

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2022

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 1st quarter of 2022

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57.1%

Economic activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship

The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS) presenting average data for quarter showed that in the 1st quarter of 2022 in Opolskie Voivodship, economically active persons accounted for 57.1% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator decreased by 0.7 percentage point compared to the 4th of quarter of 2021 and by 0.1 percentage point in relation to 1st of quarter of 2021.

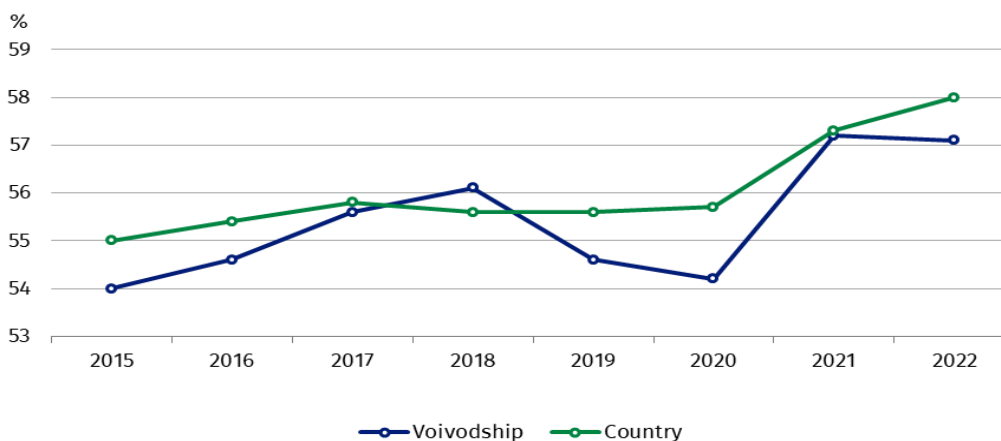
Economic activity of population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 1st quarter of 2022 amounted to 713 thousand persons and decreased in relation to previous quarter and corresponding periods of 2021 and 2010 (by 0.3%, by 1.0% and by 7.4%, respectively). Population of the economically active accounted for 57.1% of the total population in considered age group and was equal to 407 thousand persons (of which 396 thousand employed and 11 thousand unemployed). The number of the economically inactive in this group at the level of was 306 thousand persons.

The number of economically active persons decreased compared to the 4th quarter of 2021 and corresponding periods of 2021 and 2010 (by 6 thousand, i.e. by 1.5%, by 5 thousand, i.e. by 1.2% and by 10 thousand, i.e. by 2.4%). The share of economically active persons in the total number of population in the age group of 15–89 years was higher among men and amounted to 65.2% in the 1st quarter 2022, while for women that percentage was 49.6%. Taking into account the place of residence, the discussed indicator was greater among rural residents than urban residents (57.9% compared to 56.4%).

Compared to the 4th quarter of 2021, the economic activity rate in Opolskie Voivodship for persons aged 15–89 years decreased by 1.6 percentage point among men, while it increased by 0.1 percentage point among women

Chart 1. Activity rate in the 1st quarter



The indicator describing relation of the number of not working persons (the unemployed in the age group 15–74 years and the economically inactive in the age group 15–89 years) to the number of employed persons (in the age group 15–89 years) increased compared to the previous quarter, but decreased in relation to corresponding periods of 2021 and 2010. In the 1st quarter of 2022 in Opolskie Voivodship per 1000 working employed persons there were 801 unemployed not working persons (in the 4th quarter of 2021 – 772, the 1st quarter of 2021 – 807 and in the 1st quarter of 2010 – 1110). In the country this ratio amounted to 781 and was higher than in the previous quarter (776), however lower than in corresponding periods of 2021 and 2010 (819 and 1107, respectively).

Taking age groups into account, the highest value of activity rate in Opolskie Voivodship occurred in the case of persons in the age group 35–44 years (91.9%) and was lower (by 1.5 percentage point) than in the previous quarter, however higher (by 3.0 percentage points) in relation to corresponding period of 2021. The lowest activity rate was recorded for persons in the age group 55–89 years (25.9%), which decreased (by 1.8 percentage point) on a quarterly-basis and increased (by 1.6 percentage point) per year.

For working age population the measure in question in the 1st quarter of 2022 amounted to 81.0% and decreased, both on quarterly and annual basis (by 1.0 percentage point and by 0.7 percentage point, respectively). In the country the activity rate for persons from said group was lower than in voivodship (80.0% – an increase on a quarterly and annual basis: of 0.2 percentage point and of 1.3 percentage point, respectively).

