

# Nurseries and children's clubs in 2022

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 **7.5%**

Growth of the number of places in nurseries and children's clubs compared to 2021

At the end of 2022, there were 5.3 thousand nurseries and children's clubs, which provided 206.0 thousand places. The index of the number of children up to age of 3 increased from 155 in 2021 to 180 in 2022.

## Facilities

As of 31 December 2022, in Poland there were 5.3 thousand facilities for children up to age of 3, including 4.4 thousand nurseries. Facilities in private sector (74.8%) accounted for three times more than facilities in public sector (25.2%). Most of nurseries and children's clubs in private sector were run by physical person (66.2%). Local government run the largest number of nurseries and children's clubs in the public sector (96.8%).

Nearly 84% of all facilities for children up to age of 3 are nurseries

**Chart 1. Facilities for children up to age of 3 by type of property in 2022**

As of 31 December



66.5% of all facilities for small children were open 5 to 10 hours a day, 32.9% provided care for over 10 hours a day, while remaining 0.6% accounted for children's clubs open up to 5 hours a day.

59.5% of facilities for small children were equipped with amenities for children with disabilities. Ramps, ramps and platforms facilitating entry into the building were the most frequent amenities (36.6% of total number of facilities). 28.9% facilities were equipped with bathrooms adapted for disabled children, while 28.4% had non-slip floors.

## Places

The number of places in all facilities for children up to age of 3 amounted to 206.0 thousand (increase by 7.5%, compared with last year), including 124.6 thousand places in private sector.

In private sector, there were 31 places per one nursery on average and in public sector average value was two times higher – 61 places.

Nearly 61% of all places in facilities for children up to age of 3 are places in private sector facilities

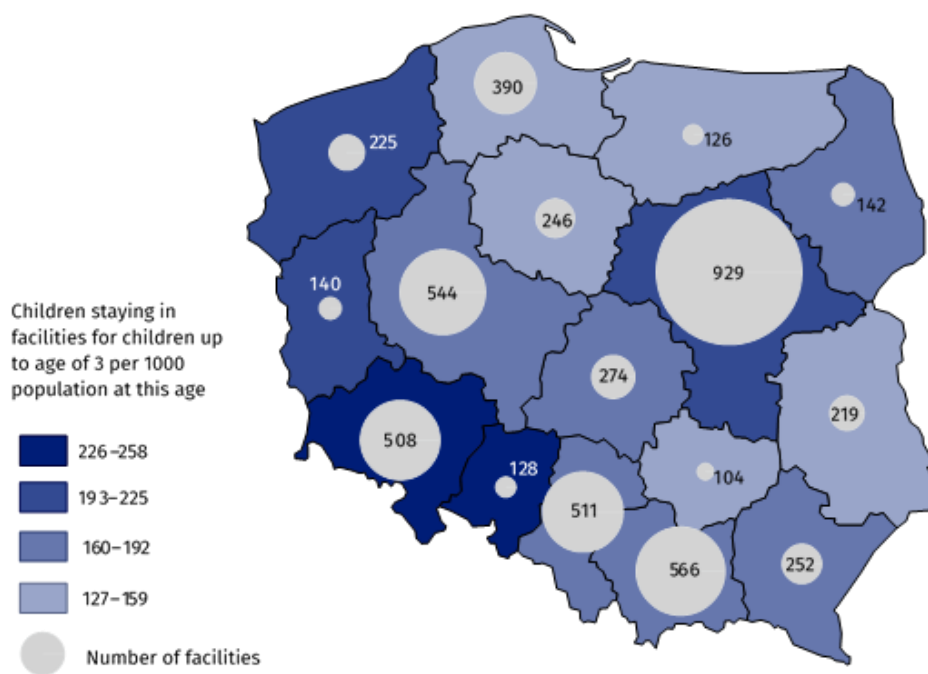
## Children

At the end of the analysed period, there were 177.1 thousand children in nurseries and children's clubs. Most of them stayed in nurseries (nearly 92%). The highest value for the index of the number of children up to age of 3 per 1 thousand population was (as in the previous year) in Dolnośląskie Voivodship (258), while the lowest value was recorded in the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship (127).

