

Out-patient health care in Mazowieckie Voivodship in 2020

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 **10.9%**

Decrease in the number of out-patient consultations compared to 2019

At the end of 2020, out-patient health care was carried out by 3097 thousand out-patient departments and 256 thousand doctors and dentists practices providing services funded by public sources. In 2020, 44.4 million out-patient consultations were provided - 39.8 million doctors and 4.6 million dentists consultations.

Outpatient departments and doctors practices

At the end of 2020, 3353 thousand providers of out-patient health care were operating, of which 3097 outpatient departments¹ as well as 31 doctors practices and 225 dentists practices providing services funded by public sources.

At the end of 2020, 18% of out-patient departments were funded by public sources

Table 1. Out-patient health care providers

SPECIFICATION	As of 31 December		
	2019	2020	
	In absolute numbers	2019=100	
Total	3369	3353	99,5
Departments	3096	3097	100,0
urban areas	2502	2495	99,7
rural areas	594	602	101,3
Practices ^a , total	273	256	93,8
doctors	34	31	91,2
dentists	239	225	94,1
urban areas	158	144	91,1
rural areas	115	112	97,4

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

In comparison with the previous year, the number of out-patient health care providers decreased by 0.5% in total. Out-patient departments in urban areas decreased by 0.3%, while in rural areas there was an increase by 1.3%. The number of doctors and dentists practices

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

both in rural and urban areas decreased, the total number of doctors practices by 8.8% and dentists practices by 5.9%.

At the end of 2020, there were 1618 persons per 1 out-patient health care provider (by 8 persons more than a year before).

In Mazowieckie Voivodship, 93.5% of out-patient health care providers were adapted to the needs of the disabled. 67.9% of entities were equipped with ramps or platforms facilitating the entrance to the building, 31.4% had non-slip floors and 29.5% an elevator. 3.1% of out-patient health care providers had facilities for the visually impaired and the blind, and 2.0% for the hearing impaired and deaf.

Out-patient consultations

In 2020, there were 44360.5 thousand out-patient consultations provided (of which 11907.0 thousand online consultations). Compared to 2019, there were less out-patient consultations provided by 10.9% in Mazowieckie Voivodship. The vast majority of consultations (86.2%) were provided in urban areas. 45.2% of out-patient consultations were provided in primary health care, and 54.8% were specialized consultations, of which 10.3% were provided by dentists.

The average number of out-patient consultations per capita in 2020 was 8.2, with the indicator over three times higher in urban than in rural areas and amounted to 10.9 and 3.2, respectively.

In 2020, the number of doctors practices decreased, mainly in urban areas

Almost every fourth out-patient consultations is online consultation

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 31 December

SPECIFICATION	2019	2020	
	In thousands		2019=100
Consultations provided	49798,9	44360,5	89,1
urban areas	42942,0	38247,8	89,1
rural areas	6856,9	6112,7	89,1
In primary health care	21945,0	20067,8	91,4
In specialized care	27853,9	24292,7	87,2
doctors	22180,1	19738,1	89,0
dentists	5673,7	4554,6	80,3

^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 61.2%, while in primary care — 57.9%.

In 2020, over half — 54.2% of consultations were provided to persons aged 18-64, in the age group 65 years and more — 29.2%, and at the age 0-17 years — 16.5%.

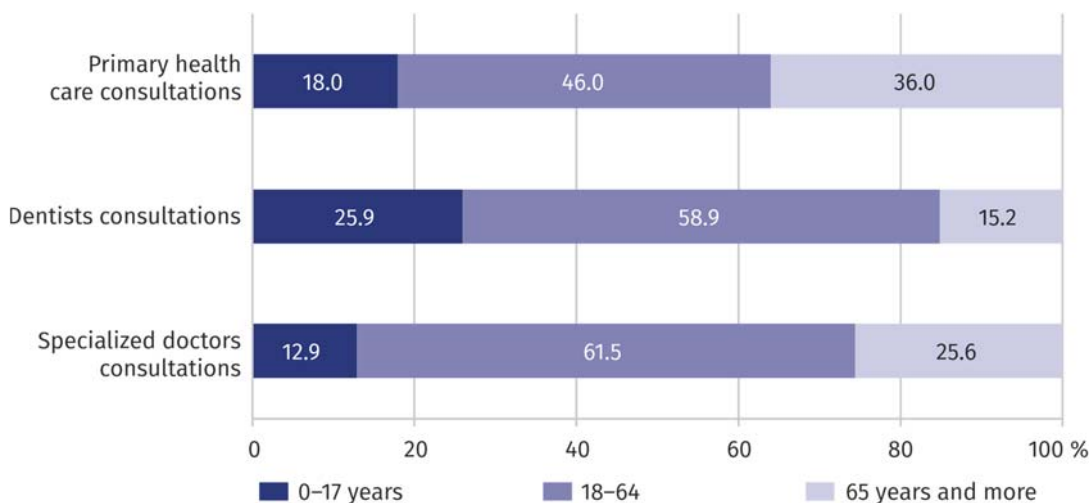
Children and youth in the age group 0-17 years were provided with 7340.9 thousand consultations, of which 49.1% in primary health care (a decrease of 2.6 pp per year), 34.8% were specialized doctors consultations (an increase of 2.2 pp per year), and 16.1% dentists consultations (increase by 0.4 pp per 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).

