



## opolskie

Total area of the voivodeship	9 412 km <sup>2</sup>
Number of citizens: - in urban areas	993 thous. 51,9%
Population per 1 km <sup>2</sup>	106 persons/km <sup>2</sup>
Principal city	Opole
Bigger cities in the voivodeship	Kędzierzyn-Koźle, Nysa, Brzeg, Kluczbork, Prudnik
Special Economic Zones	Wałbrzyska Katowicka Starachowicka
Regional Investor Assistance Centre	Kędzierzyn-Koźle Industrial Park Technology and Innovation Park in Przywory Science and Technology Park in Opole Regional Industrial Park in Nysa Industrial Park - Metalchem in Opole. Regional Centre for Transfer Knowledge and Innovations in Nysa
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**Opolskie region is located in the South-Western part of Poland, along Odra River, on Silesian lowland.** It directly borders the Czech Republic. Industry and agriculture are the main sectors of the region's economy. One of the main advantages of the region is the A4 motorway running from the West to the East (6 junctions), the proximity of the A1 motorway, the S11 express road and the excellent network of roads communicating the region with South part of Europe. Opolskie is at the forefront of the region's most favourably to foreign direct investments.

### Investment opportunities

- good location on the European and national transport networks
- close distance to 3 international airports (Wrocław, Katowice, Kraków) and 3 private airport in the region
- rapidly-developing technical medium and higher education
- highly-developed agriculture
- good base for the expansion of the manufacturing industry
- good base with labor force for the development of the BPO/SSC sector in the capital of the region, with such a companies as: Capgemini, PWC, Future Processing, Opta Data and others
- natural mineral resources for use by construction industry (quarrying etc)
- location in the Polish/Czech border area, within the "Pradziad" and "Silesia" Euroregions

### Sectors with huge potential

#### Food industry

- favourable natural conditions:
  - favourable climate (the highest average temperatures in Poland)
  - sufficient amount of rain and the longest season period
  - high quality of agricultural production
  - favourable land surface shape
- large, dynamic development, ready market (a few million population living within a radius of 150 km from Opole)
- sector representatives:
  - Danone (Nutricia) - Opole
  - Mondelēz (prev. KRAFT) - Skarbimierz
  - Froneri Polska (prev. Nestle Polska)- Namysłów
  - BUNGE Ltd - ZT Kruszwica - Brzeg
  - ZOTT Polska - Opole
  - GoodMills Polska - Walce
  - Südzucker - Polska Cerekiew
  - Lesaffre - Wołczyn
  - Młyny Polskie - Kluczbork
  - Intersnack - Nysa
  - Bioagra - Nysa
  - Grupa Otmuchów – Otmuchów, Nysa, Brzeg
  - Karol Kania i Synowie - Pawłowiczki
  - Browar Namysłów - Namysłów
  - Turek (Bongrain) - Głubczyce
  - Pastafood Company - Opole

## **Automotive**

- More than 30 automotive parts suppliers in the whole region
- Vocational education cooperating with industry and adapting to the needs of the business
- Training in the competition m.in. : CNC operators, mechanics, mechatronics, electricians
- The most important companies in the sector, potential collaborators: Polaris Poland - Opole, Tower International - Opole, Johnson Controls – Skarbimierz, Magna – Kędzierzyn-Koźle, Coroplast – Strzelce Opolskie, Krapkowice, Dylaki, Mega – Nysa, A.Berger – Kędzierzyn-Koźle, Narzędziownia Ewa Pszenica – Strojec, Global Steering Systems - Opole, Mubea - Ujazd, IFA Rotorion - Ujazd, Tru-Flex - Ujazd, MM Systems - Katy Opole, Donaldson - Skarbimierz, Neapco – Praszka, Henniges Automotive- Prudnik, GZWM – Grodków Henniges Automotive- Prudnik, Hengst Filtration – Gogolin, Gustav Wolf – Ujazd, International Automotive Components (IAC) – Opole, UFI Filters – Opole, Coroplast – Strzelce Opolskie i Dylaki, Neapco - Praszka i inni.

