

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE IV QUARTER OF 2005

The number of the unemployed registered in the labour offices at the end of December 2005 amounted to 2,733.0 thous. persons (among which 1,486.4 thous. were women), it was higher than the one observed at the end of the previous quarter by 12.9 thous. persons (i.e. by 0.5%), while compared to the same period of the previous year, it was lower by 226.6 thous. persons (by 7.6%).

Compared to the end of the previous quarter, a decrease in unemployment was observed among the female population by 19.5 thous. (i.e. by 1.3%). Meanwhile, the number of unemployed men increases by 32.4 thous. (i.e. by 2.6%). Compared to December 2004, a decrease in the number of the unemployed was observed in both populations: male and female. The number of men registered in the labour offices decreased over the year by 144.5 thous. (i.e. by 10.1%), while the number of women dropped by 82.1 thous. (i.e. by 5.2%).

**Tabl. 1. Registered unemployed persons and unemployment rate
As of end of period**

Speciification	2004				2005			
	quarter							
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
Registered nemplojed persons (in thousands persons)	3,265.8	3,071.2	2,970.9	2,999.6	3,052.6	2,827.4	2,760.1	2,773.0
men	1,617.5	1,465.2	1,387.1	1,431.1	1,487.9	1,317.8	1,254.1	1,286.6
women	1,648.2	1,606.0	1,583.8	1,568.5	1,564.7	1,509.6	1,506.0	1,486.4
of the number of unemployed:								
Previously not employed	779.5	742.0	735.0	708.2	694.2	679.8	681.9	656.6
Dismissed for company reasons	184.3	169.7	154.6	146.0	140.5	129.0	119.6	110.6
Possessing benefis rights	490.2	439.9	406.0	425.8	420.4	358.9	340.5	374.3
Unemployment rate in %	20.4	19.4	18.9	19.0	19.2	18.0	17.6	17.6

Compared to the previous quarter, at the end of December 2005, a decrease in the number of the unemployed was observed in four voivodships: Pomorskie (by 3.9%), Śląskie (by 2.4%), Lubuskie (by 2.2%) and Mazowieckie (by 0.9%). Whereas an increase in the number of the unemplojed was observed in other voivodships. The highest increase took place in voivodships: Podlaskie (by 5.0%), Podkarpackie (by 3.1%), Lubelskie (by 2.8%), Opolskie (by 2.7%) and Zachodniopomorskie (by 2.4%).

Compared to December 2004, unemployment decreased in all voivodships, the most significant decline took place in voivodships: Pomorskie (by 11.0%), Lubuskie (10.3%), Dolnośląskie and Śląskie (by 9.2% each), Łódzkie (by 9.1%).

The **unemployment rate** at the end of December 2005 comprised 17.6% of the economically active civilian population¹⁾, (similarly to the end of the III quarter of 2005), while it was by 1.4 point lower than in December 2004. There was still observed a very high territorial differentiation of unemployment. The highest unemployment rate was observed in voivodships: Warmińsko-Mazurskie (27.5%), Zachodniopomorskie (25.6%), Lubuskie (23.3%) and Kujawsko-Pomorskie (22.3%). The lowest unemployment rate characterised voivodships: Małopolskie and Mazowieckie (by 13.8% each), Wielkopolskie (14.6%) and Podlaskie (15.5%).

In the IV quarter of 2005, there **were registered** 761.6 thous. unemployed persons in the labour offices, i.e. by 34.4 thous. persons more than in the same period of 2004. The highest number of the newly registered was observed in December (254.0 thous.), while the lowest - in October (253.7 thous.). Over the IV quarter of 2005, the highest increase in unemployment was observed in voivodships: Śląskie (by 82.0 thous persons), Mazowieckie (by 77.0 thous.), Dolnośląskie (by 69.5 thous.), and Wielkopolskie (by 64.9 thous. persons). The majority of the newly registered constituted men, their share in the total number of the newly registered in the labour offices amounted to 55.0%.

Among the total number of the newly registered unemployed persons in the IV quarter – 615.6 thous. comprised re-entrants to the unemployment rolls of the labour offices (the last year they comprised 579.6 thous. persons), while 218.9 thous. of the newly registering comprised persons who had never worked before, their percentage share amounted to 28.7% (in the previous year the respective figures were: 196.6 thousand persons and 27.0%). Persons aged up to 25 years constituted 38.1% of the total number of the newly registered over the presented period. The number of persons dismissed due to company reasons amounted to 15.6 thous. persons, i.e. 2.1% of the total number of the newly registered (the year ago it was 19.1 thous. and 2.6% respectively). Among the persons newly registered in December 2005 - 39.5% lived in rural areas (last year – 38.7%).

