

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	<p>Share of women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the Sejm and the Senate, • serving as village mayors, mayors, presidents of cities, • in gmina councils, powiat councils and voivodship regional councils.
Unit	percent [%]
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	<p>The legislative power in the Republic of Poland is exercised by the Sejm and the Senate. The Sejm consists of 460 deputies. The Senate consists of 100 senators. The Sejm and the Senate are elected for four-year terms.</p> <p>The share of women / Deputies / Senators in the parliament (as of the beginning of the term) in 2011 refers to the VII term of the Sejm and VIII term of the Senate (since 8 November 2011 to 11 November 2015 r), and in 2015 - the VIII term of the Sejm and IX term of the Senate (from 12 November 2015).</p> <p>Resolution-making bodies (constitutive) of the local government units include the gmina council, the powiat council and the voivodship regional council. Members of these bodies (councillors) are elected for four-year terms. The gmina council is the constitutive and control body in the gmina.</p> <p>Executive authorities in rural gminas are village mayors, in urban and urban-rural gminas - mayors, and presidents in big cities (inhabited by more than 1000 thous. population as well as cities in which according to the date of entry into force of the Law on Local Government, which is 27 May 1990, the executive-managing body was the president of the city – it concerned cities with over 50 thous. population and former voivodship cities).</p>
Source of data	<p>Chancellery of the Sejm and Chancellery of the Senate</p> <p>Statistics Poland</p>
Data availability	Annual data; since 2010 - local governments; data every four years; since 2011 - parliament.
Notes	<p>Data on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • village mayor, mayor, president of the city – include district mayors of the Capital City of Warsaw; • gmina councils – exclude councillors of city councils in cities with powiat status; • city councils in cities with powiat status – include councillors of district councils in the Capital City of Warsaw.