## **Chemical**

- long tradition in chemical production
- low costs of production
- well-qualified staff, especially in the area of Kędzierzyn-Koźle
- R&D base:
  - network of universities: Opole University of Technology
  - „Blachownia” Institute of Heavy Organic Synthesis (Laboratorium badawcze „Blachownia” Sp. z o.o). - Kędzierzyn - Koźle Instytut Ciężkiej Syntezy Organicznej „Blachownia” w Kędzierzynie - Koźlu,
  - big producer of coke, synthetic ammonia, nitrogenous fertilizers

- leading companies in this sector:
  - Azoty Group (Grupa Azoty Tarnów S.A.)- Kędzierzyn-Koźle
  - „Petrochemia - Blachownia” S.A.- Kędzierzyn-Koźle
  - ArcelorMittal - Zdzeszowice
  - „Intersilesia McBride” Polska Sp. z o.o. - Strzelce Opolskie
  - Brenntag Polska Sp. z o.o. - Kędzierzyn-Koźle
  - Global Colors Polska S.A. - Kędzierzyn-Koźle
  - ICSO Chemical Production Sp. z o.o - Kędzierzyn-Koźle
  - Chespa - Krapkowice

## Construction

- large supply of raw materials (over 200 mineral deposits):
  - limestone and marls to marble, all-in aggregate of sand and gravel
  - ceramic clay
  - various types of sand
- specialist vocational and higher education, R&D centres and research institutes, e.g. Institute of Mineral Building Materials in Opole
- potential suppliers and partners:
  - Heidelberg Cement - Góraźdze Cement S.A.
  - Miebach Projektgesellschaft - Cementownia „Odra” S.A. - Opole
  - Lhoist Opolwap S.A. - Tarnów Opolski
  - Knauf - Norgips Polska - Brzezie
  - Monier Polska - Opole
  - Velux - Namysłów
  - Bazalt Gracze - Gracze
  - Stora-Enso - Murów
  - Vitroterm - Murów
  - Kronospan - Strzelce Opolskie
  - Schattdecor Sp. z o.o. - Głuchołazy
  - Wienerberger - Paczków
  - Izobud - Leśnica
  - Skamol - Opole

## Economic Potential

### Gross domestic product

Area	Year	in mln pln	in %	per 1 inhabitant
Polska	2016*	1 851 171	x	48 174
	2015	1 799 321	x	46 790
Opolskie	2015*	37 749	2,1	37 791

Source: Main Statistical Office in Opole, methodology ESA 2010

\*Preliminary estimation

### Gross value added by type of activity (mln)

Area	Year	General	Agriculture hunting, forestry, fishing	Industry	Construction	Trade and repair, Hotels and restaurants, transport, economy Warehouse, communication	Financial and insurance activities, Real estate services	Other service activities
Polska	2016*	1 637 521	39 475	433 637	112 324	493 202	148 082	410 801
	2015	1 596 295	39 630	417 216	127 481	466 837	143 304	401 827
	2014	1 524 940	44 939	386 652	119 680	444 639	149 059	379 971
Opolskie	2014	32 267	1 049	10 389	2 539	7 622	2 539	8 129

