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Streets of Warsaw
named after geographical features

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Streets of Warsaw

City area: 517 km^2
City population: 1,863,000

Named streets, squares, and other similar objects (as of October 7th, 2022)
− **5,659**:
  - 5,189 streets (Polish: *ulica*)
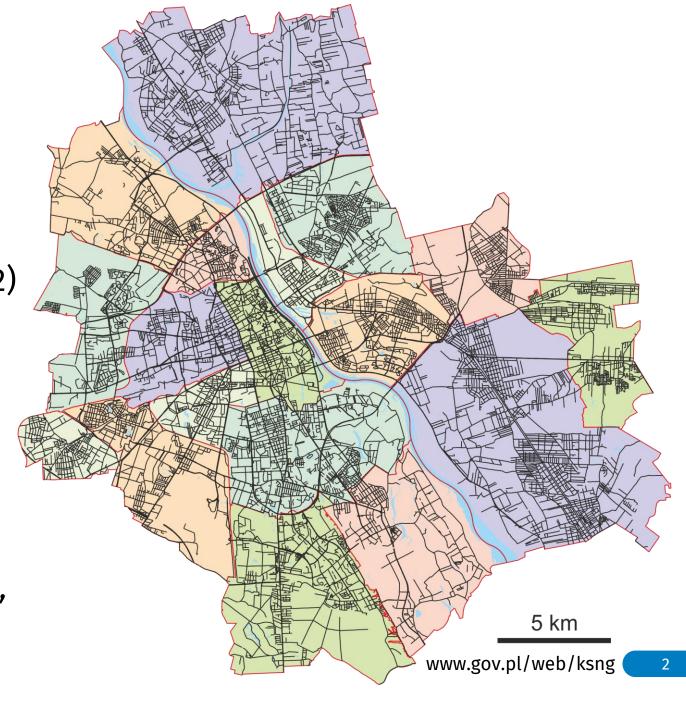 - 55 avenues (Polish: *aleja*)
  - 6 boulevards (Polish: *bulwar*)
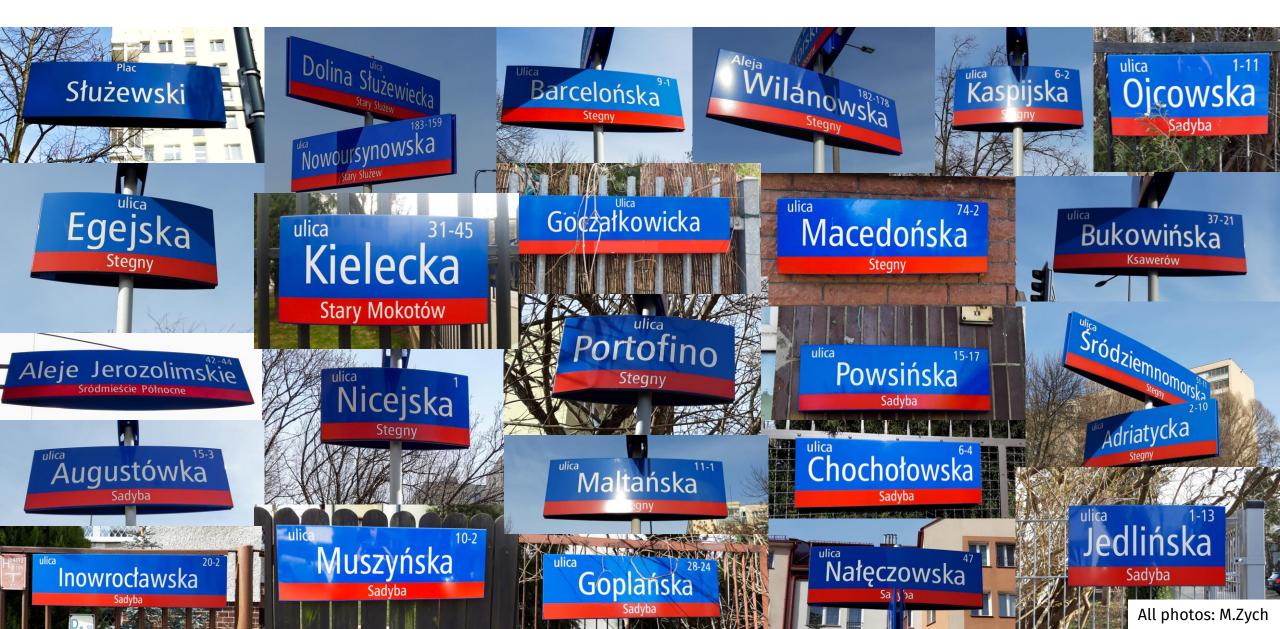 - 72 squares (Polish: *plac*)
  - 106 roundabouts (Polish: *rondo*)
  - 9 bridges (Polish: *most*)
  - 84 pedestrian roads (Polish: *pasaż, aleja, alejka*)
  - 140 green squares (Polish: *skwer*)

