

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 3rd quarter of 2024

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 3rd quarter of 2024

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57.5%

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

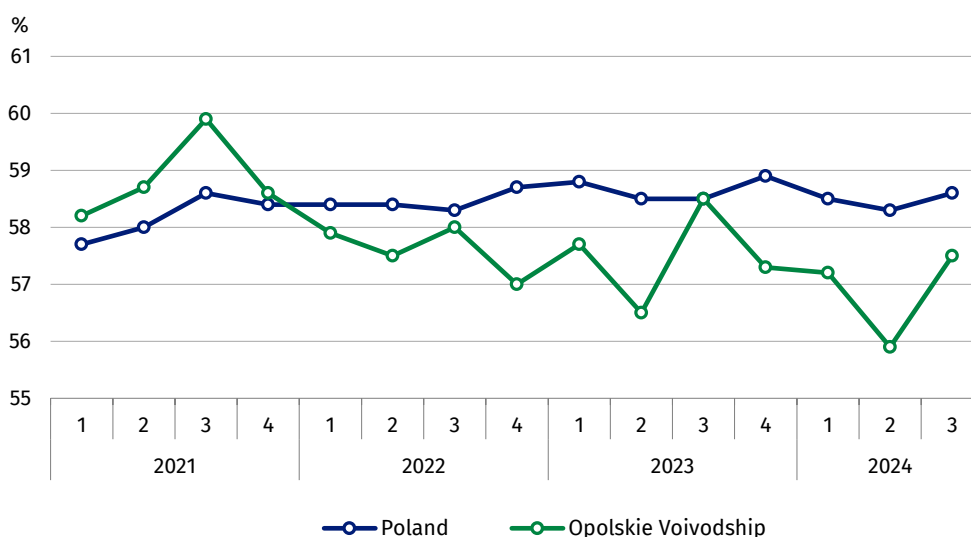
The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS), presenting average data for quarter showed, that in the 3rd quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship, economically active persons accounted for 57.5% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator increased by 1.6 percentage points compared to the previous quarter, however decreased by 1.0 percentage point in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2023.

Economic activity of the population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 3rd quarter of 2024 amounted to 746 thousand persons, i.e. on the level of the previous quarter, however less than in corresponding periods of 2023 and 2021 (respectively: by 0.4% and by 1.8%). Population of the economically active amounted to 429 thousand persons (of which 417 thousand employed persons and 12 thousand unemployed persons). The number of the economically inactive was 316 thousand persons. The population of the economically active in the 3rd quarter of 2024 increased by 12 thousand, i.e. by 2.9% compared to the previous quarter, and decreased in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2023 and 2021, respectively: by 9 thousand, i.e. by 2.1% and by 26 thousand, i.e. by 5.7%.

Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 3rd quarter of 2024 was at the level of 57.5% and its value increased on a quarterly basis (by 1.6 percentage points), and decreased compared to the corresponding quarters of 2023 and 2021 (by 1.0 percentage point and by 2.4 percentage points, respectively).

Chart 1. Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years by quarters



The share of economically active in the total number of persons in the age group 15–89 years in the 3rd quarter of 2024 was higher among men and amounted to 67.9%, while in the population of women this percentage was at the level of 48.2%. Considering the place of residence, said rate was higher among urban inhabitants than rural ones (58.9% versus 55.9%).

Taking age groups into account, there was a diverse level of economic activity. The highest value of the activity rate in Opolskie Voivodship occurred in case of persons in the age group 25–34 years (91.2%) and was at the higher level (by 4.2 percentage points) than in the 2nd quarter of 2024 as well as (by 5.9 percentage points) compared with the 3rd quarter of 2023. The lowest activity rate was recorded among persons in the age group 55–89 years (25.5%), and its value increased (by 1.1 percentage points) on quarterly basis, however decreased (by 1.7 percentage points) on an annual basis.

For working age population the measure in question in the 3rd quarter of 2024 amounted to 83.5% (in the country – 81.7%) and its value increased both in relation to the previous quarter as well as to the 3rd quarter of 2023, i.e. by 3.4 percentage points and by 2.0 percentage points, respectively (in the country – by 0.5 percentage point and by 0.6 percentage point).

Considering education level, the highest value of the activity rate occurred among persons with a tertiary education (78.9%) and increased on a quarterly and annual basis (by 0.5 percentage points and 1.6 percentage points, respectively). The lowest value (15.4%) was recorded for persons with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education and its value decreased (by 1.6 percentage points) compared to the 2nd quarter of 2024 and (by 0.2 percentage point) in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2023.