Source: Main Statistical Office in Opole, methodology ESA 2010

\*Preliminary estimation

### Average monthly gross salaries (PLN) IV Q 2016

Poland	4 290,52
Opolskie	3 927,04

Source: Local Data Bank, 26.07.2017

### Local job market

#### Economic activity of the population aged 15 and more IV Q 2016

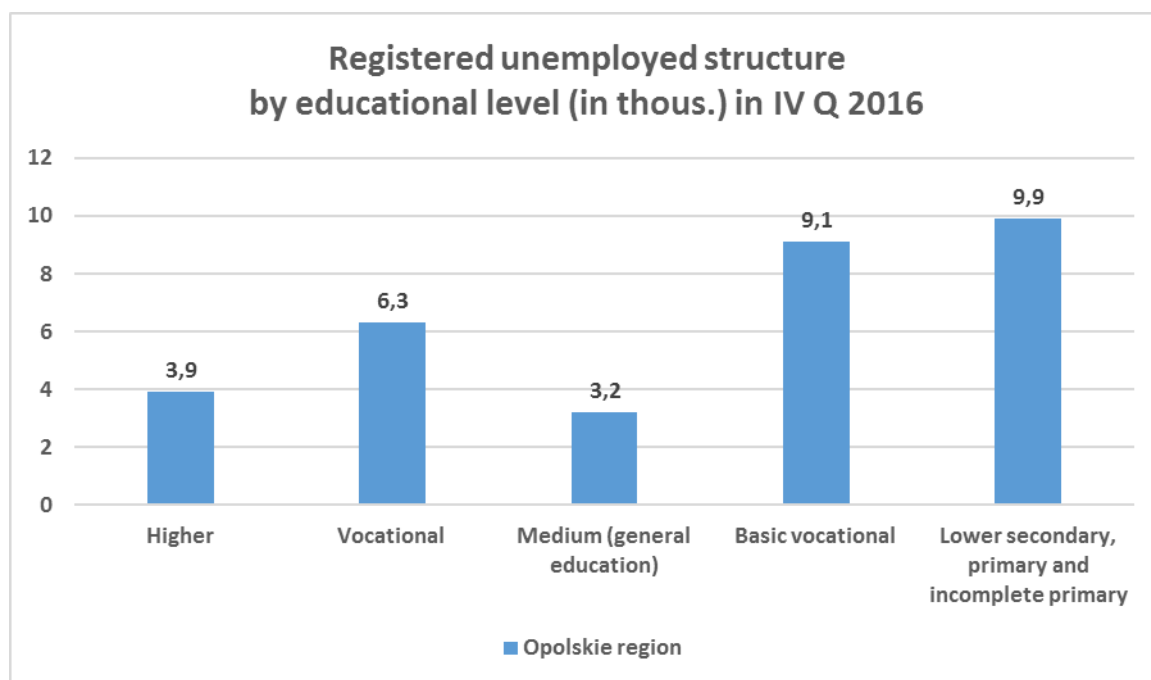
	Economically active persons (in thous.)	Activity rate (%)	Registered unemployment rate (%)
Poland	30 696	56,3	8,3
Opolskie	762	55,5	9,0

Source: Local Data Bank, 26.07.2017

#### Registered unemployed structure by educational level in IV Q of 2016

	Total	Higher	Vocational	Medium (general education)	Basic vocational	Lower secondary, primary and incomplete primary
Poland	1335,2	177,6	289,3	140,9	355,5	371,9
Opolskie	32,4	3,9	6,3	3,2	9,1	9,9

