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## **ABSTRACT**

<b>Title</b>	The foreign population in Poland during the COVID-19 pandemic
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In the first two months of the pandemic, i.e. in March and April 2020, the estimated number of foreigners staying in Poland fell by 223 thousand, which represents a decline by 10.1% from the figure at the end of February. The change was also observed for the working subpopulation referring as the number of insured (natural) persons who indicated citizenship other than Polish in their application for old-age and invalidity pension, were compiled at the end of the February-April period. We note that change due to lockdown was mainly observed for female foreigners population and after the summer, the total number of foreigners employed in Poland were on the same level as before the lockdown.

In the study we used 9 registers as of 31st December 2019 updated using more recent data. Taking into account their information content and quality parameters, these registers were assessed to be the most reliable sources as they use the same definitions of units (persons) and contain key variables of interest that guarantee a high degree of data consistency.

The results should be treated as experimental and tentative. The study is based on a number of assumptions reflecting the availability and quality of data sources used to produce the estimates.