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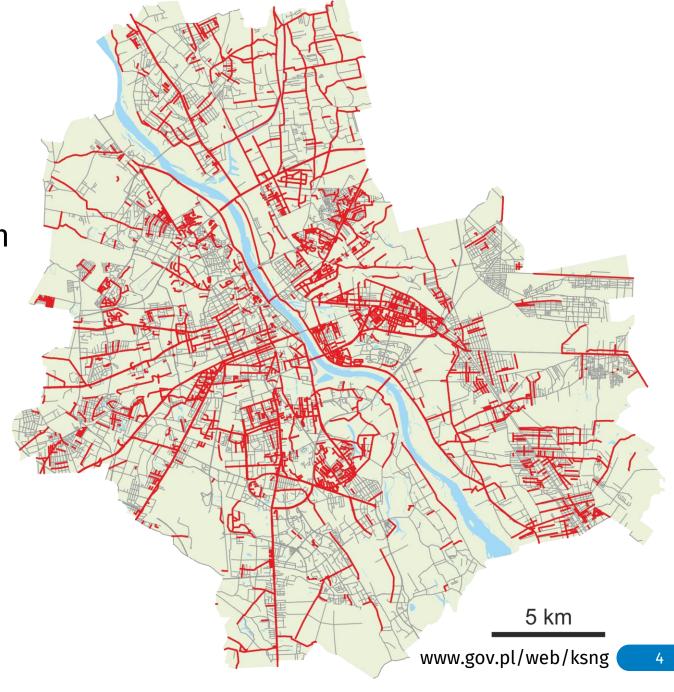# Streets named after geographical features

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Analyzed streets

Names of 1,381 streets, squares, and other similar objects come from the names of geographical objects, which constitutes 24.4% of all street names in Warsaw.
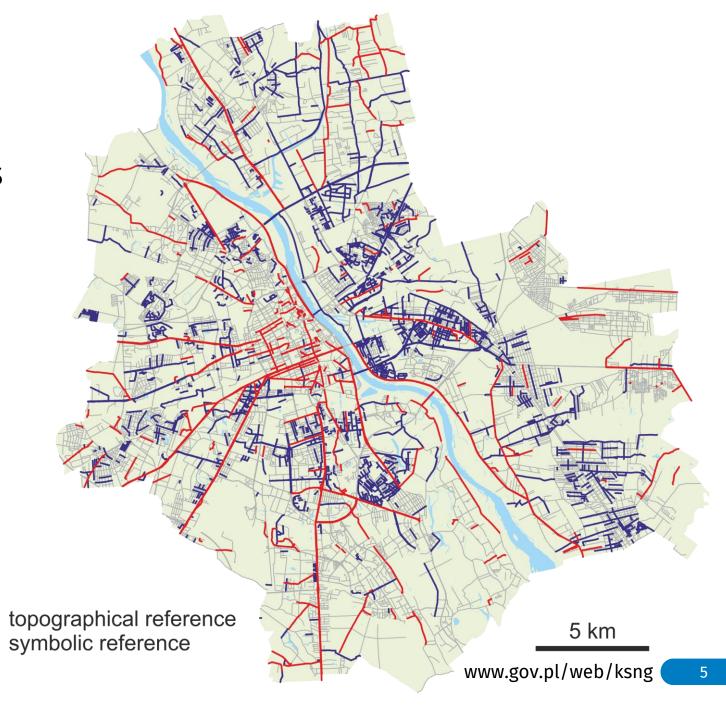
This includes names of:
- 1333 streets
- 7 avenues
- 16 squares
- 8 roundabouts
- 5 bridges
- 4 pedestrian roads
- 8 green squares

