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Poland

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> GDP \$494 billion* ılı

Population 39.0 million*

DO-YEAR	BY 250-YEAI EARTHQUAK
billion (6%)	\$10 billion (
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BALTIC SEA

Pomorskie

Wielkopolskie

Dolnoslaskie

FLOOD

Kujawsko-Pomorskie

Lodzkie

Slaskie

2%)

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Zachodnio-Pomorskie

Lubuskie

CAPITAL LOSS FROM 250-YEAR EARTHQUAKE \$700 million (<1%)

100 (<1%)

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Warminsko-Mazurskie

Mazowieckie

Swietokrzyskie

Malopolske

55

65

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* Warsaw

oland's population and economy are exposed to earthquakes and floods, with floods posing the greater risk. The model results for present-day risk v in this risk profile are based on population and gross domestic product (GDP) estimates for 2015. The estimated damage caused by historical events is inflated to 2015 US dollars.

Just over 60 percent of Poland's population lives in urban environments. The country's GDP was approximately US\$494 billion in 2015, with more than 60 percent derived from services, most of the remainder generated by

TOP AFFECTED PROVINCES

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FLOOD ANNUAL AVERAGE OF AFFECTED GDP (%)			EARTHQUAKE ANNUAL AVERAGE OF AFFECTED GDP (%)		
	Lubuskie	4	Dolnoslaskie	1	
	Opolskie	3	Lubuskie	0	
	Dolnoslaskie	3	Wielkopolskie	0	
	Kujawsko-Pomorskie	3	Slaskie	0	
	Zachodnio-Pomorskie	3	Opolskie	0	
	Pomorskie	2	Malopolske	0	
	Podkarpackie	2	Podkarpackie	0	
	Malopolske	2	Lodzkie	0	
	Wielkopolskie	1	Zachodnio-Pomorskie	0	
	Warminsko-Mazurskie	1	Kujawsko-Pomorskie	0	

industry, and agriculture making a small contribution. Poland's per capita GDP was \$12.700.

This map displays GDP by province in Poland, with greater color saturation indicating greater GDP within a province. The blue circles indicate the risk of experiencing floods and the orange circles the risk of earthquakes in terms of normalized annual average of affected GDP. The largest circles represent the greatest normalized risk. The risk is estimated using flood and earthquake risk models.

The table displays the provinces at GERMANY greatest normalized risk for each peril. In relative terms, as shown in the table, the province at greatest risk of floods is Lubuskie, and the one at greatest risk of earthquakes is Dolnoslaskie. In absolute terms, the province at greatest risk of both floods and earthquakes is Dolnoslaskie.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Annual Average of Affected GDP (%)



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Opolskie /

There is a high correlation (r=0.95) between the population and GDP of a province.

UKRAINE

LITHUANIA

Podlaskie

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Lubeiskie

Podkarpackie



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he most devastating flood in Poland since 1900 occurred in 1997. It affected over 200,000 people and caused about \$5 billion in damage. Another major flood event took place in 2010, affecting about 100,000 people and causing over \$3 billion in damage. Floods in 1987 and 2001 each caused close to \$1 billion in damage.

This map depicts the impact of flooding on provinces' GDPs, represented as percentages of their annual average GDPs affected, with greater color saturation indicating higher percentages. The bar graphs represent GDP affected by floods with return periods of 10 years (white) and 100 years (black). The horizontal line across the bars also shows the annual average of GDP affected by floods.

When a flood has a 10-year return period, it means the probability of occurrence of a flood of that magnitude or greater is 10 percent per year. A 100-year flood has a probability of occurrence of 1 percent per year. This means that over a long period of time, a flood of that magnitude will, on average, occur once every 100 years. It does not mean a 100-year flood will occur exactly once every 100 years. In fact, it is possible for a flood of any return period to occur more than once in the same year, or to appear in consecutive years, or not to happen at all over a long period of time.

If the 10- and 100-year bars are the same height, then the impact of a 10year event is as large as that of a 100year event, and the annual average of affected GDP is dominated by events that happen relatively frequently. If the impact of a 100-year event is much greater than that of a 10-year event, then less frequent events make a larger contribution to the annual average of affected GDP. Thus, even if a province's annual affected GDP seems small, less frequent and more intense events can still have large impacts.

The annual average population affected by flooding in Poland is about 600,000 and the annual average GDP about \$7 billion. Within the various provinces, the 10- and 100-year impacts do not differ much, so relatively frequent floods have large impacts on these averages.



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Poland experienced a minor earthquake in 1982, affecting over 1,000 people. The event indicates that, although no major earthquakes have been reported there, Poland has the potential to experience moderate ones.

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The annual average population affected by earthquakes in Poland is about 50,000 and the annual average, affected GDP about \$600 million. The annual averages of fatalities and capital losses caused by earthquakes are about three and about \$50 million, respectively. The fatalities and capital losses caused by more intense, less frequent events can be substantially larger than the annual averages. For example, an earthquake with a 0.4 percent annual probability of occurrence (a 250-year return period event) could cause about \$700 million in capital loss (less than 1 percent of GDP).



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The rose diagrams show the provinces with the potential for greatest annual average capital losses and highest annual average numbers of fatalities, as determined using an earthquake risk model. The potential for greatest capital loss occurs in Dolnoslaskie, which is not surprising, given the economic importance of the province.





The exceedance probability curves display the GDP A affected by, respectively, floods and earthquakes for varying probabilities of occurrence. Values for two different time periods are shown. A solid line depicts the affected GDP for 2015 conditions. A diagonally striped band depicts the range of affected GDP based on a selection of climate and socioeconomic scenarios for 2080. For example, if Poland had experienced a 100-year return period flood event in 2015, the affected GDP would have been an estimated \$30 billion. In 2080, however, the affected GDP from the same type of event would range from about \$40 billion to about \$90 billion. If Poland had experienced a 250-year earthquake event in 2015, the affected GDP would have been about \$10 billion. In 2080, the affected GDP from the same type of event would range from about \$15 billion to about \$50 billion, due to population growth, urbanization, and the increase in exposed assets.

All historical data on floods and earthquakes are from D. Guha-Sapir, R. Below, and Ph. Hoyois, EM-DAT: International Disaster Database (Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium), www.emdat.be. Damage estimates for all historical events have been inflated to 2015 US\$.