicide attempts decreased by 45, and the number of deaths by 69, this is respectively by 0.3% and 1.4%. In municipal areas 9 870 suicide attempts were recorded i.e. by 25 less cases than in 2024.

The index of suicide attempts per 10 thousand population reached the highest value in Łódzkie Voivodeship (6.7) while the lowest value was recorded in Mazowieckie Voivodeship (2.6), while on a national scale, the value was 4.0. Most of suicide attempts were caused by mental illness or mental disorders (4 512 cases). Most people attempted suicide by hanging (5 008 cases), while the lowest by self-immolation (51 cases).

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