Considering education level, the highest value of activity rate occurred for persons with a tertiary education (79.5%) and increased in relation to the previous quarter (by 0.8 percentage point), while decreased per year (by 3.4 percentage points). This rate was the lowest among people with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary and no school education (21.4%) but with a higher value than in the previous quarter and corresponding period of 2021 (by 4.4 percentage points and by 5.9 percentage points, respectively).

Employed persons

In the 1st quarter of 2022 in Opolskie Voivodship the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 396 thousand persons and decreased in relation to the previous quarter (by 8 thousand, i.e. by 2.0%) and on annual basis (by 2 thousand, i.e. by 0.5%), while it increased compared to the corresponding period of 2010 (by 31 thousand, i.e. by 8.5%). In the structure of employed persons by sex, men predominated, whose share accounted for 55.2% (i.e. 219 thousand), and by the place of residence – urban residents (52.8%, i.e. 209 thousand persons).

As regards the division by sex, the number of employed persons decreased over the quarter to a greater extent among men (by 6 thousand, i.e. by 2.7%) than among women (by 2 thousand, i.e. by 1.1%). Compared to the corresponding period of a previous year, there was a decrease in the number of employed men (by 8 thousand, i.e. by 3.5%) and an increase in the number of employed women (by 7 thousand, i.e. by 4.1%).

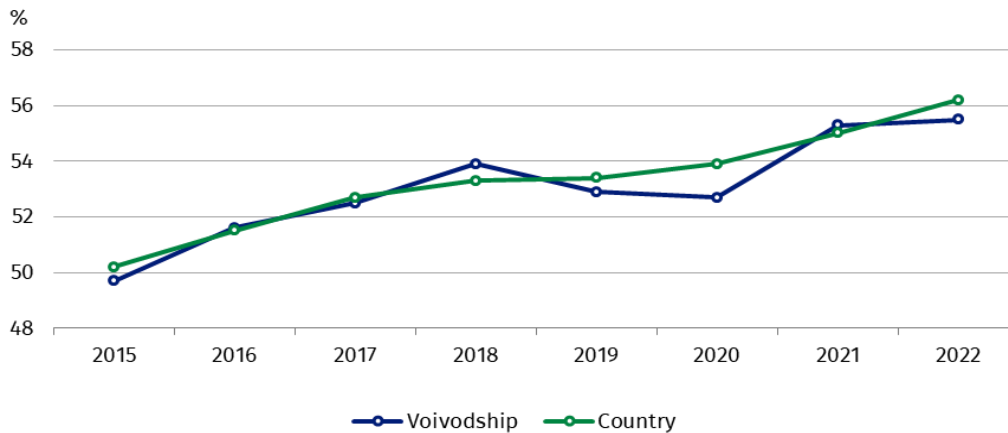
Considering place of residence, bigger decrease, on a quarterly basis, concerned urban residents (of 5 thousand, i.e. of 2.3%) than rural residents (of 4 thousand, i.e. of 2.1%). Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2021, a decrease of 1 thousand, each, i.e. of 0.5%, each, was recorded.

Taking into account the age of employed persons, in the 1st quarter of 2022, the highest share among the employed was registered for persons in the age group 35–44 years (27.8% – higher by 0.3 percentage point in relation to the previous quarter and by 0.2 percentage point to corresponding period of the previous year), and the lowest in the age group 15–24

Men's activity rate was higher than women's

years (6.0% – higher by 0.8 percentage point on a quarterly basis, however by 0.2 percentage point lower than in the previous year). Working age population accounted for 95.7% in the total number of employed persons, and their share was lower than in the previous quarter and a year before.

Chart 2. Employment rate in the 1st quarter



In the structure of employed persons by the level of education, in the 1st quarter of 2022, the largest share concerned persons with post-secondary and vocational secondary education (29.0% - at the level of the previous quarter, and an increase of 3.1 percentage points on a yearly basis), followed by tertiary education (28.5 – decrease over the quarter and the year: by 0.5. percentage point and by 2.9 percentage points, respectively). On the other hand, the lowest share concerned persons with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary and no school education (5.8% - an increase by 1.3 percentage points in relation to the previous quarter and by 2.0 percentage points compared to the 1st quarter of 2021).

