Students commuting to primary and post-primary schools in the 2025/2026 school year

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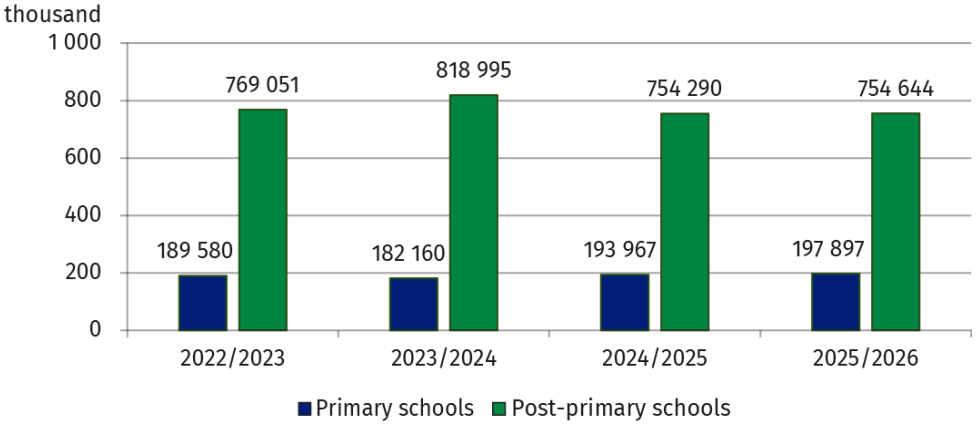
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The number of students commuting to primary and post-primary schools for children and youth

In the 2025/2026 school year 952 541 students in Poland commuted to primary and post-primary schools for children and youth. Among these, primary schools pupils constituted 20.8% and students of post-primary schools accounted for 79.2%.

In comparison to the 2024/2025 school year, the number of all students commuting to schools increased by 0.5%. For pupils commuting to primary schools, this figure rose by 2.0%, while the increase in the number of students commuting to post-primary schools increased only slightly (less than 0.05%).

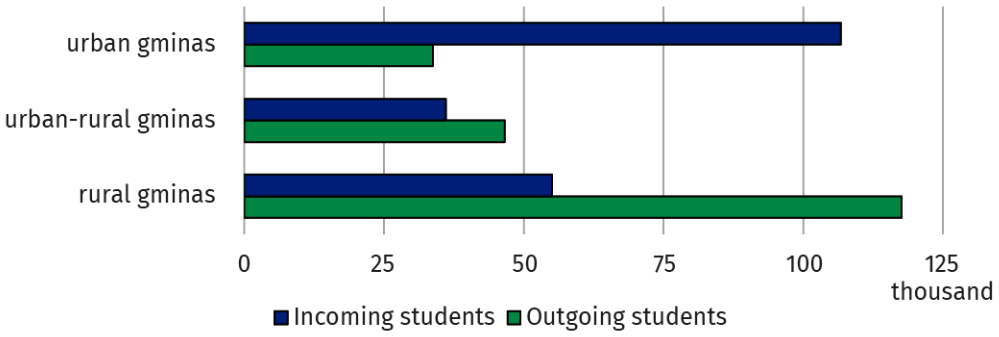
Chart 1. Students commuting to schools for children and youth in Poland



Students commuting to schools for children and youth by gmina type

In the 2025/2026 school year, students commuted to schools — both primary and post-primary — from all gminas in Poland. The highest number of outgoing students commuting to schools was recorded in rural gminas, accounting for 59.3% of all commuting students (59.4% for primary schools and 59.2% for post-primary schools), while the lowest one was observed in urban gminas, accounting for 12.4% of the total (17.0% and 11.2%, respectively).

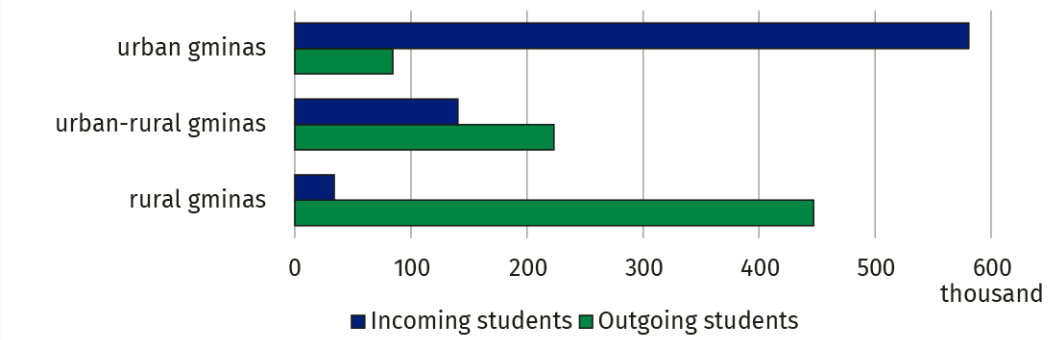
Chart 2. Pupils commuting to primary schools in the 2025/2026 school year



More than half of the pupils commuting to primary schools studied in urban gminas (53.9%)

Pupils commuted to primary schools located in 2 448 gminas. No incoming pupils were recorded only in one urban gmina, 8 urban-rural gminas, and 22 rural gminas. Slightly more than half of the pupils commuting to primary schools studied in 169 gminas, while approximately 75% in 523 gminas.

