



Facts about Helsinki
2013

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By decree of King Gustav Vasa of Sweden in 1550, the city was founded at the mouth of river Vantaa. From there, the city was moved further south to its present location in 1643. Helsinki has been the capital city since 1812, three years after Finland became an autonomous Grand Duchy of the Russian Empire.

Helsinki continued as the capital after Finland gained its independence in 1917. Today, Helsinki is the centre of the Helsinki Region, a functional urban region of about 1.4 million inhabitants and 751,000 jobs.



Population 1st January 2013

Helsinki	603,968
Espoo	256,824
Hyvinkää	45,592
Järvenpää	39,646
Kauniainen	8,910
Kerava	34,491
Kirkkonummi	37,567
Mäntsälä	20,478
Nurmijärvi	40,719
Pornainen	5,137
Sipoo	18,739
Tuusula	37,936
Vantaa	205,312
Vihti	28,674
Total	1,383,993



Geography and Environment

Geography and environment	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>
Total area on 1st January 2013	716	5,518
Sea	503	1,677
Land	213	3,841

Population density on 1st January 2013

Inhabitants per km ² land	2,841	360
● Shoreline (mainland), km	123	
● Islands	315	
● Number of vascular plants	1,064	
● Number of nesting bird species	164	
● Helsinki's symbol plant	maple	
● Helsinki's symbol animal	squirrel	

Mean temperature 2012

● Whole year	5.9°C
● Warmest month July, mean temperature	17.7°C
● Coldest month January, mean temperature	-6.8°C

Helsinki Metropolitan Area

2012

Water consumption per inhabitant, litres per 24 h (HSY¹) 240

Waste management (HSY¹) 2011 2012

● Waste received, 1,000 tons	633.4	590.0
● Waste per inhabitant, tons per annum	0.6	0.5

¹ HSY=Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority.

Capital Cities around the Baltic Sea

Vital statistics

	Population total City	Population total Region	Proportion of under 15 yo	Proportion of over 65 yo	Population with a tertiary education ¹
Helsinki	603,968	1,383,993	13.6	15.8	38
Stockholm	864,324	2,091,473	16.4	14.2	35
Oslo	613,285	1,169,539	17.2	12.0	39
Copenhagen	549,050	1,909,612	15.3	10.4	36
Tallinn	402,166	529,898	15.5	16.0	35
Riga	650,478	650,478	13.2	18.9	26
Vilnius	534,056	806,935	15.0	15.2	35
Berlin	3,460,725	3,460,725	12.0	19.1	25
St. Petersburg	4,953,219	4,953,219	11.3	14.7	32

¹ % of working age.



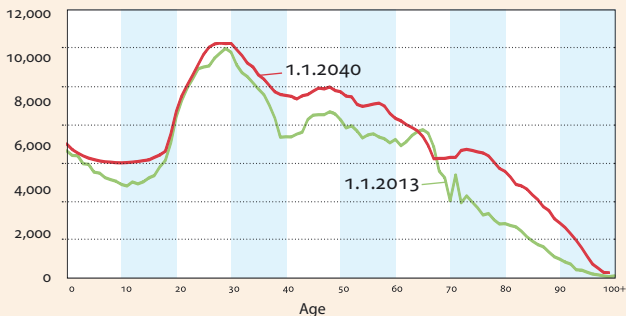
Population

Population	1950	1970	1980	2012/2013
Helsinki	368,519	523,677	483,675	603,968
• % of Finnish population	9.2	11.1	10.1	11.1
Helsinki Region	496,517	827,400	930,368	1,383,993
• % of Finnish population	12.3	17.6	19.5	25.5

Population structure 2012/2013	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Total population	603,968		1,383,993	5,426,674
Age groups				
• 0–6	42,224	7.0	8.3	7.8
• 7–15	45,182	7.5	9.6	9.7
• 16–64	421,182	69.7	67.6	63.7
• 65–74	54,439	9.0	8.7	10.4
• 75–84	28,934	4.8	4.3	6.1
• 85+	12,007	2.0	1.5	2.3
Men	284,562	47.1	48.4	49.1
Women	319,406	52.9	51.6	50.9
Finnish-speaking	494,627	81.9	84.1	89.7
Swedish-speaking	35,674	5.9	5.9	5.4
Other languages	73,667	12.2	10.1	5.0
Finnish nationality	553,307	91.6	93.0	96.4
Other nationalities	50,661	8.4	7.0	3.6



