

Non-financial enterprises by kind and place of economic activity in 2022

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0.3%

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

In 2022, there were 2 349.8 thousand non-financial enterprises in Poland, in which 2 283.4 thousand microenterprises. With regard to the type of business activity conducted, trade enterprises remained the largest group in population of non-financial enterprises (20.0% of total); and in terms of location – entities based in the Mazowieckie Voivodship (17.7% of total).

Basic information on non-financial enterprises

In 2022, compared to the previous year, there was a decrease by 0.3% in the number of non-financial enterprises, and an increase by 36.1% compared to 2010. Microenterprises (entities with up to 9 persons employed) constituted 97.2% of the entire sector of non-financial enterprises and their number decreased by 0.2% compared to 2021. In 2022, 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 2.0%, 0.6% and 0.2% of all non-financial enterprises, respectively. Compared to the previous year, there was an increase in the number of large enterprises (by 0.8%) and a decrease in the number of small and medium-sized enterprises (by 1.1% and by 1.9%, respectively).

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Table 1. Basic data on non-financial enterprises by size class in 2022

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	2 349 755	2 283 379	48 217	14 341	3 818
Number of local units	2 410 897	2 283 379	55 612	30 950	40 956
Number of persons employed (as of 31 December)	10 291 375	4 377 576	1 025 599	1 534 865	3 353 335

As at December 31, 2022, 10 291.4 thousand persons were employed in the sector of non-financial enterprises, which means an increase by 0.6% y/y and an increase by 16.2% compared to 2010. In microenterprises worked 42.5% of all persons employed in non-financial enterprises, and in large enterprises (despite their small number) – 32.6%.

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Micro units recorded an increase in the number of the employed by 0.8% (i.e. by 33.2 thousand persons) compared to the previous year and by 28.8% compared to 2010. Large enterprises also recorded an increase in the number of the employed per year (by 2.0%), while small and medium-sized enterprises – a decrease (by 1.2% and by 1.7%, respectively).

In 2022, there were 2 345.9 thousand entities belonging to the SME sector (including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises), i.e. 99.8% of non-financial enterprises and 6 938.0 thousand persons working in them, i.e. over 2/3 of the employed in the entire sector of non-financial enterprises.

Kinds of economic activity in non-financial enterprises

In 2022, the largest number of enterprises still conducted trade (20.0% of the total non-financial enterprises) and construction activities (15.5%), despite the decrease in the number of enterprises year to year in these sections (by 4.5% and by 0.9%, respectively). In comparison with the previous year, the greatest increase in the number of units was again observed in information and communication (by 16.3%). Compared to 2010, the number of enterprises in this section more than tripled (with an increase in the total number of non-financial enterprises by 1/3).

Table 2. Number of non-financial enterprises by size class and NACE section in 2022

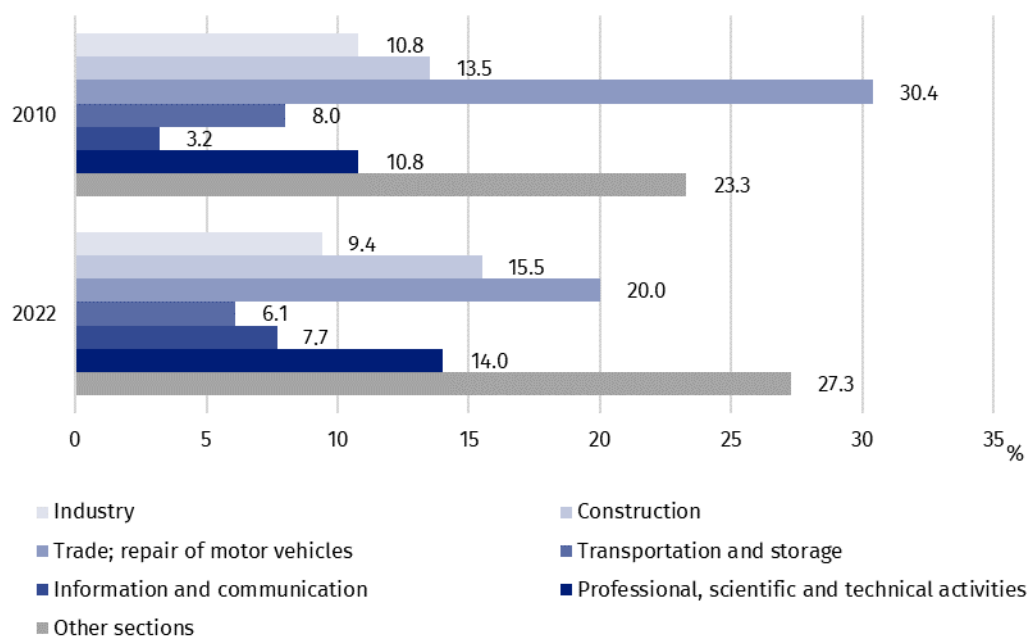
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Industry	221 036	200 221	12 646	6 247	1 922
Construction	363 723	356 097	6 460	1 048	118
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	469 142	453 061	12 692	2 869	520
Transportation and storage	144 055	139 309	3 497	968	281
Information and communication	180 311	177 811	1 709	596	195
Professional, scientific and technical activities	330 050	326 332	2 886	635	197
Other sections	641 438	630 548	8 327	1 978	585

The structure of non-financial enterprises sector, analysed by kind of business activity conducted, changed slightly in the years 2010–2022. Compared to 2010, there was a decrease in the share of trade units in the total number of enterprises (by 10.4 pp) and an increase in the share of units conducting information and communication activity as well as in the field of professional, scientific and technical activity (by 4.5 pp and 3.2 pp, respectively). The change in the share of the remaining sections was insignificant.