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Types of names

Street names derived from the names of geographical features can be divided into two main groups:
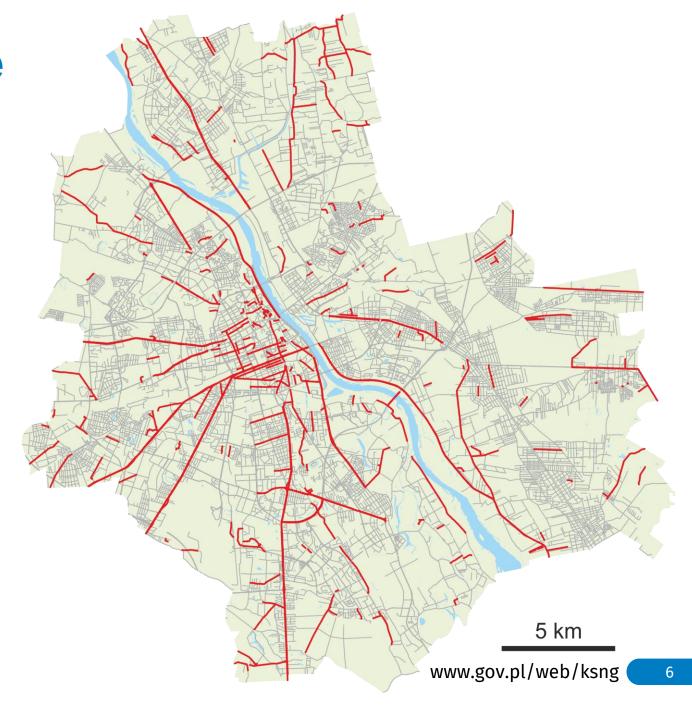
- names with a topographical reference

- names with a symbolic (or commemorative) reference

topographical reference
symbolic reference

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Topographical reference

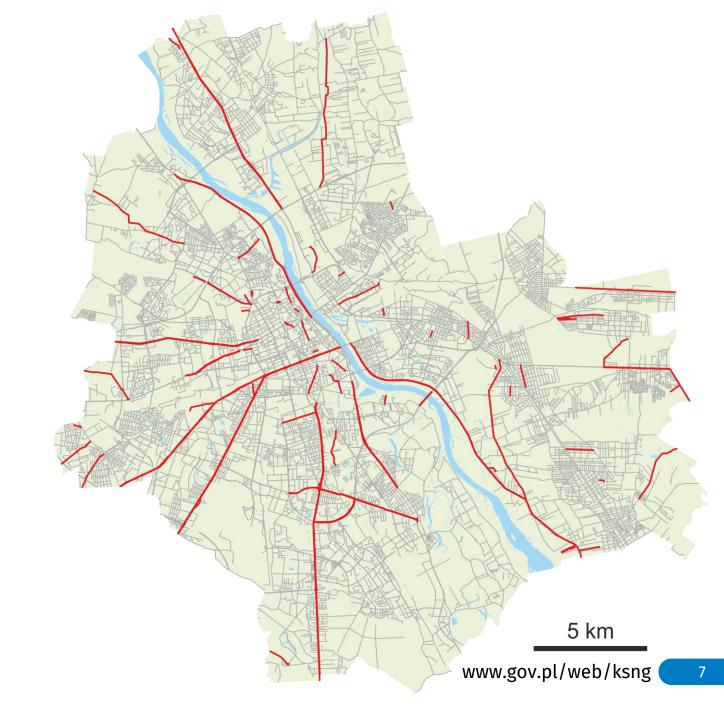The location of the street is geographically related to the location of the object after which the street is named.

240 streets with names of this type are in Warsaw (17.4% of all streets named after geographical features)

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Directional names

Directional names:

- names of streets that are (were) the beginning of the road to the locality or object after which the street is named

- names of streets that are (were) roads connecting with the locality or object after which the street is named.

69 streets with names of this type are in Warsaw (5.0% of the streets with geographical names)
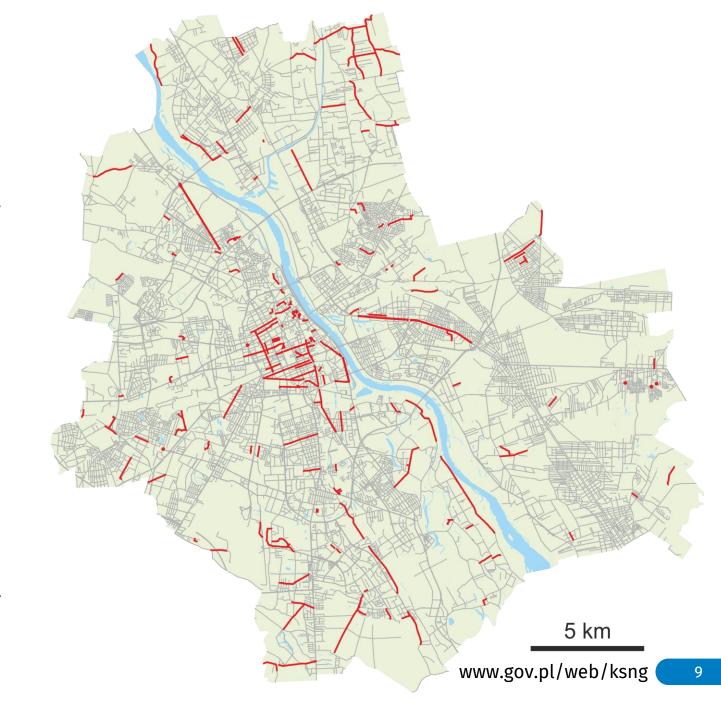

