

Foreigners on the Masovian labour market in 2021¹

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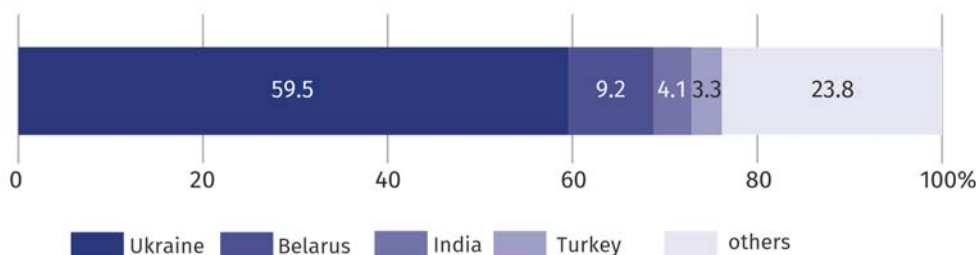
work permits issued to citizens of Ukraine

The year 2021 in Mazowieckie Voivodship was characterised by the highest number of work permits for foreigners since 2011 (almost 91 thousand). Work permits were most often issued to Ukrainian citizens (almost 60%).

In 2021, 91.0 thousand work permits for foreigners were issued in Mazowieckie Voivodship. Most work permits for foreigners were issued in Mazowieckie Voivodship (followed by Wielkopolskie – 74.6 thousand, Śląskie – 54.3 thousand and Dolnośląskie – 44.6 thousand). Most – 54.2 thousand, i.e. 59.5% of work permits for foreigners were granted to citizens of Ukraine, and then to citizens of Belarus (8.4 thousand), India (3.8 thousand) and Turkey (3.0 thousand).

Most (18%) work permits for foreigners were issued in Mazowieckie Voivodship

Chart 1. Structure of work permits for foreigners by citizenship in 2021



The vast majority of issued work permits concerned men. Their share in the total number of all permits issued in Mazowieckie Voivodship in 2021 amounted to 75.3% (the same as in the country). The predominance of men in terms of permits occurred in all voivodships (from 64.8% in Dolnośląskie to 87.8% in Podkarpackie Voivodship).

Table 1. Work permits for foreigners by sex in 2021

Specification	In absolute numbers	In percent
Total	90962	100.0
Males	68490	75.3
Females	22472	24.7

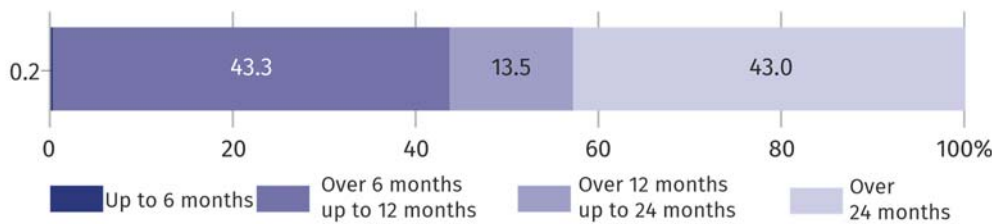
Work permits for foreigners are issued for longer and longer periods of time. In 2021, the majority (43.3%) of work permits for foreigners were issued for a period from 6 months to 12 months, followed by a period of more than 24 months (43.0%). On the other hand, the permits with the shortest validity period, i.e. up to 6 months, constituted only 0.2% of their total number.

Three out of four work permits were issued to men

More than 86% of work permits were issued for a period of validity from 6 months to 1 year and more than 2 years

¹ The information was prepared on the basis of data from the Ministry of Family and Social Policy on work permits for foreigners.

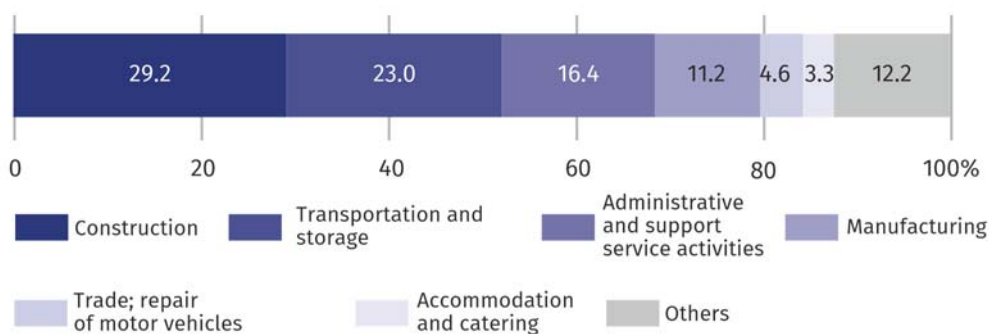
Chart 2. Structure of work permits for foreigners by period of their validity in 2021



In 2021, the most permits were issued to employers from the construction section (26.6 thousand), which accounted for 29.2% of total permits. Relatively large percentage represented foreigners working in transportation and storage (23.0%) and administrative and support service activities (16.4%).

Most (29%) work permits were issued in construction

Chart 3. Structure of work permits for foreigners by selected PKD sections in 2021



In 2021, foreigners who obtained a work permit in Mazowieckie Voivodshp, most often worked as industrial workers and craftsmen – 35.5%, workers performing elementary occupations – 22.6%, as well as plant and machine operators and assemblers – 22.2%.

Most (36%) of foreigners worked as industrial workers and craftsmen

Table 2. Work permits for foreigners by selected major groups of the Occupations and Specialisations Classification in 2021

Specialisation	In absolute numbers	In percent
Total	90962	100.0
Industrial workers and craftsmen	32247	35.5
Elementary occupations	20530	22.6
Plant and machines operators and assemblers	20162	22.2
Professionals	4836	5.3
Office clerks	3941	4.3
Personal services and salespersons	3416	3.8
Technicians and other middle level personnel	3285	3.6
Managers	1395	1.5
Farmers, gardeners, foresters and fishermen	1150	1.3

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