The indicator describing relation between unemployed persons (unemployed in the age 15–74 years or the economically inactive in the age group 15–89 years) to the number of employed persons (in the age group 15–89 years) decreased on a quarterly basis, however increased compared with the 3rd quarter of 2023 and 2021. In Opolskie Voivodship in the 3rd quarter of 2024 per 1000 employed persons, there were 787 unemployed ones (in the 2nd quarter of 2024 – 820, in the 3rd quarter of 2023 – 765, and in the 3rd quarter of 2021 – 710). In the country this indicator amounted to 757 (in the 2nd quarter of 2024 – 764, in the 3rd quarter of 2023 – 757, in 3 quarter 2021 – 761).

Employed persons

In the 3rd quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship the population of the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 417 thousand persons and increased by 1.7% (i.e. by 7 thousand persons) compared to the previous quarter, however decreased in relation to the corresponding periods of 2023 and 2021, by 1.9% (i.e. by 8 thousand persons) and by 6.3% (i.e. by 28 thousand persons), respectively.

In the structure of the employed by sex, over a half were men, whose share amounted to 57.2% (i.e. 239 thousand persons), and by the place of residence – urban inhabitants (54.9%, i.e. 229 thousand persons).

Considering the division by sex, both on quarterly as well as annual basis an increase was recorded in the number of employed men (respectively: by 4.8% and by 0.8%), with a simultaneous decrease in the number of employed women (by 1.6% and by 4.3%).

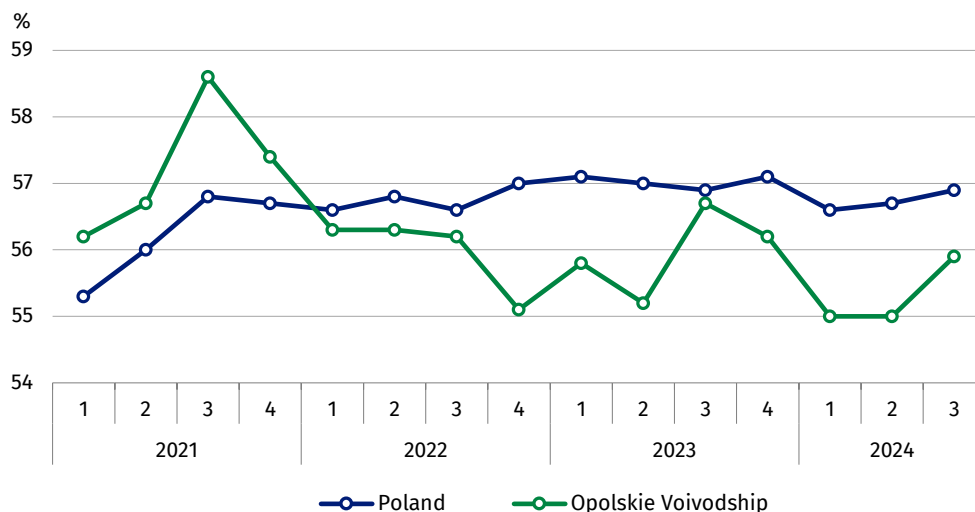
Considering the place of residence, on quarterly and annual basis, there was an increase in the number of employed urban inhabitants (by 5.0% and by 0.9%, respectively), while the number of employed rural inhabitants decreased (by 2.6% and by 5.1%).

Taking the age of the employed into account, in the 3rd quarter of 2024, the largest share among the employed was registered for persons in the age group 35–44 years – 29.3%, i.e. by 1.4 percentage points less than in the previous quarter, however more by 0.1 percentage point than in the 3rd quarter of 2023. The lowest percentage was recorded for the employed in the age group 15–24 years (6.0% – higher by 0.2 percentage point on a quarterly basis, and lower by 0.4 percentage point on an annual basis). Persons in working age in the 3rd quarter of 2024 accounted for 95.2% of the total number of the employed (in the 2nd quarter of 2024 – 95.6%, and in the 3rd quarter of 2023 – 95.3%).

In the structure of the employed by level of education, in the 3rd quarter of 2024, the largest share concerned persons with tertiary education (33.0% – decrease by 1.9 percentage points in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2024 and increase by 1.9 percentage points compared with the 3rd quarter of 2023), while the lowest with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (3.6% – decrease by 0.5 percentage points on a quarterly basis, and increase by 0.8 percentage points on an annual basis).

The value of employment rate in the 3rd quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship was at the level of 55.9% (in the country – 56.9%) and increased by 0.9 percentage point compared with the 2nd quarter of 2024, however decreased in relation to the corresponding periods of 2023 as well as 2021, respectively: by 0.8 percentage points as well as by 2.7 percentage points.