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Directional names – examples

- **aleja Krakowska** – the beginning of the road to Kraków (the city in Southern Poland)
- **aleja Wilanowska** – the road to Wilanów (the district of the city)
- **ulica Czerniakowska** – the street runs towards Czerniaków (the district of the city)
- **ulica Ku Wiśle** – the street runs towards the Vistula River
- **ulica Muranowska** – the street led to the palace of Murano (the palace currently does not exist)
- **ulica Puławska** – the beginning of the road to Puławy (the town located south of Warsaw)
- **Trakt Brzeski** – a fragment of an old road from the beginning of the 19th century leading from Warsaw to Brest

Localize names

Localize names:

- streets named after the locality or part of the locality through which they run

- streets named after the object that is (was) located next to it

- streets located near the locality/object after which the street is named.

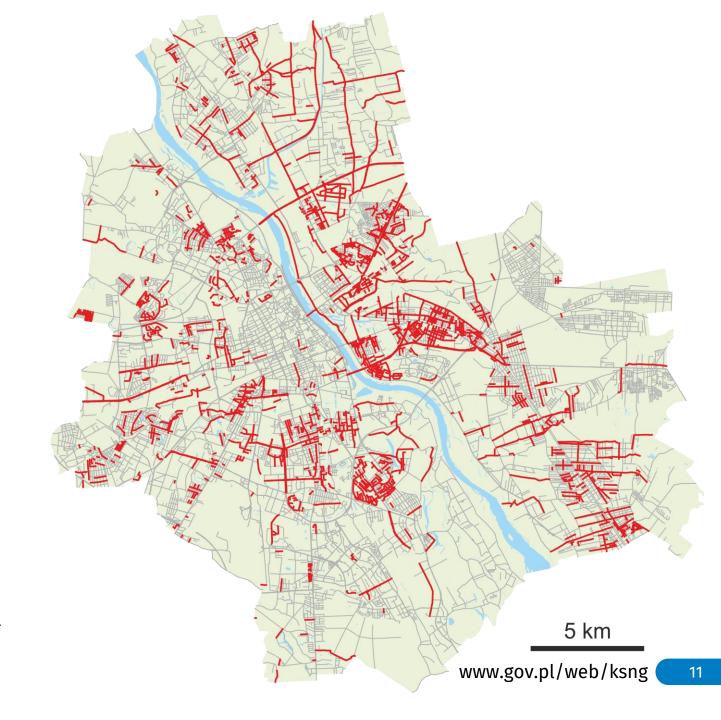171 streets with names of this type are in Warsaw (12.4% of the streets with geographical names)

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Localize names – examples

- **Aleje Ujazdowskie** – the street runs next to the Ujazdowski Castle
- **ulica Grochowska** – the street runs through Grochów (the district of the city)
- **ulica Imielińska** – the street runs near Imielin (the district of the city)
- **ulica Kaczy Dół** – the street runs through Międzylesie (the district of the city), Kaczy Dół is the name of Międzylesie oficially used from the 18th century to 1932
- **ulica Koszykowa** – the street ran through the former Koszyki farm
- **ulica Nowy Świat** – the name of the street from the 17th century; the street passed through the then existing suburb of Nowy Świat
- **ulica Żelazna** – the old road that ran by a suburban inn called Karczma „Żelazna"

Symbolic names

Symbolic names:

- names commemorating a given locality/object

- names commemorating the event related to a given locality

- association names

- other names given without any special association

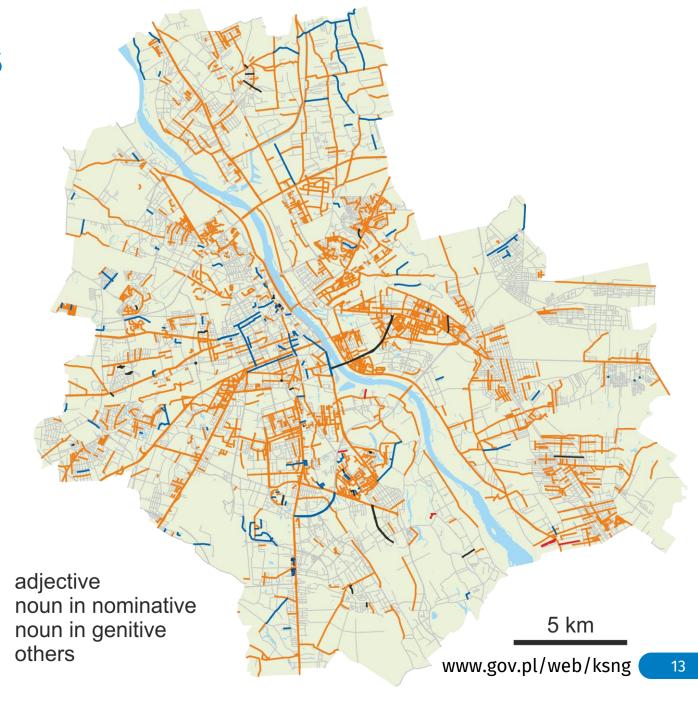1,142 streets with names of this type are in Warsaw (82.6% of the streets with geographical names)