Helsinki's population structure



Population structure

Helsinki 2011

Finland 2011

Life expectancy

Total	80.3	80.4
Men	76.8	77.2
Women	83.3	83.5
Average age (2012)	40.4	41.8

Population changes 2011

Helsinki

Helsinki Region

Births	6,619	16,572
Deaths	4,980	9,535
Immigrants	38,027	44,243
Emigrants	32,596	34,488

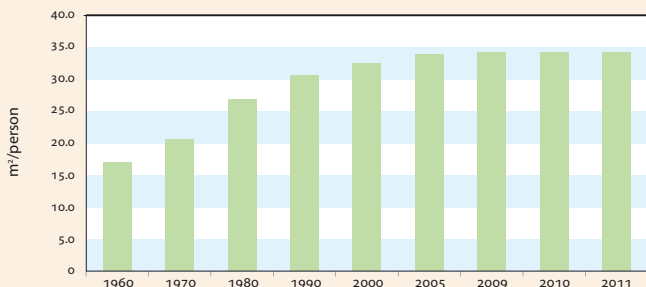
Dwelling households 2012

Helsinki

Helsinki Region

Total	306,917	643,630
Average size	1.9	2.1
1-member households, %	49.0	41.8
2-member households, %	30.6	31.6
5-member households, %	3.1	4.6

Housing density in Helsinki



Housing stock 2011

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Dwellings total	331,485	688,574	2,835,639
● Detached houses, %	13.2	31.9	54.1
● Dwellings owned by occupier, %	44.4	52.8	59.0
● Rented dwellings, %	44.7	36.6	29.1

Number of rooms, %

● 1 room	23.1	16.5	14.5
● 2 rooms	36.4	32.3	29.9
● 3 rooms	21.8	23.2	22.2
● 4 rooms	12.0	16.2	18.2
● 5 or more rooms	6.2	11.2	14.1

Housing standards 2011

Housing density, m²/person	34.2	35.9	39.4
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Housing costs 2012

Average rent for two-room flat, €/month	835	–	670
Average price of used dwellings, €/m²	3,885	–	2,245

Construction

New construction and extensions

2011

2012

Buildings completed

Floor area completed, 1,000 m²

538

518

• Residential, 1,000 m²

294

365

• Other than residential, 1,000 m²

243

153

Building starts

Total floor area, 1,000 m²

536

493

• Number of dwellings

4,438

4,108

Construction permits granted

Total floor area, 1,000 m²

501

477

• Number of dwellings

4,624

3,286

Dwellings completed

Total

3,656

4,643

• State subsidised

820

1,453

• Rental dwellings

1,562

2,520

• Municipal dwelling

395

784

Construction of dwellings and business premises

31st Dec. 2010

31st Dec. 2011

Building stock, number of buildings

40,358

40,684

Floor area, million m²

45

46

• Residential, million m²

27

27

• Other than residential, million m²

18

19



Health Care

Health care

2012 per 1,000 inhabitants

- Sub-district health centres of the city 26
- Hospitals of the city¹ 6

Primary health care

Health centre physicians	326	0.5
Visits	4,217,716	6,983
of which		
● to community care physicians	445,214	737
● to public health nurses	412,714	683
● at health centre 24 h duty	124,055	205
● within home care	2,365,367	3,916
● within dental care	382,366	633
Medical care in the city's hospitals		
● Hospital beds	1,125	2
● Nursing days	399,122	661

Specialised medical care

Visits at	244,969	406
● Units for community psychiatric care	153,609	254
● Outpatient departments for other specialities	91,360	151
Hospital care at city's hospitals		
● Hospital beds (psychiatric)	290	0.5
● Nursing days	94,249	156

¹Hospitals: Herttoniemi, Laakso, Malmi, Suursuo, Haartman, Aurora.



Social Welfare

Children in municipal day care¹	2011	2012
• 1–6 year olds on 31st December	22,400	22,698
• Per hundred 1–6 year olds	64.8	63.8
Number of municipal playgrounds on 31st Dec	68	65
Child home care allowance		
• Families receiving the benefit on 31st Dec	6,950	7,277
Child welfare clients	10,564	10,773
• Per hundred 0–17 year olds	10.8	10.9
Social assistance		
Households having received social assistance	41,575	42,480
• among which single households, %	78.1	84.9
Percentage of recipients in the population	10.1	10.2
Persons having received service by virtue of the law on care for the handicapped	12,017	12,455
Persons having received transport benefits²	11,197	11,577
Places at elderly care institutions on 31st Dec	2,142	2,017
• Per hundred 75 year olds and older	5.3	4.9
Places in service housing for the elderly	2,679	2,737
• Per hundred 75 year olds and older	6.7	6.7

¹ Includes municipal daycare centres, family centres and daycare centres with contract of purchase.

