

## General information

### Welcome to our Website!

The State Archive in Lodz is one of the 30 Polish regional archives subordinated to [The Head Office of State Archives](#) in Warsaw.

Our main goals are: supervising archival activities coming out in the region, storing, classifying and enabling access to documents.

The history of Archive in Lodz dates back to the year 1926. Since then the office has been located in the old City Hall premises. Presently the archives are stored in 3 separate buildings in the city. Local branch in Sieradz is subordinated to our Archive.

### Archival Holdings

Most of our [archival holdings](#) date from the 19-th and 20-th centuries. The substantial amount are the records of the local authorities and state institutions from the territory of the Lodz province. Genealogical and scientific researchers benefit tremendously from church and public register records which we have preserved. The characteristic features of the Lodz archive are the records of industrial enterprises (old factories) and economic institutions.

There are numerous archival materials of judiciary organs, political parties, educational, religious and social institutions and organizations, as well as various archives of families and land estates and the papers of individuals. The State Archive in Lodz is proud for our rich collections of ephemera, cartography and iconography.

### Research

Scientific, genealogical and administrative researchers may have access to our holdings in [the reading rooms](#).

Everyone is entitled to apply for research in the holdings. It may be done in person as well as by post or [e-mail](#) (the first name, surname and address should be included).

We promote historical knowledge about Lodz and the region through publications, exhibitions and presentations.