Care services for children under age of 3 in Mazowieckie Voivodship in 2025

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⇧ 7.1%

Increase in the number of places in nurseries, children's clubs and at day carers'

As of 31 December 2025, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, 869 nurseries, 122 children's clubs and 1012 day care providers provided care for children up to 3 years of age, providing a total of 46.3 thousand places.

Nurseries and children's clubs

At the end of 2025, there were a total of 991 nurseries and children's clubs in Mazowieckie Voivodship (by 6.0% more than in 2024), which constituted 16.0% of such facilities in Poland. Nearly half of the facilities (49.8%) were run by natural persons.

In 2025, nurseries and children's clubs in Mazowieckie Voivodship accounted for more than 16% of all such facilities in Poland

Table 1. Nurseries and children's clubs in 2025

As of 31 December

Specification		Facilities	Places	Employed persons	Children
Total	2024	935	37633	8082	31155
	2025	**991**	**40006**	**14004**	**29774**
of which:					
nurseries		869	37571	13498	27827
children's clubs		122	2435	506	1947

Soucе: Data from the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy.

In each of the powiats in the Voivodship there was at least one childcare facility for children up to 3 years of age. The largest number of facilities was located in m.st. Warszawa (385), as well as in the powiats neighbouring Warszawa: piaseczyński (64), wołomiński (63), pruszkowski (43).

Daily working time of facilities was most often from 7 to 10 hours (60.3%). Over 10 hours of care was provided by 38.0% of facilities, and up to 7 hours by 1.6%.

40.9% of nurseries and children's clubs had facilities for persons with disabilities. The largest number of facilities had architectural facilities for children with physical disabilities (31.7%). 19.0% of nurseries and children's clubs employed specialist staff, 11.4% offered specialist tools for recognising developmental and educational needs, 5.2% had rehabilitation equipment, and 0.4% had facilities for blind children. The remaining 59.1% of facilities did not have any adaptations.

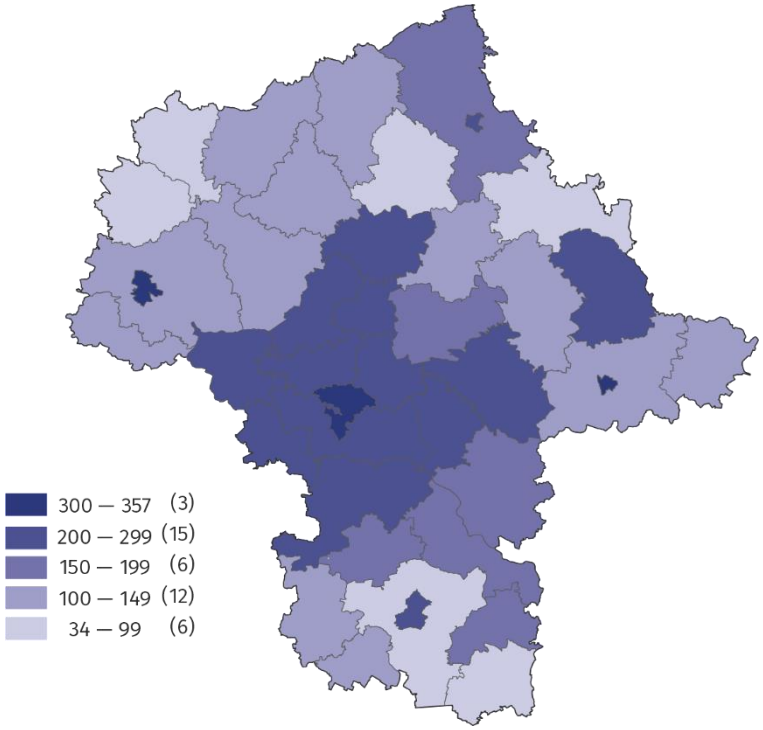
In 2025, the facilities offered a total of 40.0 thousand places (by 6.3% more compared to 2024), of which 93.9% were places in nurseries.

At the end of 2025, there were 29.8 thousand children (by 4.4% less compared to 2024) in nurseries and children's clubs, of which over 93.5% in nurseries.

The number of children in nurseries and children's clubs decreased compared to the end of 2024

Map 1. Children in nurseries and children's clubs per 1,000 children under age of 3 in 2025

As of 31 December



Source: own study based on the data of the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy.

Natural persons were the leading entity for almost 51% of day cares

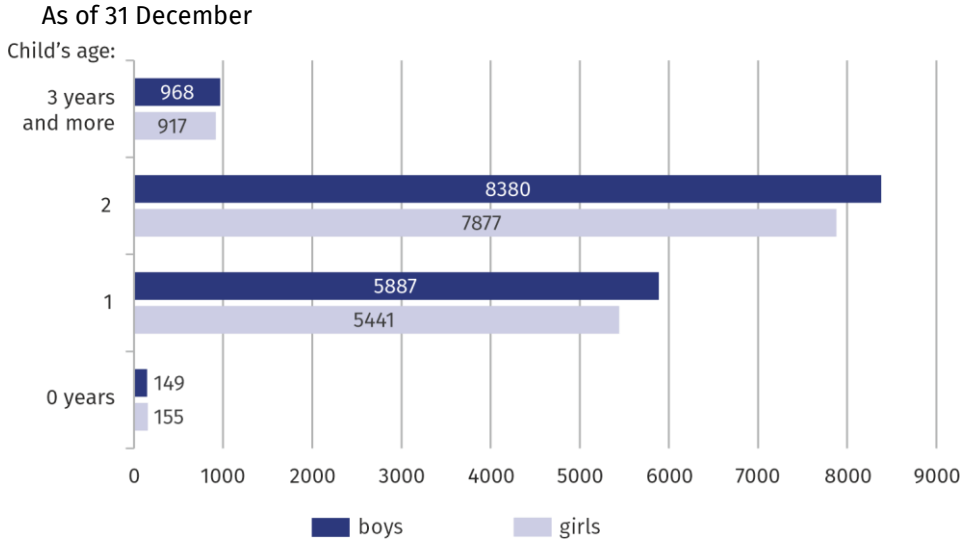
In Mazowieckie Voivodship, for every 1,000 children under the age of 3, there were 234 children who were under the care of the facility, while for Poland the indicator was 238. Among the powiats, the highest indicator was in Siedlce (357), followed by Płock (341), and pruszkowski powiat (305), while the lowest was in lipski powiat (34).