Chart 2. Employment rate of persons in the age group 15–89 by quarters



By analysing the population of the employed by sex, a higher employment rate occurred in the voivodship among men (66.8% versus 46.1% for women), and by considering the place of residence – among urban inhabitants (57.1% versus 54.5% for rural inhabitants).

Taking the division by sex into account, compared to the 2nd quarter of 2024, as well as to the 3rd quarter of 2023 there was an increase of the value of employment rate among men (by 3.1 percentage points and by 1.0 percentage point, respectively), with a simultaneous decrease among women (by 0.8 percentage point and by 1.8 percentage points).

Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis, as well as annual one, the level of employment rate increased among urban inhabitants (by 2.7 percentage points and by 0.8 percentage point, respectively), while it decreased among rural inhabitants (by 1.4 percentage points and by 2.7 percentage points).

Value of employment rate for working age population in the voivodship, shaped at the level of 81.0% (in the country – 79.2%), i.e. higher than in the 2nd quarter of 2024 as well as in the 3rd quarter of 2023, respectively: by 2.3 percentage points as well as by 2.1 percentage points (in the country – by 0.2 percentage point and by 0.4 percentage point).

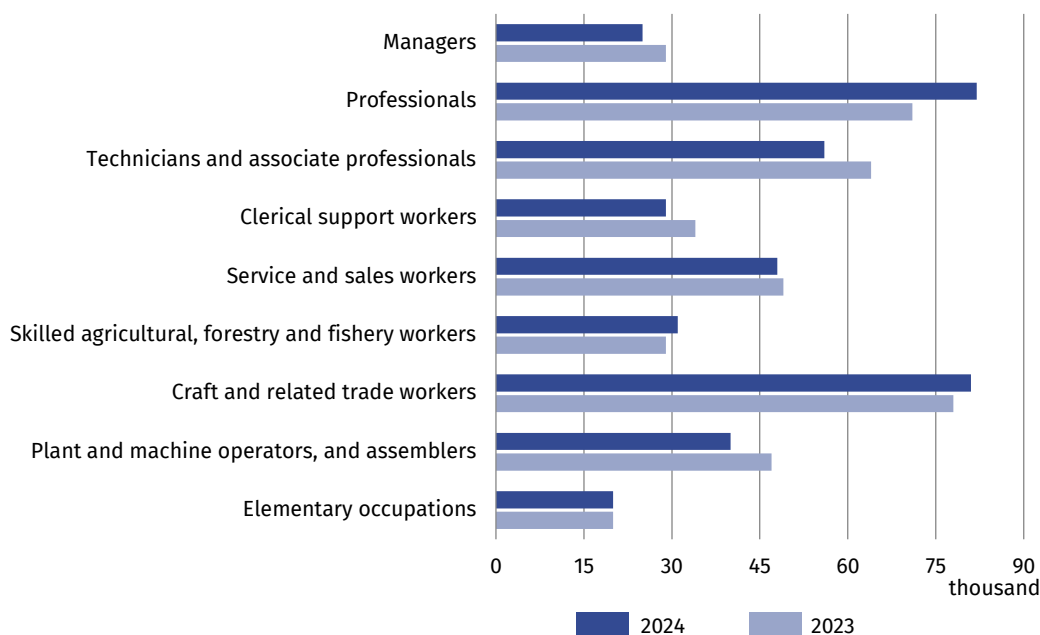
On a quarterly basis, among the total number of the employed in Opolskie Voivodship, there was an increase in the share of workers employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer – by 1.3 percentage points to the level of 81.3% (i.e. 339 thousand persons), however on an annual basis a decrease was noted (by 0.6 percentage point). On the other hand, the share of self-employed persons decreased compared to the previous quarter 0.7 percentage point to the level of 18.0% (i.e. 75 thousand persons), and increased on an annual basis (by 0.8 percentage point).

Among persons employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer, a vast majority performed their work on the basis of a job contract for indefinite term – 82.3% (i.e. 279 thousand persons). This share decreased (by 3.4 percentage points) compared to the previous quarter, however increased (by 0.2 percentage point) in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2023.

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

The largest percentage of the employed in the 3rd quarter of 2024 concerned persons, who, during a reference week, worked in the main workplace 40 and more hours (70.3%, i.e. more by 3.6 percentage points than in the 2nd quarter of 2024 however less by 0.1 percentage point compared with the 3rd quarter of 2023). In the analysed group of persons, over a half (62.5%) were men; urban inhabitants also had a larger share (53.4%). Percentage of the employed working part-time shaped at the level of 9.6% for a group of persons, who worked 30–39 hours during a week and 4.8% for the group, which worked from 20 to 29 hours. Out of surveyed persons, 3.6% worked less than 20 hours a week.

