

Economic activity of enterprises with foreign capital in 2022

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y/y foreign capital growth

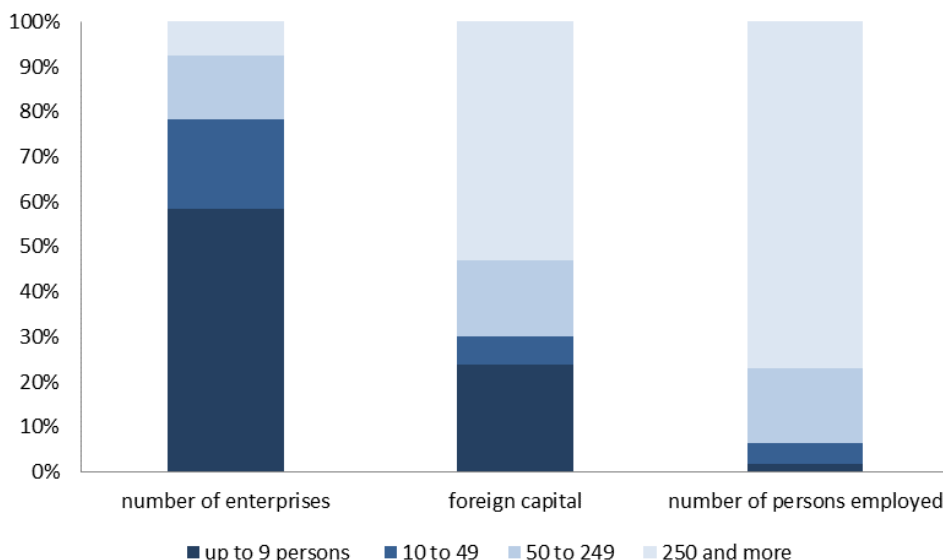
In 2022, 22.2 thousand enterprises with foreign capital conducted economic activity in Poland and the value of their foreign capital amounted to 233.7 billion PLN. Over half of the foreign capital (53.1%) was located in entities with 250 and more persons employed. The largest number of entities operated in trade; repair of motor vehicles (24.4%) and the largest amount of foreign capital (39.0%) 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 78.3% of the total number of surveyed enterprises. Medium-sized entities (50-249 persons employed) accounted for 14.1% of the total population of entities with foreign capital and large enterprises (250 and more persons employed) for 7.6%. The largest number of entities were engaged in activities related to trade; repair of motor vehicles (24.4%), manufacturing (19.8%), professional, scientific and technical activities (9.9%) and construction (8.7%).

Large enterprises, which were the smallest group (7.6%), had the largest amount of foreign capital (53.1%) and the largest number of persons employed (76.9%)

Chart 1. Structure of the number of enterprises, foreign capital and number of persons employed in 2022



Foreign capital

The share capital of enterprises with foreign capital amounted to 248.6 billion PLN at the end of 2022. In its structure, foreign capital accounted for 94.0% and amounted to 233.7 billion PLN. In large entities there was 53.1% of the total value of foreign capital, 30.0% of foreign capital belonged to entities with a number of persons employed up to 49 persons employed (including 23.8% of foreign capital belonging to micro-enterprises) and 16.9% - to medium-sized enterprises.

Table 1. Value of capital by size class of enterprises in 2021-2022
(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					
2021	247 902.4	58 254.7	22 915.2	40 509.8	126 222.7
2022	248 560.3	57 908.2	15 613.8	40 838.5	134 199.8
including: domestic					
2021	12 474.9	3 512.6	1 022.0	1 000.4	6 939.9
2022	11 492.2	2 193.6	869.4	1 228.5	7 200.7
foreign					
2021	231 500.9	54 662.1	21 551.6	39 387.4	115 899.8
2022	233 686.0	55 665.7	14 402.9	39 421.7	124 195.7

The highest percentage of foreign capital (39.0%) was invested in entities operating in manufacturing. High share of foreign capital was recorded in trade; repair of motor vehicles – 18.4% and real estate activities – 12.2%.

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Table 2. Capital value by NACE section in 2022

NACE sections	Number of enterprises	Share capital			
		total	domestic	foreign	dispersed
		in million PLN			
Total	22 204	248 560.3	11 492.2	233 686.0	3 381.9
Mining and quarrying	70	849.3	26.5	819.9	2.8
Manufacturing	4 388	95 544.4	3 333.0	91 189.0	1 022.3
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	430	9 034.4	167.6	8 849.7	17.2
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation	109	1 115.4	228.9	864.3	22.2
Construction	1 942	12 474.9	562.1	11 719.5	193.3
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	5 425	43 706.7	346.9	43 050.8	309.0
Transport and storage	1 627	6 532.9	242.9	6 286.9	3.1
Accommodation and catering	573	3 447.9	96.7	3 351.3	0.0
Information and communication	1 827	24 471.8	3 831.5	19 082.8	1 557.3
Real estate activities	1 753	30 543.1	2 037.5	28 492.5	13.1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2 202	15 388.6	454.4	14 702.4	231.9
Administrative and support service activities	1 315	3 312.9	58.0	3 251.9	3.0
Other sections	543	2 138.0	106.0	2 025.1	6.9

Foreign capital in Poland at the end of 2022 came from 117 countries, mostly (84.7%) from EU countries. The countries that invested the most capital in Poland were the Netherlands (19.5% of total foreign capital), Germany (17.0%) and France (12.5%).

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 2022

Countries	Foreign capital of shareholders	Share of the country in total foreign capital
	w mln zł	%
Total	233 686.0	100.0
including:		
EU countries	197 821.2	84.65
OECD countries	221 941.5	94.97
of total:		
Netherlands	45 573.8	19.5
Germany	39 807.6	17.0
France	29 193.5	12.5
Luxembourg	21 848.1	9.4
South Korea	9 795.6	4.2
Denmark	9 602.1	4.1
United Kingdom	8 851.4	3.8
Belgium	7 838.8	3.4
Cyparys	7 738.3	3.3
Austria	7 737.9	3.3
Spain	7 484.5	3.2
Switzerland	7 173.0	3.1
Italy	5 761.2	2.5
Sweden	5 472.6	2.3
United States of America	3 154.6	1.4
Finland	2 343.1	1.0

Number of persons employed

At the end of 2022, enterprises with foreign capital employed 2 185.3 thousand persons. Large entities constituted the workplace for 76.9% of persons employed in enterprises with foreign capital. Manufacturing enterprises employed 44.0% of the total number of persons employed in analysed population, whereas those involved in trade; repair of motor vehicles – 22.7%. On average, 98 persons were employed in an enterprise with foreign capital, including 993 persons in a large entity, 117 in a medium-sized entity, 24 in a small entity and 3 persons in a micro-enterprise.

Basic financial results

In 2022, enterprises with foreign capital earned total revenues of 2 675.1 billion PLN. 95.1% of these revenues were generated by entities employing 10 and more persons. The total costs

amounted to 2 544.0 billion PLN. The highest total revenues were achieved by enterprises engaged in manufacturing (1 140.2 billion PLN which accounted for 42.6% of the revenues of all entities with foreign capital), as well as in trade; repair of motor vehicles (974.9 billion PLN which constituted 36.4% of total revenues).

More than 53% 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 (30.5% and 27.8% of exporting entities, respectively).

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