

Pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2019

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Decrease in the number of generally available pharmacies compared to 2018

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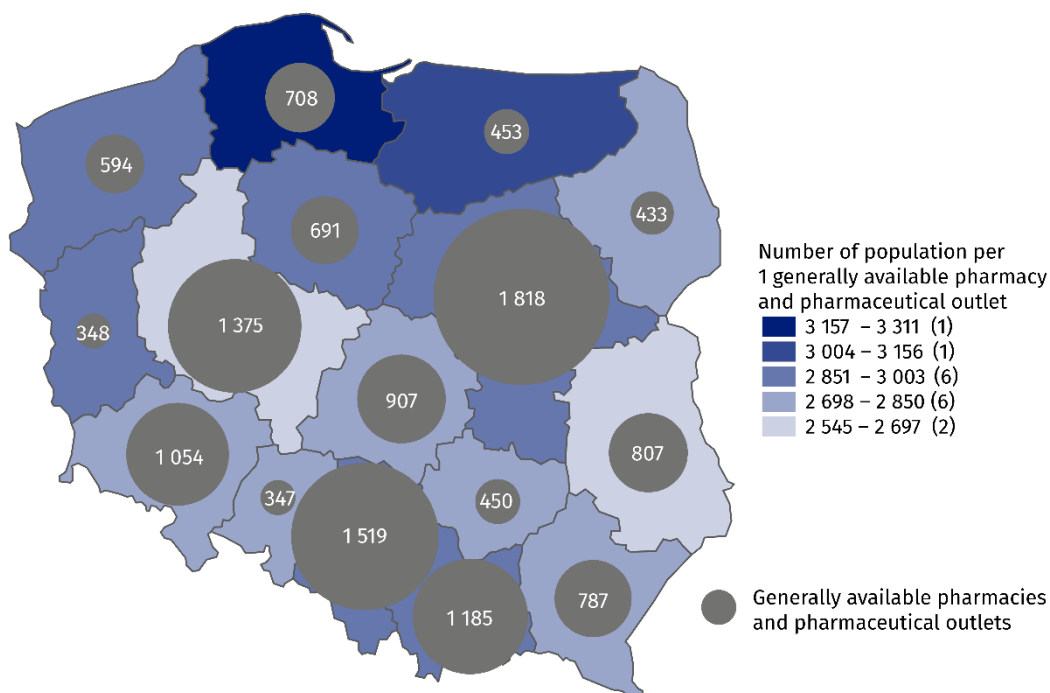
At the end of 2019, there were operating 12.3 thousand generally available pharmacies (decrease of 4.8% in comparison with the previous year), 24 dispensaries (as in 2018) and 1.2 thousand pharmaceutical outlets (by 4.3% less than a year earlier).

The night duties were fulfilled permanently by 2.9% pharmacies, where of temporarily by 20.8% pharmacies. The sales of medical products by mail order using the website (via e-pharmacies) were declared by 284 pharmacies and 5 pharmaceutical outlets.

In Poland, there were on average 2 848 persons per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet (by 132 more than in the previous year). The highest number of inhabitants per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet was recorded in Pomorskie Voivodship (3 311), while the lowest – in Wielkopolskie Voivodship (2 545).

Map 1. Generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2019

As of 31st December



At the national level the number of population per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet amounted to 2 848 persons

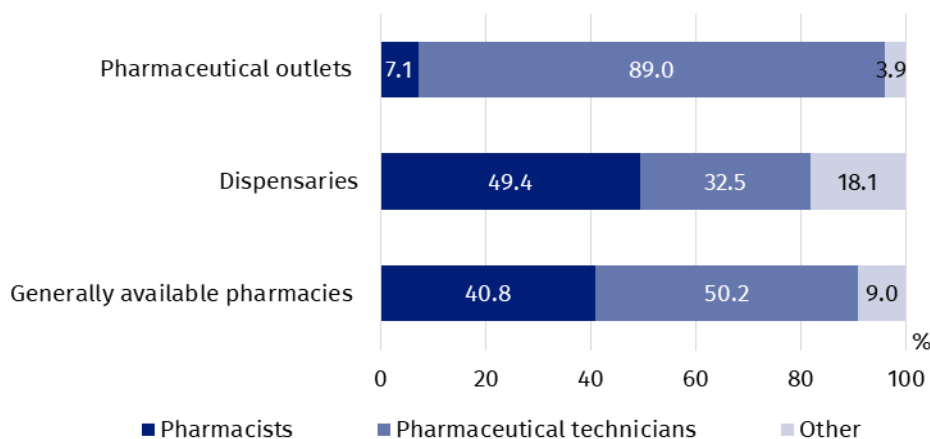
Employed in pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

As of 31st December 2019, generally available pharmacies, dispensaries and pharmaceutical outlets employed 65.3 thousand employees¹, of which 26.1 thousand pharmacists (decrease by 2.1% compared to 2018) and 33.3 thousand pharmaceutical technicians (by 0.9% less than a year earlier). The vast majority of employees were females (almost 83% of pharmacists and over 95% of pharmaceutical technicians).

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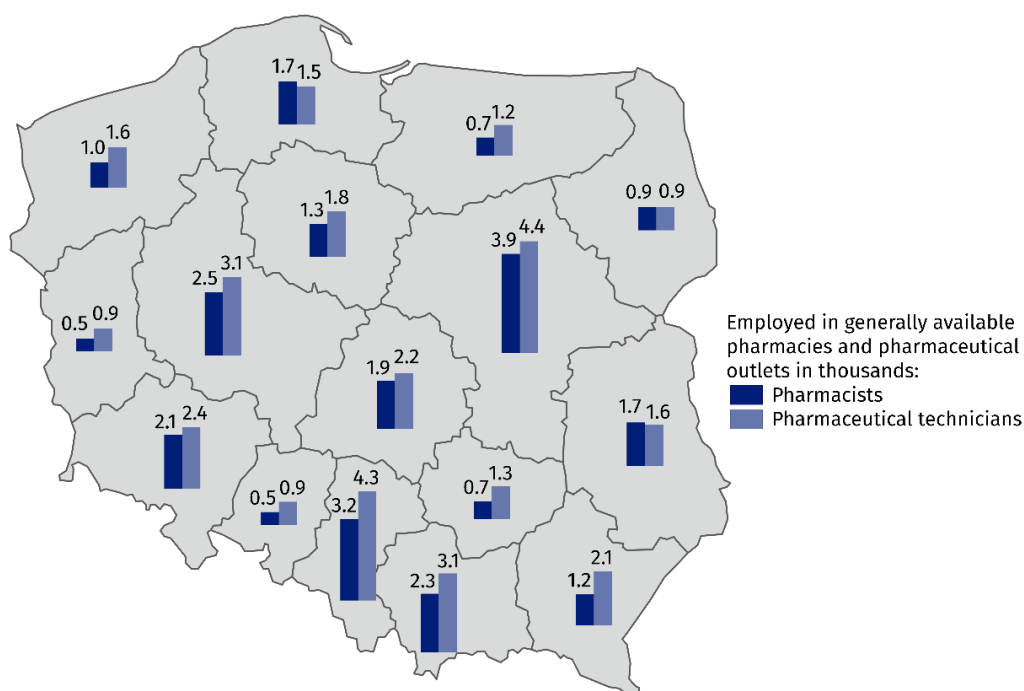
Chart 1. Structure of employed in pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2019

As of 31st December



Map 2. Employed in generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets by voivodships in 2019

As of 31st December



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¹Concerns 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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