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Poland

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Factsheet

Fertility rate (births/woman)	Net migration rate (entering-leaving/1000)	Family policies	Attitude towards immigration
1.33 (34th in the OECD)	25.21 (4th in the OECD)	Moderate	Neutral

Immigration Policies

Despite the rather anti immigration stance of Polish people and PiS party (Law and Justice party) Poland has one of the highest net migration rates in the entirety of the OECD. Partially it is caused by asylum seekers arriving from Ukraine, partially by Polish people returning from the UK or Norway as more working opportunities appear in the country and partially by specialists on working visas from third countries such as Belarus, Georgia, South East Asia. Poland also has a simplified naturalisation process, requiring immigrants to legally reside in a country for as short as 3 years in some cases.

Family Policies

In 2020 Poland has introduced a “Better Standard of Living for Families” program focused on providing financial support including direct benefits to families, without income threshold. Maternity leave is limited to 20 weeks, which might be rather short by the EU standard. As standard for most Western nations, children receive free childcare. Poland has a very low birth rate which has forced the country to make abortions illegal. Not the most optimal approach, as it has just strengthened the concept of contraception among people instead of actually increasing the birth rate.

Potential allies: Hungary, USA, Germany, Japan, Türkiye

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