

# Pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2023

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↓ 1.6%

Decrease in the number of generally available pharmacies compared to 2022

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## Pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

At the end of 2023, there were operating 11.5 thousand generally available pharmacies (decrease of 1.6% in comparison with the previous year) and 1.1 thousand pharmaceutical outlets (by 2.5% less than a year earlier). Additionally, there were 24 dispensaries (as in 2022).

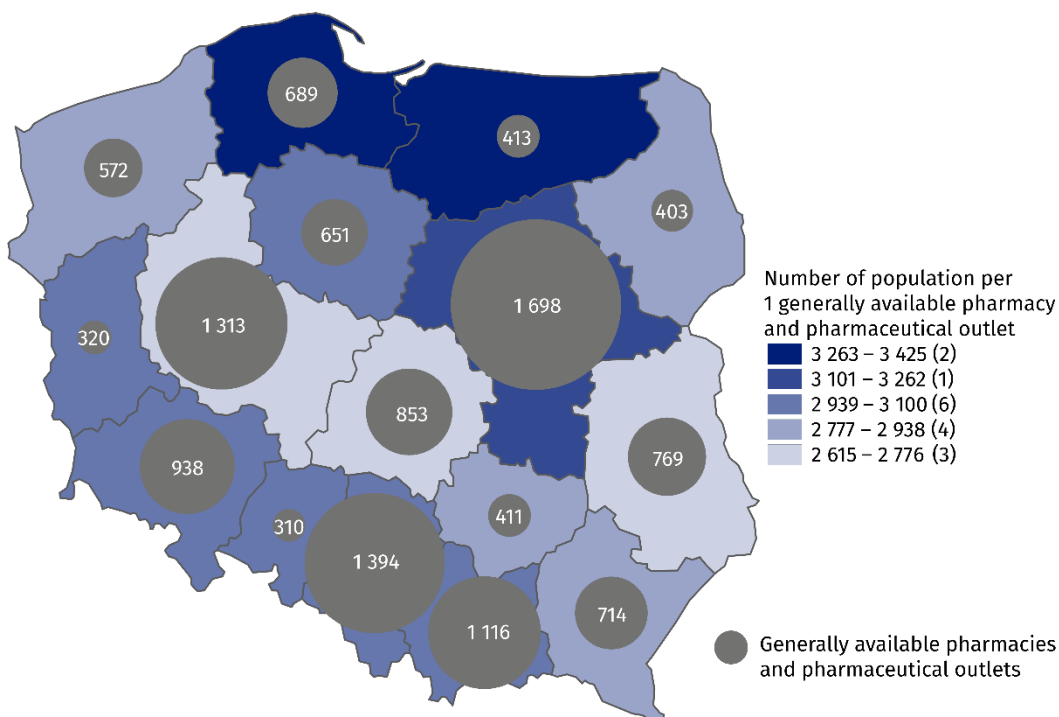
The night duties were fulfilled permanently by 2.2% generally available pharmacies, temporarily – by 15.3% pharmacies. The sales of medical products by mail order using the website (via e-pharmacies) were carried out by 197 pharmacies and 6 pharmaceutical outlets.

There were on average 2 996 persons per one generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet (by 40 more than in the previous year). The highest number of inhabitants per one generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet was recorded in Pomorskie Voivodship (3 425), while the lowest – in Lubelskie Voivodship (2 615).

The number of population per one generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet amounted to 2 996 persons

### Map 1. Generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2023

As of 31 December



## Employed in pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

As of 31 December 2023, generally available pharmacies, dispensaries and pharmaceutical outlets employed 63.2 thousand employees<sup>1</sup>, of which 25.9 thousand pharmacists and 31.9 thousand pharmaceutical technicians (compared to 2022 respectively increase by 0.4% and decrease by 0.3%). Like a year earlier, the vast majority of employees were females (83.4% of pharmacists and 94.6% of pharmaceutical technicians).

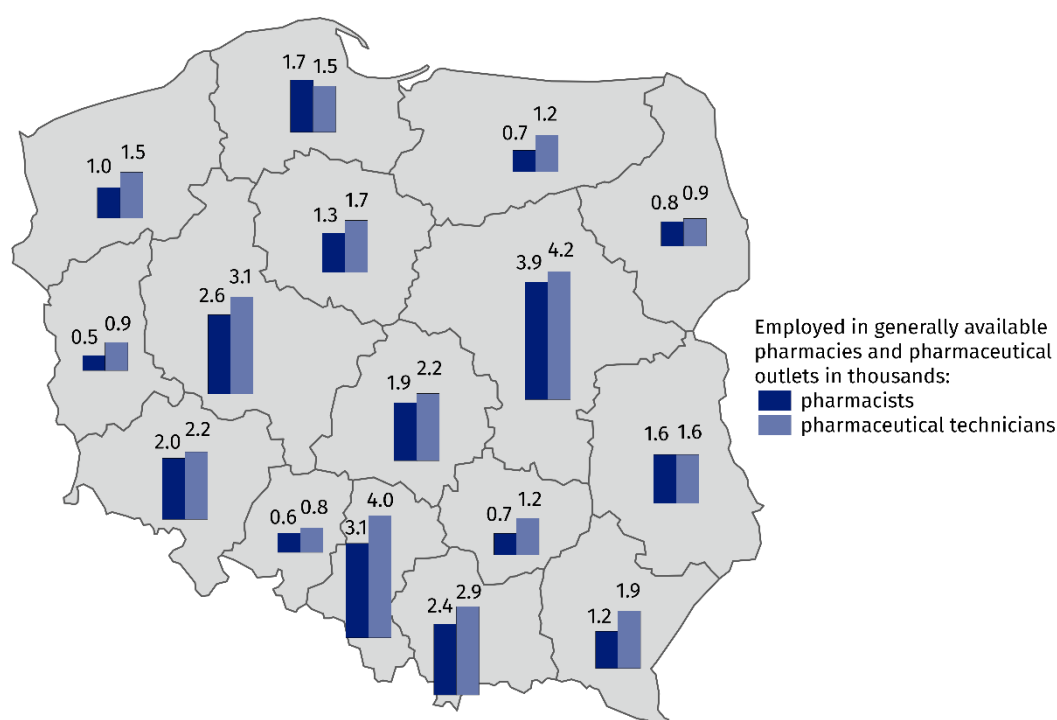
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**Table 1. Employed in pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2023**

Specification	Total	Of which	
		pharmacists	pharmaceutical technicians
Generally available pharmacies	61358	25701	30379
Dispensaries	209	91	53
Pharmaceutical outlets	1655	130	1450

**Map 2. Employed in generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2023**

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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[Dispensary](#)

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