¹⁾ Unemployment rate was calculated as percentage share of the unemployed in the total number of economically active population.

In the IV quarter of 2005, the number of people **removed from unemployment** rolls of the labour offices amounted to 748.7 thous. persons (it was 698.4 thous. people in the previous year). The highest number of people (301.6 thous.) were removed from unemployment rolls in October, while the lowest in December – 203.9 thous. persons. More persons than the last year were removed from unemployment rolls due to undertaking a job; nevertheless it remained the main reason of leaving unemployment; 323.2 thous. of the unemployed (i.e. 43.2% of the total number of persons removed from unemployment rolls of the labour offices) received jobs, while in the previous year it was 292.3 thous. unemployed persons (41.9%). The non-subsidized jobs (including seasonal ones) took 273.4 thous. persons, while the subsidized (i.a. intervention and public works) – took 49.7 thousand persons. In the IV quarter of 2005 – 253.7 thous. of unemployed persons did not confirm their readiness to take a job, which comprised 33.9% of the total number of the unemployed removed from unemployment rolls (in the previous year it was respectively 244.2 thous. persons and 35.0%). Among other reasons for removing from unemployment rolls should be mentioned: beginning training or traineeship with the employer – 85.5 thous. (in the previous year it was 95.5 thous.), voluntary resignation from a status of the unemployed – 25.1 thous. persons (in the previous year 23.4 thous.), acquisition of rights for the retirement pay or pension – 5.6 thous. persons (as compared to 6.8 thous. in the previous year).

Tabl. 2. Newly registered unemployed persons and removed from unemployment
During the reference period

Specification	2004				2005			
	quarters							
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV
	in thousands							
Total number of the newly registered unemployed persons	690.5	579.6	686.9	727.2	673.3	600.3	758.0	761.6
of the total number:								
registered for the first time	163.5	165.3	217.3	147.6	134.3	163.9	221.1	145.0
re-registered persons	527.0	414.2	469.6	579.6	539.1	436.4	536.9	615.6
Total number of the unemployed persons removed from unemployment rolls	600.4	774.2	787.2	698.4	620.4	825.5	825.3	748.7
in which:								
received jobs	308.8	417.9	345.5	292.3	288.0	404.0	350.7	323.2
in which:								
subsidized	52.6	76.4	30.9	38.4	36.4	59.5	41.1	49.7
non-subsidized	256.5	341.5	314.6	254.0	251.6	344.5	309.6	273.4

Among the **persons whose situation on the labour market was specific** belong, i.a., the long-term unemployed persons. Their share in the total number of the registered amounted at the end of December 2005 to 66.0% (1,828.8 thous. persons). Persons aged up to 25 years constituted 22.6% of the total number of the unemployed (626.8 thousand persons), while persons aged over 50 – 15.9% (440.4 thous. persons).

The share of registered unemployed persons who did not have occupational qualifications amounted to 24.4% of the total number of the registered unemployed (676.6 thous.); 3.4% comprised single parents (93.2 thous), while 2.8% constituted disabled persons (76.8 thous. persons).

In the presented period, 12.8 thous. persons took intervention works (last year – 13.4 thous) due to the aid offered by labour offices, 17.4 thous. persons were employed in public works (as compared to 17.5 thous. of the last year).

The majority of unemployed persons remaining on the register rolls of the labour offices comprised persons **previously working**. At the end of December 2005, this population comprised 2,116.4 thous persons (i.e. 76.3% of the registered unemployed persons), as compared to 2,291.4 thous. persons (76.4%) in December 2004. Among this group 111.2 thous., i.e. 5.1%, lost their jobs due to company reasons (the last year the respective figures were 146.0 thous., i.e. 6.4%).

At the end of the IV quarter of 2005, there were 2.467.4 thous. persons who did not **possess the rights to unemployment benefit**, which comprised 86.1% of the total number of the registered unemployed, (in the previous quarter it was respectively 2.419.6 thous. and 87.7%; in the IV quarter of the previous year the respective figures amounted to 2573.8 thous. and 85.8%). Among this group of the unemployed, 42.8% constituted people living in rural areas.

