

Non-financial enterprises by kind and place of economic activity in 2020

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2.3%

Increase in the number of non-financial enterprises y/y

The number of non-financial enterprises increased by 2.3% y/y, amounting to 2 261.9 thousand entities in 2020. Microenterprises dominated in this sector. Trade units remained the largest group in population of non-financial enterprises, despite the decrease in their share from 30.4% in 2010 to 21.6% in 2020. About 1/5 of non-financial enterprises had their registered offices in Mazowieckie Voivodship.

In 2020, there were 2.3% more non-financial enterprises in Poland than in 2019 and 31.0% more than in 2010. Microenterprises (entities with up to 9 persons employed) constituted 97.0% of the entire sector of non-financial enterprises and their number increased by 2.3% compared to 2019. In 2020, the percentage of small (with a number of persons employed from 10 to 49), medium (with a number of persons employed from 50 to 249) and large units (with 250 or more persons employed) amounted to 2.2%, 0.6% and 0.2% of all non-financial enterprises, respectively. Compared to 2019, there was an increase in the number of small enterprises (by 1.2%) and a decrease in the number of medium-sized and large enterprises (2.3% each).

Table 1. Basic data on non-financial enterprises by size class in 2020

Specification	Non-financial enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10–49	50–249	250 and more persons
Number of enterprises	2 261 856	2 194 244	49 514	14 433	3 665
Number of local units	2 323 749	2 194 244	57 643	32 012	39 850
Number of persons employed (as of 31 December)	9 999 563	4 188 188	1 054 019	1 539 361	3 217 995

As at December 31, 2020, 9 999.6 thousand persons were employed in the sector of non-financial enterprises, which means a decrease by 0.1% y/y and an increase by 12.9% compared to 2010. In microenterprises worked 41.9% of all persons employed in non-financial enterprises, and in large enterprises (despite their small number) – 32.2%. Micro units recorded an increase in the number of the employed by 1.4% (by 58.7 thousand persons) compared to the previous year and by 23.2% compared to 2010. Small enterprises also recorded an increase in the number of the employed per year (by 0.8%), while medium-sized and large enterprises – a decrease (by 2.3% and 1.4%, respectively).

In 2020, there were 2 258.2 thousand entities belonging to the SME sector (including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises), i.e. 99.8% of non-financial enterprises and 6 781.6 thousand persons working in them, i.e. over 2/3 of the employed in the entire sector of non-financial enterprises.

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In 2020, the number of non-financial enterprises belonging to the SME sector amounted to 2 258.2 thousand entities

In 2020, the largest number of enterprises still conducted trade (21.6% of the total non-financial enterprises) and construction activities (15.4%). In comparison with the previous year, the greatest increase in the number of units of analysed activities was observed in information and communication as well as in construction (by 6.2% and 6.1%, respectively), while the greatest decrease in trade (by 1.6%).

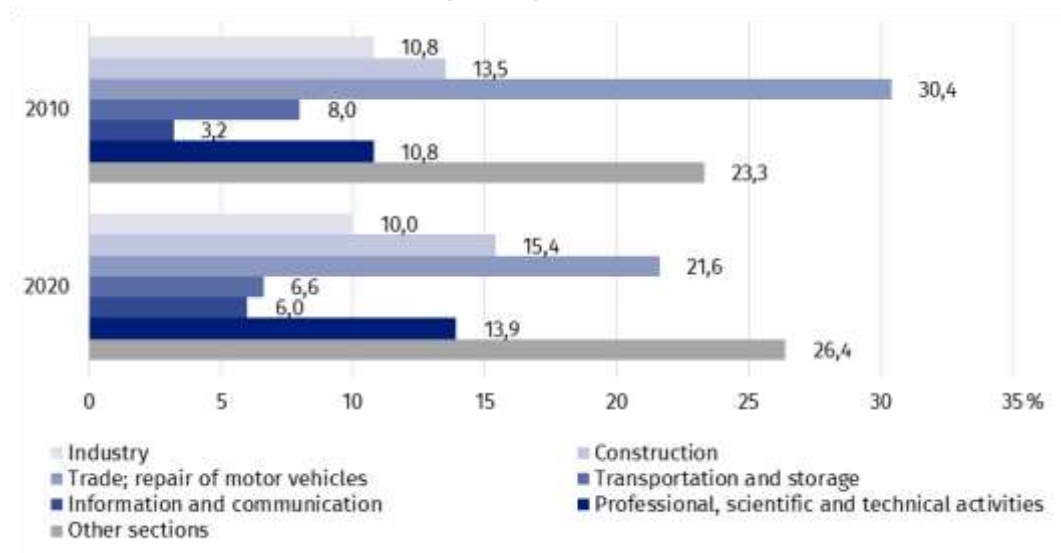
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Table 2. Number of non-financial enterprises by size class and NACE section in 2020

