



Świętokrzyskie

Total area of the Voivodeship	11 711 km ²
Number of citizens: - in urban areas	1,252,900 44.6%
Population per 1 km ²	107 persons/km ²
Principal city	Kielce
Bigger cities in the Voivodeship	Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski, Starachowice, Skarżysko Kamienna, Sandomierz, Końskie
Special Economic Zones	Starachowicka Tarnobrzaska
Industrial & Technology Parks	Kielce Technology Park Regional Science-Technology Centre
Regional Investor Assistance Centre	Kielce - Kielce City Hall
Świętokrzyskie Investor Assistance Centre	Kielce - Świętokrzyski Marshal's Office

The Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship is situated in the south-east part of Poland next to the biggest cities: Warsaw, Cracow, Katowice, Lublin and Łódź. Natural resources of the Świętokrzyskie region enable production of gypsum and cement and the Świętokrzyskie products are famous on the home and interantional markets. It houses the biggest construction companies in Poland. Targi Kielce (the Kielce Fairs Exhibition and Congress Centre) is a visit card of the voivodeship – it is second largest fair centre in the country which is situated on the crossroads of the most important national and international transport trails. The voivodeship is one of the cleanest areas in Poland as far as ecology is concerned.

Investment opportunities

- Large pool of qualified staff for industry and other sectors of the economy,
- developed system of business infrastructure and financial institutions in Kielce and larger towns,
- well developed educational base,
- large potential for agricultural and horticultural production,
- important mineral deposits used for production of construction materials (lime, cement),
- rich resources of mineral waters,
- developed base of spas, sanatoriums, convalescence hospitals, recreational centres, hotels and private quarters in health resorts,
- consecutive modernization of road network (route S7 and national routes 74 and 73) as well as of the base of available investment grounds,
- relatively low cost of labour: the average in the voivodeship – 3,669.57PLN per month, worker's gross salary - between 1,750 and 3,000 PLN,
- developing base of the ecological food producers.

Sectors with huge potential

Metal

- industrial traditions of the region:
 - renowned companies in the sector:
 - metal plant ZM MESKO - operating since 1924,
 - Celsa Huta Ostrowiec steel mill - two centuries of operations,
 - mining-metal plant ZGM Zębice,
 - bus plant MAN Bus Starachowice,
- Świętokrzyskie region of Cooperative Casting Plants,
- potential partners and suppliers for the metal sector e.g.: Zakłady Górniczo-Metalowe „Zębice”, „Perfopol” Sp. z o.o. (the largest producer of perforated sheet and metal nets), ball bearings plant “NSK Bearings” S.A. (with the share of Japanese capital), CPneumatic Production Center „Prema” S.A., Zakłady Metalowe „Mesko” S.A. (ammo maker), Celsa „Huta Ostrowiec” Sp. z o.o., Polish Foundries S.A. with headquarters in Starachowice, MAN Bus Sp. z o.o., Fabryka Kotłów “Sefako” S.A. z Sędziszowa, Delfo Polska S.A oddział Kielce, Schmidt Automotive Polska Sp. z o.o., Odlewnia „Ostrowiec” Sp. z o.o., Kielecka Fabryka Pomp „Białogon” S.A., SHL Production Sp. z o.o. , Fabryka Maszyn Pralniczych „Prama” Sp. z o.o. , Zakład Urządzeń Kotłowych S.A w Stąporkowie, Zakład Wytwarzania Metalowych METAL-KOP Sp. z o.o. z siedzibą w Busku-Zdroju, BC- LDS Sp. Jawna - Zakład Produkcji Cystern i Zbiorników Ciśnieniowych w Ostrowcu Świętokrzyskim, Zakłady Mechaniczne „Bifamet” Sp. z o.o. z Jędrzejowa, „Gerda 3” Sp. z o.o., „Ulma – System” S.A., „Orizzonte” Polska Sp. z o.o., „G-Plus Partners Sp. z o.o. , „Gerda 2” Sp. z o.o., „Per-eko” Sp. z o.o., FHU „Mag-kas”, ZPHU „Mikron Bis”, „Star-Chem” Sp. z o.o., „Starpol II” Sp. z o.o., „Renomet” Recykling Sp. z o.o., ZPH „Prodhurt Bis”, ZUPH „Ag-Pol” , Fabryka Śrub i Elementów Złącznych „BEA-STAR” Sp. z o.o., „A-Galtech” Sp. z o.o., „Teknamotor” Sp. z o.o., „Hydroma” Sp. z o.o., „Provost” Polska Sp. z o.o., „Prefabryka” Sp. z o.o. , PPH „Logis” Sp. z o.o. , „Telesto” Sp. z o.o. , „Promet” S.A., , P.P.H.U. „Goset Duo” s.c., „Star Bud” Sp. z o.o., „Alucrom Kielce” Sp. z o.o.(branch of a company in Dębska Wola near Kielce)
- network of technical schools with required profiles, e.g. Kielce University of Technology, secondary technical schools.

