

Statistics for the SDGs - global indicators



Name of the indicator	5.5.1 Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments and local governments
Sustainable Development Goal	Goal 5. Gender equality
Target	5.5 Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life
Definition	Share of women: sitting in the Sejm and the Senate, who act as commune head, mayor, president of the city, sit on the councils of communes, poviats, regional assemblies.
Unit	percent [%]
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	<p>Legislative power in the Republic of Poland is exercised by the Sejm and the Senate. The Sejm consists of 460 Members of Parliament (MPs). The Senate consists of 100 senators. The Sejm and the Senate are elected for four-year terms.</p> <p>The participation of women / MPs / Senators in the parliament (as of the beginning of the term) in 2011 corresponds to the 7th term of the Sejm and the 8th term of the Senate (from 8 November 2011 to 11 November 2015), and in 2015 corresponds to the 8th term of the Sejm and the 9th term of the Senate (from November 12, 2015).</p> <p>The legislative bodies (i.e constituting) of local government units include gmina council, powiat council and voivodship regional council. Members of these bodies (councilors) are elected for a four-year term. The gmina council is a constituting and controlling body in the gmina.</p> <p>The executive authority in rural gminas is exercised by a village mayor, in urban and urban-rural gminas - by a mayor, and by a president - in big cities (of over 100,000 residents and in cities in which the executive and managing body was the city president on the day when the act on local self-government came into force, i.e on 27 May 1990 - this concerned cities with more than 50,000 residents and former capitals of voivodships).</p>
Data source	Chancellery of the Sejm and Senate / Statistics Poland
Data availability	Data every four years: local governments since 2010, parliament since 2011
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