

## Foreigners on the Mazovian labour market in 2018

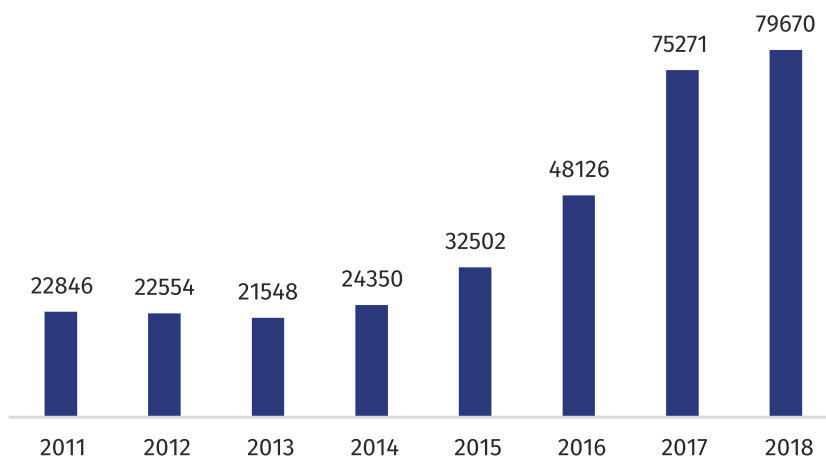
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The number of work permits for foreigners in the Mazowieckie voivodship is systematically growing. In 2018, there were 79.7 thousand permits issued, i.e. by 5.8% more than in 2017. Work permits were issued mainly to Ukrainian citizens.

In 2018, the Mazovian voivode issued 79.7 thousand work permits for foreigners, which accounted for 24.2% of all permits issued in the country (31.9% in 2017). The number of permits issued was by 5.8% higher than a year before and by 65.5 than in 2016. Most work permits for foreigners were issued in the Mazowieckie voivodship, followed by Wielkopolskie (36.5 thousand), Łódzkie (32.4 thousand) and Małopolskie (27.5 thousand). The predominance of the Mazowieckie voivodship is clear, however, the share of this voivodship in the total number of permits issued is systematically decreasing (from 37.8% in 2016 to 24.2% in 2018).

Chart 1. Work permits for foreigners



In the Mazowieckie voivodship, the vast majority (97.7%) were work permits issued for the first time. There were only 1808 extensions of the permits, i.e. 2.3% of the total number of work permits issued for foreigners. Due to the systematic increase in the number of work permits issued for the first time, the share of consents for continuing work of foreigners was smaller than in 2017 (by 22.6%) and in 2016 (by 27.6%).

The majority (59.7%) of work permits for foreigners were issued to Ukrainian citizens. However, compared to 2017, the share of these permits decreased by 12.7 pp, and compared to 2016 the decrease was as high as 18.1 pp. 8.2% of permits were issued to Nepalese citizens (5.7% in 2017 and 1.7% in 2016). Permits issued to Belarusians accounted for 7.4% (6.2% and 5.1%, respectively), and permits issued to Indian citizens – 4.8% (3.0% and 2.3%).

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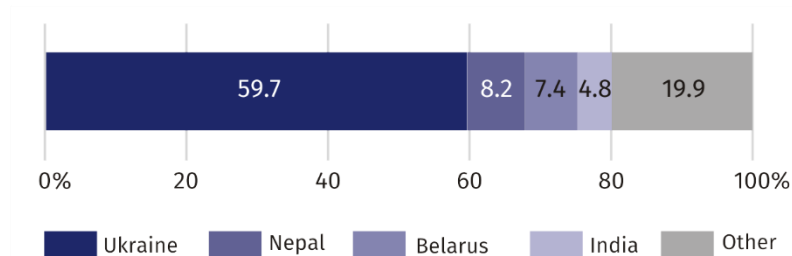
The number of work permits for foreigners issued in 2018 was 3.5 times higher than in 2011

Most (24%) work permits for foreigners were issued in the Mazowieckie voivodship

98% were work permits issued for the first time

The majority (60%) of permits were issued to Ukrainian citizens

**Chart 2. Structure of work permits for foreigners by citizenship in 2018**



The vast majority of issued work permits concerned men. Their share in the total number of all permits issued in the voivodship in the Mazowieckie voivodship in 2018 amounted to 75.8%, but it was smaller than in 2017 (71.3%) and 2016 (68.6%). The predominance of men in terms of permits occurred in all voivodships. The national average was 77.2% (from 70.6% in the Łódzkie voivodship to 92.1% in Lubelskie).