Chart 3. Employed persons in the age group 15–89 by selected occupational groups in the 3rd quarter



In the 3rd quarter of 2024 the most persons were employed in the profession from the group of professionals (82 thousand) and accounted for 19.7% of all employed persons. Among women, share for this occupational group amounted to 29.6% and was higher by 1.6 percentage points than in the previous quarter and by 3.9 percentage points compared with the 3rd quarter of 2023. A group of service and sales workers also had a significant share in population of women – 19.6% (percentage decreased by 1.8 percentage points compared with the previous quarter, and increased by 0.9 percentage point on an annual basis). Among men the most persons worked in occupational group of craft and related trade workers (31.4% – increase by 3.8 percentage points in relation to the previous quarter and by 1.9 percentage points in relation to the 3rd quarter of 2023), followed by group of plant and machine operators and assemblers (14.6% – decrease by 0.8 percentage point on a quarterly basis and by 2.3 percentage points on an annual basis).

Unemployed persons

In the 3rd quarter of 2024 population of unemployed persons aged 15–74 years in Opolskie Voivodship amounted to 12 thousand persons and accounted for 2.8% of economically active persons aged 15–89 years (in the country – 2.9%).

An average time of job seeking in the said period in the Voivodship amounted to 6.4 month (in the country – 7.6).

Economically inactive persons

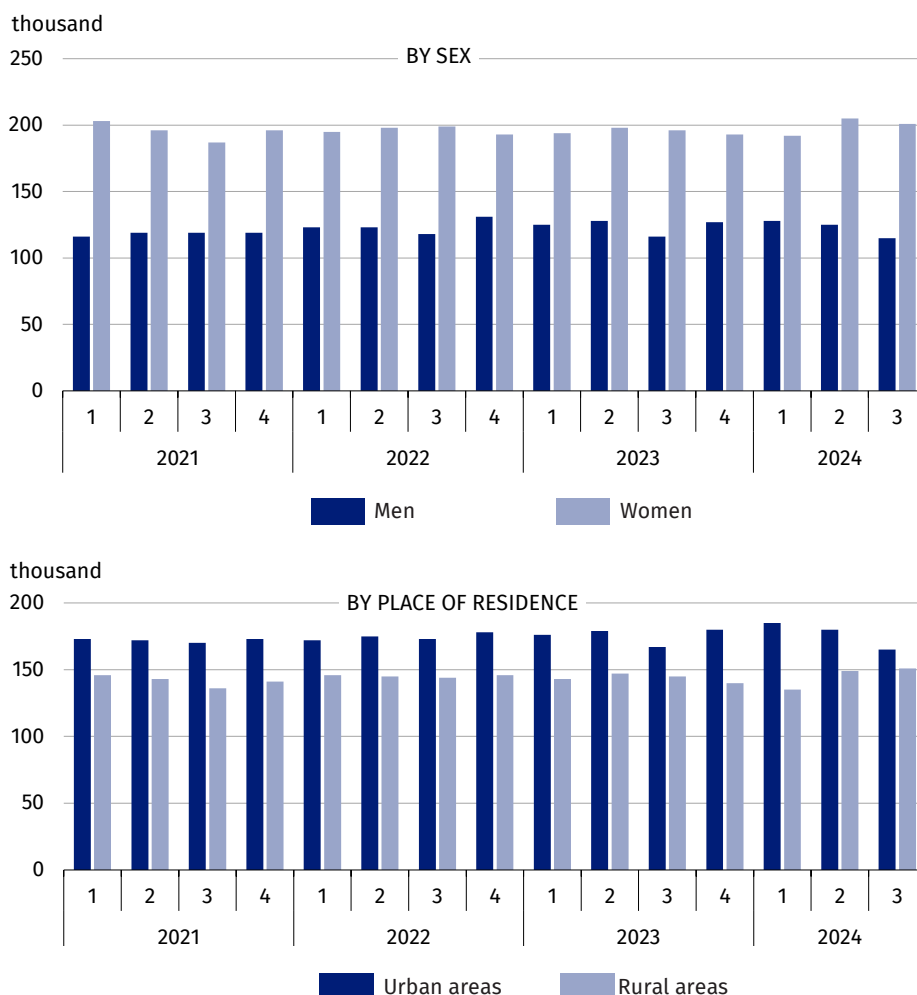
The population of the economically inactive in the age 15–89 years in the 3rd quarter of 2024 accounted for 316 thousand persons in Opolskie Voivodship, i.e. 42.4% of the total number of persons in the said age group (versus 41.4% – in the country). Analysed population number decreased by 4.2% compared to the previous quarter, however increased in comparison with the 3rd quarter of 2023 and 2021, respectively: by 1.3% and by 3.3%.