Almost 60% of total out-patient health care consultations were provided to women

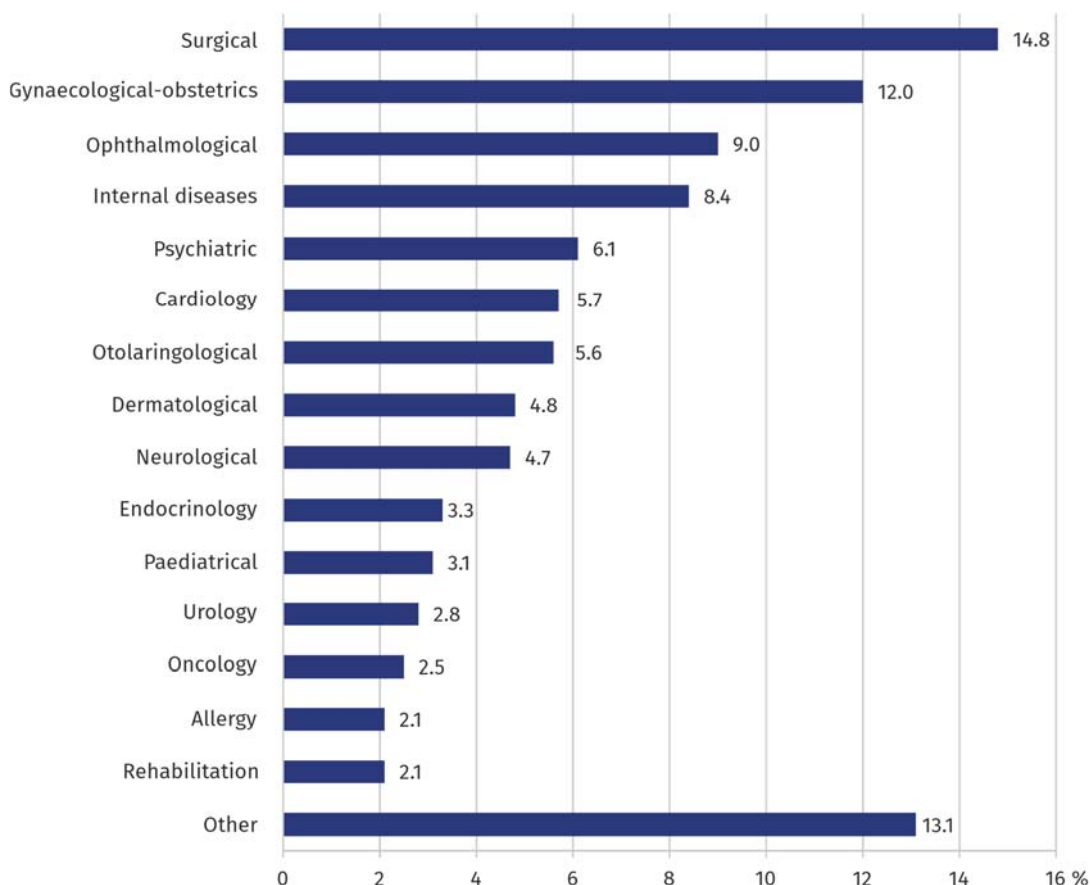
In the age group 65 and more, 12,967.1 thousand consultations were provided, the most in primary health care – 55.7% (increase by 3.3 pp per year), then 39.0% of specialized doctors care (a decrease by 2.2%) and 5.3% of dentists care (a decrease by 1.1 pp per year).

Chart 1. Structure of out-patient consultations by type of consultations and age of patients in 2020



Almost 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 2020



As in the previous year, most (2.9 million) doctors consultations in specialized care were provided in surgical out-patient clinics

In 2020, the number of specialized consultations in mental health clinics increased to 1.2 million

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