

Economic activity of enterprises with foreign capital in 2020



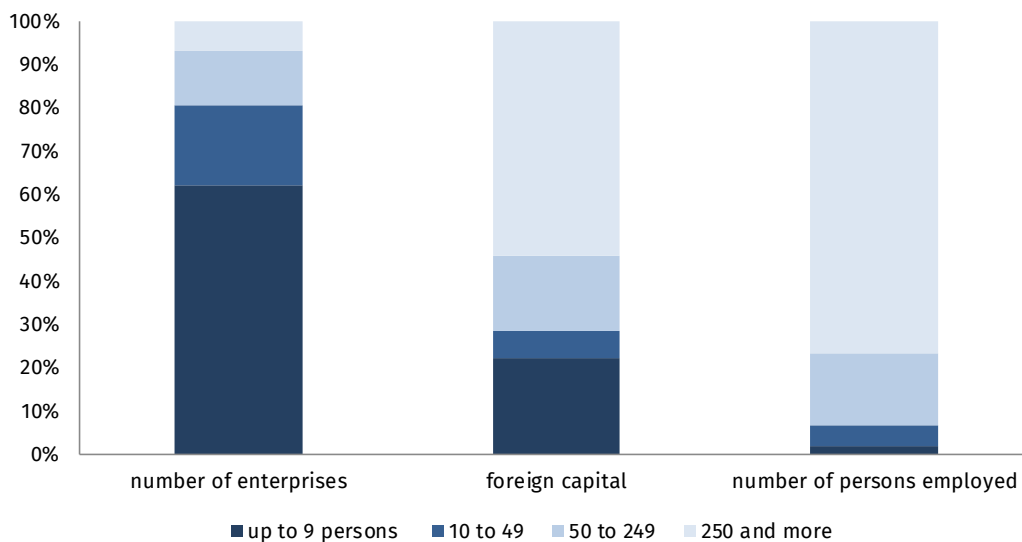
In 2020, 23.2 thousand enterprises with foreign capital conducted economic activity in Poland and the value of their foreign capital amounted to 215.6 billion PLN. More than half (54.1%) of the foreign capital was located in entities with 250 and more persons employed. The largest number of entities operated in trade; repair of motor vehicles (26.7%) and the largest amount of foreign capital (38.1%) 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 80.6% of the total number of surveyed enterprises. Medium-sized entities (50-249 persons employed) accounted for 12.7% of the total group and large entities (250 and more persons employed) for 6.7%. The largest number of entities were engaged in activities related to trade; repair of motor vehicles (26.7%), manufacturing (19.5%), professional, scientific and technical activities (9.6%) and construction (8.8%).

Large enterprises, which were the least group (6.7%), had the largest amount of foreign capital (54.1%) and persons employed (76.6%)

Chart 1. Structure of the number of enterprises, foreign capital and number of persons employed in 2020



Foreign capital

The share capital of enterprises with foreign capital amounted to 232 126.4 million PLN at the end of 2020. In its structure, foreign capital accounted for 92.9% and amounted to 215 567.3 million PLN. In large entities 54.1% of the total value of foreign capital was invested, 28.6% of foreign capital belonged to entities with a number of persons employed up to 49 persons employed (including 22.4% of foreign capital belonging to micro-enterprises) and 17.3% - to medium-sized enterprises.

Table 1. Value of capital by size class of enterprises in 2019-2020
(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					
2019	220 409.7	47 535.2	15 397.8	33 321.4	124 155.3
2020	232 126.4	52 255.2	14 331.6	39 445.3	126 094.3
including:					
domestic					
2019	9 833.5	2 634.1	890.0	1 175.6	5 133.8
2020	12 505.2	4 010.3	740.6	1 938.8	5 815.5
foreign					
2019	206 549.1	44 877.5	14 226.0	31 983.2	115 462.4
2020	215 567.3	48 208.9	13 303.4	37 336.7	116 718.3

The largest amount of foreign capital (38.1%) was engaged in manufacturing

The highest percentage of foreign capital (38.1%) was invested in entities operating in manufacturing. High share of foreign capital was recorded in trade; repair of motor vehicles - 20.7% and real estate activities - 10.4%.

Table 2. Capital value by NACE section in 2020

NACE sections	Number of enterprises	Share capital			
		total	domestic	foreign	disper- sed
		in million PLN			
TOTAL	23 203	232 126.4	12 505.2	215 567.3	4 054.1
Mining and quarrying	92	1 990.9	26.3	1 964.6	0.0
Manufacturing	4 526	86 801.2	3 364.2	82 223.7	1 213.2
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	459	9 157.6	794.3	8 342.9	20.7
Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation	115	1 136.6	212.5	898.8	25.3
Construction	2 040	11 745.0	561.0	10 960.1	224.0
Trade; repair of motor vehicles	6 184	45 298.7	397.8	44 610.4	290.5
Transport and storage	1 637	6 550.8	248.0	6 300.0	2.9
Accommodation and catering	651	2 982.5	154.4	2 828.0	0.0
Information and communication	1 713	23 474.8	3 030.6	18 422.3	2 021.8
Real estate activities	1 650	24 629.5	2 160.1	22 444.0	25.3
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2 218	13 374.8	1 395.8	11 787.9	190.9
Administrative and support service activities	1 315	3 106.9	46.0	3 053.9	6.9
Other sections	603	1 877.5	113.9	1 730.8	32.6

Foreign capital invested in Poland at the end of 2020 came from 116 countries, mostly (84.5%) from EU countries. The countries that invested the most capital in Poland were the Netherlands (22.5% of total foreign capital), Germany (16.3%) and France (12.3%).

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

Table 3. Foreign capital by country of origin of major shareholders in 2020

Countries	Foreign capital of shareholders	Share of the country in total foreign capital
	in million PLN	%
TOTAL	215 567.1	100.0
including:		
EU countries	182 099.2	84.5
OECD countries	203 607.2	94.5
Of total:		
Netherlands	48 516.1	22.5
Germany	35 040.2	16.3
France	26 465.0	12.3
Luxembourg	20 769.6	9.6
South Korea	8 348.7	3.9
United Kingdom	8 058.1	3.7
Cyprus	8 014.1	3.7
Austria	6 832.7	3.2
Switzerland	6 291.6	2.9
Belgium	6 247.4	2.9
Spain	5 872.5	2.7
Italy	5 733.3	2.7
Sweden	5 361.0	2.5
Denmark	4 101.5	1.9
United States of America	3 917.0	1.8
Finland	2 211.3	1.0

Number of persons employed

At the end of 2020, enterprises with foreign capital employed 2 067.1 persons. Large entities constituted the workplace for 76.6% of persons employed in enterprises with foreign capital. Manufacturing enterprises employed 44.8% of the total number of persons employed in analysed population, whereas those involved in trade; repair of motor vehicles - 23.9%. On average, 89 persons were employed in an enterprise with foreign capital, including 1 019 persons in a large entity, 117 in a medium-sized entity, 24 in a small entity and 3 persons in a micro-entity.

Basic financial results

In 2020, enterprises with foreign capital earned total revenues of 1 755 435.3 million PLN. 95.7% of these revenues were generated by entities employing 10 and more persons. The total costs amounted to 1 687 018.2 million PLN. The highest total revenues were achieved by enterprises engaged in manufacturing (736 053.4 million PLN which accounted for 41.9% of the revenues of all entities with foreign capital), as well as in trade; repair of motor vehicles (657 997.9 million PLN which constituted 37.5% of total revenues).

More than 50% 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 28.9% of exporting entities, respectively).

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

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