Lubelskie Region

Location and administrative division

Lubelskie Region is situated in the mid-eastern part of Poland.

It neighbours with Podkarpackie, Świętokrzyskie, Mazowieckie and Podlaskie Regions. Lubelskie, neighbouring with Ukraine and Belarus, is the eastern border of the European union.

Lubelskie is the third largest region in Poland with the total area of 25,122 square km, which constitutes 8.0% of the area of Poland. The total length of international borders in Lubelskie equals 445 km.

Lubelskie Region is divided into 4 subregions:

- Lublin
- Biała Podlaska
- Chełm
- Puławy

The region is divided into 24 poviats and 213 communes. The capital of the city of the region is Lublin, administrative, economic and cultural heart of the region.
Human capital

The average population density is 86 people per 1 square km, (cities: 1034, province: 48)

Women constitute 51.6% of the region’s population
- There are more men in the group of people under 47 (men constitute 53.1% of the population in this age group)
- There are more women in the group of people over 48 (56.3%)

In towns and cities, dominance of women over men is more significant.

Population according to age:
- pre-productive (0-17) – 19.2%
- productive (men: 18-64, women 18-59) – 63.1%
- post-productive (men>65, women>60) – 17.7%

Average employment in the enterprise sector stood at 433.4 thousand

Main branches are:
- industry (including processing industry) – 89.7 thousand
- construction – 20 thousand
- trade, car services – 42.3 thousand
- transportation and warehouse management – 11.1 thousand
- real estate services – 3.8 thousand
- other

Unemployment, GNP

Unemployment rate equals 12.9%
(9th position in Poland)

Average gross salary in private sector PLN 3 175.68
(around 900 €)

Estimated GNP per inhabitant equals PLN 24 002
(around 6000 €)

Number of private enterprises: 162 095
Lublin plays the role of an important educational center offering a high level of education. The city, where every fourth inhabitant is a student, is the largest and most rapidly developing academic center on the east side of the Vistula.

The region is host to 19 institutions of higher education, which educate 101,540 students (as of the year 2011/2012). This represents 5.6% of students in the country.

Lublin is proud of 4 universities:

- Maria Curie – Skłodowska University
- Catholic University of Lublin
- University of Life Sciences
- Medical University

and the Technical University of Lublin.

The variety of training courses, esteemed faculty, a beautiful campus, and students who are the source of many development opportunities constitute the unique image of the city.

The number of foreign students is growing each year. In the academic year 2012/2013 it surpassed 2500.

R&D Institutes

Thanks to various R&D centres, economy of Lubelskie Region is becoming more competitive and innovative.

Most important research and development centres include:

- Biotechnology Centre of Maria Curie - Skłodowska University in Lublin
- Centre for Innovation and Advanced Technologies of the Lublin University of Technology in Lublin
- Lublin Centre for Technology Transfer of the Lublin University of Technology
- Foundation of the Polish Academy of Sciences – Branch in Lublin
- Institute of Agrophysics, Polish Academy of Sciences in Lublin
- Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation in Puławy
- Voivodeship Club of Technology and Rationalization in Lublin
- Research Institute of Pomology and Floriculture, Division of Apiculture in Puławy
- National Veterinary Research Institute in Puławy
- Military Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology – Biological Threats Identification and Countermeasure Centre in Puławy
Science and Technology Parks

Science and Technology Parks, supporting the development of Lubelskie Region through the establishment of an institutionalized platform for cooperation between universities, business and industrial parks support local, national and international entrepreneurship.

**Lublin Science and Technology Park SA**, which is host to:

- Laboratory of Genetic Research
- Central Instrument Laboratory of the University of Life Sciences
- Lublin Centre of Neuroengineering of University of Technology
- Lublin Consulting Center
- Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer

**Puławy Science and Technology**, a brand new park whose aim is to:

- provide modern, attractive premises, necessary to undertake and run business focused on modern technologies
- prepare investment areas and zones for industry and modern services

Communication accessibility

Lublin Airport provides connections to airports in Poland and abroad. Business and charter flights are to take place to the airports of Western Europe, Eastern Europe and North Africa.
High potential sectors
Agriculture and food processing

Climatic and soil conditions in the region enhance the development of ecological food production. **Agricultural areas cover 63.2%** of the whole region.

### Lubelskie is the leader in national agricultural production:

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Lubelskie Region can boast of **1386 licensed ecological farms** which puts the region on the third position in Poland – due to high-quality soils.

Favourable soil and climatic conditions enable the development of agriculture and food processing including production of fruit, vegetables, dairy products, meat, beer, herbs and honey, tobacco, spirits and sweets.