Construction

- the largest construction companies in Poland, present in the voivodeship,
- the biggest foreign investors in the region - from Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Belgium, USA,
- well-prepared and qualified staff,
- construction cluster:
- over 3,000 construction companies in the region e.g.: .: Dorbud S.A., Skanska S.A., Trakt Sp. z o.o., Geolbud S.A, Fakt Budownictwo Sp. z o.o., Kolporter Development S.A, Echo Investment S.A. , Master Kort Sp. z o.o. , Eiffage – Mitex S.A, Fart Sp. z o.o. , Kartel S.A, Condite S.A, Akwedukt Sp. z o.o., Chemadin Export Sp. z o.o., Hydromel Końskie Sp. z o.o., Becher spółka komandytowo-akcyjna
- large network of finishing materials suppliers: „Rovese” S.A. (producer of ceramic tiles and sanitary ceramic products), „Barlinek” S.A. (the largest manufacturer of wood floors in Poland), PPH „Jezierski” (producer of woodwork), „Nordiska Ekofiber” Sp. z o.o. (producer of insulating materials), „CK Bruk” S.A. (producer of wide range of paving stones), „Fabet” S.A. (prefabricated products for housing and industrial

building), „Holzexport” Sp. z o.o. (producer of parquet floors), „Ceramika Końskie” Sp. z o.o. (producer of ceramic tiles), „Stolbud” Koronea Group (windows and doors producer), „Alpol” Sp. z o.o. (producer of construction chemicals)

- well-developed net of technical schools: Kielce University of Technology (faculties: construction, electrotechnology), technical secondary schools,
- presence of international construction companies and concerns: Skanska AB (Sweden), Epstein (USA), Ferrovial (Spain), Acciona (Spain), Apollo-Rida Poland (USA), Bau Holding Strabag AG (Austria), BEG S.A i Eiffage Construction (France)

Spa and wellness

- region with specific natural (law-protected) and climatic values,
- numerous national and landscape parks, large forest complexes, water basins, good condition of natural environment,
- rich mineral water sources: 3rd place in Poland if the presence of mineral waters is concerned,
- proximity of big urban areas: Cracow, Katowice, Warsaw, Łódź, region easily available for potential tourists,
- numerous sanatoria with broad therapeutic profiles,
- the most famous health resorts located in: Busko-Zdrój, Solec-Zdrój, Czarniecka Góra,
- 12 sanatoriums and 4 sanatorium-hospitals (3,176 beds)* located in Busko and Solec Zdrój,
- natural environment friendly for a development of sanatoria, well-qualified medical staff,
- competitive prices and low costs of business activity, opportunity to broaden health offer with an alternative tourism programme.

Source: Central Statistical Office/ Local database, 2016r r.