² Includes transport benefit according to the law on care for the handicapped.

Culture and Leisure

National Opera	2010	2011
● Performances	301	292
● Visits	228,518	208,930
Professional theatres	11	11
● Performances	3,107	3,009
● Visits	729,203	727,065
Dance theatres	3	3
● Performances	290	318
● Visits	57,441	63,329
Number of concerts	2011	2012
● Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra	90	137
● Radio Symphony Orchestra	57	81
Number of cinema auditoria	35	35
● Visits per inhabitant	3.4	3.3
City Library, lending outlets	49	49
● Number of books on 31st December (1,000)	1,590	1,565
● Other material (1,000)	311	315
● Loans (1,000)	9,514	9,272
● Visits (1 000)	6,782	6,783
● Visits per inhabitant	11.4	11.2
Youth work premises, m²	40,671	41,963
● m ² per 7–18 year old	0.7	0.7
Linnanmäki amusement park, number of visitors	1,000,000	1,000,000
Korkeasaari Zoo, number of visitors	489,621	488,369

	2011	2012
Museums	67	64
Number of visitors at		
Helsinki City Museum	163,835	156,644
Helsinki Art Museum	114,353	104,658
The Finnish National Gallery		
● Ateneum Art Museum	178,683	400,079
● The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma	182,154	182,170
● Sinebrychoff Art Museum	25,762	25,308
National Museum of Finland	116,376	118,752
Finnish Museum of Art and Design	85,669	98,706
Seurasaari Open Air Museum	46,828	49,291
Museum of Finnish Architecture	11,778	25,300
Recreational trails and jogging tracks, km	216	216
Indoor sports facilities and fitness gyms	32	32
Swimming halls	13	13
Ice stadiums	12	12
Natural skating rinks	66	66
Beaches	28	28
Boat moorings	12,022	11,955
	<i>31st Dec 2010</i>	<i>31st Dec 2011</i>
Restaurants	1,075	1,092
● Guest capacity (seats)	358,479	366,995

Education

Education in Helsinki for 7-18 year olds	2011	2012
Comprehensive schools (7-16 year olds)	151	150
Pupils, total	46,278	46,532
In city's schools	36,584	36,785
● of which in Swedish-language schools	3,264	3,203
In private schools	7,326	7,280
In state schools	2,368	2,467
Upper secondary schools (16-18 year olds)	37	38
Pupils, total	13,839	13,893
In city schools	8,461	8,391
● of which in in Swedish-language schools	1,205	1,220
In private schools	4,625	4,697
In state schools	753	805
Adult secondary	3	3
Pupils, total	6,406	5,978

Number of students 20.9.2011	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Basic education for 7-16 year olds	46,064	132,434	541,931
Secondary education for 16-18 year olds	16,947	33,607	109,046
Vocational training	34,874	65,142	279,266
Polytechnics	21,605	35,533	139,857
Universities	46,152	59,546	168,983

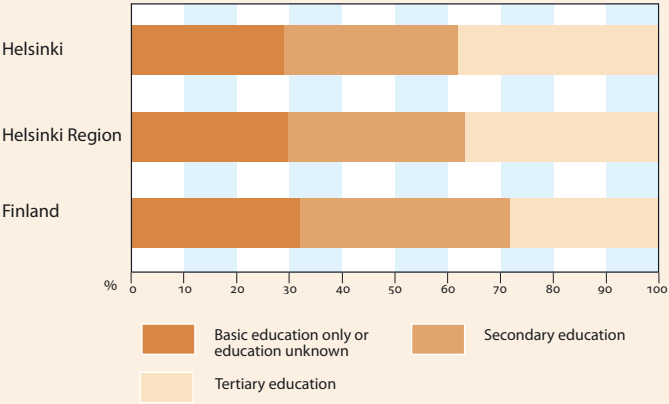
Educational structure on 31st December 2011

