

Out-patient health care in Mazowieckie Voivodship in 2019

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 **2.3%**

Increase in the number of out-patient consultations compared to 2018

At the end of 2019, out-patient health care was carried out by 3096 thousand out-patient departments and 273 thousand doctors and dentists practices providing services funded by public sources. In 2019, 49.8 million out-patient consultations were provided - 44.1 million doctors and 5.7 million dentists consultations.

Outpatient departments and doctors practices

At the end of 2019, 3369 thousand providers of out-patient health care were operating (an increase by 0.9% compared to 2018), of whom 3096 outpatient departments¹ and 34 doctors practices and 239 dentists practices providing services funded by public sources. 20.4 thousand providers of ambulatory health care were located in urban areas, and 5.9 thousand in rural areas.

At the end of 2019, 18% of out-patient departments were funded by public sources

Table 1. Out-patient health care providers

As of 31st December

SPECIFICATION	2018	2019	
		in absolute numbers	2018=100
Total	3339	3369	100,9
Departments	3046	3096	101,6
urban areas	2449	2502	102,2
rural areas	597	594	99,5
Practices ^a , total	293	273	93,2
doctors	37	34	91,9
dentists	256	239	93,4
urban areas	168	158	94,0
rural areas	125	115	92,0

a Data include practices that signed contracts with the National Health Fund or with departments.

¹ Including departments of the Ministry of National Defence and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration.

In comparison with the previous year, the number of out-patient departments increased by 1.6%, while the number of both doctors and dentists practices decreased by 8.1% and 6.6%, respectively.

At the end of 2019, there were 1610 persons per 1 out-patient health care provider (by 8 persons fewer than a year before).

In Mazowieckie Voivodship, 93.6% of out-patient health care providers were adapted to the needs of the disabled. 67.3% of entities were equipped with ramps or platforms facilitating the entrance to the building, 30.1% an elevator, 29.3% had non-slip floors, and 2.7% had facilities for the visually impaired and the blind.

Out-patient consultations

In 2019, there were provided 49798.9 thousand out-patient consultations (by 2.3% more than in 2018). The vast majority of consultations (86.2%) were provided in urban areas. 44.1% of out-patient consultations were provided in primary health care, and 55.9% were specialized consultations, of which 11.4% were provided by dentists.

The average number of out-patient consultations per capita in 2019 was 9.2, with the indicator three times higher in urban than in rural areas and amounted to 12.3 and 3.6, respectively.

In 2019, the number of doctors practices decreased, mainly in rural areas

On average, there were nearly 3.5-many times more out-patient consultations per urban than per rural inhabitant

Table 2. Consultations provided^a in out-patient health care

As of 31st December

SPECIFICATION	2018	2019	
		in thousands	2018=100
Consultations provided	48658,1	49798,9	102,3
urban areas	42024,3	42942,0	102,2
rural areas	6633,8	6856,9	103,4
In primary health care	21651,7	21945,0	101,4
In specialized care	27006,5	27853,9	103,1
doctors	21416,7	22180,1	103,6
dentists	5589,8	5673,7	101,5

^a Including consultations paid by patients (non-public funds); excluding consultations provided in admission rooms of general hospitals.

Out-patient consultations were more often provided to women. In the field of specialist care they constituted 60.4%, while in primary care – 57.3%.

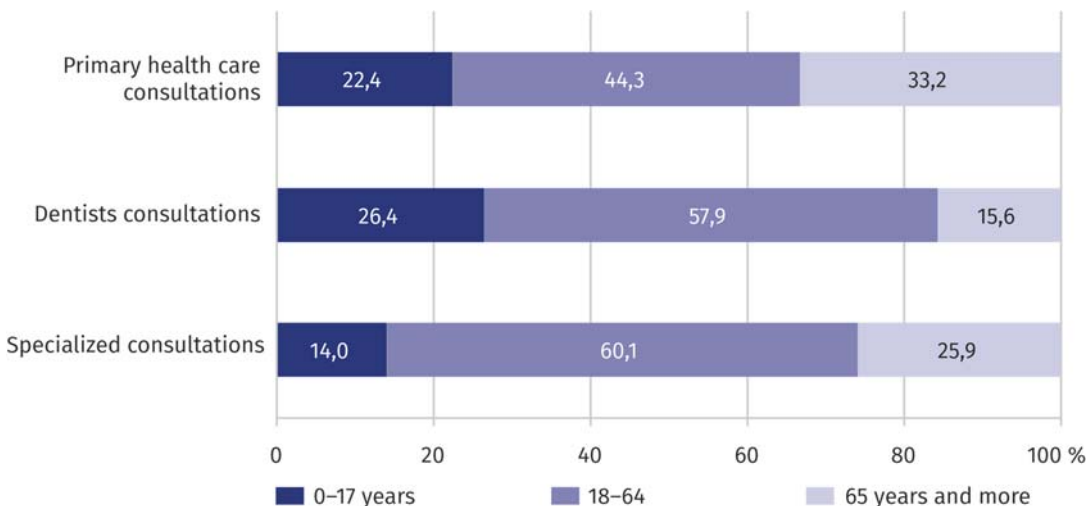
In 2019, over half – 52.9% of consultations were provided to persons aged 18-64, in the age group 65 years and more – 27.9%, and at the age 0-17 years – 19.1%.