The number of children in nurseries and children's clubs increased by 13.7 thousand (8.4%) compared to 2021

**Map 1. Care for children up to age of 3 in 2022**

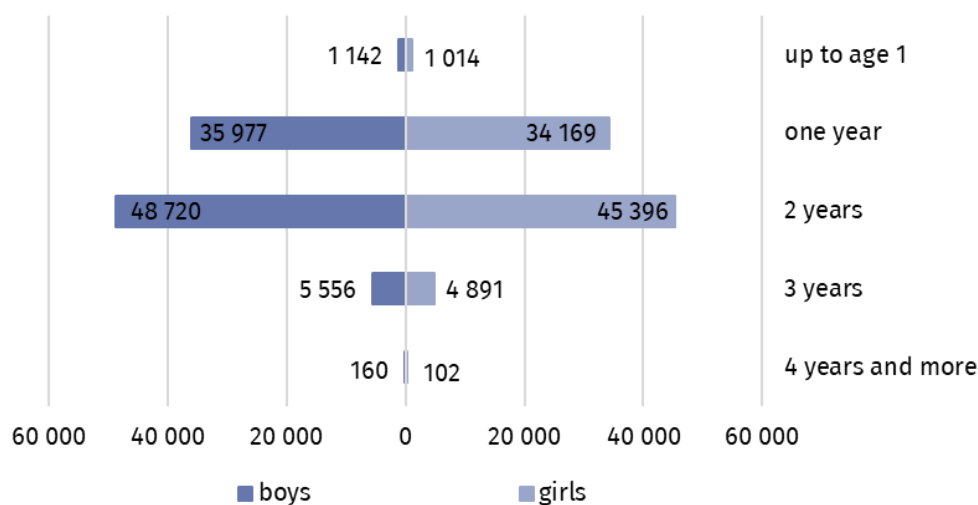
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Two-year olds constituted the largest group in facilities – 53.1%. The share of one-year-old children and infants (0–1) accounted for 39.6% and 1.2% respectively. The girls accounted for 48.3% of the total number of children in facilities.

**Chart 2. Children in facilities for children up to age of 3<sup>a</sup> by sex and age in 2022**

As of 31 December



a Child care may be performed up to the end of the school year when child reaches age of 3 or when it is either impossible or impeded to provide child with pre-school education – up to age of 4.

Throughout 2022, 279.9 thousand children stayed in facilities, including 1.6 thousand disabled children. Local government covered, partly or entirely, the costs of accommodation in facilities for 66.8% of children.

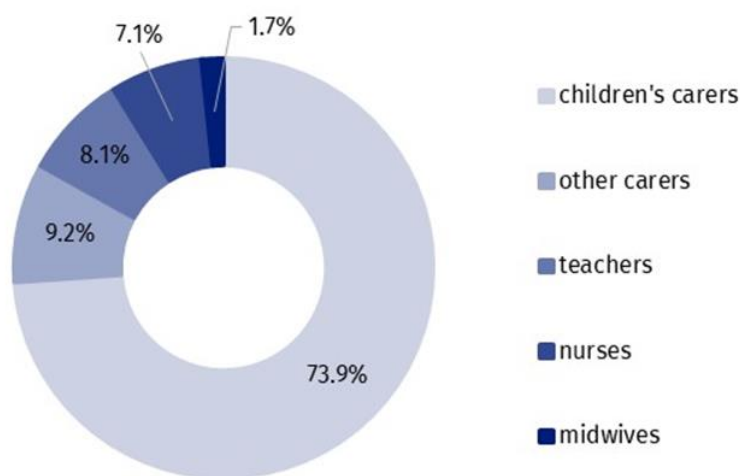
### Staff

34.2 thousand people worked in facilities for children at age up to 3. Children’s carers constituted the major group of the employees in facilities – 73.9%. Teachers accounted for 8.1% of the total number of employees. The vast majority of employees were women – 99.3%. Facilities for children up to age of 3 were the main workplace for 94.8% of children’s carers and 90.6% teachers. In the case of midwives and nurses, the share was evidently lower and accounted for 44.0% and 37.3% respectively.

33.9 thousand women worked in nurseries and children’s clubs, which accounted for 99.3% of all employees

**Chart 3. Structure of employees cares in nurseries and children’s clubs in 2022**

As of 31 December



The functioning of nurseries and children’s clubs were supported by 607 volunteers. Their number increased by more than 25% compared to the previous year.

**Table 1. Care facilities for children up to age of 3 by voivodships in 2022**

As of 31 December

Voivodships	Facilities	Places	Children
<b>POLSKA</b>	<b>5 304</b>	<b>206 016</b>	<b>177 127</b>
Dolnośląskie	508	21 552	18 634
Kujawsko-pomorskie	246	10 018	7 782
Lubelskie	219	8 601	7 350
Lubuskie	140	5 697	5 166
Łódzkie	274	10 746	9 594
Małopolskie	566	20 306	16 829
Mazowieckie	929	35 334	31 084
Opolskie	128	6 141	5 339
Podkarpackie	252	9 866	8 937
Podlaskie	142	5 842	5 144
Pomorskie	390	13 748	10 709
Śląskie	511	21 109	17 922
Świętokrzyskie	104	3 963	3 614
Warmińsko-mazurskie	126	4 645	4 115
Wielkopolskie	544	19 260	16 677
Zachodniopomorskie	225	9 188	8 231

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[Nursery, children's club](#)