

# Housing Economy in 2021

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**2.7%**

Decrease in the number of residential premises rented from the gmina's dwelling stocks compared to 2020

**As of December 31, 2021, the number of residential premises rented from the gmina's dwelling stocks was 630.7 thousand, and decreased by 2.7% compared to 2020.**

## Gmina's dwelling stocks

Gmina's dwelling stocks should be understood as premises used for satisfying housing needs, owned by gmina. As of the end of 2021, the number of residential premises with rental contracts (excluding replacement premises and temporary premises) amounted to 630.7 thousand and their useful floor area to 28,085.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup>. Compared to 2020, the number of existing rental contracts of residential premises decreased by 17.6 thousand, (ie by 2.7%), of which in urban areas by 16.9 thous. (ie 2.8%) and by 730 (ie 1.3%) in rural areas. However, useful floor area rented premises decreased by 641.5 thousand m<sup>2</sup>, which accounted for 2.2%. The average useful floor area of rented premises in gmina's dwelling stocks was 44.5 m<sup>2</sup>.

The useful floor area of residential premises rented from gmina's dwelling stocks decreased by 2.2% compared to 2020

**Table 1. The rental of residential premises from gmina's dwelling stocks and rental of temporary premises – as of 31.12.2021**

Specification	Poland	Urban areas	Rural areas
Rental contracts (existing)			
Residential premises <sup>a</sup>	630,728	577,358	53,370
of which social rental contracts	66,267	57,817	8,450
Temporary premises	1,365	1,227	138
Useful floor area of dwellings in thousand m <sup>2</sup>			
Residential premises <sup>a</sup>	28,085.6	25,611.7	2,473.9
of which social rental contracts	2,287.6	1,988.1	299.5
Temporary premises	30.7	27.2	3.5

<sup>a</sup> Excluding replacement premises and temporary premises

As of the end of 2021, the number of residential premises with social rental agreements amounted to 66.3 thousand and was higher by 0.6% compared to 2020. Total useful floor area of these premises increased by 2.2% and reached 2,287.6 thousand m<sup>2</sup>. As of the end of 2021, gminas had rental contracts for 1,365 temporary premises with useful floor area of 30.7 thousand m<sup>2</sup>.

In 2021 gmina's had rental contracts for 1,365 temporary premises

As of the end of 2021 as many as 129.0 thousand households<sup>1</sup> waited for gminas' stocks rental (excluding replacement premises and temporary premises). Compared to 2020, the demand for rental of premises being part of gminas' dwelling stocks decreased by 5.2 % (i.e. by 7,137 households).

In 2021, over 110.6 thousand households waited for gminas' stocks rental in urban areas (by 5.5% less than in 2020), while in rural areas the number of waiting amounted to 18.4 thousand households (by 3.6 % less than in 2020).

In the total number of households waiting for gminas' dwelling stocks rental 71.3 thousand of households waited for social renting (a decrease of 4.8 % compared to 2020), of which 42.1 thousand of households under execution of eviction sentences (a decrease of 3.1 %). As of the end of 2021, the number of households waiting for the rental of temporary premises amounted to 16.6 thousand.

**Table 2. Households waiting for residential premises rental from a gmina's dwelling stocks and temporary premises– as of 31.12.2021**

Specification	Total	Social renting premises		Temporary premises renting
		total	Of which execution of eviction sentences	
In absolute numbers				
Poland	129,019	71,264	42,064	16,635
Urban areas	110,637	65,117	41,241	16,522
Rural areas	18,382	6,147	823	113
Poland = 100%				
Urban areas	85.8	91.4	98.0	99.3
Rural areas	14.2	8.6	2.0	0.7

### Housing allowances

In 2021, 2.5 million housing allowances were paid for a total amount of PLN 615.2 million. Compared to the previous year, there was a decrease in the number of allowances by 3.6%, while the value of allowances paid increased by 5.9% Similarly as in the previous year, the largest number of housing allowances was paid to users of gminas' dwellings, i.e. 40.7% and to users of housing cooperatives dwellings – 26.3%, while the lowest to the users of dwellings in public building societies, – 2.4%, and other entities – 4.6%.