Economic potential

Gross domestic product in 2014

	in mln PLN	in %	per capita
Poland	1,719,704	100	444,686
Świętokrzyskie	41,304	2.4	32,640

Source: Central Statistical Office/ Local database

Gross value added by kind of activity (mln) in 2014

	Total	Agriculture, hunting and forestry; fishing	Industry	Construction	Trade and repair; hotels and restaurants; transport, storage and communication	Financial and insurance activity; real estate, renting and business activities	Other service activities
Poland	1,524,940	43,419	403,844	119,345	436,636	145,104	376,591
Świętokrzyskie	36,611	1,506	9,637	3,277	10,065	2,836	9,289

Source: Central Statistical Office/Local database/ July 2016r.

Average monthly gross wages and salaries (PLN) in 2016

Poland	4,290.52
Świętokrzyskie	3,669.57

Source: Central Statistical Office/ Local database

Local job market

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

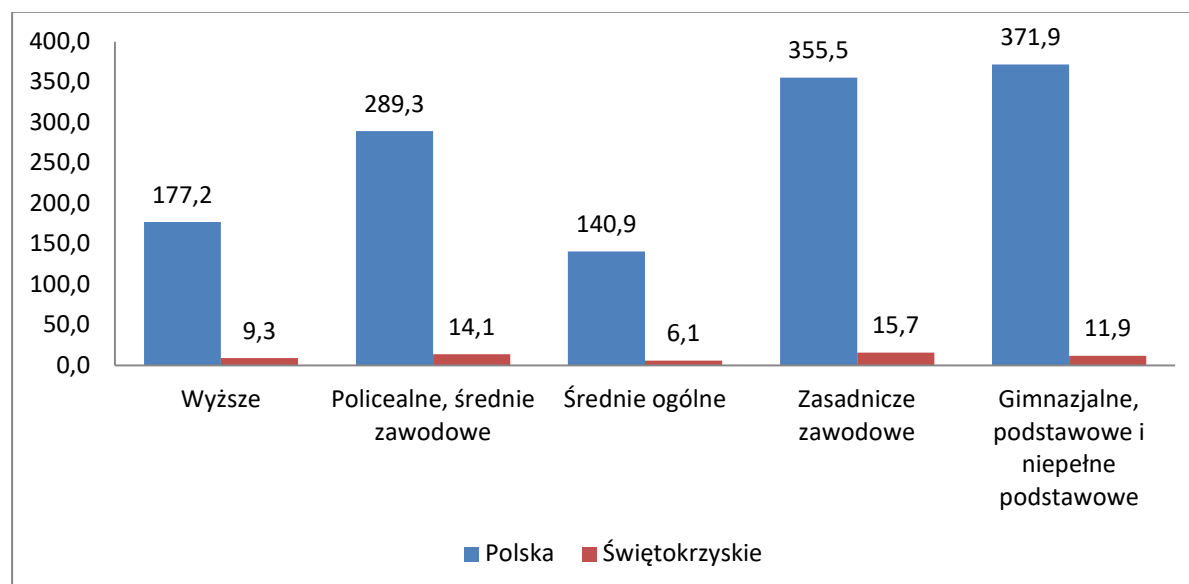
	Economically active persons (in thous.)	Activity rate (%)	Registered unemployment rate (%)
Poland	17,286	56.3	8.3
Świętokrzyskie	557	54.6	10.8

Source: Central Statistical Office/ Local database

Registered unemployed persons by educational level in IV Q 2016

	Total	Tertiary	Vocational	General	Basic vocational	Lower secondary, primary and incomplete primary
Poland	1,335.2	177.2	289.3	140.9	355.5	371.9
Świętokrzyskie	57.1	9.3	14.1	6.1	15.7	11.9

