Students commuting to primary and post-primary schools in the 2024/2025 school year

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948 257

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

In the 2024/2025 school year 948,257 children and youth in Poland commuted to schools, who accounted for 19.3% of all students of this type of schools (6.0% of primary school students and 44.4% of post-primary students).

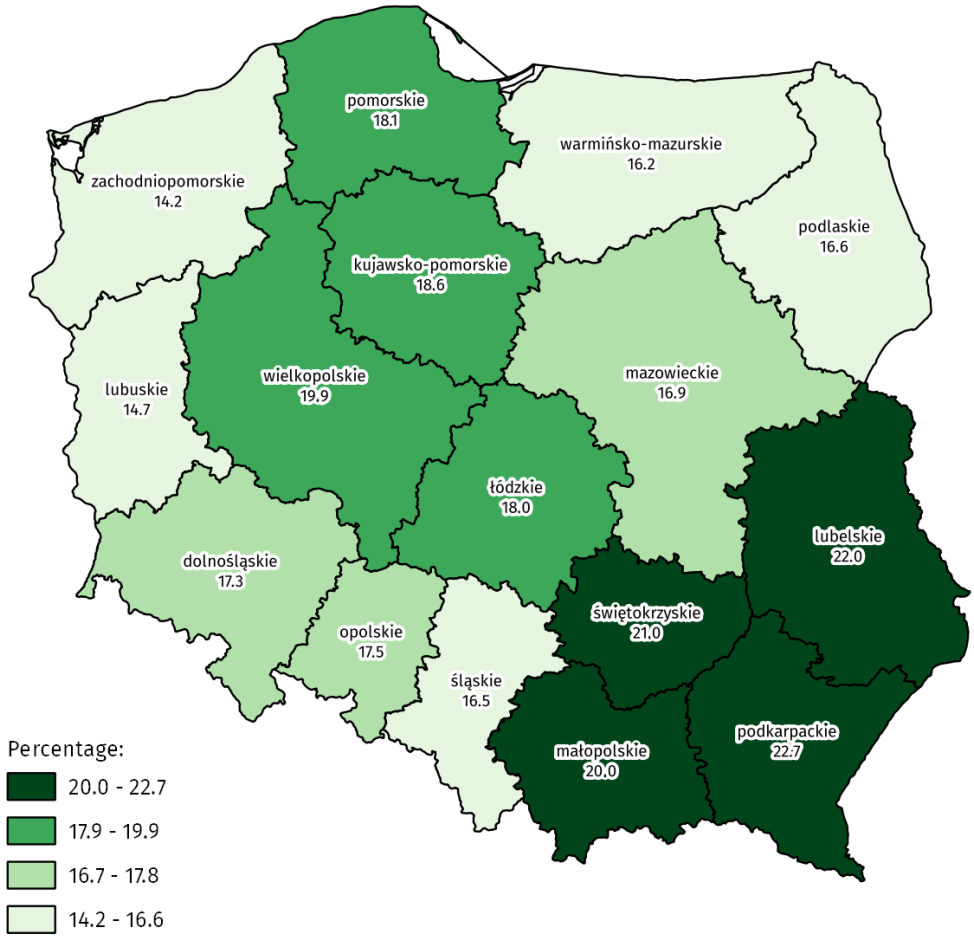
Students commuting to school are defined as students who attend a school in a different gmina from the one where they live

The largest percentage of commuting students by the place of residence was found in the voivodship of Mazowieckie (14.1% of all commuting students), Wielkopolskie (10.7%) and Małopolskie (10.3%).

Table 1. Students commuting to primary and post-primary schools for children and youth by the place of residence across voivodships in the 2024/2025 school year
As at 30 September

Voivodship	Total	Schools	
		primary	post-primary
POLAND	**948 257**	**193 967**	**754 290**
Dolnośląskie	64 855	14 068	50 787
Kujawsko-pomorskie	51 614	11 089	40 525
Lubelskie	60 500	14 565	45 935
Lubuskie	20 186	3 558	16 628
Łódzkie	55 371	11 833	43 538
Małopolskie	97 669	17 560	80 109
Mazowieckie	133 430	29 024	104 406
Opolskie	20 609	3 393	17 216
Podkarpackie	66 288	12 153	54 135
Podlaskie	25 705	6 564	19 141
Pomorskie	62 773	12 907	49 866
Śląskie	94 228	16 306	77 922
Świętokrzyskie	31 791	5 898	25 893
Warmińsko-mazurskie	31 040	7 598	23 442
Wielkopolskie	101 539	20 544	80 995
Zachodniopomorskie	30 659	6 907	23 752

Figure 1. The percentage of students commuting to primary and post-primary schools in the population aged 7–19 by the place of residence



There are evident regional differences in the percentage of commuting students across the voivodships, which ranges from 14.2% for Zachodniopomorskie to 22.7% for Podkarpackie.

