

# Household budgets in Mazowieckie Voivodship in 2018

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In 2018, compared to the previous year, households achieved higher incomes, while their exependiture per year remained at a similar level. There was a decrease in consumption of most basic foodstuffs and a decrease in households equipment in old-generation durable goods. Household assessed their financial situation better than a year earlier.

In 2018, the material situation of households improved again, but the pace of change was lower than a year earlier

The household budget survey plays an important role in the assessment of the standard of living of the population, as it is the only source of information on income, expenditures, quantitative consumption of food and equipment of households with durable goods. Conducted by a representative method (based on random sample), which gives the opportunity to generalize (with a certain precision) the results obtained for all households. The presented results of the survey were established on the basis of declarations of persons taking part in it.

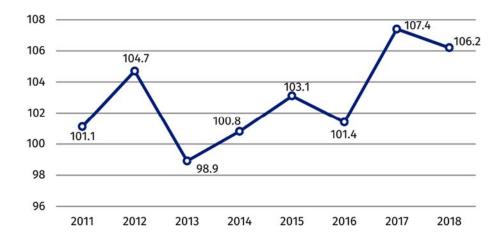
In 2018, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, the survey covered 5352 households (5442 in 2017), which constituted 14.8% of all households surveyed in the country. The average number of persons in the household was 2.59 (in 2017 – 2.60). On average, the household of working persons consisted of 1.14 persons, i.e. slightly less than in 2017. On an annual basis, the average number of persons in the household receiving social benefits increased from 1.04 to 1.08, while in the households of dependent persons it decreased from 0.35 to 0.33 persons.

Average number of persons in a household amounted to 2.59, i.e. less than in the country (2.64)

## **Household income**

The available income, which is the sum of the household's current (monetary and non-monetary) income reduced by income tax, tax on legacy and donations and tax on real estate has a decisive influence on the standard of living of household members. It is intended for expenditure and savings increase.

Chart 1. Indices of average monthly available income per capita in households (previous year=100)



In 2018, in households in Mazowieckie Voivodship, the average available income per capita amounted to PLN 2,031.59. Its value increased by 6.2% (by PLN 119.50) in relation to the corresponding income from the previous year and was by 20.0% (by PLN 338.13) higher than the average available income in the country (PLN 1,693.46).

In comparison with 2017, the highest increase in income by 29.2% was from private farms in agriculture. There was also an increase in income from self-employment by 16.8%, to a smaller extent from social benefits by 4.8% and from hired work by 4.6%.

Table 1. Average monthly available income per capita in households

SPECIFICATION	2017	2018	
	in PLN		in percent
Available income	1912.09	2031.59	100.0
of which disposable income	1845.42	1967.62	96.9
of which:			
from hired work	1073.56	1123.30	55.3
from a private farm in agriculture	75.87 ª	98.05 <sup>b</sup>	4.8
from self-employment	200.48	234.20	11.5
from social benefits	463.04	485.04	23.9

a-b Relevant error of estimations exceeds 10% and amounts to: a-13.91%, b-16.12%.

The available income of a household consists mainly of income from hired work and income from social benefits. In 2018, their share in the available income amounted to 55.3% and 23.9%, respectively.

In comparison with 2017, the share of income from self-employment increased (by 1.0 pp) and the share of income from a private farm in agriculture (by 0.8 pp). There was a decrease in the share of income from hired work (by 0.8 pp) and income from social benefits (by 0.3 pp).

Available income reduced by other expenditures (including amounts transferred to other households and non-commercial institutions, including gifts, some taxes, social insurance contributions paid by the taxpayer, compensation for damage caused) is disposable income. Households spend it on the purchase of consumer goods and services and an increase in savings. In 2018, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, disposable income per capita in households amounted to PLN 1,967.62, i.e. 6.6% more than in 2017. At the same time, it was higher than the national average by 19.7% (by PLN 324.48).

## **Household expenditures**

In 2018, the average monthly expenditures of households per capita in the voivodship amounted to PLN 1,421.13 and were by PLN 0.43 higher than in the previous year. Monthly expenditures borne by one person in Mazowieckie Voivodship were by 19.7% (by PLN 234.27) higher than the national average (PLN 1,186.86).

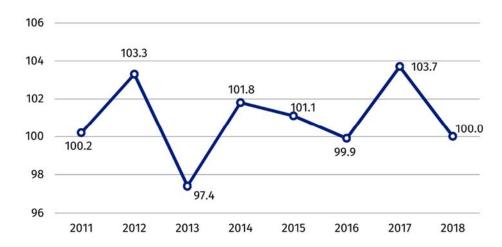
The share of average monthly expenditures per capita in available income was 70.0% and was by 4.3 pp lower than in 2017 (in Poland, the ratio was 70.1%, i.e. 3.5 pp less than a year earlier).