Source: Local Data Bank, 26.07.2017

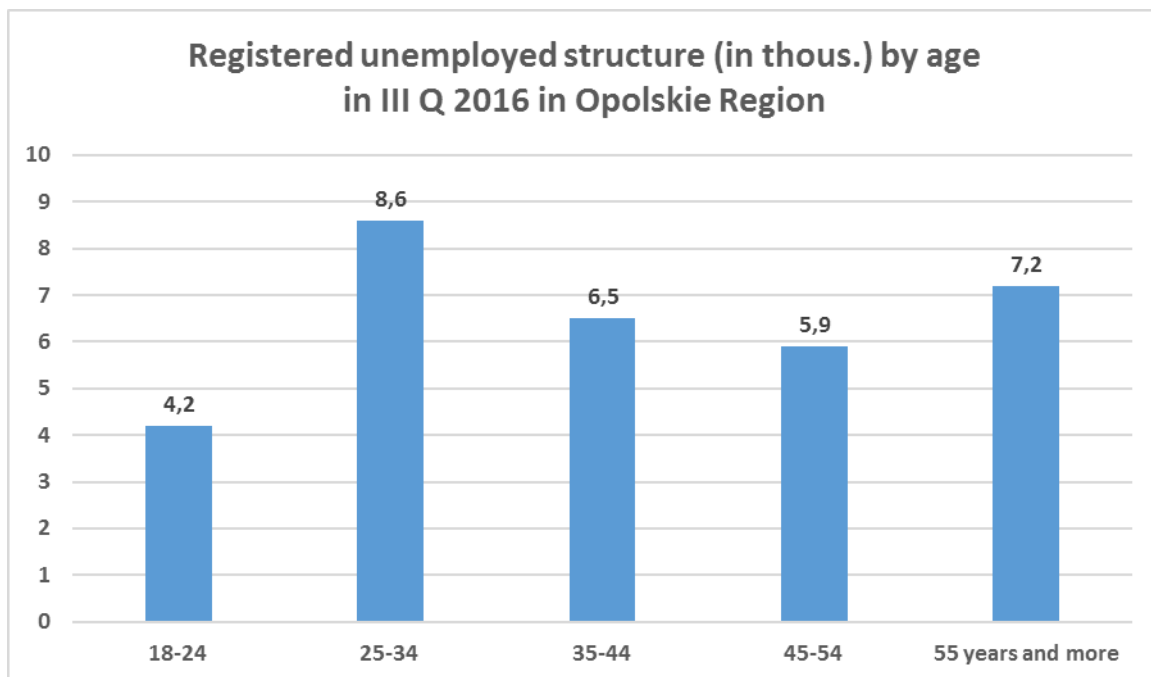


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#### Registered unemployed structure (in thous.) by age in III Q 2016

	Total	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 years and more
Poland	1335,2	179,2	370,1	295,0	239,7	251,1
Opolskie	32,4	4,2	8,6	6,5	5,9	7,2

Source: Local Data Bank, 26.07.2017



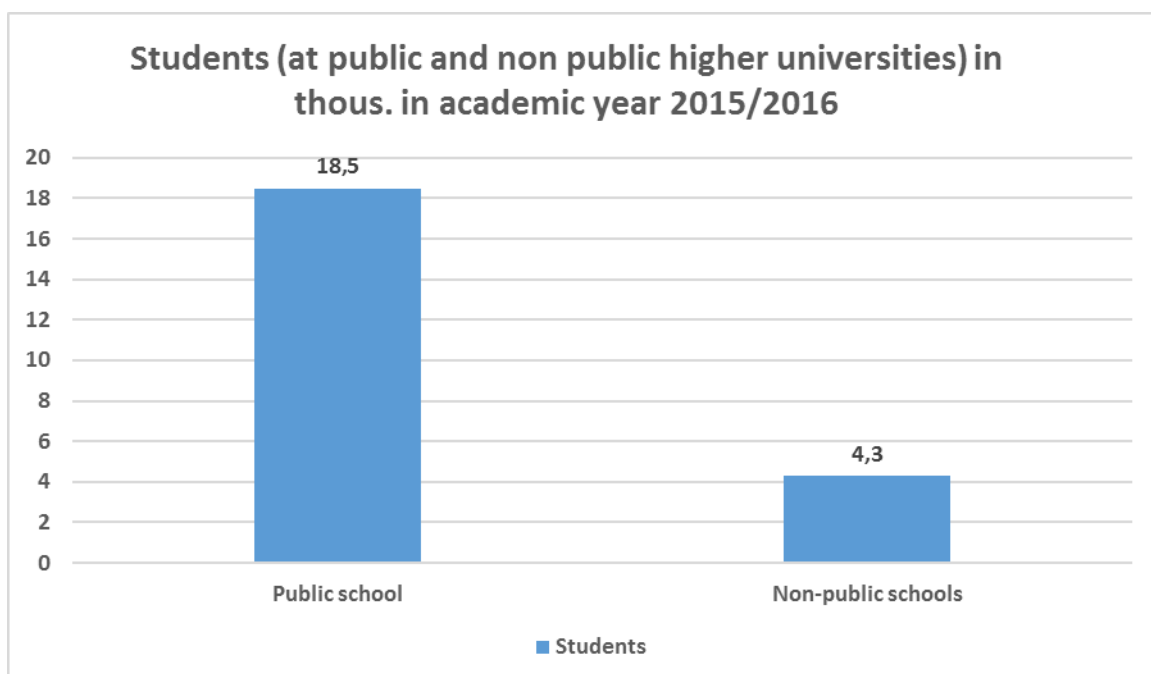
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### Higher education institutions including non-public higher education institutions