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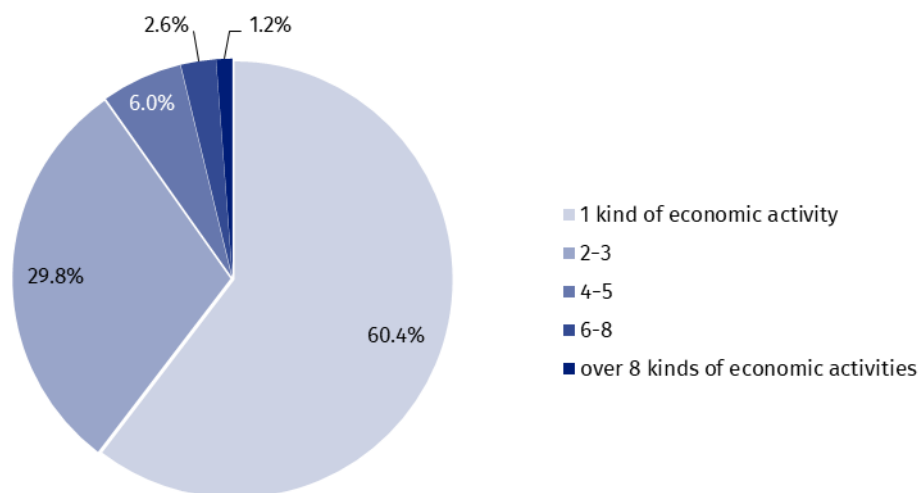
Chart 1. Structure of non-financial enterprises by NACE section



When analysing the sector of non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed, it was found that over 60% of entities conducted 1 kind of economic activity at the level of the NACE class. Running more than 3 kinds of economic activity was declared by no more than 10% of surveyed enterprises.

Over 90% of non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed ran no more than 3 kinds of economic activity in 2022

Chart 2. Structure of non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed by the number of kinds of conducted economic activity in 2022



Places of economic activity of non-financial enterprises

In 2022, the largest number of non-financial enterprises operated (according to the place of registered office) in the Mazowieckie (17.7% of the total), the Małopolskie (11.0% of the total) and the Śląskie Voivodships (10.5% of the total), and the lowest in the Opolskie Voivodship (2.0% of the total).

In 2022, non-financial enterprises (2 349.8 thousand) operated in 2 410.9 thousand of local units. In the Mazowieckie Voivodship there were located the largest number of all local units (17.8% of the total), while in the Opolskie Voivodship the smallest number – 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 2022

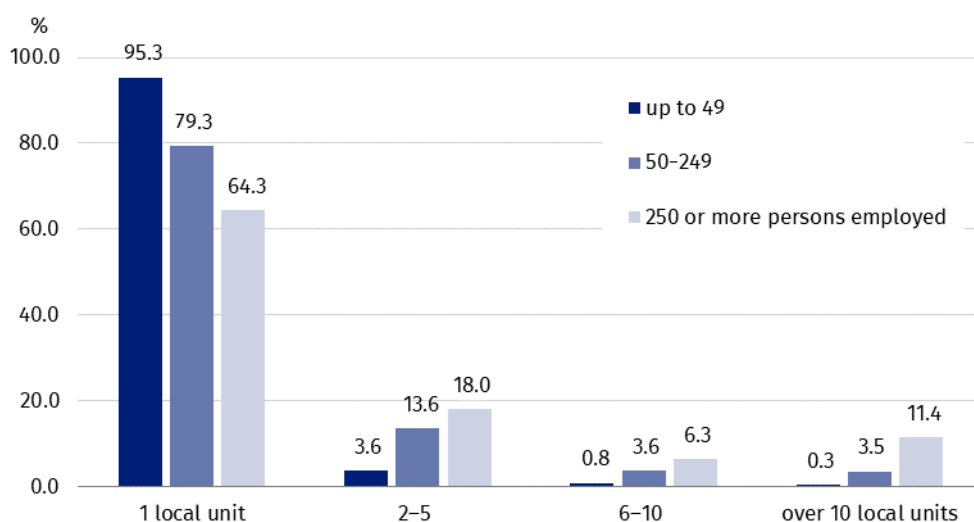
Voivodships	Number of enterprises	Number of local units
Total	2 349 755	2 410 897
Dolnośląskie	183 090	187 770
Kujawsko-pomorskie	117 914	120 213
Lubelskie	96 601	99 813
Lubuskie	51 607	52 413
Łódzkie	136 907	141 276
Małopolskie	257 916	261 669
Mazowieckie	417 035	428 318
Opolskie	47 809	48 661
Podkarpackie	100 819	103 137
Podlaskie	61 969	63 375
Pomorskie	179 384	182 862
Śląskie	247 591	253 046
Świętokrzyskie	54 276	55 955
Warmińsko-mazurskie	71 478	72 891
Wielkopolskie	218 196	230 159
Zachodniopomorskie	107 164	109 340

In 2022, in the Mazowieckie Voivodship there were 417.0 thousand of non-financial enterprises

An activity located in one place (i.e. one local unit) was performed by 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 5 local units (6.6% of the total). The percentage of entities running the most dispersed activity in terms of location (more than 10 local units) amounted to 1.6%.

In 2022, 90% of enterprises with 10 or more persons employed operated in only one place

Chart 3. Structure of non-financial enterprises with 10 or more persons employed by the number of local units and size class in 2022



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 7.1% and for small entities only 1.1%.

Enterprises with 10 or more persons employed showed 172 local units abroad, in which 13 266 persons worked as at December 31, 2022.

The data presented in this study concern non-financial enterprises (enterprise defined as one legal unit), 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); 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 publication "Activity of non-financial enterprises in 2022", which will be available in December 2023.

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