Chart 3. Students commuting to post-primary schools in the 2025/2026 school year



Among students commuting to post-primary schools, 76.9% studied in urban gminas

In the 2025/2026 school year, post-primary schools attended by incoming students were located across 1 016 gminas, including 282 urban gminas, 264 urban-rural gminas, and 470 rural gminas. Slightly more than half of those students attended post-primary schools located in 72 of these gminas, while approximately 75% attended schools in 186 gminas.

Students commuting to schools accounted for 18.2% of all children and youth aged 7–19. For pupils commuting to primary schools, this figure stood at 6.2% of children and youth aged 7–14, while for students attending post-primary schools, it was 36.7% of youth aged 15–19. The smallest proportions of outgoing students commuting to both types of schools (in the relevant age groups) were observed among those living in urban gminas, while the largest ones - among those living in rural gminas.

Table 1. Share of outgoing students commuting to schools in the population aged 7–19 living in gminas in the 2025/2026 school year by gmina type

Specification	All schools	Primary schools[1]	Post-primary schools[2]
	in %		
All gminas	**18.2**	**6.2**	**36.7**
Urban gminas	5.3	2.5	9.5
Urban-rural gminas	19.9	5.7	41.9
Rural gminas	34.5	11.7	70.4

[1] Relative to the population aged 7–14. [2] Relative to the population aged 15–19.
Population data as of 31 December 2025.

Primary school pupils commuted much less frequently than post-primary schools students. The share of post-primary school students living in rural gminas in the total population aged 15-19 living in those gminas reached 70.4%, whereas the corresponding figure for those living in urban gminas was 9.5%.

Students commuting to schools accounted for 19.2% of the total number of students in schools for children and youth. Students commuting to schools accounted for 6.1% of pupils in primary schools and 44.3% of students in post-primary schools. The highest proportion of students commuting to schools was observed in schools located in urban gminas (23.8%), while the lowest one - in rural gminas (9.5%). Commuting pupils accounted for 4.5% of the

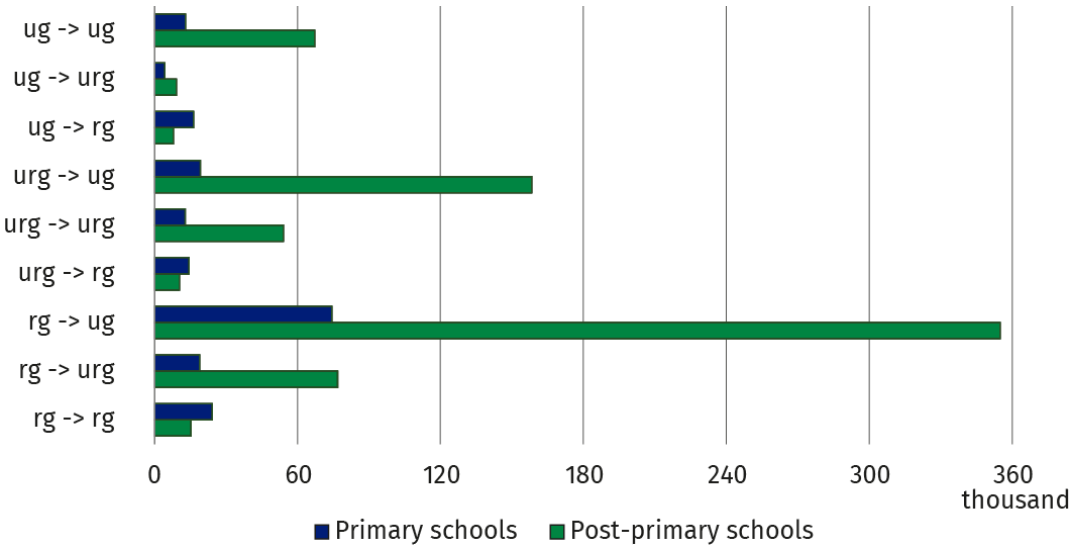
total number of pupils of primary schools located in urban-rural gminas. In case of post-primary schools located in rural gminas, the share of commuting students was 55.1% of all the students attending those schools.