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Symbolic names – examples

- **plac Grunwaldzki** – Grunwald is a village known mainly from the Battle of Grunwald in 1410 (Lithuanian: Žalgirio mūšis)
- **plac Trynopolski** – in „Wilno" [Vilnius] housing estate, the name after Trinapolis (the part of Vilnius)
- **ulica Westerplatte** – the peninsula in Gdańsk, a symbol of the beginning of World War II
- **ulica Litewska** – the name given in 1877 from the Russian infantry regiment called „Lithuanian"
- **ulica Mazowiecka** – the name from the 18th century, given after the palace belonging to the Mazovian Voivode
- **ulica Francuska** – the name (from 1925) commemorates France
- **ulica Adriatycka** – in a housing estate with names referring to the Mediterranean Region
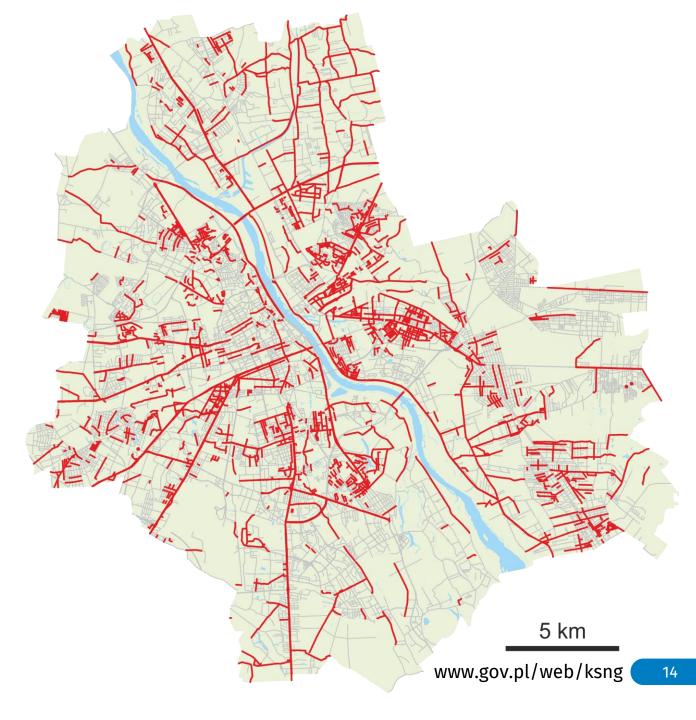
Grammatical categories

- adjectives – 1,212 street names (87.7% of the analyzed streets with geographical names), e.g. **ulica Barcelońska** [Barcelona], **ulica Wrocławska** [Wrocław]

- noun in nominative – 125 street names (9.0% of the analyzed streets), e.g. **ulica Balaton**, **ulica Narwik** [Narvik]

- noun in genitive – 37 street names (2.7% of the analyzed streets), e.g. **rondo Tybetu** [Tibet], **ulica Karkonoszy** [Karkonosze]

- other forms – 8 street names (0.6% of the analyzed streets) e.g. **ulica Nad Wisłą** [Vistula], **ulica Na Urzeczu** [Urzecze]

— adjective
— noun in nominative
— noun in genitive
— others

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Types of features

The vast majority of street names refer to names of towns, villages and their parts: 1,130 street names, i.e. 81.8% of all names, e.g.:

