

Economic activity of enterprises with foreign capital in 2021

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 **7.4%**
y/y foreign capital growth

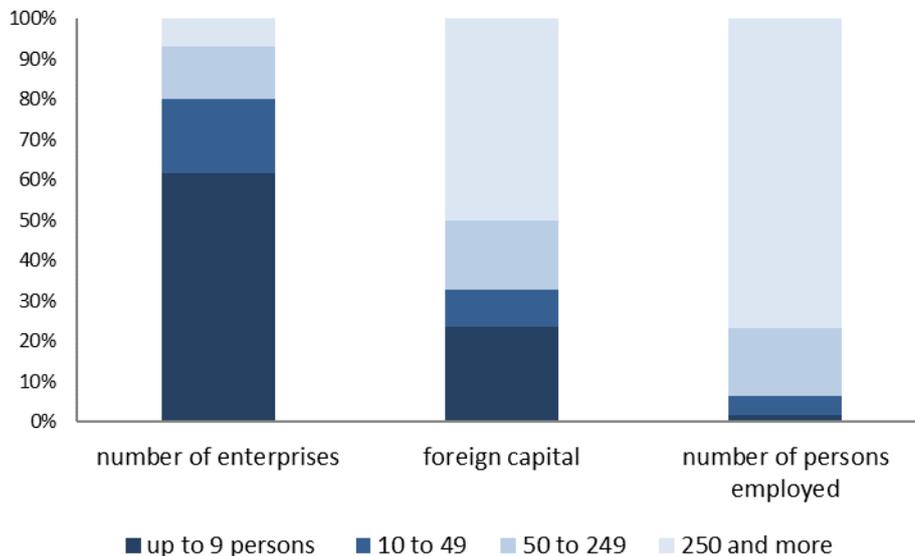
In 2021, 23.2 thousand enterprises with foreign capital conducted economic activity in Poland and the value of their foreign capital amounted to 231.5 billion PLN. Half of the foreign capital (50.1%) was located in entities with 250 and more persons employed. The largest number of entities operated in trade; repair of motor vehicles (24.8%) and the largest amount of foreign capital (36.8%) was involved in manufacturing.

Number of enterprises with foreign capital

The population of entities with foreign capital was dominated by micro and small units with the number of persons employed up to 49. They accounted for 80.1% of the total number of surveyed enterprises. Medium-sized entities (50-249 persons employed) accounted for 12.9% of the total group and large entities (250 and more persons employed) for 7.0%. The largest number of entities were engaged in activities related to trade; repair of motor vehicles (24.8%), manufacturing (19.9%), professional, scientific and technical activities (9.9%) and construction (8.9%).

Large enterprises, which were the least group (7.0%), had the largest amount of foreign capital (50.1%) and the largest number of persons employed (76.8%)

Chart 1. Structure of the number of enterprises, foreign capital and number of persons employed in 2021



Foreign capital

The share capital of enterprises with foreign capital amounted to 247 902.4 million PLN at the end of 2021. In its structure, foreign capital accounted for 93.4% and amounted to 231 500.9 million PLN. In large entities 50.1% of the total value of foreign capital was invested, 32.9% of foreign capital belonged to entities with a number of persons employed up to 49 persons employed (including 23.6% of foreign capital belonging to micro-enterprises) and 17.0% - to medium-sized enterprises.

Table 1. Value of capital by size class of enterprises in 2020-2021
(in million PLN)

Specification	Value of capital by size class of enterprises					
	total	up to 9 persons employed	10 - 49 persons employed	50 - 249 persons employed	250 and more persons employed	
Share capital	2020	232 126.4	52 255.2	14 331.6	39 445.3	126 094.3
	2021	247 902.4	58 254.7	22 915.2	40 509.8	126 222.7
including: domestic	2020	12 505.2	4 010.3	740.6	1 938.8	5 815.5
	2021	12 474.9	3 512.6	1 022.0	1 000.4	6 939.9
foreign	2020	215 567.3	48 208.9	13 303.4	37 336.7	116 718.3
	2021	231 500.9	54 662.1	21 551.6	39 387.4	115 899.8

The highest percentage of foreign capital (36.8%) was invested in entities operating in manufacturing. High share of foreign capital was recorded in trade; repair of motor vehicles – 18.1% and real estate activities – 12.1%.