Source: Central Statistical Office/Local database

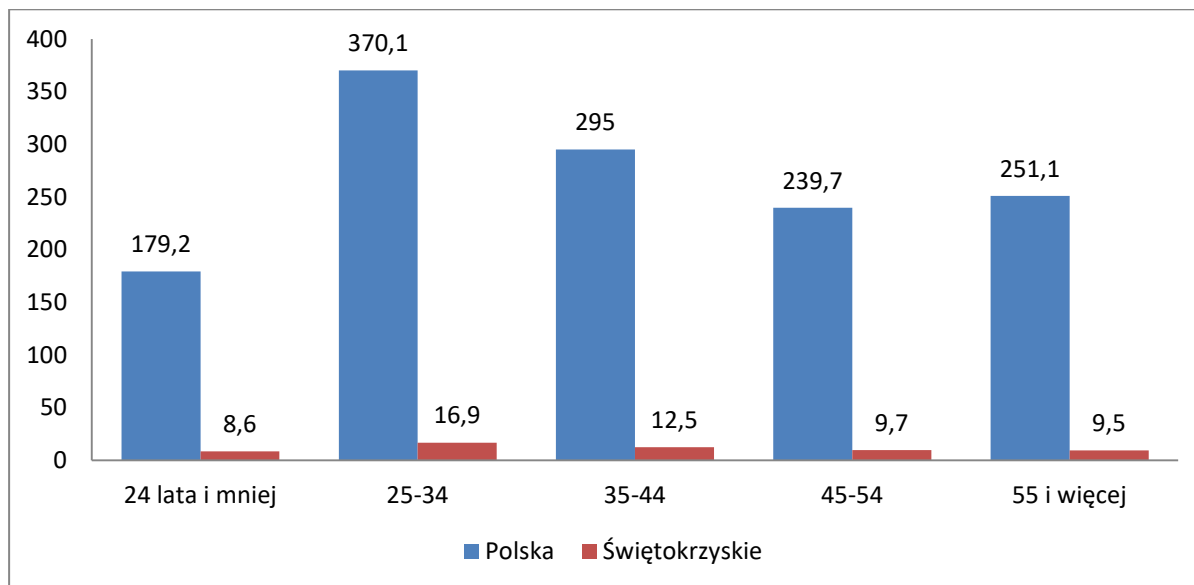


Tab. 1. Registered unemployed persons by educational level

Registered unemployed persons by age in IV Q 2016

	Total	24 years and less	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 years and more
Poland	1,335.1	179.2	370.1	295	239.7	251.1
Świętokrzyskie	57.1	8.6	16.9	12.5	9.7	9.5

Source: Central Statistical Office/ Local database



Tab.2 Registered unemployed persons by age.

Higher education institutions including non-public higher education institutions

Higher education institutions in 2015/2016 academic year

	Schools		Students	
		Non-public schools		In non-public schools
Poland	428	294	1 074 760	329 034
Świętokrzyskie	16	13	19 450	7516

Source: Central Statistical Office/Local database

Selected higher education institutions

Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce

selected faculties: philology (Polish, Russian, English, Germanic), biotechnology, chemistry, computer science and econometrics, design, logistics, economics, technical physics, computer science, physiotherapy, public health, nursing, pedagogy, medicine.

Kielce University of Technology

selected faculties: energy, electrical engineering, electronics and telecommunications, geological engineering, construction, automation and robotics, engineering data, geodesy and cartography, management and production engineering, mechanics and machine construction.

Selected investors who have invested in the region

Firm	Sector	Location
NSK Bearings Polska	Metal	Kielce
DS Smith Polska	paper	Kielce
GdF Suez Energia Polska S.A	energy	Połaniec

Grupa Ożarów	construction	Ożarów
Lafarge Cementownia Małogoszcz	construction	Małogoszcz
Grupa NSG Polska	non-metal production	Sandomierz
Dyckerhoff Polska	construction	Sitkówka-Nowiny
Schmidt Polska	services, metal production	Kielce
Lhoist Bukowa	construction	Bukowa/Krasocin
Lafarge Nida Gips	construction	Gacki/Pińczów
Celsa „Huta Ostrowiec” Sp. z o.o.	smelting	Ostrowiec Św.

Useful addresses

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