Average available income per capita in Mazowieckie Voivodship was by 20.0% higher than the national average available income

The second largest source of income of households was income from social benefits

Share of expenditures in available income amounted to 70.0% compared to 74.3% in 2017

Chart 2. Indices of average monthly expenditures per capita in households (previous year=100)



Compared to 2017, there was an increase in, e.g. expenditures on transport (by 28.8%), furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house (by 10.2%), education (by 8.7%), alcoholic beverages and tobacco (by 3.0%). In annual terms, there was a decrease in expenditures on, among others, communication (by 21.6%), health (by 13.9%), clothing and footwear (by 9.0%), recreation and culture (by 8.5%).

The structure of expenditures was dominated by those connected with purchase of consumer goods and services, at a level of 95.5% (by 0.2 pp more compared to the previous year). The most important group were expenditures on food and non-alcoholic beverages, for which households spent an average of 21.6% of total expenditure (by 0.3 pp more than in 2017). A significant group of expenditure were fees for housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels. In 2018, they accounted for an average of 16.7% of total expenditure (by 0.5 pp less than in 2017).

The structure of expenditures of households of Mazowieckie Voivodship did not differ significantly from the structure of these expenditures in the country. The highest difference was recorded in expenditures on food and non-alcoholic beverages and on housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels whose share in the voivodship was respectively, by 3.2 pp and by 1.6 pp lower than the average in the country. Higher, than the national average was the share of expenditures on transport by 1.6 pp, restaurants and hotels (by 1.4 pp), recreation and culture by 1.3 pp and on education 0.7 pp.

Expenditures on food and non-alcoholic beverages and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels made up almost 38% of total expenditures of households

## **Consumption of foodstuffs**

The results of the household budget survey provide information on the quantitative consumption of foodstuffs purchased (for cash and on credit) or otherwise obtained by the household (from own agricultural holding or from self-employment; received free of charge etc.).

In 2018, in Mazowieckie Voivodship, compared to the previous year, there was a decrease in the consumption of, among others oils and fats – by 6.1%, vegetables – by 5.8%, raw meat – by 4.9%, fruit and vegetable juices – by 3.7%, sugar – by 3.4%, bread – by 2.6%. There was an increase in the consumption of, e.g. mineral and spring waters – by 11.2%, fruit – by 3.4%, yoghurts – by 1.9%.

There was higher consumption per capita of such products as: mineral and spring waters (by 9.8%), fruit (by 6.7%), fruit and vegetable juices (by 4.0%), yoghurts (by 1.9%) in Mazowieckie voivodship compared to the average consumption in the country.

There was a smaller consumption of, e.g., oils and fats (by 13.1%), sugar (by 10.6%), raw meat (by 8.8%), milk (by 4.8%), coffee, tea, cocoa (by 4.2%), processed meat and other meat preparations (by 4.0%), bread (by 3.2%).

In 2018, as in the previous years, there was a downward trend in the consumption of most foodstuffs

## **Equipment with durable goods**

In 2018, as in the previous year, the most commonly used durable goods in households were such appliances as: mobile phones, washing machines or television sets. 77% of surveyed household were equipped with a device with Internet access, over 65% of households had a passenger car, and nearly 65% satellite or cable television equipment as well as a microwave oven.

In comparison with 2017, there was a decrease in the share of households equipped with, e.g. a personal computer and landline phone (by 2.8 pp each), bicycle – excluding children's (by 2.6 pp), washing machine (by 1.2 pp). An increase in the share of households was in the case of equipment with, e.g. satellite of cable television equipment (by 5.2 pp), a smartphone (by 4.8 pp), multifunction printer (by 3.7 pp), dishwasher (by 2.8 p.p.), microwave oven (by 2.7 pp), electric stove with ceramic or induction hob (by 2.4 pp).

Compared to the national average, in Mazowieckie Voivodship there was a larger percentage of households equipped with, among others, a printer (by 3.0 pp), personal computer (by 2.5 pp), electric stove with ceramic or induction hob (by 2.3 pp), a smartphone (by 2.1 pp).

Smaller than the national average was the share of households equipped with, e.g. a microwave oven (by 3.7 pp), satellite of cable television equipment (by 2.4 pp), television set (by 1.9 pp), hi-fi stereo music system (by 1.7 pp).

The percentage of households equipped with durable goods of older types decreased

## Subjective evaluation of material situation of households

The improvement of the material situation of households observed in 2018, had an impact on a better assessment of their current financial situation. The surplus of income over expenditure increased, which allowed households to increase their savings.

In 2018, 47.3% of households (44.0% in Poland) described their situation as very good or rather good, and 7.4% as rather bad or bad (8.1% in the country). 45.3% of households perceived their situation as average (average for Poland was 47.9%).

In Mazowieckie Voivodship in annual terms, there was an increase in the percentage of households assessing their financial situation as very good of rather good by 8.8 pp (in Poland by 6.8 pp) and a decrease in the percentage of households perceiving it as rather bad and bad by 2.9 pp (in the country by 3.1 pp). There was also a lower share of persons describing their situation as average by 5.9 pp (for Poland the decline was 3.7 pp).