**Table 3. Housing allowances**

Specification	2020	2021	2020 = 100
The number of housing allowances paid in thousands	2,575.7	2,482.2	96.4
The amount of housing allowances in thousand PLN	580,759.5	615,192.2	105.9
The average amount of housing allowance in PLN	225.48	247.84	109.9

<sup>1</sup> Households awaiting the rental of premises from a gmina are understood as the households that meet the requirements of the gmina council resolution determining the rules for renting premises that are part of the gmina's dwelling stocks.

Compared to 2020, the number of households waiting for residential premises rental from gmina's dwelling stocks decreased by 5.2 %

The number of paid housing allowances decreased by 3.6% and their amount increased by 5.9% compared to the previous year

The average amount of the housing allowance amounted to PLN 247.84 (an increase of 9.9% compared to 2020, i.e. by PLN 22.37). The highest average amount of the allowance was paid to users of private premises – PLN 307.83, while the lowest - to users of premises being part of housing condominiums – PLN 214.58. For urban areas, the average amount of housing allowance was recorded at the level of PLN 248.64, while in rural areas – PLN 237.83.

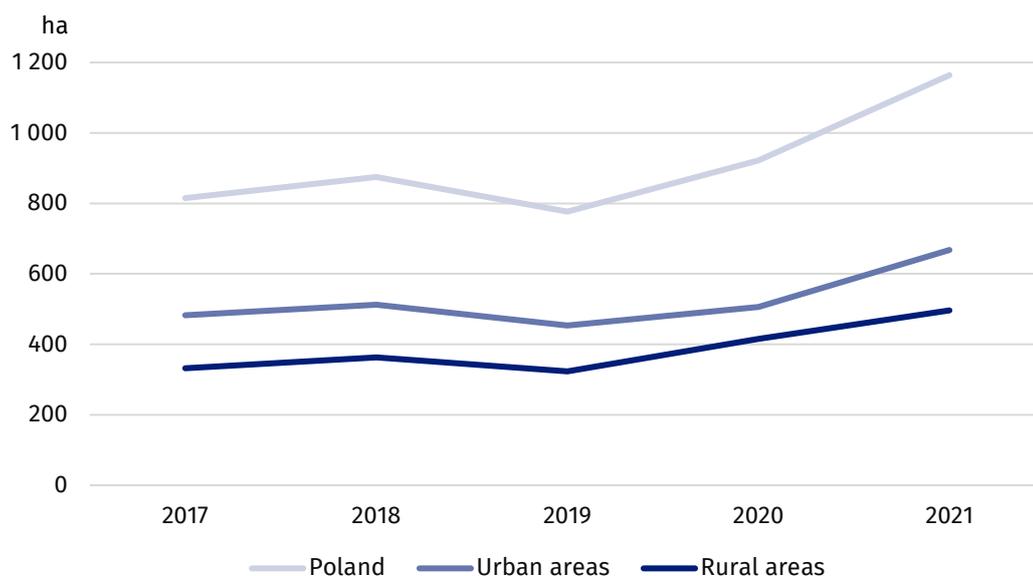
### Management of land for housing construction

In 2021, gminas handed over 1,163.9 hectares of land to investors for housing construction (an increase of 26.3% compared to the previous year), of which 83.5% was allocated for single-family housing. Out of the total area of land handed over for housing construction, 57.4% was land in urban areas.

At the end of 2021, approximately 57.7% of land intended for housing construction in gmina resources was located in urban areas, of which 65.0% was intended for single-family housing. Out of the total area of land intended for housing construction, 44% were improved land (of which 61.5% was located in urban areas).

In 2021, gminas handed over 1,163.9 ha of land for housing construction

**Chart 1. The area of land handed over to investors for housing construction in the years 2017 – 2021**



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[Dwelling](#)

[Dwellings owned by a gmina](#)

[Dwelling stocks](#)

[Housing allowance](#)

[Households awaiting the rental of premises from a gmina](#)

[Improved lands](#)

[Social renting](#)