Three out of four work permits were issued to men

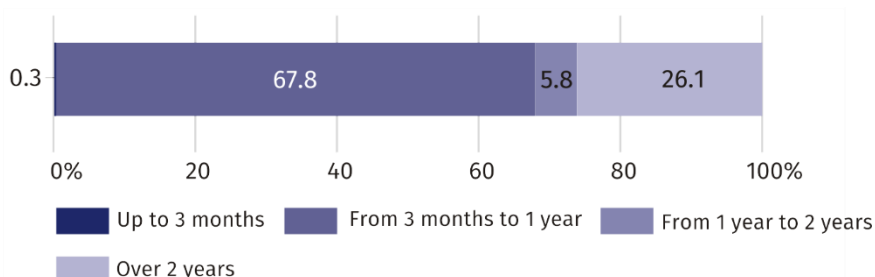
**Table 1. Work permits for foreigners**

SPECIFICATION	2016	2017	2018	
	in absolute numbers			2017=100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48126</b>	<b>75271</b>	<b>79670</b>	<b>105.8</b>
of which extensions	2498	2337	1808	77.4
Men	33009	53688	60398	112.5
Women	15117	21583	19272	89.3

Work permits for foreigners are issued for longer and longer periods of time. In 2018, 67.8% of work permits for foreigners were issued for a period of validity from 3 months to 1 year. In 2017, the share of these permits amounted to 72.3%, and in 2016 – 77.1%. Permits with a validity period for over 2 years constituted 26.1%, in 2017 – 20.1% and two times more than in 2016 (13.7%). Short-term work permits with a validity period for up to 3 months accounted for only 0.3% of the total (compared to 0.3% in 2017 and 0.4% in 2016).

More than 2/3 of work permits were issued for a period of validity from 3 months to 1 year

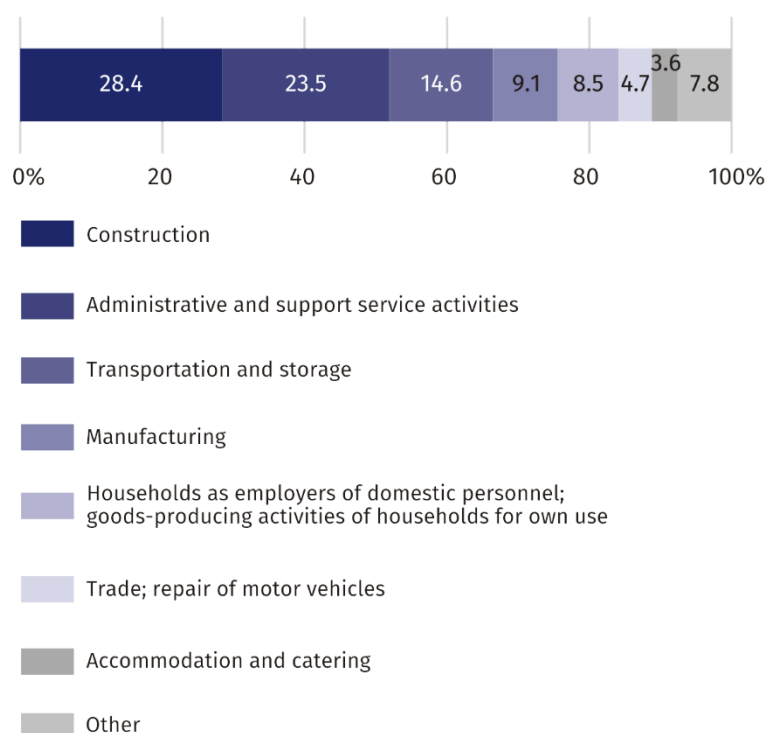
**Chart 3. Structure of work permits for foreigners by period of their validity in 2018**



In 2018, the most permits were issued to employers from the construction section (22.6 thousand), which accounted for 28.4% of total permits. The share of this section is systematically growing – in 2017, it amounted to 24.7%, and in 2016 – 24.6%. Relatively large percentage represented foreigners working in the field of administrative and support service activities (23.5%) and transportation and storage (14.6%).

The majority (28%) of work permits were issued in construction

**Chart 4. Structure of work permits for foreigners by selected PKD sections in 2018**



According to the occupations and specializations classification, foreigners who obtained a work permit in the Mazowieckie voivodshp in 2018, most often worked as industrial workers and craftsmen (34.9%), workers performing elementary occupations (30.2%), as well as plant and machine operators and assemblers (15.5%).

**Table 2. Work permits for foreigners by selected major groups of the Occupations and Specializations Classification**

SPECIFICATION	2017	2018	
		in absolute numbers	in percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75271</b>	<b>79670</b>	<b>100,0</b>
of which			
Industrial workers and craftsmen	21296	27798	34,9
Elementary occupations	22968	24061	30,2
Plant and machines operators and assemblers	10623	12365	15,5
Professionals	5341	3967	5,0
Technicians and other middle level personnel	5008	3817	4,8
Personal services and salespersons	4467	3192	4,0
Office clerks	3593	2963	3,7
Managers	1040	940	1,2

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