The value of employment rate in the 1st quarter of 2022 in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 55.5% and decreased by 1.0 percentage point in relation to the previous quarter (in the country 56.2% and a decrease of 0.1 percentage point). On the other hand, it increased by 0.2 percentage point on a yearly basis (in the country – by 1.2 percentage points), and by 8.1 percentage points in relation to the corresponding period of 2010 (in the country – by 8.7 percentage points).

Analysing population by sex, higher rate in the voivodship occurred among men than women (64.0% versus 48.0%), and when considering place of residence the higher value of said rate was noted among rural residents than among urban residents (57.0% vs. 54.3%).

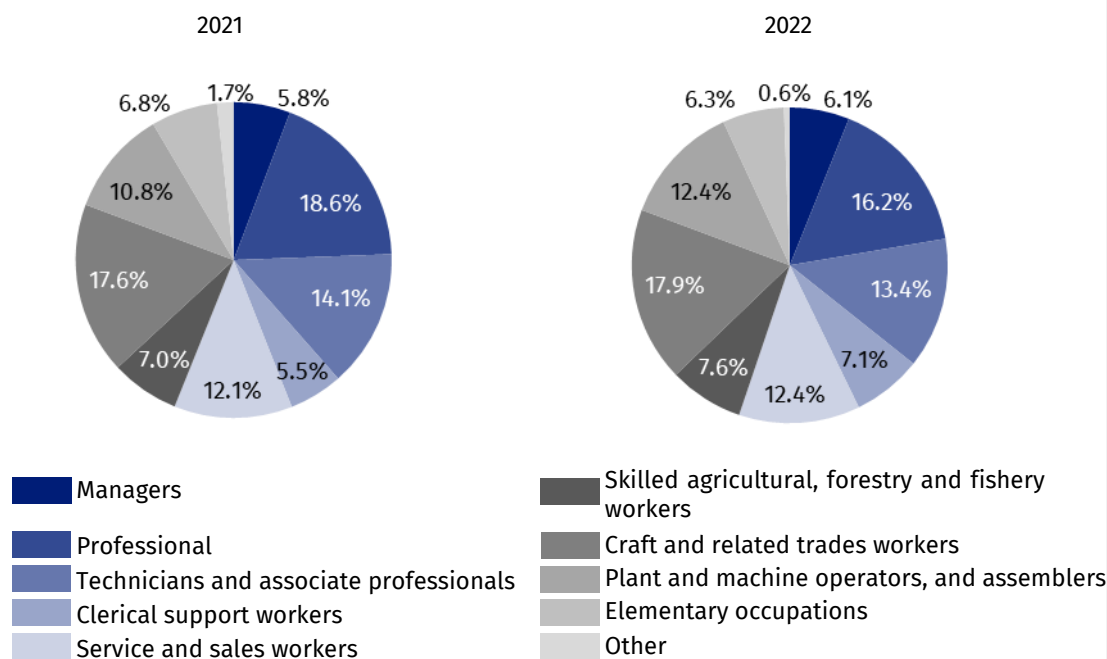
Compared to the 4th quarter of 2021, value of the employment rate decreased, regardless of sex and place of residence (in men population by 1.6 percentage points, among women by 0.4 percentage point, among urban and rural residents by 1.1 percentage points each). On the other hand, an increase in the employment rate was recorded in the analysed groups over the year, except for men’s population, where the rate decreased by 1.8 percentage points (an increase: among women of 2.4 percentage points, in urban areas of 0.3 percentage points and in rural areas of 0.2 percentage points).

The employment rate for working age population in voivodship was higher than in the country (79.0% vs. 77.4%). Compared to previous quarter, the value of this indicator decreased by 1.3 percentage points (in the country – remained on the same level), and an annual increase of 0.1 percentage points was recorded (in the country of 2.0 percentage points).

Compared to the 4th quarter of 2021, the employment rate of persons aged 15–89 years decreased to a greater extent among men (by 1.6 percentage point) than among women (by 0.4 percentage point)

Employment rate was still significantly higher in the population of men than of women

Chart 3. Structure of employed persons by occupational groups in the 1st quarter



Over the quarter, among the total number of employed persons in Opolskie Voivodship, there was an increase in the share of employees employed in a public company/institution or by a private employer – by 2.9 percentage points to the level of 81.4% (323 thousand), while a share of self-employed persons decreased – by 1.9 percentage points to 17.6% (70 thousand). On a yearly basis, a decrease in the share of analysed groups of the employed was recorded (by 0.1 percentage point and by 0.4 percentage point, respectively).

