Economic activity of enterprises with foreign capital in 2025

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⇧ 0.7%

y/y foreign capital growth

In 2025, 26.6 thousand enterprises with foreign capital conducted economic activity in Poland and the value of their foreign capital amounted to PLN 282.8 billion. 50.8% enterprises with foreign capital obtained revenues from the sale of products and goods for export.

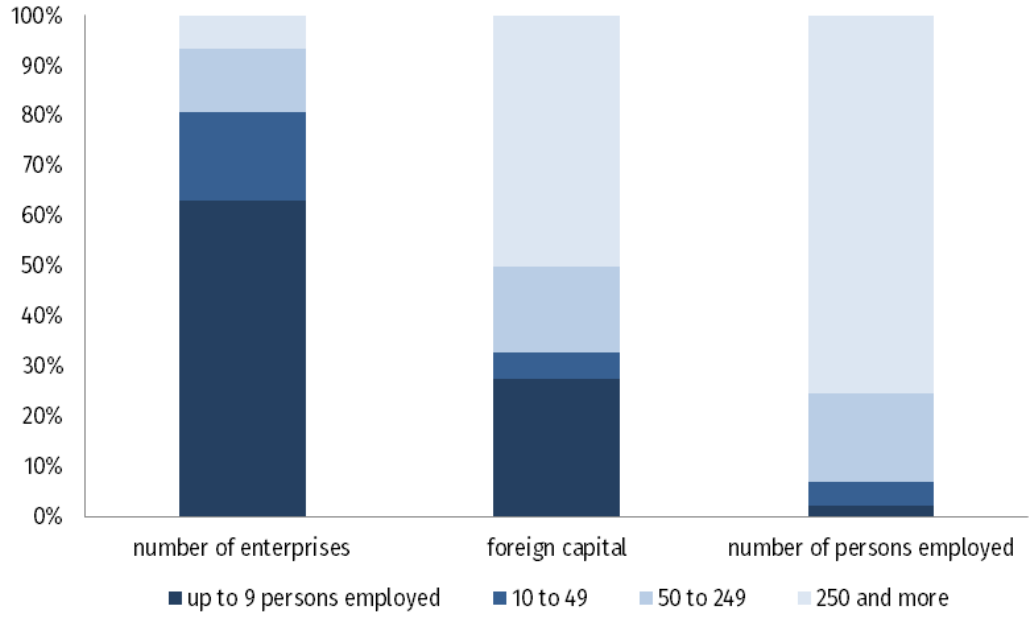
Number of enterprises with foreign capital

The number of enterprises with foreign capital stood at 26.6 thousand at the end of 2025 (comparing to 26.7 thousand at the end of 2024), which accounted for 1.1% of all non-financial enterprises (2.5 million). However, entities with foreign capital employing 10 and more persons represented 15.0% of this population (14.6% in 2024), wherease entities with 250 and more persons employed accounted for 45.1% (45.1%, same as the previous year).

The population of entities with foreign capital was dominated by micro and small units with the number of persons employed up to 49 – they accounted for 80.7% of the total number of surveyed enterprises. Medium-sized entities (50–249 persons employed) accounted for 12.7% of the total population of entities with foreign capital and large entities (250 and more persons employed) for 6.6%. The largest number of entities was engaged in activities related to trade; repair of motor vehicles (24.1%), manufacturing (17.5%), professional, scientific and technical activities (9.8%) and construction (8.7%).

Large enterprises had the largest amount of foreign capital (50.1%) and the largest number of persons employed (75.5%), whereas their population was the smallest (6.6%)

Chart 1. Structure of the number of enterprises, foreign capital and number of persons employed in 2025



Foreign capital

The share capital of enterprises with foreign capital amounted to PLN 307.6 billion at the end of 2025. In its structure, foreign capital accounted for 91.9% and amounted to PLN 282.8 billion. Compared to 2024 foreign capital increased by 0.7% (in 2024 amounted to PLN 280.8 billion). In large entities there was 50.1% of the total value of foreign capital, 17.2% belonged to medium-sized enterprises, 5.2% – to small and 27.5% – to micro-enterprises.

Table 1. Value of capital by size class of enterprises (in million PLN)

Specification	Value of capital by size class of enterprises				
	total	by number of persons employed			
		up to 9	10 - 49	50 - 249	250 and more
Share capital					
2024	305,033.9	85,867.8	17,211.3	53,714.5	148,240.2
2025	307,621.2	81,813.2	15,874.8	52,379.1	157,554.0
including: domestic					
2024	16,411.8	3,332.1	754.9	3,457.1	8,867.7
2025	17,298.4	3,908.7	754.7	3,702.9	8,932.1
foreign					
2024	280,795.8	82,353.5	16,147.4	50,119.6	132,175.3
2025	282,787.9	77,772.9	14,809.5	48,543.1	141,662.4

The highest percentage of foreign capital (38.0%) was invested in entities operating in manufacturing. High share of foreign capital was recorded also in professional, scientific and technical activities – 16.8% and trade; repair of motor vehicles – 15.6%.

