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Highlights

- In purchasing power parity terms, Poland's GDP almost doubled over the last decade reaching US\$814.4 billion.
- The general government finances showed a deficit of 5.1%, similar to the level of 10 years ago.
- Unemployment fell from 18.3% in 2001 to 9.7% in 2011, over 30% of whom are long-term unemployed.
- The employment rate of women was 53.1%, compared with 66.3% for men, and OECD figures of 56.7% and 73% respectively.
- Poland ranked 20th out of 34 countries in terms of income inequality in the OECD area, the first (least unequal) being Slovenia.

ECONOMY	2001	2011³	GLOBALISATION	2001	2011³
Gross domestic product (US\$ bln, PPPs)	418.8	814.4	Imports of goods and services (% of GDP)	30.7	45.9
GDP per capita (US\$)	10 948	19 908 ²	Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	27.1	44.8
Real GDP growth (annual %)	1.2	4.3	Net official development assistance (% of GNI)
Household disposable income (annual growth %)	4.1	2.7 ²	Foreign-born population (% of population)	..	0.9 ²
Budget balance (% of GDP)	-5.3	-5.1	Migration for work (% of total migration)
Public debt (% of GDP)	43.8	..	Outward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	50
Current account balance (% of GDP)	-3.1	-4.3	Inward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	198
Inflation rate: all items (annual %)	5.4	4.2			
Unit labour cost (annual growth %)	3.2	..	SOCIETY		
Long-term interest rates (%)	10.68	5.96	Population (thousands)	38 251	38 187 ²
Public expenditure on health (% of GDP)	4.2	5.0 ²	Life expectancy at birth (years)	74.3	76.3 ²
Private expenditure on health (% of GDP)	1.6	1.9 ²	Population, 65 and over (% of population)	12.5	13.8
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	5.0 ⁴	Employment rates: men (%)	59.2	66.3
Private expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	0.8 ⁴	Employment rates: women (%)	47.8	53.1
			Self-employment rates (% of employed)	25.7	19.6
NEW SOURCES OF GROWTH			Unemployment rates (%)	18.3	9.7
Renewable energy (% of energy supply)	4.5	7.8	Long-term unemployment (% of unemployed)	43.1	31.6
Primary energy supply (Mtoe)	89.7	102.6	Income inequality, rank out of 34 (1: least unequal)	..	20 ¹
CO ₂ emissions from fuel combustion (mln tonnes)	290	305 ²	Average hours actually worked (per year)	1 974	1 937
R&D expenditure (US\$ mln, 2005 prices, PPPs)	2 850	4 876 ²	Taxes on average worker (all-in, % of labour cost)	38.0	34.3
Tertiary graduation rates (% of population)	..	22.9 ²	Road fatalities (per mln inhabitants)	143	102 ²
Households with internet access (%)	..	66.6			

1. Late 2000s data, based on Gini coefficient 2. 2010 data 3. Unless otherwise indicated 4. 2009 data