Children and youth in the age group 0-17 years were provided with 9,532.4 thousand consultations, of which 51.7% in primary health care (a decrease of 0.8 pp per year), 32.6% were specialized doctors consultations (an increase of 0.6 pp per year), and 15.7% dentists consultations (increase by 0.2 pp per year).

In the age group 65 and more, 13,915.8 thousand consultations were provided, the most in primary health care – 52.4% (increase by 0.1 pp per year), then 41.2% of specialized doctors care (as in the previous year) and 6.4% of dentists care (decrease by 0.2 pp per year).

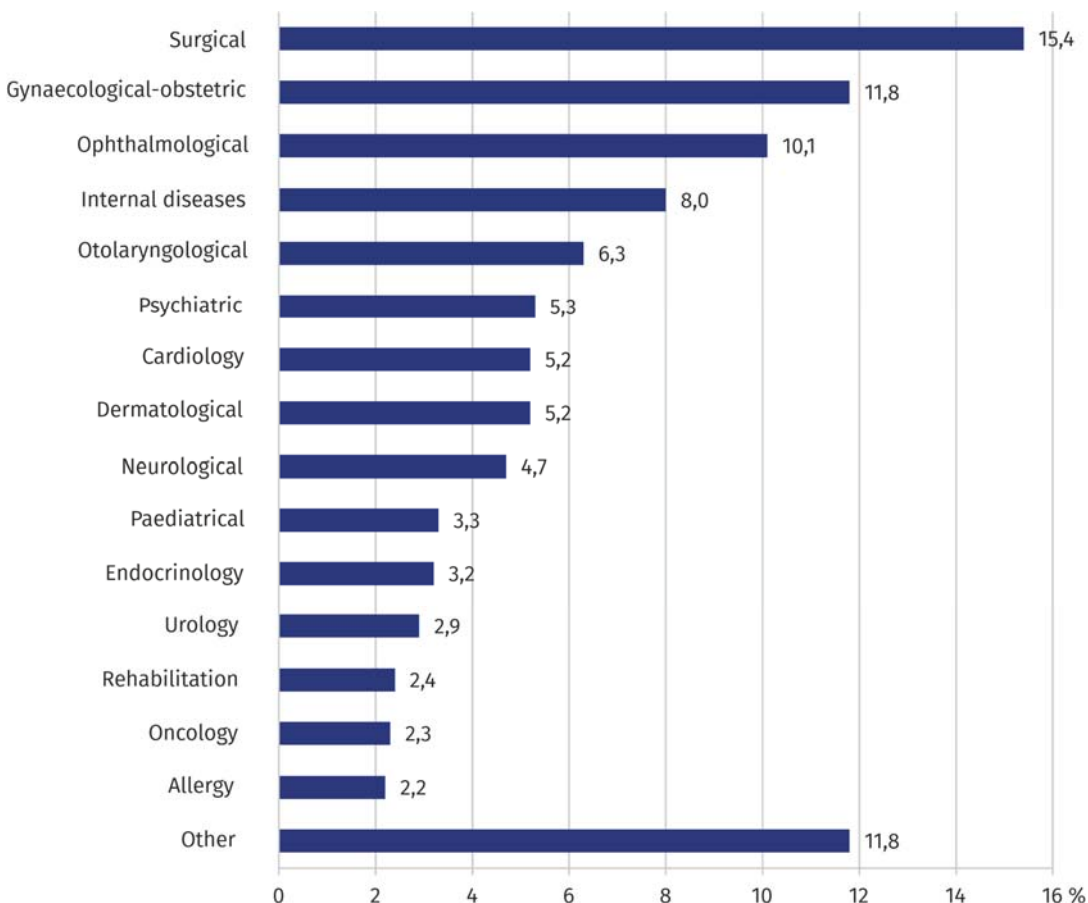
59% of total out-patient health care consultations were provided to women

Chart 1. Structure of out-patient consultations by type of consultations and age of patients in 2019



As in the previous year, every third primary health care consultation was provided to persons aged 65 and over

Chart 2. Structure of specialized doctors consultations by type of clinic in 2019



As in the previous year, most (3.4 million) doctors consultations in specialized care were provided in surgical out-patient clinics

In 2019, the average number of outpatient consultations per capita was 8.5

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