

# Pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2020

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Increase in the number of pharmacists employed in generally available pharmacies, dispensaries and pharmaceutical outlets compared to 2019

At the end of 2020, there were operating 12.1 thousand pharmacies (generally available and dispensaries) and 1.2 thousand pharmaceutical outlets in which 59.1 thousand pharmacists and pharmaceutical technicians were employed.

## Pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

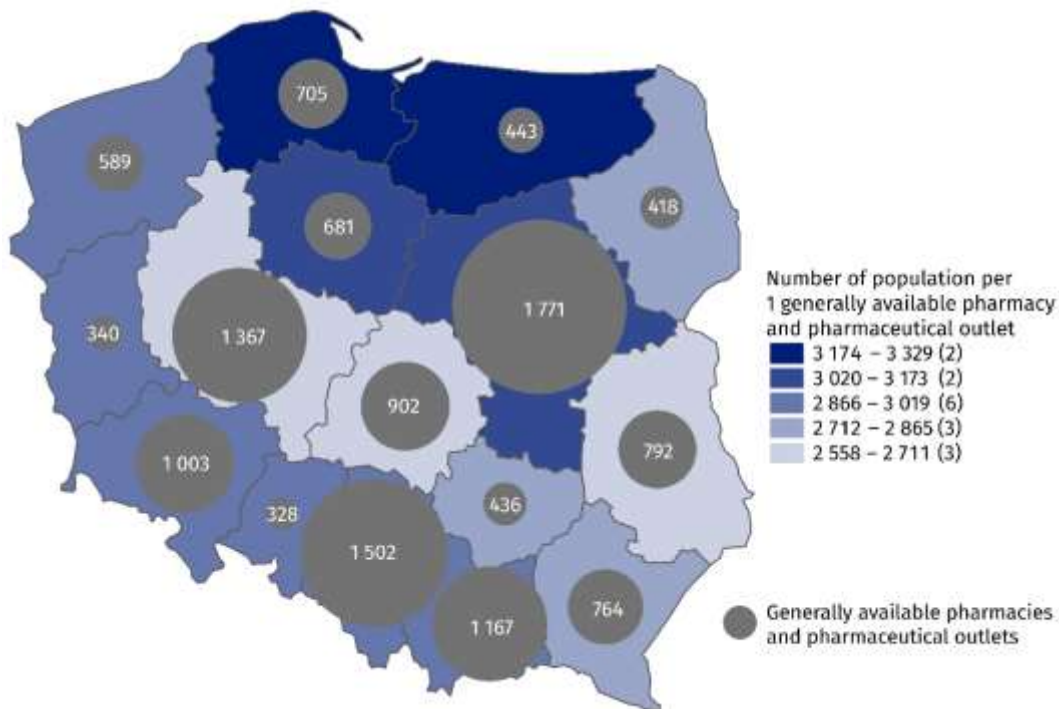
At the end of 2020, there were operating 12.1 thousand generally available pharmacies (decrease of 1.9% in comparison with the previous year), 24 dispensaries (as in 2019) and 1.2 thousand pharmaceutical outlets (by 3.2% less than a year earlier).

The night duties were fulfilled permanently by 2.8% generally available pharmacies, as well as temporarily by 19.3% pharmacies. The sales of medical products by mail order using the website (via e-pharmacies) were carried out by 223 pharmacies and 6 pharmaceutical outlets.

In Poland, there were on average 2 897 persons per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet (by 49 more than in the previous year). Like a year earlier, the highest number of inhabitants per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet was recorded in Pomorskie Voivodship (3 329), while the lowest – in Wielkopolskie Voivodship (2 558).

### Map 1. Generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2020

As of 31 December



At the national level the number of population per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet amounted to 2 897 persons

## Employed in pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

As of 31 December 2020, generally available pharmacies, dispensaries and pharmaceutical outlets employed 64.8 thousand employees<sup>1</sup>, of which 26.2 thousand pharmacists (increase by 0.5% compared to 2019) and 32.9 thousand pharmaceutical technicians (by 1.3% less than a year earlier). Like a year earlier, the vast majority of employees were females (83.0% of pharmacists and 94.2% of pharmaceutical technicians).

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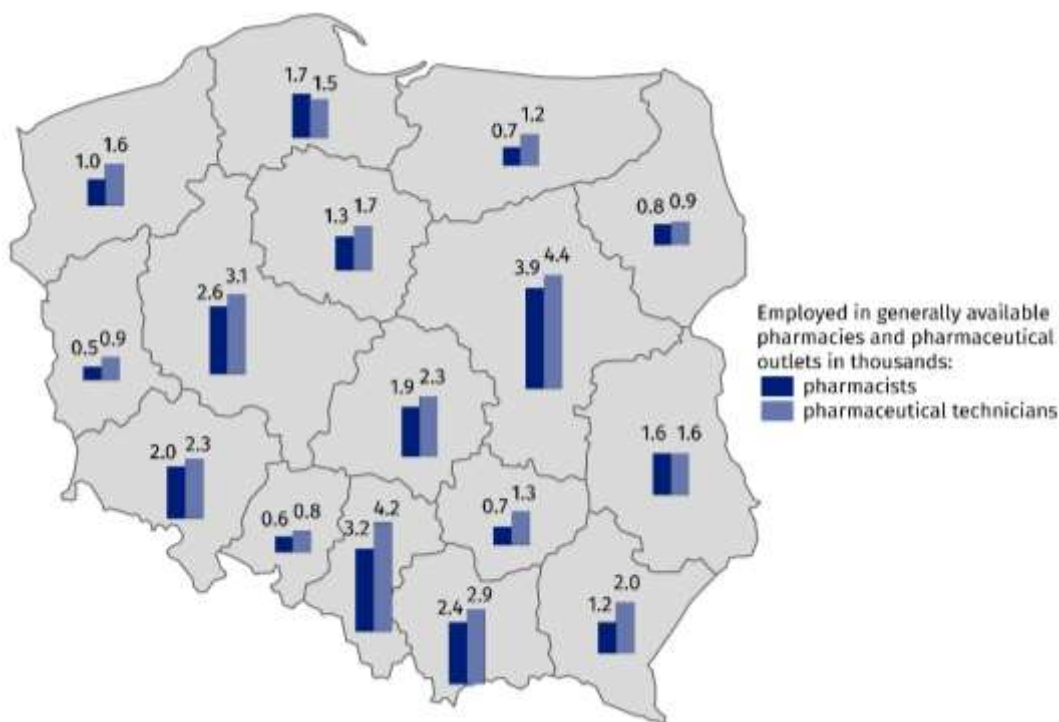
**Table 1. Employed in pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2020**

As of 31 December

SPECIFICATION	Employees total	Of which	
		pharmacists	pharmaceutical technicians
	in thousands		
Generally available pharmacies	63.0	26.0	31.4
Dispensaries	0.2	0.1	0.1
Pharmaceutical outlets	1.7	0.1	1.5

**Map 2. Employed in generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2020**

As of 31 December



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<sup>1</sup>Concerns employed persons for whom this is the main workplace. Total number of employed covers all employees in an establishment, including non-medical staff (e.g. cashiers, manual workers) as well as owners and co-owners of pharmacies.

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