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POLAND

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Area: 312,685 km²

Borders: 3.071 km (Czech Republic 796 km, Slovakia 541 km, Ukraine 535 km, Germany 467 km, Belarus 418 km, Lithuania 104 km, Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast) 210 km) Coastline: 440 km (Baltic Sea) Capital: Warsaw

Official language: Polish

Source : The CIA World Factbook



Population: 36,620,970 inhabitants (2023) Natural change rate: -3.7‰ (2023) Migration rate: 0,1‰ (2023) Asylum applicants: 9,475 (2023) Population: 15.4% under 15 years old, 19.9% over 65 years old (est. 2023) Life expectancy: men 74.8 years, women 82.4 years (2023 est.) Ethnic groups: Polish 96.9%, German 0.2%, Silesians 1.1%, Ukrainian 0.1%, other and unspeci ied 1.7% (2011 est.) Religion: Catholic 85%, Orthodox 1.3%, Protestant 0.4%, other 0.3%, unspecified 12.9% (2020 est.)

Source : Eurostat, The World Factbook



Currency: Zloty (PLN) (exchange rate October 2024: $1 \in = 4.35$ PLN) GDP: € 748,923.4 million (2023) GDP per capita (PPP): € 14,880 (2023) GDP Growth: 0.1% (2023) Unemployment: 2.9% (August 2024) Inflation: 4.2% (September 2024) Government debt: 52.3% of GDP (Q2, 2024) Budget balance: -5.8% of GDP (2023) High performance sectors: furniture, automobile industry, shipbuilding, food industry, steel industry Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world: 38.6% of GDP (2022)

Source : Eurostat, Trading Economics, European Central Bank



Composition of the Polish Senate (since October 2023):

- 42 seats Civic Coalition (KO)

- 34 seats United Right Coalition (PiS/
- SP/Porozumienie)

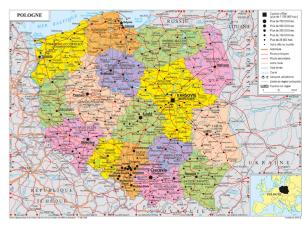
- 12 seats Third Way Coalition (Trzecia Droga)

- 9 seats Left Coalition (Lewica)
- 3 seats Independant

Female representation:

-in the government: 10/27 -in the Sejm: 135/460 -in the Senate: 19/100

Next elections: presidential in 2025 and general in 2027



Political System

Republic, parliamentary democracy (Constitution of 17th October 1997)

Head of State: Andrzej Duda (Law and Justice, PiS), elected on 24th May 2015 by direct universal suffrage (five-year term renewable once) and reelected on 12th July 2020.

Prime Minister: Donald Tusk (KO) was elected President of the Council of Ministers by the Sejm on 11th December 2023 and has been in office since

13th December 2023. He leads a coalition government between the Civic Coalition, Third Way

and New Left.

Bicameral parliamentary system:

The Diet (Sejm) comprises of 460 members who are elected for a four-year term by proportional representation. A threshold of 5% of votes is necessary for a political party (8% for a coalition) to be represented in the Diet; some seats are reserved for representatives of ethnic minorities.

The 100 members of the Senate are elected for four years by majority vote; representatives and senators are elected at the same time.

Composition of the Siejm (since October 2023):

- 194 seats United Right Coalition (PiS/SP/Porozumienie/Kukiz'15)
-157 seats Civic Coalition (KO)
- 65 seats Third Way Coalition (Trzecia Droga)
- 26 seats Left Coalition (Lewica)
- 18 seats Freedom and Independence Confederation (Konfederacja)