A vast majority of employees employed in a public company/institution or by a private employer performed their work on the basis of a contract for unlimited duration (83.0%, i.e. 268 thousand). That share decreased compared to the previous quarter and corresponding period of 2021 (by 2.2 percentage points and by 0.1 percentage point, respectively).

The highest percentage of employed persons in the 1st quarter of 2022 concerned persons, who, during a reference week worked in the main job 40 and more hours (75.8%, i.e. by 5.0 percentage points more than in previous quarter and by 1.5 percentage points compared to 1st quarter of 2021). Among these persons, the share of men was predominant (58.5%); urban residents also had a larger share (53.75%). A percentage of employed persons working part-time amounted to 8.1% for a group of persons who worked 30–39 hours during a week and 4.8% for group working from 20 to 29 hours. 3.5% of surveyed persons worked less than 20 hours per week.

In the 1st quarter of 2022, the most persons worked in the profession from the group of craft and related trades workers (71 thousand) and they constituted 17.9% of the total number of employed persons. Among men, percentage for that occupational group amounted to 29.2% and was higher than in the previous quarter and 1st quarter of 2021 (by 0.3 percentage point and by 0.6 percentage point, respectively). The group of plant and machine operators and assemblers also had a significant share in the male population – 17.8%, that percentage increased on a quarterly and annual basis: by 2.7 percentage points and by 1.5 percentage points, respectively.

Among women two occupational groups predominated: professionals (24.7% – increase of 0.3 percentage point compared to the previous quarter and a decrease of 4.0 percentage points in relation to the 1st quarter of 2021), as well as services and sales workers (19.7% – decline on a quarterly and annual basis of 1.4 percentage points and of 0.8 percentage point, respectively).

Unemployed persons

In the 1st quarter of 2022, the population of unemployed persons aged 15–74 amounted to 11 thousand in Opolskie Voivodship and decreased compared to the 1st quarter of 2021 (by 3.0 thousand, i.e. by 21.4%). The unemployment rate during the analysed period was lower than in the country (2.7% versus 3.1%) and decreased over the year by 0.7 percentage point (in the country by 0.9 percentage point).

The average duration of a job search in the analysed period in Opolskie Voivodship comprised 5.9 months and was shorter than in the country (8.2 months), as well as it decreased on an annual basis by 2.7 months (in the country it increased by 0.8 month).

Economically inactive persons

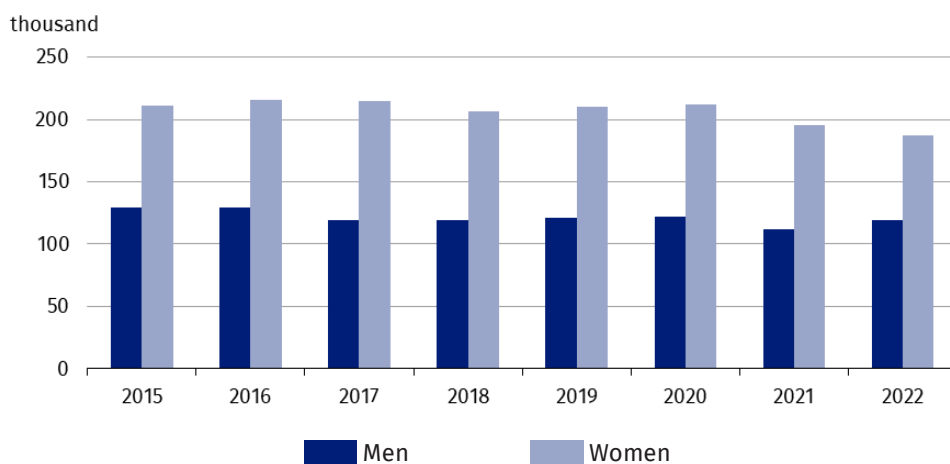
Population of economically inactive persons aged 15–89 in the 1st quarter of 2022 in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 306 thousand and constituted 42.9% of the total population in the said age group (versus 42.0% in the country) and was higher than in the 4th quarter of 2021 (an increase of 3 thousand persons i.e. of 1.0%), whereas decreased compared to the corresponding period of 2021 (a decline of 1 thousand persons, i.e. of 0.3%).