In Mazowieckie Voivodship, the number of children in nurseries and children's clubs per 1,000 children up to 3 years of age was 234

Among the children in the facilities, the largest group were two-year-olds (54.6%). Boys (51.7%) dominated in the facilities, there were 994 more of them than girls. The number of children with disabilities or requiring special care was 191.

Chart 1. Children in nurseries and children's clubs by sex and age in 2025

As of 31 December



Source: data of the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy.

Gminas provided funding for 78.4 thousand children or places in nurseries and children's clubs

In 2025, employment in nurseries and children's clubs increased by over 73%.

The actual number of children or places in nurseries and children's clubs covered by co-financing from the gmina budget was 78,408, from the state budget 12,217, and from European Union funds 2,980.

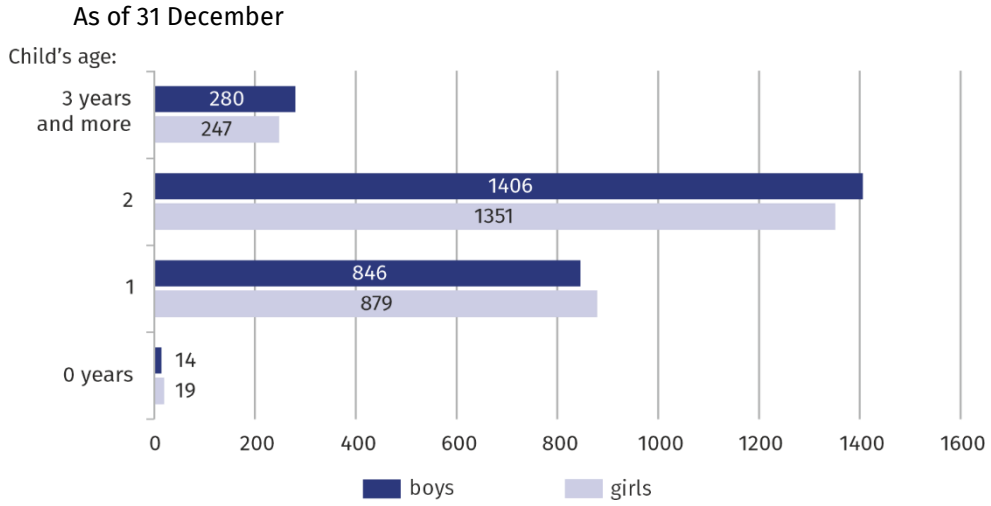
As of 31 December 2025, 14,004 persons worked in nurseries and children's clubs (by 73.3% more[1] compared to 2024), including 38.5% carers and 3.5% nurses and midwives. Throughout 2025, 90 volunteers supported the activities of nurseries and children's clubs socially with their work (99 in 2024).

Day carers

In Mazowieckie Voivodship, 1,012 day carers provided care for children up to the age of 3 (by 11.7% more compared to 2024). The entities running most of them (519) were natural persons, the rest were run by legal entities (272), entities without legal personality (148), and gminas (73). The vast majority of carers provided care from 7 to 10 hours a day (73.4%), up to 7 hours – 16.4%, while over 10 hours – 10.2% of carers.

At the end of 2025, the number of places with day carers was 6,261 (by 12.5% more compared to 2024). 5,042 children were provided with care, including 703 children with disabilities or requiring special care. Among children, the largest group were two-year-olds – 53.4%, the percentage of one-year-olds and three-year-olds was 34.2% and 10.0%, respectively, and the smallest percentage were children under one year of age – 0.7%,and four-year-olds more by 0.4%. Girls constituted 49.5% of all children in the care of day cares.

Chart 2. Children under the care of day carers by sex and age in 2025



Source: data of the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy.

The actual number of children or places with day cares covered by funding from the gmina budget was 4,666, from the state budget – 421, from the European Union funds – 221.

5.0 thousand children were under the care of day carers

5% of children with disabilities covered by institutional care for children up to 3 years of age were under the care of a day carer

Nannies

According to data from the Social Insurance Institution, at the end of 2025, there were 1,001 registered nannies in Mazowieckie Voivodship (4,469 in Poland) employed on the basis of a so-called activation contract. This contract is concluded in writing between the nanny and the parents or a single parent raising the child. The number of registered nannies increased by 18 compared to 2024 (an increase of 412 in Poland). Most nannies were aged 50–59 (315). The majority (99.3%) of all nannies were women.

In 2025, the number of registered nannies increased

Every third nanny was at the age of 50–59

[1] The increase is due to, among others, the introduction of a government programme for co-financing the salaries of employees employed in local government care institutions for children up to 3 years of age.

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Terms used in official statistics

Day carer

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