Outgoing students commuting to primary and post-primary schools for children and youth in the 2024/2025 school year

Outgoing students are defined as students who leave their gmina of residence to attend schools situated in different gminas

The group of 20 gminas with the largest numer of outgoing students includes 2 voivodship cities: Warszawa and Gdańsk. Most of the ramaining 18 gminas are located in the vicinity of Waszawa, Poznań, Gdańsk, Kraków and Wrocław.

Table 2. Gminas with the largest numer of outgoing students in the 2024/2025 school year
As at 30 September

Territorial code	Gmina	Number of outgoing students
1465011	Warszawa	3 747
1418043	Piaseczno	3 566
2204042	Pruszcz Gdański	2 821
1219053	Wieliczka	2 821
0223022	Długołęka	2 721
3021072	Komorniki	2 595
3211012	Dobra (Szczecińska)	2 549
2205083	Żukowo	2 539

Territorial code	Gmina	Number of outgoing students
3021052	Dopiewo	2 297
1405043	Grodzisk Mazowiecki	2 263
2261011	Gdańsk	2 235
1418032	Lesznowola	2 218
3021163	Swarzędz	2 181
1434021	Marki	2 146
3021093	Kórnik	2 139
1206172	Zielonki	2 067
0211022	Lubin	2 006
1434031	Ząbki	2 004
2401011	Będzin	1 998
1421021	Pruszków	1 995

Incoming students commuting to primary and post-primary schools for children and youth in the 2024/2025 school year

The group of 20 gminas with the largest numer of incoming students includes 15 voivodship cities, which highlights their role as regional centres of education. The remaining 5 gminas are former voivodship cities.

Incoming students are defined as those who come to the gmina where their school is located from other gminas where they live

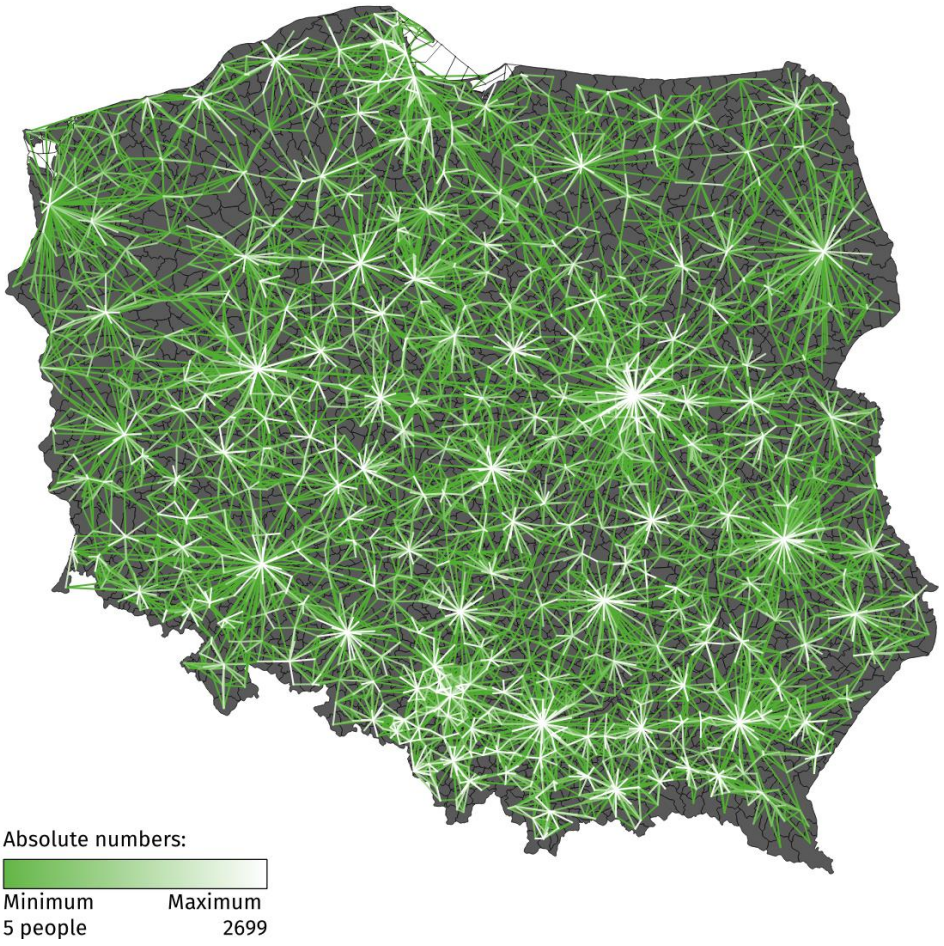
Table 3. Gminas with the largest numer of incoming students in the 2024/2025 school year
As at 30 September