#### Higher education institutions in 2015/2016 academic year and number of students

	Schools		Students	
		Non-public schools		In non-public schools
Poland	390	302	1 033 801	313 680
Opolskie	6	2	18 510	4 310

Source: Local Data Bank, 26.07.2017



### Selected higher education institutions

#### **Opole University (Uniwersytet Opolski)**

selected faculties: language and literature studies, law, administration, business language, psychology

#### **Opole University of Technology (Politechnika Opolska)**

selected faculties: automatics and robotics, construction, electronics and telecommunication, electrical engineering, information technology, environmental engineering, mechanics and machine construction, technical education, production engineering and management

**Public Vocational Collage of Nysa (Państwowa Wyższa Szkoła Zawodowa)**

selected faculties: cosmetology, medical rescue, architecture and urban planning, finance and accounting, management and engineering

**Wroclaw School of Banking, Economics Division in Opole (Wyższa Szkoła Bankowa we Wrocławiu, Wydział Ekonomiczny)**

selected faculties: economy, management, administration, lean management, MBA studies

**Academy of Management and Administration in Opole (Wyższa Szkoła Zarządzania i Administracji)**

selected faculties: management, marketing, pedagogics, logistics, economy, administration

**Academy of Humanities and Economics in Brzeg (Wyższa Szkoła Humanistyczno-Ekonomiczna)**

selected faculties: pedagogics, renewable energy sources

**Selected investors who have invested in the region**

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Location</b>
Górażdże Cement (HeidelbergCement )	construction	Gogolin
Froneri Polska (prev.Nestlé Polska)	food processing	Namysłów
Nutricia (Grupa Danone)	food processing	Opole
ZOTT Polska	food processing	Opole
COROPLAST	electronic	Dylaki, Krapkowice, Strzelce Opolskie
Polaris Polska	automotive	Opole
Diehl Controls Polska	electronic	Namysłów
IFM Ecolink	engineering industry	Opole
Mondelēz Polska	food processing	Skarbimierz
Brenntag Polska	chemical	Kędzierzyn-Koźle
Animex (WH Group Limited)	food processing	Opole
Neapco	automotive	Praszka
Adient (prev.Johnson Controls)	automotive	Skarbimierz
Magna Cosma Int.	automotive	Kędzierzyn-Koźle
VELUX	construction	Namysłów
Tower Automotive Polska	automotive	Opole
Marcegaglia	metal	Kluczbork, Praszka

Seppeler Gruppe Ocynkownia Śląsk	construction	Kluczbork
Lhoist Opolwap	construction	Tarnów Opolski
Kronospan	construction	Strzelce Opolskie
Knauf	construction	Brzezie
ArcelorMittal	automotive	Zdzieszowice
GZWM	automotive	Grodków
Metsa Tissue	paper processing	Krapkowice
Wienerberger	construction	Paczków
Cementowania ODRA	construction	Opole
Grupa Azoty (ZAK)	chemical	Kędzierzyn-Koźle
Mubea Automotive	automotive	Ujazd
Global Steering Systems	automotive	Opole
Henniges Automotive Prudnik	automotive	Prudnik
IFA Powertrain Polska	motoryzacyjny	Ujazd
International Automotive Components (IAC)	motoryzacyjny	Opole
Capgemini	SSC	Opole
PWC	SSC	Opole
Opta Data	SSC	Opole
Ista	SSC	Opole
Future Processing	SSC	Opole

### **Useful addresses**

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