

Country profil: Poland

GENERAL

Official name: Republic of Poland

Nationality: Polish

Capital: Warsaw 1.6 million

Main cities: Lodz 774,000, Krakow 757,000, Wroclaw 636,000, Poznan 570,000, Gdansk 459,000 (2005 estimates)

Official language: Polish

Country telephone code: +48

Time zones: CET (Central European Time) and CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Currency: New Polish Zloty (PLN); plural form: zlotys; 1 zloty = 100 grozy. €1.00 = 3.8 PLN

Internet domain: pl

Useful information: www.masterpage.com.pl, www.poland.pl, www.warsaw.com



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POLITICS

Form of government: parliamentary democracy,
republic

Head of state: President Lech Kaczynski

Head of government: Prime Minister
Jaroslaw Kaczynski

Official government websites: See www.poland.pl
for a list of sites.

ECONOMY (IN US\$)

GDP: \$489.3 billion (2005 estimate, at PPP)

GDP per head: \$12,700 (2005 est., at PPP)

GDP real annual growth: 3.3% (2005 est.)

Inflation: 2.1% (2005 est.)

Unemployment rate: 18.3% (2005 est.)

Main industries : machine building, metals, coal
mining, chemicals, shipbuilding

Main exports: machinery and transport equipment,
manufactures goods, food and live animals (2004)

Main imports: machinery and transport equipment,
chemicals and related products, manufactured goods
(2004)

Main trading partners, exports: Germany 30.0%,
Italy 6.1%, France 6%, UK 5.4%, Czech Republic 4.3%
(2004)

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PEOPLE

Population: 38,635,000 (July 2005 est.)

Population growth per year: 0.03% (2005 est.)

Age structure: 0 – 14 years: 16.7%;
15 – 64 years: 70.3%;
65 years and over: 13% (2005 est.)

Fertility rate (children per woman): 1.39
(2005 est.)

HIV/AIDS adult rate: 0.1% (2001 est.)

Life expectancy at birth: 74 years (2005 est.)

Main religious groups: Roman Catholic (98.8%),
Eastern Orthodox 1.3%, Protestant 0.3%

Main ethnic groups: Polish 96.7%,
German 0.4%,
Belarusian 0.1%

Literacy (from 15 years): 99.8% (2003 est.)

Going up – Warsaw rises in the list of top 30 European cities to have a business		
	2005	1990
London	1	1
Paris	2	2
Frankfurt	3	3
Berlin	8	15
Munich	9	12
Zurich	10	7
Prague	13	23
Warsaw	20	25
Vienna	23	20
Athens	30	28