Territorial code	Gmina	Number of incoming students
1465011	Warszawa	31 605
3064011	Poznań	21 395
1261011	Kraków	18 157
0264011	Wrocław	15 730
0663011	Lublin	13 353
1863011	Rzeszów	11 123
2661011	Kielce	10 449
2061011	Białystok	10 069
1262011	Nowy Sącz	9 473
2464011	Częstochowa	8 695
0461011	Bydgoszcz	8 632
2461011	Bielsko-Biała	8 381
1061011	Łódź	8 199
1463011	Radom	7 996

Territorial code	Gmina	Number of incoming students
1263011	Tarnów	7 926
2261011	Gdańsk	7 566
0463011	Toruń	7 405
2469011	Katowice	7 179
3262011	Szczecin	7 063
1661011	Opole	6 658

The following map shows directions of commuting flows in the 2024/2025 school year, with lines of varying colour intensity representing the sum of commuting flows between pairs of gminas.

Figure 2. Students commuting to primary and post-primary schools for children and youth in the 2024/2025 school year



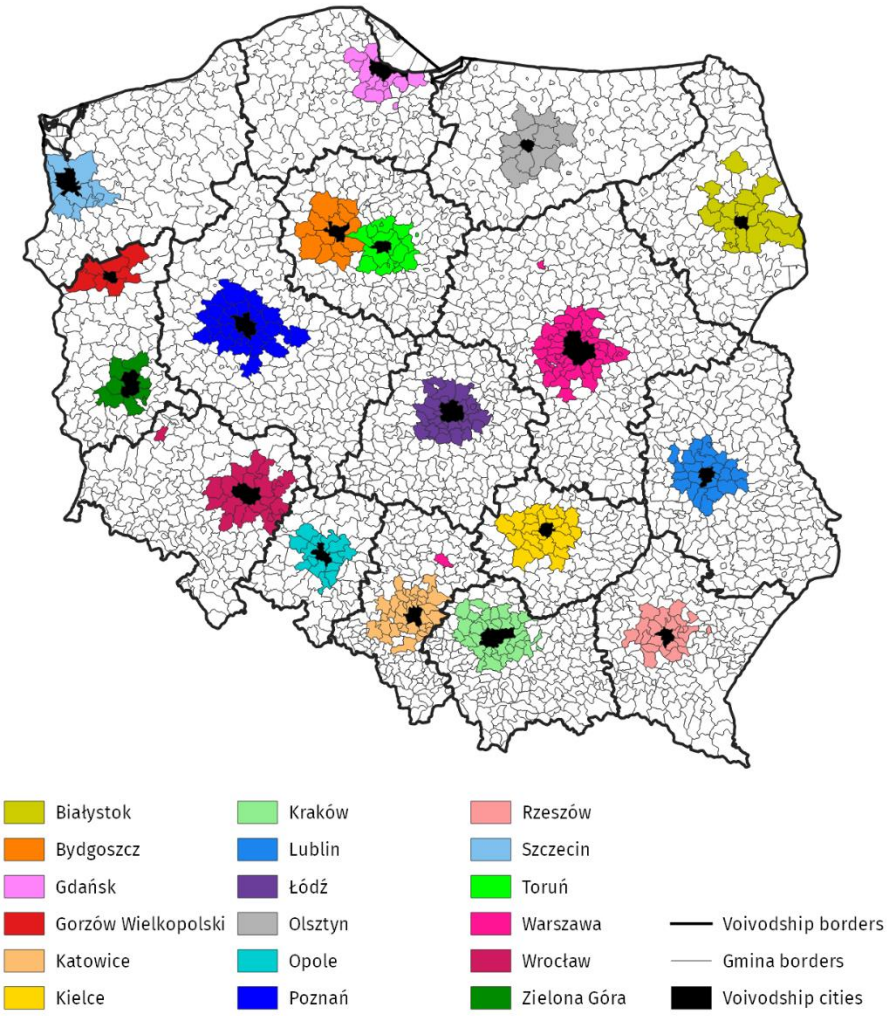
Students commuting to primary and post-primary schools located in voivodship cities

Voivodship cities attract children and teenagers because of a large number of schools, offering a wide delection of educational opportunities and a well-developed network of public transport.