Specification	Non-financial enterprises				
	total	by the number of persons employed			
		up to 9 persons	10–49	50–249	250 and more persons
Total	2 261 856	2 194 244	49 514	14 433	3 665
Industry	227 221	205 630	13 280	6 419	1 892
Construction	349 137	341 241	6 657	1 108	131
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	488 377	471 641	13 306	2 927	503
Transportation and storage	150 073	145 359	3 525	928	261
Information and communication	134 882	132 588	1 618	517	159
Professional, scientific and technical activities	314 160	310 491	2 932	572	165
Other sections	598 006	587 294	8 196	1 962	554

The structure of non-financial enterprises sector, analysed by kind of business activity, changed slightly in the years 2010–2020. Compared to 2010, there was a decrease in the share of trade units in the total number of enterprises (by 8.8 pp.) and an increase in the share of units conducting professional, scientific and technical activities as well as in the field of information and communication (by 3.1 pp. and 2.8 pp., respectively). The change in the share of the remaining sections was insignificant.

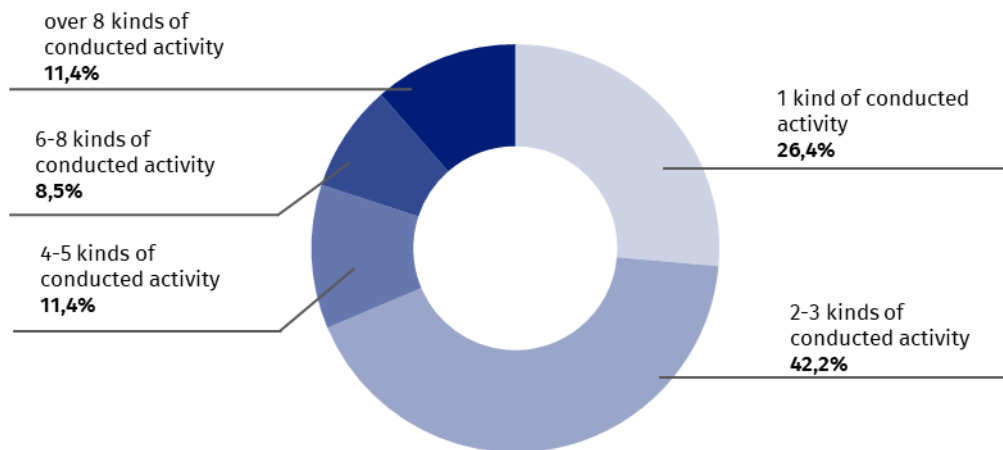
Chart 1. Structure of non-financial enterprises by NACE section



When analysing the sector of non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed, it was found that over 60% of entities conducted one kind of activity at the level of the NACE section. Running 2–3 kinds of activity was declared by 29.7% of enterprises, 4–5 kinds – 5.9%, 6–8 kinds - 2.7%, over 8 – 1.1%.

Over 90% of non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed ran no more than 3 kinds of activity

Chart 2. Structure of net revenues from sale of products, goods and materials by the number of kinds of activities in non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed in 2020



In 2020, the largest number of non-financial enterprises (according to the place of registered office) operated in Mazowieckie (18.5% of the total), Śląskie (10.6% of the total), Małopolskie (10.2% of the total) and Wielkopolskie Voivodships (9.8% of the total), and the lowest in the Opolskie Voivodship (2.0% of the total).