% of 15 years olds and older with

Basic education or education unknown	29	30	32
Secondary education total	33	34	40
● Baccalaureat-level	13	11	7
● Vocational secondary	20	23	32
Tertiary education total	38	37	28
● Lowest tertiary	9	10	10
● Lower tertiary	12	11	9
● Higher tertiary	15	13	8
● Researcher education	2	2	1

Educational structure

15 year olds and older by education on 31st December 2011



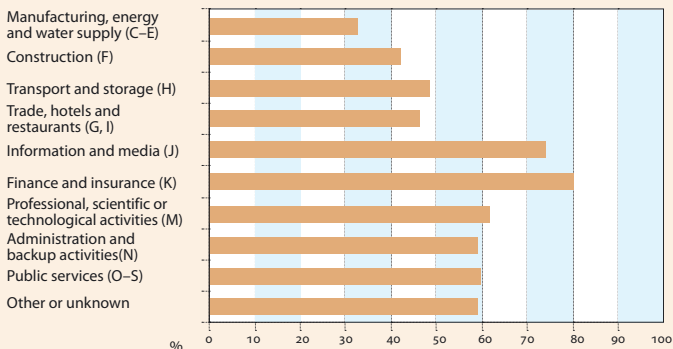
Municipal Service

Municipal service revenue and expenditure 2012

	<i>Operational revenue/ inhabitant, €</i>	<i>Operational expenditure/ inhabitant, €</i>	<i>Number of staff</i>	<i>Percentage of staff</i>	<i>Purchased services as a percentage of total services</i>
Service producers	4,299.7	8,743.7	40,136	100	34.9
of which					
• Education Dpt.	38.4	1,014.7	6,337	15.8	25.0
• Social Department	357.0	2,159.1	12,615	31.4	29.8
• Health Centre	126.8	1,831.8	8,660	21.6	56.8
• Public Works Dpt.	397.1	387.0	1,563	3.9	47.4
• Rescue Dpt.	18.1	83.3	694	1.7	8.8
• Helsinki Energy	1,305.5	905.9	1,177	2.9	7.3
• Port of Helsinki	145.5	63.6	186	0.5	39.0
• City Transport	269.2	165.1	958	2.4	31.2

Operational revenue, operational expenditure and purchased services include city-internal items.

Helsinki's share of jobs in the Helsinki Region in 2012



Economic Aspects

Helsinki Helsinki Region Finland

GNP per capita 2010 (PPS, EU27=100) 159.1 114.0

Jobs in 2012

All industries total	412,661	751,357	2,483,028
• Primary production (A–B)	0.1	0.4	4.4
• Processing (C–F)	10.3	15.6	22.4
• Services total (G–S)	88.6	83.2	72.4
• Market services (G–N)	54.6	52.1	39.0
• Public services (O–S)	34.0	31.1	33.4
• Other or unknown (T–X)	1.0	0.8	0.8

Information and media sectors' share of jobs in 2012, %

10.2 7.6 4.1

Workplace self-sufficiency 2012, %

132.4 105.8 100

Enterprises total 2011

• Number	39,962	80,033	322,368
• Turnover, 1,000 euro	73,283,983	167,565,352	382,850,306
• Staff, total	254,093	485,982	1,489,117

Labour force, 2012, 15–74 year olds

• Employed	311,684	710,057	2,483,240
• Unemployed	23,603	48,059	206,841
• Unemployment rate, %	7.0	6.3	7.7

Economic activity rate, 2012

Among 15–64 year olds	73.4	73.7	69.0
• Number of employed	305,266	697,077	2,431,034

Trade and Tourism

Goods traffic through the Port of Helsinki (1,000 tons)

	2011	2012
International goods traffic	11,074	10,688
• Imports	6,171	5,869
• Exports	4,903	4,819
Coastal trade	152	143
Total goods traffic	11,226	10,831

Retail trade

	2010	2011
• Sales outlets	3,244	3,232
• Employees	16,659	17,159
• Turnover, million euros	4,280	4,497

Wholesale trade

• Sales outlets	3,228	3,235
• Employees	17,982	18,102
• Turnover, million euros	26,323	30,119

	2011	2012
Passangers (million)	72	74
• Via Helsinki–Vantaa Airport	15	15
• Via Port of Helsinki	11	11
• Via Helsinki main railway station	46	48