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Table 2. Capital value by NACE section in 2021

NACE sections	Number of enterprises	Share capital			
		total	domestic	foreign	disper- sed
		in million PLN			
TOTAL	23 155	247 902.4	12 474.9	231 500.9	3 926.8
Mining and quarrying	77	842.4	26.4	813.2	2.8
Manufacturing	4 610	89 863.1	3 495.1	85 137.2	1 230.8
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	444	8 913.1	157.5	8 735.0	20.7
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation	111	1 205.2	231.0	952.1	22.1
Construction	2 066	12 300.2	889.8	11 185.5	224.9
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	5 753	42 728.1	422.2	42 013.0	293.0
Transport and storage	1 711	6 858.8	392.4	6 463.1	3.1
Accommodation and catering	611	3 852.4	269.4	3 582.9	0.0
Information and communication	1 794	24 390.8	3 549.6	18 964.3	1 876.8
Real estate activities	1 751	30 311.0	2 194.6	28 104.5	12.1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2 288	21 117.3	641.9	20 248.5	226.9
Administrative and support service activities	1 345	3 459.1	93.9	3 360.3	4.9
Other sections	594	2 060.9	111.1	1 941.3	8.7

Foreign capital in Poland at the end of 2021 came from 117 countries, mostly (85.1%) from EU countries. The countries that invested the most capital in Poland were the Netherlands (18.1% of total foreign capital), Germany (16.8%) and France (12.0%).

The dominant value of foreign capital came from EU countries - almost the half from the Netherlands, Germany and France

Table 3. Foreign capital by country of origin of major shareholders in 2021

Countries	Foreign capital of shareholders	Share of the country in total foreign capital
	in million PLN	%
TOTAL	231 500.9	100.0
including:		
EU countries	196 981.2	85.1
OECD countries	220 195.9	95.1
Of total:		
Netherlands	41 896.6	18.1
Germany	38 828.7	16.8
France	27 668.9	12.0
Luxembourg	22 055.4	9.5
Spain	14 692.8	6.4
Denmark	8 926.1	3.9
South Korea	8 480.4	3.7
United Kingdom	8 021.0	3.5
Belgium	7 594.3	3.3
Cyprus	7 564.7	3.3
Austria	7 240.4	3.1
Switzerland	7 171.5	3.1
Italy	6 164.7	2.7
Sweden	5 429.8	2.4
United States of America	4 295.3	1.9
Finland	2 311.5	1.0

Number of persons employed

At the end of 2021, enterprises with foreign capital employed 2 113.8 thousand persons. Large entities constituted the workplace for 76.8% of persons employed in enterprises with foreign capital. Manufacturing enterprises employed 44.5% of the total number of persons employed in analysed population, whereas those involved in trade; repair of motor vehicles – 23.6%. On average, 91 persons were employed in an enterprise with foreign capital, including 1 002 persons in a large entity, 118 in a medium-sized entity, 24 in a small entity and 3 persons in a micro-enterprise.

Basic financial results

In 2021, enterprises with foreign capital earned total revenues of 2 168 916.0 million PLN. 94.0% of these revenues were generated by entities employing 10 and more persons. The total costs amounted to 2 030 102.8 million PLN. The highest total revenues were achieved by enterprises engaged in manufacturing (907 201.3 million PLN which accounted for 41.8% of the revenues of all entities with foreign capital), as well as in trade; repair of motor vehicles (796 700.1 million PLN which constituted 36.7% of total revenues).

More than 52% of the surveyed enterprises with foreign capital obtained revenues from the sale of products, goods and materials for export. The highest percentage of entities obtaining revenues from export sales was involved in manufacturing and trade; repair of motor vehicles (31.1% and 28.3% of exporting entities, respectively).

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Terms used in official statistics

[Total revenues](#)

[Net revenues from sale of products, goods and materials](#)

[Total costs](#)

[Share capital](#)

[Foreign capital](#)