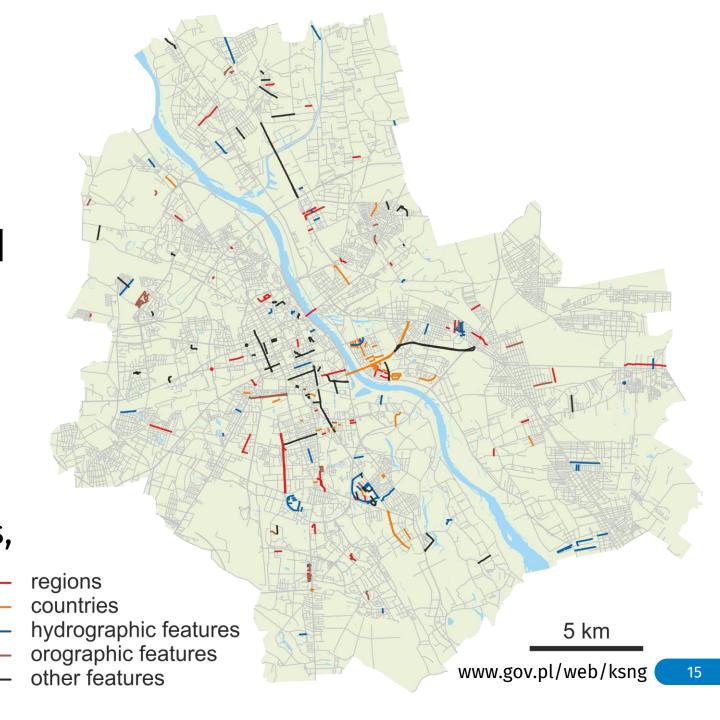- **ulica Białostocka** [Białystok]
- **ulica Drezdeńska** [Dresden]
- **ulica Gdyńska** [Gdynia]
- **ulica Kijowska** [Kyiv]
- **ulica Poznańska** [Poznań]
- **ulica Rzymska** [Rome]
- **ulica Toruńska** [Toruń]
- **ulica Wileńska** [Vilnius]

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Types of features

Other types of features in street names:

- lands and regions (53 streets), e.g. **ulica Kaszubska** [Kashubia]

- countries (45 streets), e.g. **ulica Estońska** [Estonia]

- water features (60 streets), e.g. **ulica Notecka** [Noteć]

- landform features (33 streets), e.g. **ulica Tatrzańska** [Tatras]

- other objects such as buildings, streets, islands, peninsulas, parks, parks, forests, continents (60 streets), e.g. **ulica Afrykańska** [Africa]

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Location of features
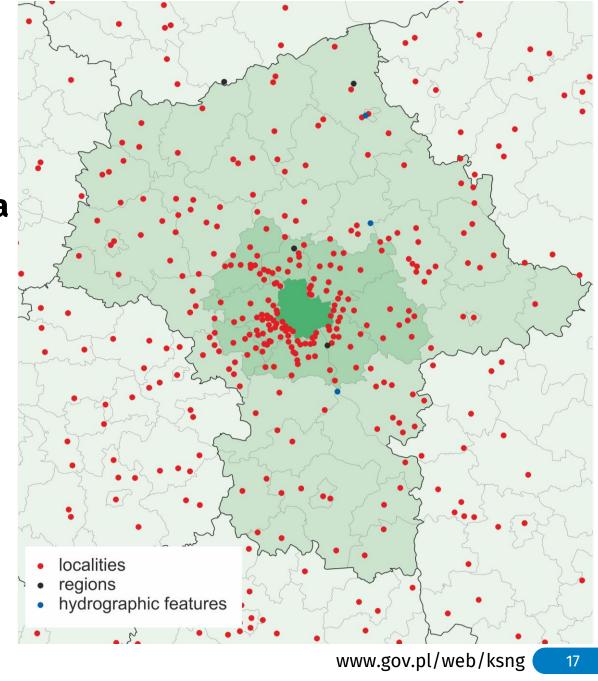
245 street names (17.7%) refer to objects located within the contemporary boundaries of Warsaw:

- 158 streets named after settlements (districts, housing estates, former villages, farms, etc.), e.g. **ulica Bielańska** [Bielany – district], **ulica Mariensztat** [Mariensztat – former free settlement], **ulica Warszawski Świt** [Warszawski Świt – housing estate], **ulica Koszykowa** [Koszyki – former farm]

- 23 streets named after water objects (including 10 from the Vistula River), e.g. **ulica Nadwiślańska** ['on the Vistula'], **ulica Wiślana** [Vistula], **ulica Żurawia** [Żurawka – former stream]

- 33 streets named after other objects, e.g. **ulica Foksal** [Vauxhall – former playground], **ulica Marywilska** [Marywil – former palace], **ulica Lewicpolska** [Lewicpol – former fort]

