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Polish furniture industry compared with the rest of the world

Production and export

Based on the data from the Eurostat, the Central Statistical Office and estimates of B+R Studio, the share of marketed production of furniture in Poland in generating the gross domestic product in 2022 has increased by 0,16 percentage points in comparison to 2021. While in the European Union, the share of marketed production of furniture in the GDP in 2022 has dropped by 0,01 percentage points in comparison to 2022 and amounted to 0,75%. Thus, the Polish furniture industry proves its significance for the Polish economy.

	Specification	2021	2022*	
Poland	GDP in million PLN	2 623 948	2 728 906	
	marketed production of furniture (PSM) in million PLN	61 740	68 477	
	PSM/GDP share	2,35%	2,51%	
European Union	GDP in million EUR	14 505 288	14 983 963	
	marketed production of furniture in million EUR	110 210	112 635	
	PSM/GDP share	0,76%	0,75%	

Source: B+R Studio calculations based on the Polish Central Statistical Office and the Eurostat data; *estimates of B+R Studio.

Considering the important of the Polish furniture industry in the international arena and its competitive position in the national economy we should remind that Poland is one of the biggest furniture industries in the European Union in terms of the level of production. All of this is confirmed by the number and high position in the global rankings of the production and export of furniture.

The following factors impact the high position of the furniture industry in Poland:

- a) A long tradition, which results in the important production potential and resources of qualified staff and renowned positions in the eyes of the recipients;
- b) attractive geographical location close to the absorptive markets of Western Europe;
- c) the country's natural resources in the form of wood;
- d) relatively low labor costs in comparison to the countries of Western Europe.



Furniture production in Poland

Production mix by size of the companies and location

127 micro companies producing the furniture have arrived on the market as at the end of the third quarter of 2022, in comparison to the state in the third quarter of 2021. It means that the number of such companies increased by 0,4% in comparison to 2021. The decrease was recorded for the small companies, their number decreased by 28 (-2,3%) and for the medium companies - decrease by 2 (-0,7%). The number of large companies did not change in 2022. In conclusion, the balance of companies in the third quarter of 2022 amounted to 97, so more than 0,3% in comparison to the same period of 2021. 32 160 of entities producing the furniture were registered in Poland at the end of the third quarter of 2022 based on the data of the National Business Registry Number [REGON].

Size class	Unit	2020	2021*	2022**	2022*- 2021* balance	Balance/2021*
Micro	no. of companies	29 291	30 459	30 586	127	0,42%
WICTO	y/y		1,05	1,00	-	-
Small	no. of companies	1 254	1 232	1 204	-28	-2,27%
Sillali	y/y		0,98	0,98	-	-
Medium	no. of companies	290	291	289	-2	-0,69%
Medium	y/y		1,01	0,99	-	-
Lorgo	no. of companies	84	81	81	0	0,00%
Large	y/y		0,95	1,01	-	-
Total	no. of companies	30 919	32 063	32 160	97	0,30%
TUTAT	y/y		1,05	1,00	-	-

Table 5. Structure of sizes of the furniture companies acc. to the REGON register

Source: based on the REGON register. *as of 30.09.2021; **as of 30.09.2022

According to the National Business Registry Number data from 30 September 2022, the most furniture companies were located in the Wielkopolska Province, with 4594 companies. This figure includes 4205 micro companies, 274 small companies, 88 medium companies and 27 large companies. The second position, in terms of registered companies, is occupied by the Mazovia Province, with the number of furniture companies amounting to 4378. The highest number of large companies is located in the Wielkopolska Province (27), Warmia-Masuria Province (10), Lower Silesia Province (7) and Pomerania Province (7).



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