In the IV quarter of 2005, the employers submitted 193.0 thous. **job offers** to the labour offices (22.3 thous. were from the public sector), i.e. by 23.5 thous. more than the last year. Among all offers, 15.3% concerned traineeship, 6.7% - on a job training, 3.3% were addressed to disabled persons, while 2.5% - to the persons who completed education within the last 12 months. At the end of December, labour offices had job offers for 17.5 thous. persons (4.7 thous. comprised offers not undertaken for a period exceeding one month).

Tabl. 3. Job offers
During the reference period

Specification	2005											
	months											
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	in thousands											
Job offers	56.3	62.8	73.0	84.1	72.2	83.5	82.0	84.4	93.9	83.7	60.7	48.6
in which:												
public sector	13.8	16.5	19.5	23.5	17.2	18.8	18.2	18.9	21.1	20.1	11.8	11.2
private sector	42.4	46.3	53.5	60.6	55.0	64.8	63.8	65.5	72.8	63.6	48.9	37.4

The data at the end of December 2005, indicate that 425 enterprises **declared dismissal within the short period** of 27.8 thous. of employees, in which from the public sector – 4.9 thous. persons (the last year the respective figures were 603 enterprises, 25.4 thous. employees, in which – 8.8 thous. persons from the public sector).

The unemployed by sex, age and educational level

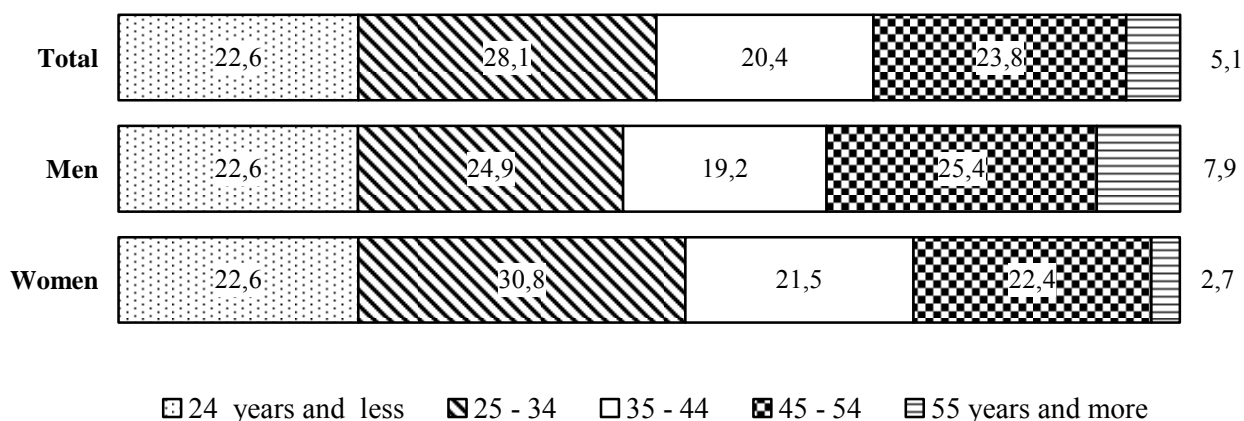
The majority of the unemployed population constituted women. At the end of the IV quarter of 2005, the share of women in the total number of the unemployed amounted to 53.6% and was by 1.3 point higher as compared to the same quarter of 2004. The highest percentage share of women in the total number of the unemployed was observed in voivodships: Wielkopolskie (57.7%), Śląskie (56.7%), Pomorskie (56.5%), Opolskie (55.8%) and Małopolskie (55.4%).

The youths still remain a group mostly affected with unemployment. At the end of the presented period, the largest group among the unemployed constituted persons aged 25 - 34 years. Their number amounted to 778.5 thous., while their share in the total number of the unemployed increased as compared to the previous quarter by 0.2 point and amounted to 28.1%. A slightly less numerous group comprised unemployed persons aged 24 years and less (22.6%), in the same period of the previous years their share amounted to 24.3%. Jointly, the unemployed in both age groups constituted a half of the total population of the unemployed, i.e. 50.7% (in the previous year it was 52.4%).

The highest percentage share of the unemployed aged between 25 and 34 years in the total number of the unemployed was observed in voivodships: Lubelskie and Podkarpackie (31.7%), Świętokrzyskie (30.0%) and Kujawsko-Pomorskie (29.0%), while the lowest one was observed in voivodships: Opolskie (26.3%), Podlaskie (26.4%) and Dolnośląskie (26.6%).