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- water features
- other features
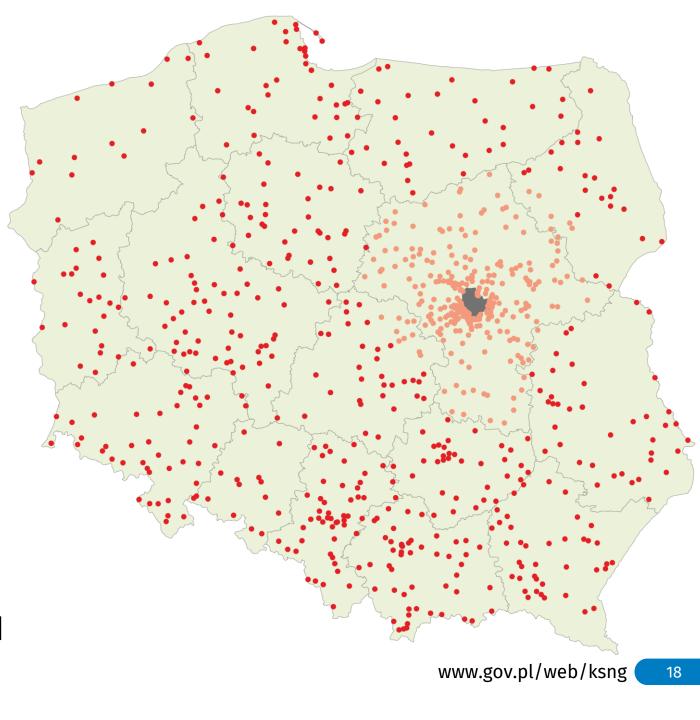
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Location of features

Objects located in the region:

- vicinity of Warsaw: 136 streets named after settlements, e.g. **ulica Konstancińska** [Konstancin – a part of the town of Konstancin-Jeziorna], **ulica Pruszkowska** [Pruszków – town], **ulica Jaktorowska** [Jaktorów – village] + 1 street named after a region – **ulica Na Urzeczu** [Urzecze]

- Mazovia (outside vicinity of Warsaw): 139 streets named after settlements, e.g. **ulica Łomżyńska** [Łomża – town], **ulica Nieborowska** [Nieborów – village] + 4 streets named after regions, e.g. **ulica Mazowiecka** [Mazovia] + 3 streets named after water objects, e.g. **ulica Liwiecka** [Liwiec – river]

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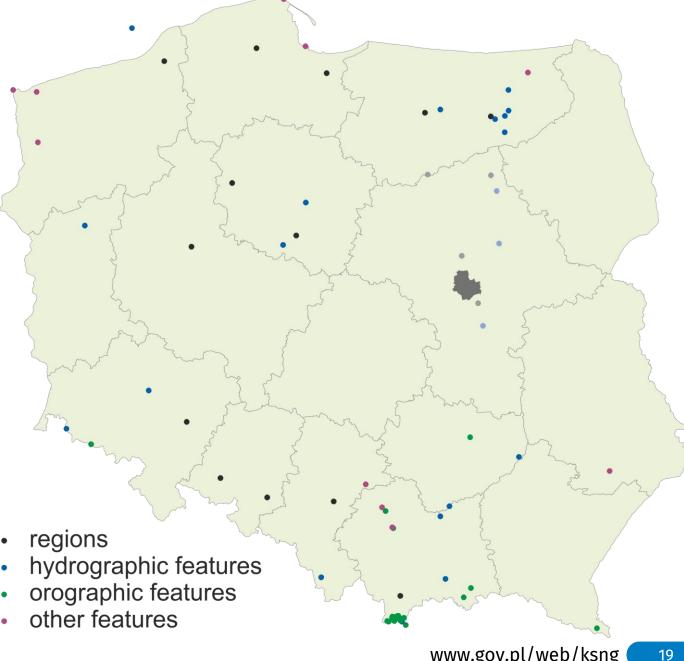
Location of features

529 street names refer to localities and their parts from Poland (outside Mazovia), e.g.:

- **ulica Chylońska** [Chylonia – a part of the city of Gdynia]
- **ulica Białostocka** [Białystok – city]
- **ulica Rabczańska** [Rabka-Zdrój – town]
- **ulica Gdecka** [historical name of Gdec for the town of Giecz]
- **ulica Horodelska** [Horodło – village]
- **ulica Niekłańska** [Niekłań Mały and Niekłań Wielki – two neighboring villages]

Location of features

66 street names refer to other features from the territory of Poland (outside Mazovia):

- 13 streets named after regions, e.g. **ulica Śląska** [Silesia], **ulica Pomorska** [Pomerania]
- 18 streets named after water objects, e.g. **ulica Drwęcka** [Drwęca – river], **ulica Goplańska** [Gopło – lake]
- 24 streets named after landform objects, e.g. **ulica Beskidzka** [Beskidy – mountains], **ulica Zawrat** [Zawrat – pass]
- 11 streets named after other objects, e.g. **ulica Puszczy Solskiej** [Puszcza Solska – forest]