Over a half of economically inactive persons are women – 63.6%, i.e. 201 thousand persons. Considering the place of residence, urban inhabitants constituted 52.2% of this population (i.e. 165 thousand persons).

Over a half of economically inactive persons were women

In terms of sex, both on quarterly, as well as annual basis, there was a decrease in the number of economically inactive men (respectively: of 8.0% and of 0.9%), and in the group of women there was a decrease (of 2.0%) compared to the previous quarter, but increase (of 2.6%) compared with the 3rd quarter of 2023.

Chart 4. Economically inactive persons aged 15–89 years by sex and place of residence as well as quarters



Considering place of residence, on quarterly and annual basis, a decrease was noted in the number of economically inactive among urban inhabitants (by 8.3% and by 1.2%, respectively), and increase among rural inhabitants (by 1.3% and by 4.1%).

Out of economically inactive in the voivodship, 81 thousand persons, i.e. 25.6% were of working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had basic vocational/sectoral education (30.3%) as well as lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (27.8%).

The main reason for the inactivity of economically inactive persons in the age group 15–74 years (for this group a cause for inactivity was determined), amounting to 249 thousand was retirement – 55.0%. Among persons receiving pension 64.2% were women.

Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking job in the 3rd quarter of 2024 for 19.3% of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 8.0% persons, while family and household responsibilities – 6.0% of the economically inactive from the discussed age group.

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

SPECIFICATION	2021	2023	2024	
	3rd quarter		2nd quarter	3rd quarter
POLAND				
Economically active in thousands	17870	17767	17678	17798
employed	17322	17279	17205	17277
unemployed ^a	547	488	472	521
Economically inactive in thousands	12633	12588	12667	12552
Activity rate in %	58.6	58.5	58.3	58.6
Employment rate in %	56.8	56.9	56.7	56.9
Unemployment rate in %	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.9
OPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP				
Economically active in thousands	455	438	417	429
employed	445	425	410	417
unemployed ^a	10	13	.	12
Economically inactive in thousands	306	312	330	316
Activity rate in %	59.9	58.5	55.9	57.5
Employment rate in %	58.6	56.7	55.0	55.9
Unemployment rate in %	2.2	3.0	.	2.8

^a Persons aged 15–74 years.

Table 2. Activity rate in the age group 15-89 by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2021	2023	2024	
	3rd quarter		2nd quarter	3rd quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	59.9	58.5	55.9	57.5
of which in working age ^a	82.2	81.5	80.1	83.5
men	67.7	67.8	65.1	67.9
women	52.7	49.7	47.4	48.2
Urban areas	58.6	58.6	55.1	58.9
Rural areas	61.1	58.4	56.8	55.9
By age:				
15–24 years	34.1	40.7	30.9	35.8
25–34	87.2	85.3	87.0	91.2
35–44	91.9	87.5	90.1	90.1
45–54	86.9	84.9	85.3	86.9
55–89 years	29.7	27.2	24.4	25.5

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

Table 3. Employment rate in the age group 15-89 by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2021	2023	2024	
	3rd quarter		2nd quarter	3rd quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	58.6	56.7	55.0	55.9
of which in working age ^a	80.3	78.9	78.7	81.0
men	66.8	65.8	63.7	66.8
women	50.6	47.9	46.9	46.1
Urban areas	57.2	56.3	54.4	57.1
Rural areas	60.0	57.2	55.9	54.5
By age:				
15-24 years	31.7	33.3	29.6	30.9
25-34	82.9	84.2	84.8	90.1
35-44	90.4	86.1	88.7	86.5
45-54	86.2	82.7	84.5	86.2
55-89 years	29.7	27.2	24.4	25.2

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

Note. LFS results refer to the population residing or intending to stay in the country for at least 12 months, living in households. Data collected in representative survey up to 3rd quarter of 2023 have been generalised to the general population with the use of balances prepared on the basis of the results of National Housing and Population Census 2011. Since 4th quarter of 2023, as to generalise the survey results to general population, data on the resident population from the balances prepared on the basis of National Housing and Population Census 2021 results were used. Data for the period from 1st quarter of 2021 to the 3rd quarter of 2023 were calculated in accordance with the new basis for generalising the results, therefore they differ from those presented in the earlier editions of the signal study.

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.

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