Over a half of the population of economically inactive persons were women – 61.1%, i.e. 187 thousand. Considering place of residence, urban residents constituted 54.9% of this group (i.e. 168 thousand).

On a quarterly basis an increase in the number of this group was recorded among men (of 4.4%), however a decrease among women (of 0.5%). Considering place of residence, an increase in the number of economically inactive persons occurred among rural residents (of 3.0%) and a decline among urban residents (of 0.6%). By the year, a decrease in analysed groups was recorded, with the exception of economically inactive men, whose population increased by 6.3% (a decrease: among women of 4.1%, in urban areas of 0.6%, in rural areas of 0.7%).

Most of economically inactive persons were women

Chart 4. Economically inactive persons in the age group 15-89 in the 1st quarter



Out of the total number of the economically inactive in the voivodship, 91 thousand persons, i.e. 29.7% were in working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had basic vocational or basic sectoral vocational education (29.4%) and lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (28.8%).

The main reason for the inactivity of economically inactive people in the 15–74 age group (for this group the reason for inactivity was determined), amounting to 247 thousand, was retirement (56.7%). Among persons receiving retirement pension, 62.9% were women.

Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking a job, in the 1st quarter of 2022, for 19.4% of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 8.9% persons while family and household responsibilities – 6.5% of persons from the said age group.

Table 1. Economic activity of the population aged 15-89 in Opolskie Voivodship on the background of the country

SPECIFICATION	2010	2021		2022
		1 quarter	4 quarter	1 quarter
COUNTRY				
Economically active persons in thousands	16436	17120	17278	17250
employed persons	14640	16433	16780	16714
unemployed persons	1797	687	497	536
Economically inactive persons in thousands	14408	12778	12529	12511
Activity rate in %	53.3	57.3	58.0	58.0
Employment rate in %	47.5	55.0	56.3	56.2
Unemployment rate in %	10.9	4.0	2.9	3.1
VOIVODSHIP				
Economically active persons in thousands	417	412	413	407
employed persons	365	398	404	396
unemployed persons	52	14	.	11
Economically inactive persons in thousands	353	307	303	306
Activity rate in %	54.2	57.2	57.8	57.1
Employment rate in %	47.4	55.3	56.5	55.5
Unemployment rate in %	12.5	3.4	.	2.7

Table 2. Activity rate by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2010	2021		2022
		1 quarter	4 quarter	1 quarter
		in %		
TOTAL	54.2	57.2	57.8	57.1
of which at working age ^a	.	81.7	82.0	81.0
men	64.1	67.5	66.8	65.2
women	44.8	47.7	49.5	49.6
Urban areas	.	56.8	56.2	56.4
Rural areas	.	58.0	59.6	57.9
By age:				
15-24 years	39.4	35.0	29.1	34.6
25-34	85.9	86.5	90,0	86.9
35-44	86.7	88.9	93.4	91.9
45-54	78.4	88.5	84.8	86.0
55-89 years	.	24.3	27.7	25.9

^a Men aged 18-64 years; women 18-59 years.

Table 3. Employment rate by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2010	2021		2022
		1 quarter	4 quarter	1 quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	47.4	55.3	56.5	55.5
of which at working age ^a	.	78.9	80.3	79.0
men	56.6	65.8	65.6	64.0
women	38.8	45.6	48.4	48.0
Urban areas	.	54.0	55.4	54.3
Rural areas	.	56.8	58.1	57.0
By age:				
15–24 years	30.7	31.3	26.6	30.8
25–34	74.8	82.0	88.2	85.0
35–44	78.8	87.3	91.0	88.7
45–54	69.8	86.9	84.8	85.1
55–89 years	15.7	23.9	27.4	25.5

a Men aged 18–64 years; women 18–59 years.

Note. In the study, the sums of components may differ from the "total" value, which is the result of rounding made when generalising the survey results. Due to the representative survey method, caution is recommended in the use of data in those cases where more detailed divisions are used and there are low-order numbers (less than 20 thousand). Numbers which, after generalising the results from the sample, are below 10 thousand have been replaced with a dot ("."), which means that a specific value cannot be shown due to a random sample error.

Due to the fact that since 2021 the ZD questionnaire is directed towards persons aged 15–89, and not, as before, aged 15 and more, data covering working age population, economically active persons, or economically inactive persons also refer to this age group, unless otherwise stated.


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