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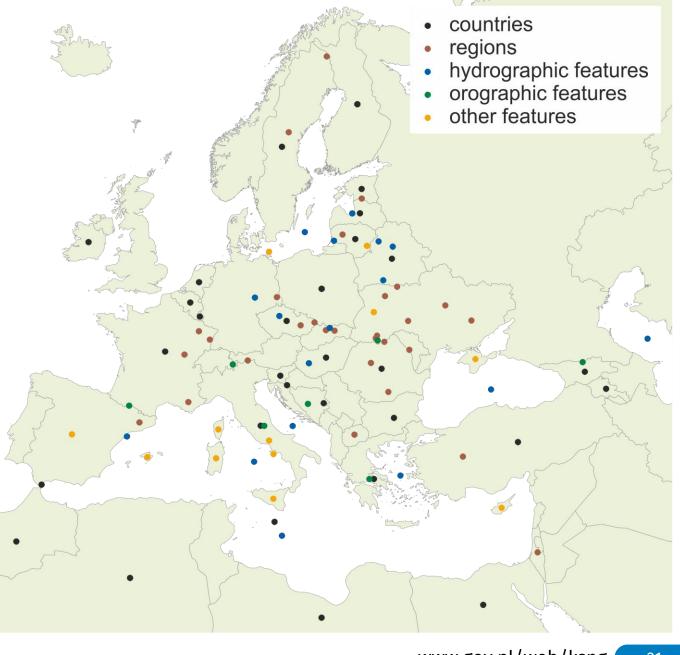
Location of features

256 street names refer to features located outside Poland, including 214 objects located in Europe. Of these, 129 street names refer to cities, towns and villages in Europe, e.g.:

- **ulica Ateńska** [Athens]
- **ulica Grodzieńska** [Hrodna]
- **ulica Lwowska** [Lviv]
- **ulica Marsylska** [Marseille]
- **ulica Portofino** [Portofino]
- **skwer Ryski** [Rīga]
- **ulica Wiedeńska** [Vienna]
- **plac Wileński** [Vilnius]
- **skwer Ziemi Aniołów** [Angyalföld – district of Budapest]
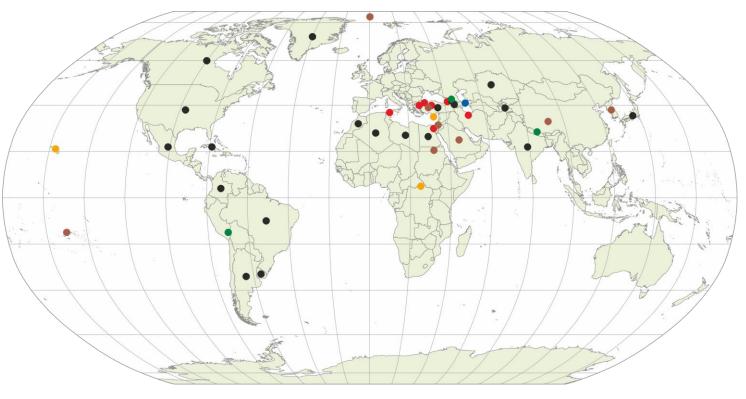
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85 street names refer to other features from Europe:

- 25 streets named after countries, e.g. **ulica Łotewska** [Latvia], **skwer Chorwacki** [Croatia]
- 27 streets named after regions, e.g. **ulica Lapońska** [Lapland], **ulica Morawska** [Moravia]
- 14 streets named after water objects, e.g. **ulica Egejska** [Aegean Sea], **ulica Ebro** [Ebro – river]
- 6 streets named after landform objects, e.g. **ulica Alpejska** [Alps]
- 13 streets named after other objects, e.g. **ulica Ostrobramska** [Aušros vartai – gate in Vilnius], **ulica Arkony** [Arkona – cape]

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Location of features

42 street names refer to features located outside Europe:
- 7 streets named after cities, e.g. **ulica Sueska** [Suez], **ulica Batumi** [Batumi]
- 20 streets named after countries, e.g. **ulica Libijska** [Libya], **ulica Indyjska** [India]
- 8 streets named after regions, e.g. **ulica Nubijska** [Nubia], **ulica Arktyczna** [Arctic]
- 1 street named after water objects – **ulica Kaspijska** [Caspian Sea]
- 3 streets named after landform objects, e.g. **ulica Andyjska** [Andes]
- 3 streets named after other objects, e.g. **ulica Hawajska** [Hawaiian Islands]

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Name changes

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Since October 7, 2022 to March 9, 2023:

- new street names: 12 (including: **Victims of Russian Aggression Avenue**)

- deleted street names: 4 (including one name derived from the name of a geographical feature)

Thank you

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