

2.2.3. Polish Tourist Country-Lovers' Society (PTTK)⁷

According to data of the Polish Tourist Country-Lovers' Society 29 regional branches of PTTK operated in Małopolskie voivodship at the end of 2007. There was the largest number of members in branches: "Krakowski" in Krakow (with 51 circles and clubs; 1281 persons) and "Beskid" in Nowy Sącz (35 circles and clubs; 1013 persons).

TABLE VII. THE ACTIVITY OF PTTK IN MAŁOPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP

SPECIFICATION	2004	2005	2006	2007
Branches ^a	30	30	30	29
Circles and clubs ^a	244	234	240	226
Members ^a	6809	6648	6688	6580
of which primary and secondary school students	2385	2033	2095	2056
Professional tourism:				
Excursions and events	2451	2471	2410	2388
Participants	78763	72099	72988	67058
Regular tourism ^b :				
Excursions and events	1314	1196	937	816
Participants	38951	26945	21189	16486

a As of 31 XII. **b** Organized for members of PTTK.

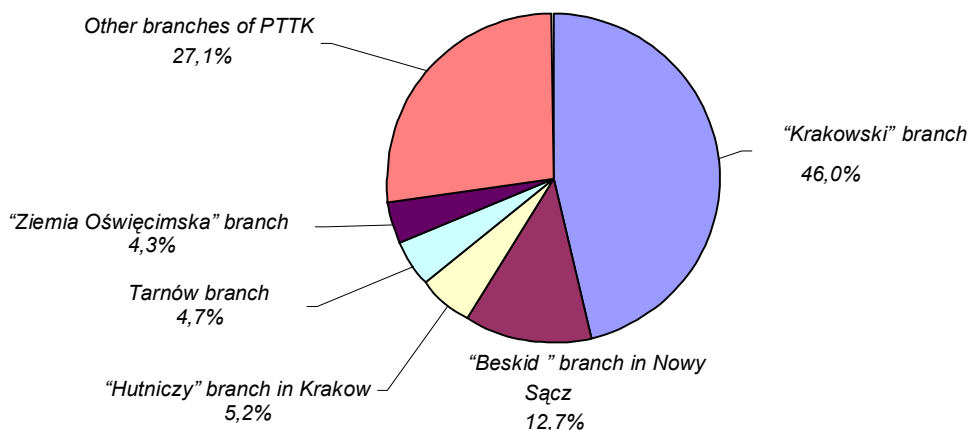
For tourists there was prepared 8236.0 km of PTTK tourist trials (48.0 km more than the previous year) as well as 143.0 km of other tourist trials. In 2388 professional tourism events organized by PTTK participated 67.1 thousand persons, of which 27.5 thousand primary and secondary school students (in 2006 — 30.4 thousand) as well as 0.7 thousand disabled persons (in 2006 — 0.8 thousand). Mountain hiking excursions and events gathered the largest number of participants (50.3% of total participants).

2651 tourist badges were granted in 2007 (2982 the previous year), of which: 1420 Badges of Mountain Tourism, 269 Badges of Mountain Horse-Riding Tourism, 227 Badges of Hiking Tourism, 24 Badges of Tourist Cycling.

In comparison with the previous years the number of PTTK members has decreased as well as number of events and excursions and its participants; also less tourist badges have been granted.

Detailed data of the activity of PTTK in 2007 are presented in tables 32-36.

EVENTS AND EXCURSIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL TOURISM BY PTTK BRANCHES IN 2007



⁷ Compiled on the basis of data of the Main Board of the Polish Tourist Country-Lovers' Society as well as PTTK's official website: <http://www.pttk.pl/>