Table 1. Share of incoming students commuting to schools in the total number of students enrolled in schools in gmina in the 2025/2026 school year by gmina type

Specification	All schools	Primary schools	Post-primary schools
	in %		
All gminas	**19.2**	**6.1**	**44.3**
Urban gminas	23.8	6.8	44.4
Urban-rural gminas	15.5	4.5	42.0
Rural gminas	9.5	6.3	55.1

The largest proportion of students commuted from rural gminas to urban gminas (37.6% of primary school pupils and 47.0% of post-primary school students). Post-primary schools also saw notable flows from urban-rural gminas to urban gminas (21.0%), from rural gminas to urban-rural gminas (10.2%), as well as between urban gminas (8.9%) and between urban-rural gminas (7.2%). Commuting between rural gminas was relatively common for primary school pupils (12.3%), as was commuting from urban-rural gminas to urban gminas (9.7%) and from rural gminas to urban-rural gminas (9.6%).

Chart 4. Students commuting to schools in the 2025/2026 school year by type of gmina of residence and gmina of education



Explanatory notes: "ug" – urban gmina; "urg" – urban-rural gmina; "rg" – rural gmina; the arrow (->) indicates the types of gminas between which students commuted.

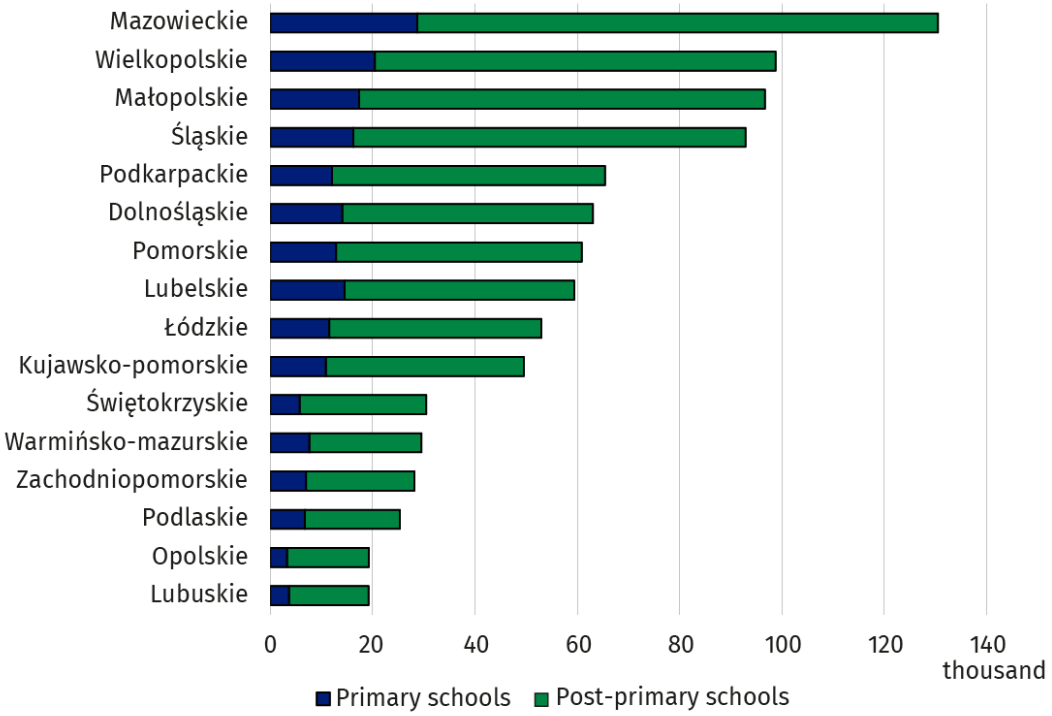
Most often, students commuted from rural gminas to schools located in urban gminas – a total of 429 375 students

Students commuting to schools for children and youth within the same voivodship

For 921 527 commuting students, their gmina of residence and the gmina where they attended school were located within the same voivodship (96.7% of all commuters). This group included 192 626 pupils commuting to primary schools (97.3% of those commuting to such schools) and 728 901 students commuting to post-primary schools (96.6% of those commuting to such schools). The highest numbers of commuting students lived and attended school

in the Mazowieckie, Wielkopolskie, Małopolskie and Śląskie voivodships, while the lowest numbers were recorded in the Opolskie and Lubuskie voivodships.

Chart 5. Students commuting to schools living and studying within the same voivodship in the 2025/2026 school year



Methodological notes

The data regarding students are presented as of 30 September 2025.

Students commuting to schools refers to children and youth whose gmina of residence differs from the gmina where their school is located.

Students commuting to schools can be considered in terms of both their place of residence and the location of their school. With regard to the place of residence, the following definition is introduced:

Outgoing students commuting to schools are those who leave the gmina where they reside to go to any other gmina, where their school is located.

With regard to the location of school, the group of students commuting to schools is defined as follows:

Incoming students commuting to schools are those who come to the gmina where their school is located, while their place of residence is in any other gmina.

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