**Structure of registered unemployed persons by age and sex (in %).
As of the end of quarter.**

IV quarter 2005



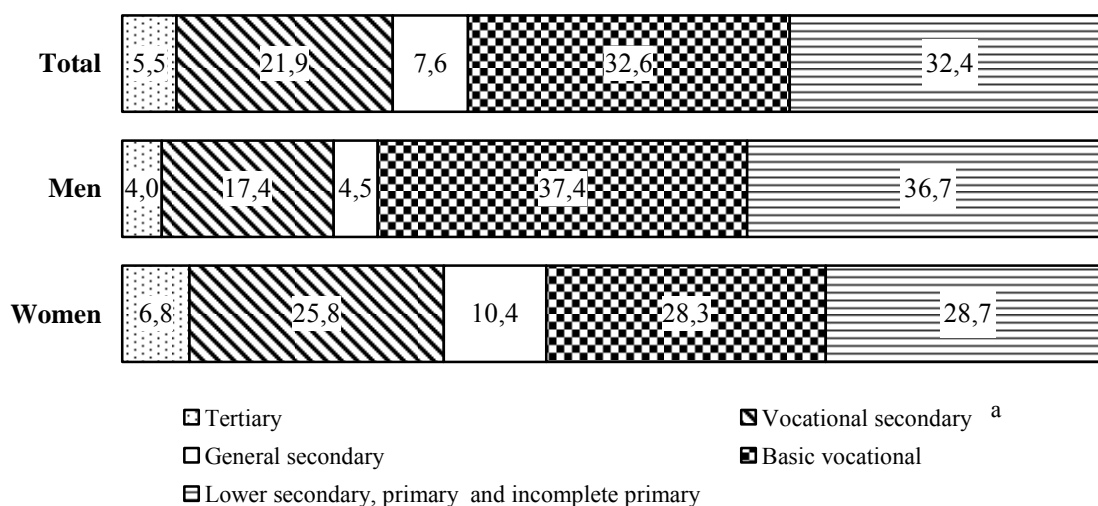
The majority of the unemployed registered in the labour offices comprised persons with relatively low level of education. The two largest groups among the unemployed constituted persons with basic vocational education and lower secondary, primary and incomplete primary education (their shares amounted respectively to 32.6 % and 32.4% of the total number of the unemployed registered at the end of December 2005). Both these populations jointly amounted to 65.0 % of the total number of the unemployed. The certificate of completion of post-secondary and vocational secondary schools had 21.9% of the total number of the unemployed, general secondary schools completed 7.6%, while the graduates from tertiary schools constituted 5.5%.

The education structure of unemployed women was different than the structure of men, as 42.9% of the unemployed women had secondary and tertiary education, while among men the share of people with this educational levels amounted to 25.8%.

The highest percentage share of the unemployed with basic vocational, lower secondary or below education level was observed in voivodships: Kujawsko-Pomorskie (71.4%), Warmińsko-Mazurskie (69.5%), Lubuskie (69.1%), Zachodniopomorskie (69.0%), while the lowest share of the unemployed at these educational levels was observed in voivodships: Lubelskie (57.2%), Świętokrzyskie (58.9%) and Małopolskie (59.6%).

Structure of registered unemployed persons by educational level and sex (in %).
As of the end of quarter.

IV quarter 2005



^a Including post secondary schools.

The unemployed by sex and duration of unemployment

The number of persons seeking employment for a long time (over 12 months) amounted to 1,391.6 thous. at the end of the IV quarter of 2005. It constituted 50.2% of the total number of the registered unemployed. The number of the long-term unemployed decreased as compared to the same period of 2004, by 143.7 thous. persons, i.e. by 11.1%. Persons staying without a job for a relatively short duration, i.e. up to 1 month, constituted 7.1%, between 1 and 3 months – 14.8%, between 3 and 6 months – 13.3%, while those who stayed without a job from 6 to 12 months comprised 14.6% of the total number of the unemployed.

The long-term unemployment is more often observed among women. Over a half (55.3%) of the women registered in labour offices at the end of December 2005 had been seeking employment for more than 12 months. Among men at the end of IV quarter of 2005, the percentage share of the long-term unemployed amounted to 44.3%.

In the IV quarter of 2005, the highest percentage share of the long-term unemployed was observed in voivodships: Mazowieckie (54.3%), Świętokrzyskie (53.2%), Podkarpackie (52.4%), Łódzkie (52.0%) and Lubelskie (51.5%) whereas the lowest share was observed in voivodships: Lubuskie (45.1%), Podlaskie (46,7%) and Wielkopolskie (47.2%).

**Structure of registered unemployed persons by duration
of unemployment and sex (in %).
As of the end of quarter**

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