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Unemployment is one of the most significant social issues. It is a multidimensional phenomenon, exerting mainly a negative impact on the crucial spheres of political, economic, and social life. Unemployment has been acknowledged as a well-known and persistent public concern. Emerging from a period of systemic transformation, it has evolved into one of Poland's macroeconomic and macrosocial problems. The aim of the study is to analyse the dynamics of unemployment and its structure within the administrative system - in the Mazowieckie Voivodeship, individual subregions and counties - in the period 1999-2022.

The study defines unemployment and its structural components as well as changes observed over the analysed period on the basis of available statistical data of the Central Statistical Office and Provincial Labor Office in Warsaw.

A breakthrough change was observed after Poland's accession to the European Union, when the unemployment rate started to decrease. The analyses presented in the study indicate an improvement in the labour market and a reduction in the disparities between voivodeships and counties.

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