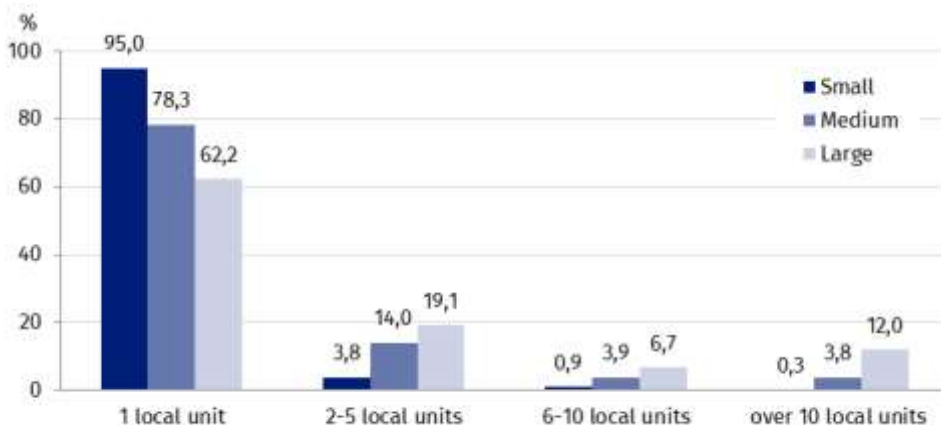
Table 3. Number of non-financial enterprises and the number of local units (excluding local units abroad) by voivodship in 2020

Voivodships	Number of enterprises	Number of local units
Total	2 261 856	2 323 749
Dolnośląskie	170 713	176 259
Kujawsko-pomorskie	113 561	115 759
Lubelskie	99 142	102 317
Lubuskie	52 537	53 510
Łódzkie	130 887	135 668
Małopolskie	230 297	234 479
Mazowieckie	417 780	428 769
Opolskie	46 052	46 969
Podkarpackie	88 556	90 929
Podlaskie	63 095	64 559
Pomorskie	148 678	152 117
Śląskie	239 924	245 415
Świętokrzyskie	55 965	57 806
Warmińsko-mazurskie	66 398	67 965
Wielkopolskie	221 091	232 126
Zachodniopomorskie	117 180	119 102

In the Mazowieckie Voivodship there were 417 780 non-financial enterprises

In 2020, 2 261 856 non-financial enterprises operated in 2 323 749 local units. 18.5% of all local units were located in Mazowieckie Voivodship. The smallest number of local units was located in the following voivodships: Opolskie (2.0%), Lubuskie (2.3%), Świętokrzyskie (2.5%), Podlaskie (2.8%) and Warmińsko-mazurskie (2.9%).

Chart 3. Structure of non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed by the number of local units in 2020



An activity located in one place (i.e. one local unit) was performed by nearly 90% of enterprises with 10 or more persons employed. Among enterprises with 10 or more persons employed operating in various locations, the largest group were entities with 2 to 10 local units (8.6% of the total). The percentage of entities running the most dispersed activity in terms of location (more than 30 local units) amounted to 0.4%.

In 2020, nearly 90% of enterprises with 10 or more persons employed operated in only one place

The number of reported local units depended on the size class of the enterprise. Almost 1/5 of large entities operated in more than 5 local units, while for medium-sized entities this percentage amounted to 7.7% and for small entities only 1.2%.

In addition, enterprises with 10 or more persons employed showed 152 local units abroad, in which 12 679 persons worked as at December 31, 2020.

The data presented in this study concern 2 261 856 non-financial enterprises, regardless of the number of the persons employed. The data do not include agriculture, forestry and fishing (section A according to NACE Rev. 2); financial and insurance activities (section K according to NACE Rev. 2); public administration and defense, compulsory social security (section O according to NACE Rev. 2); higher education institutions; independent public health care facilities; cultural institutions with legal personality; trade unions, religious and political organisations.

The results of the annual economic activity survey of enterprises will be presented in more detail in the publications "Activity of non-financial enterprises in 2020" and "Financial results of non-financial enterprises in 2020 (balance sheet)", which will be available in December 2021.

Due to rounding of data, in some cases sums of components may slightly differ from the amount given in the item "total".

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