Over the year, an increase in the percentage of households assessing their situation as very good or rather good was recorded

Chart 3. Subjective evaluation of material situation of households (in %)

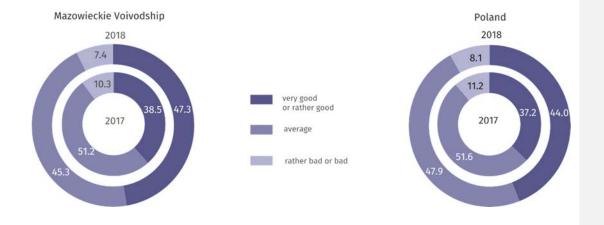


Table 2. Average monthly expenditures per capita in households

	2017	2018		
SPECIFICATION	in I	PLN	2017=100	in percent
TOTAL <sup>a</sup>	1420.70	1421.13	100.0	100.0
Of which consumer goods and services <sup>ab</sup>	1354.03	1357.17	100.2	95.5
of which:				
food and non-alcoholic beverages	302.31	306.78	101.5	21.6
alcoholic beverages, to- bacco	33.17	34.15	103.0	2.4
clothing and footwear	79.46	72.30	91.0	5.1
housing, water, electrici- ty, gas and other fuels	243.85	237.85	97.5	16.7
furnishings, household equipment and routine maintenance of the house	75.45	83.14	110.2	5.9
health	87.93	75.72	86.1	5.3
transport	132.95	171.30	128.8	12.1
communication <sup>c</sup>	60.05	47.07	78.4	3.3
recreation and culture <sup>d</sup>	121.16	110.82	91.5	7.8
education <sup>e</sup>	22.43	24.38 <sup>f</sup>	108.7	1.7
restaurants and hotels	91.40	91.42	100.0	6.4
other goods and ser- vices <sup>a</sup>	91.72	91.96	100.3	6.5

a Including expenditure on life insurance. b Including pocket money not included in the division by types of expenditure. c Including expenditure on the Internet services. d Excluding expenditure on the Internet services. e Including pre-primary education. f Relative estimate error exceeds 10% and amounts to 11.10%.

Table 3. Average monthly consumption of selected foodstuffs per capita in households

SPECIFICATION	2017	2018
Bread and cereals <sup>a</sup> in kg	5.55	5.43
of which bread <sup>b</sup>	3.13	3.05
Meat <sup>c</sup> in kg	5.10	4.86
of which:		
raw meat <sup>c</sup>	2.84	2.70
processed meat and other meat preparations <sup>d</sup>	2.01	1.92
Fish and seafood <sup>e</sup> in kg	0.28	0.28
Milk <sup>f</sup> in l	2.84	2.80
Yoghurts in kg	0.53	0.54
Cheese and curd <sup>g</sup> in kg	0.85	0.85
Eggs in units	11.07	10.98
Oils and fats <sup>h</sup> in kg	0.99	0.93
Fruit <sup>i</sup> in kg	3.87	4.00
Vegetables in kg	8.34	7.86
Sugar in kg	0.87	0.84
Coffee, tea, cocoa in kg	0.23	0.23
Mineral and spring waters in l	5.63	6.26
Fruit and vegetable juices l	1.07	1.03

a Excluding potato flour. b Excluding crisp bread, toasted bread and confectionery. c Including raw bacon. d Including ready-to-serve food; excluding offal preparations. e Excluding pickles, processed sea and freshwater food and fish, ready-to-serve food including coated food products and canned fish. f Excluding condensed and powdered milk. g Excluding sweet cottage cheese h Excluding raw bacon. i Including seeds and edible stones.

Table 4. Households equipped with selected durable goods a

	2017	2018	
SPECIFICATION	in % of total households		
Mobile phone	97.0	97.3	
of which smartphone	64.8	69.6	
Washing machine	95.9	94.7	
Television set	92.9	94.5	
Device with access to the Internet <sup>b</sup>	х	77.0	
Personal computer	79.4	76.6	
of which laptop, tablet	68.4	67.3	
Hi-fi stereo music system <sup>c</sup>	66.8	67.0	
Passenger car	65.8	65.6	
Bicycle (excluding children's)	63.7	61.1	
Satellite or cable television equipment	54.4	59.6	
Microwave oven	56.3	59.0	
Printer	34.8	37.5	
of which multifunction printer	22.4	26.1	
Dishwasher	34.4	37.2	
Landline phone	25.0	22.2	
Electric stove with ceramic or induction hob	15.5	17.9	

a Compiled on the basis of data at the end of individual quarters. b Computers, laptops, tablets, TV sets, smartphones, other with access to the Internet. c Includes radio set, CD, MP3 player, hi-fi stereo music system.

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### Terms used in official statistics

Household's budget

Disposable income

Household's available income

Private household

Quantitative consumption of foodstuffs in households per person

Subjective evaluation of material situation

Expenditures of a household

Expenditures on consumer goods and services

Household equipment