The following maps show zones of influence exterted by voivodship cities. The zones have been delineated by selecting for each gmina the biggest value of all commuting flows directed to any voivodship city - provided they involved no fewer than 5 students.

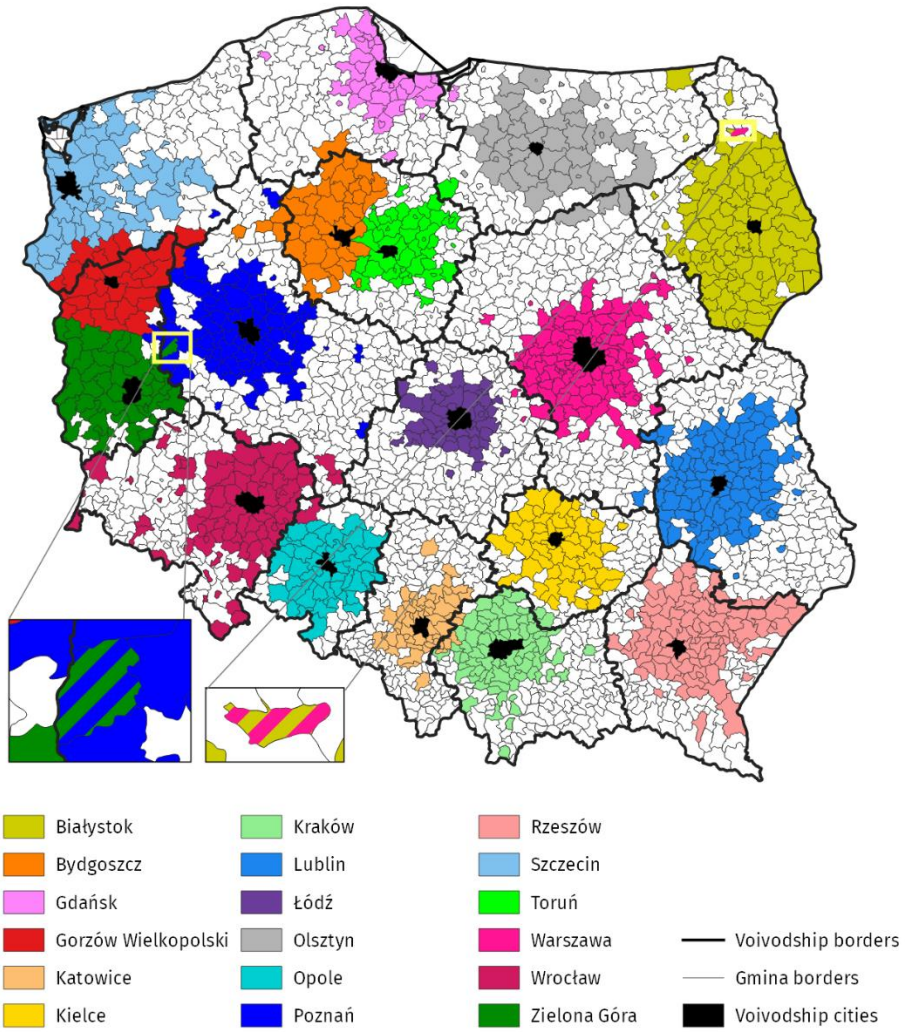
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Figure 3. Zones of influence of voivodship cities in the 2024/2025 school year – primary schools for children and youth



Zones of inluence clearly vary in terms of size and extent. In the case of primary schools, they comprise from a few to several dozen gminas located concentrically around the voivodship city. Zones of influence for post-primary schools are much bigger and are made up of several dozen gminas, sometimes including those located in other voivodships.

Figure 4. Zones of influence of voivodship cities in the 2024/2025 school year – post-primary schools for youth



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