International congresses and events	111	254
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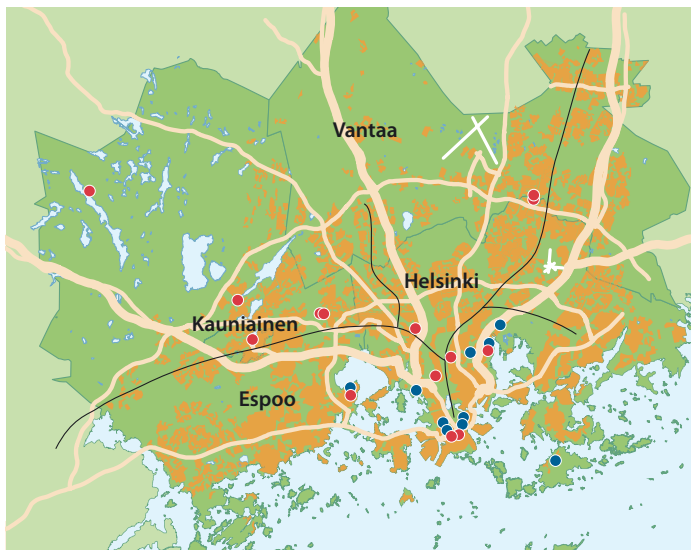
Hotels	52	53
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• Overnight stays, total (million)	3,2	3,2
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Transport and Communications

Transport and communications	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Registered cars on 31st December 2012	244,178	3,057,484
● per 1,000 inhabitants	404	563
Registered motorcycles on 31st December 2012	16,250	244,968
● per 1,000 inhabitants	27	45
Number of mobile phones per 100 inhabitants, 2012		172
Internet users (15–74 year olds), 2012		
● Percentage of the population, %		90
	<i>Helsinki 2011</i>	<i>Helsinki 2012</i>
Public transport within the city		
Journeys total (million)	205.2	209.7
● Buses	88.4	88.6
● Trams	53.7	57.2
● Metro	61.4	62.2
● Ferries	1.7	1.6
Local traffic of the State Railways, million journeys		41.9
Traffic at the Port of Helsinki, vessel calls	8,776	8,733
Traffic at Helsinki–Vantaa Airport		
● Domestic freight, tons	795	1,747
● International freight, tons	136,351	180,420

Universities



- Universities
- Polytechnics



City Administration

City Council

2013–2016

Number of members	85
• National Coalition Party (Conservatives)	23
• Green League of Finland	19
• Social Democratic Party of Finland	15
• Left-wing Alliance	9
• The Finns	8
• Swedish People's Party in Finland	5
• Centre Party of Finland	3
• Christian Democrats in Finland	2
• The Communist Party of Finland	1

City Personnel

31st Dec 2011

31st Dec 2012

Total	39,438	40,136
• Permanent	32,801	33,399
• Temporary	6,637	6,737
% by Department		
• Mayor's sector	5.8	5.7
• Social affairs and public health	52.3	53.0
• City planning and real estate	2.4	2.3
• Environmental authority	17.1	17.1
• Cultural and personnel affairs	22.4	21.9



City Economy

Expenditure	<i>2011 million €</i>	<i>2012 million €</i>	<i>€/inhabitant</i>
Social affairs and public health	2,103.2	2,198.4	3,635
City planning and real estate	307.9	354.7	586
Environmental authority	865.1	874.8	1,446
Cultural and personnel affairs	709.1	741.0	1,225
Energy, port and general administration	723.1	791.7	1,309
Expenditure for loans, credits etc.	27.1	25.4	42
Other expenditure	0.0	1.8	3
Manufacturing for own use	-159.2	-138.7	-229
Total	4,576.3	4,849.1	8,017

Revenue	<i>2011 million €</i>	<i>2012 million €</i>	<i>€/inhabitant</i>
Tax revenue	2,740.0	2,759.0	2,877
Operational revenue	1,693.1	1,740.2	4,562
Loans, credits etc.	95.9	93.4	154
Other income	302.3	401.5	664
Total	4,831.2	4,994.1	8,257

The City's	<i>€/inhabitant</i>
Interest-bearing loans per inhabitant	1,986

The Business Group's	<i>€/inhabitant</i>
Loans per inhabitant	6,905

Tax rate (2012)	18.5
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Figures according to the city's external profit and loss account.

Manufacturing for own use is deducted from expenses as an item of its own.



The symbol animal of the City of Helsinki is the **squirrel** (*Sciurus vulgaris*), and its symbol plant the **maple** (*Acer platanoides*).

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