### Engineering

Engineering has always played an important role in the history of the region.

**Main centres of development of engineering sector are:**

Lublin, Świdnik, Bełżyce, Kraśnik and Janów Lubelski.

**Leading companies in the sector include:**

- **PZL Świdnik** (Agusta Westland Group) which cooperates with Boeing, Cessna, Eurocopter and Bell Helicopter. **Sipma S.A.** - one of the leading producers of agricultural equipment in Poland. **Sigma S.A.** - an innovative producer of mining equipment. Other leading engineering companies include: **Multivac, Spomasz S.A., Warbo Sp. z o.o., WSK Tomaszów Lubelski and Meprozet.**

**Foreign investors in the sector include:**

- „AluTeam” Polska Sp. z o.o. (Germany), **Catepillar Poland Sp. z o.o.** (USA), Kompas Sp. z o.o (Finland) and **TSUBAKI-HOOVER Polska Sp. z o.o.** (USA and Japan).

### Aviation

**PZL-Świdnik (Agusta Westland Group)** is the leading company in the aviation sector.

The company, having a 60-year-long expertise in aircraft production, offers two major types of helicopters: a light, 1.8 ton, one-engine **SW-4** and a two-engine **W-3A Sokół**. Both can be used for commercial and military purposes.
Experience, technology and and quality according to ISO 9001 allowed for cooperation with such international companies as AEROSPATIALE which resulted in the production of a light aircraft ATR-72. PZL Świdnik cooperates with such companies as Aerospatiale, Eurocopter, Agusta Westland, Latecoere, Dassault, Ratier-Figeac, Snecma, Boeing, PZL-Świdnik manufactures such aircraft structures as: fuselages, fuselage elements, door mechanisms and many other parts.

**WSK Tomaszów Lubelski** – a former integral part of PZL Świdnik, now functions as a recognized and experienced manufacturer of components for the aerospace industry.

### BPO (Business Process Outsourcing)

Lubelskie Region together with its capital city has a very strong basis for the development of BPO sector in the form of financial and accounts centres. Thanks to qualified staff, well-developed medical and R&D sectors, Lubelskie is a perfect location for medical and sanitarium services centres. Lublin is an important international academic centre, offering a variety of courses. Highly-qualified students graduating from our universities, are a perfect basis for the development of the region’s economy.

BPO companies functioning in the region include: **Polish Marketing Centre, Medicover, Orange (France Telecom), Syntea, Genpact**

### Energetics

Lubelskie Region is a supply base for industry. One of the most profitable coal mines is indeed situated in the voivodeship. The region has **21.3% of the national coal** deposits, which gives the possibility of an even more dynamic development of the mining sector. Natural potential of the region creates favorable conditions for the production of heat and power from biomass. The region is also a perfect location for photovoltaic farms and small hydro power plants. Agricultural character of the region enables the development of energy crops and the production of energy from plant waste and waste of animal origin.

Areas suitable for the development of solar energy include areas situated in Lublin, Parczew, Chełm and Biłgoraj districts.

**Total actual insolation is at the level of 1500-1700 hours per year.**

### Logistics

Lubelskie is proud of attractive geographical location and proximity to transcontinental routes. The shortest road and railway routes go through Lubelskie Region: from Berlin, through Warsaw and as far as Minsk (Belarus), Moscow (Russia), Lutsk and Kiev and also Lviv and Odessa (Ukraine). Lubelskie is situated in the heart of East-Central Europe and is the Europe’s gate to the Eastern Europe and Central Asia. An essential role in goods transportation from Europe to Asia is
played by LHS (broad-gauge railway). Thanks to the proximity to international routes, logistics has the opportunit to become the key sector of the region’s economy. The location of the region is a factor accelerating construction of logistic centres. There are also tens of new spedition and customs services companies appearing each year.

Tourism

Region's rich natural resources and a clean and low-transformed environment is a potential for the development of tourism and ecological regional products. Lubelskie can boast of 2 national parks (Roztocze National Park and Polesie National Park), 17 natural parks and tens of areas of protected landscape. Roztocze is a diverse, upland area with hundreds of picturesque tourist destinations. Due to the wealth of rivers, lakes and ponds, the region offers plenty of activities for water sports enthusiasts. In the area of Łęczna and Włodawa Lake District, tourists will find favorable conditions for sailing, canoeing, fishing, as well as sunbathing.

Lubelskie Region also offers hundreds of historic objects which are undoubtedly worth visiting. The region is famous for its beautiful horses and the world's largest commercial promotional event is Arab Horse Days "Pride of Poland" in Janów Podlaski.

Places worth visiting:

Lublin Zamość
Kazimierz Dolny Nałęczów

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