More than half of foreign capital (54.8%) was engaged in manufacturing and professional, scientific and technical activities

Table 2. Capital value by NACE section in 2025

NACE sections	Number of enterprises	Share capital			
		total	domestic	foreign	dispersed
		in million PLN			
Total	**26,556**	**307,621.2**	**17,298.4**	**282,787.9**	**7,534.9**
Mining and quarrying	65	802.1	25.4	774.0	2.8
Manufacturing	4,659	112,633.7	4,139.7	107,435.9	1,058.1
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	953	19,550.8	4,173.6	11,144.4	4,232.8

Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation	144	1,297.6	221.1	1,044.1	32.4
Construction	2,318	11,324.3	601.1	10,570.3	152.9
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	6,407	45,468.3	1,140.4	44,177.2	150.7
Transport and storage	1,962	7,347.8	203.1	7,141.7	3.0
Accommodation and catering	743	3,528.4	54.9	3,473.5	0.0
Information and communication	2,057	17,318.8	3,032.1	12,762.7	1,524.1
Real estate activities	2,277	31,795.2	1,410.7	30,368.0	16.4
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,598	50,060.5	2,120.2	47,622.0	318.2
Administrative and support service activities	1,514	4,090.0	86.5	3,980.0	23.5
Other sections	859	2,403.6	89.6	2,294.0	19.8

Foreign capital in Poland at the end of 2025 came from 121 countries, mostly (77.7%) from the European Union countries. The countries that invested the most of the capital in Poland were the Netherlands (18.1% of total foreign capital), Germany (15.6%), Luxembourg (10.8%), United Kingdom (10.4%) and France (7.8%).

The dominant value of foreign capital came from EU countries, 52.3% of total foreing capital belonged to the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg and France

Table 3. Foreign capital by country of origin of major shareholders in 2025

Countries	Foreign capital of shareholders	Share of the country in total foreign capital
	in million PLN	%
Total	**282,787.9**	**100.0**
including:		
EU countries	219,779.3	77.7
OECD countries	268,736.5	95.0
of total:		
Netherlands	51,071.7	18.1
Germany	44,083.4	15.6
Luxembourg	30,452.7	10.8
United Kingdom	29,261.0	10.4
France	22,023.9	7.8

Denmark	10,377.3	3.7
Austria	10,132.5	3.6
Belgium	10,030.9	3.6
South Korea	9,986.0	3.5
Switzerland	9,666.9	3.4
Spain	8,608.0	3.0
Cyprus	7,474.2	2.6
Sweden	6,391.4	2.3
Italy	4,811.5	1.7
United States of America	3,714.6	1.3
Finland	3,010.2	1.1

Number of persons employed

At the end of 2025, enterprises with foreign capital employed 2,234.5 thousand persons. Large entities constituted the workplace for 75.5% of persons employed in enterprises with foreign capital. Manufacturing enterprises employed 43.1% of the total number of persons employed in analysed population, whereas those involved in trade; repair of motor vehicles – 22.2%. On average, 84 persons were employed in an enterprise with foreign capital, including 969 persons in a large entity, 116 in a medium-sized entity, 23 in a small entity and 3 persons in a micro-enterprise.

Basic financial results

In 2025, enterprises with foreign capital earned total revenues of PLN 2,891.5 billion. Compared to 2024 total revenues increased by 2.5% (PLN 2,822.1 billion in 2024). 93.7% of these revenues were generated by entities employing 10 and more persons. The total costs amounted to PLN 2,757.4 billion. The highest total revenues were achieved by enterprises engaged in manufacturing (PLN 1,137.7 billion which accounted for 39.3% of the revenues of all entities with foreign capital), as well as in trade; repair of motor vehicles (PLN 1,016.1 billion, 35.1% of total revenues).

Revenues from the sale of products and goods for export obtained 50.8% of the surveyed enterprises with foreign capital. The highest percentage of entities obtaining revenues from export sales was involved in manufacturing – 28.2% of toal entities with foreign capital obtaining revenues from export and trade, repair of motor vehicles – 28.1%.

The data on enterprises with foreign capital presented in this study do not include agriculture, forestry and fishing (NACE Rev. 2 section A), financial and insurance activities (NACE Rev. 2 section K), higher education institutions, independent public health care facilities, cultural institutions with legal personality and trade unions, religious and political organisations.

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