

Facts about Helsinki
2015



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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 746,400 jobs.



Population 1st January 2015

Helsinki	620,715
Espoo	265,543
Hyvinkää	46,366
Järvenpää	40,390
Kauniainen	9,357
Kerava	35,317
Kirkkonummi	38,220
Mäntsälä	20,621
Nurmijärvi	41,577
Pornainen	5,148
Sipoo	19,034
Tuusula	38,198
Vantaa	210,803
Vihti	28,995
Total	1,420,284



Geography and Environment

Geography and environment

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>
Total area on 1st January 2015	719	5,519
Sea	503	1,678
Land	216	3,841

Population density on 1st January 2015

Inhabitants per km ² land	2,870	370
● 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

	<i>2014</i>
● Whole year	7.3°C
● Warmest month July, mean temperature	20.1°C
● Coldest month January, mean temperature	-5.9°C

Helsinki Metropolitan Area

2014

Water consumption per inhabitant, litres per 24 h (HSY¹)	223
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Waste management (HSY¹)

	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
● Waste received, 1,000 tons	545.7	517.0
● Waste per inhabitant, tons per annum	0.5	0.5

¹ HSY=Helsinki Region Environmental Services Authority.

Capital Cities around the Baltic Sea

Vital statistics

	Population total		Proportion of		Population
	City	Region	under 15 yo	over 65 yo	with a tertiary education ¹
Helsinki	620,715	1,420,284	14.7	16.4	40
Stockholm	898,768	2,163,775	16.8	14.3	35
Oslo	640,138	1,215,484	16.9	12.0	39
Copenhagen	569,557	1,948,116	15.4	10.4	36
Tallinn	411,063	572 103	15.2	17.3	35
Riga	643,368	643,368	14.0	19.5	26
Vilnius	539,707	848 097	15.4	15.5	35
Berlin	3,517,424	3,517,424	11.9	19.0	25
St. Petersburg	5,131,942	5,131,942	12.5	15.2	32

¹ % of working age.



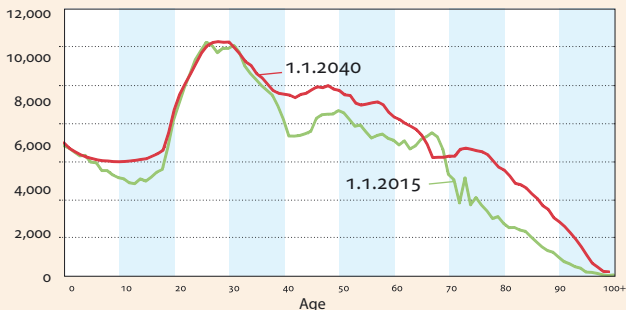
Population

Population	1950	1970	1980	2014/2015
Helsinki	368,519	523,677	483,675	620,715
● % of Finnish population	9.2	11.1	10.1	11.3
Helsinki Region	496,517	827,400	930,368	1,420,284
● % of Finnish population	12.3	17.6	19.5	26.0

Population structure 2014/2015	Helsinki	%	Helsinki Region	Finland
Total population	620,715		1,420,284	5,471,753
Age groups				
● 0–6	44,552	7.2	8.2	7.8
● 7–15	46,450	7.5	9.6	9.7
● 16–64	428,004	69.0	66.6	62.6
● 65–74	58,976	9.5	9.4	11.2
● 75–84	30,186	4.9	4.5	6.2
● 85+	12,547	2.0	1.6	2.4
Men	293,113	47.2	48.4	49.2
Women	327,602	52.8	51.6	50.8
Finnish-speaking	501,257	80.8	82.7	89.0
Swedish-speaking	35,845	5.8	5.7	5.3
Other languages	83,613	13.5	11.5	5.7
Finnish nationality	565,270	91.1	92.2	96.0
Other nationalities	55,445	8.9	7.8	4.0



Helsinki's population structure



Population structure

Helsinki 2009–2013

Finland 2013

Life expectancy

Total	80.1	80.9
Men	76.8	77.8
Women	82.9	83.8
Average age (2014)	40,4	42.1

Population changes 2013

Helsinki

Helsinki Region

Births	6,789	16,377
Deaths	4,974	9,583
Immigrants	39,899	45,846
Emigrants	33,028	34,204

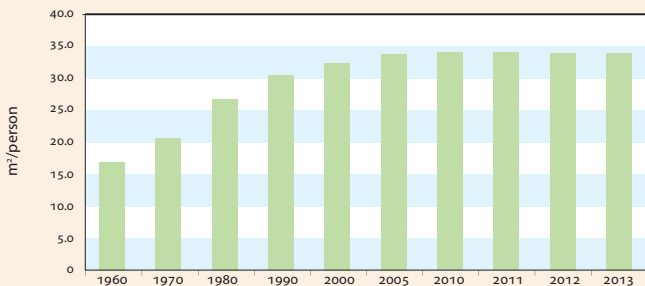
Dwelling households 2014

Helsinki

Helsinki Region

Total	315,076	662,232
Average size	1.9	2.1
● 1-member households, %	48.6	41.8
● 2-member households, %	30.9	31.8
● 5-member households, %	3.0	4.5

Housing density in Helsinki



Housing stock 2013

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Dwellings total	342,303	712,382	2,905,731
● Detached houses, %	13.2	31.7	53.7
● Dwellings owned by occupier, %	43.4	59.9	58.4
● Rented dwellings, %	44.8	29.2	28.9

Number of rooms, %

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
● 1 room	23.0	16.5	14.6
● 2 rooms	36.4	32.4	29.9
● 3 rooms	21.9	23.2	22.2
● 4 rooms	12.1	16.2	18.1
● 5 or more rooms	6.2	11.3	14.3

Housing standards 2013

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Housing density, m²/person	34.1	36.0	39.8

Housing costs 2014

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Average rent, euro/m²/month	15,06	12,03
Average purchase price of second-hand flats, euro/m²	3,992	2,283

Construction

New construction and extensions

	2013	2014
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Buildings completed

Floor area completed, 1,000 m ²	482	434
● Residential, 1,000 m ²	355	326
● Other than residential, 1,000 m ²	127	108

Building starts

Total floor area, 1,000 m ²	385	400
● Number of dwellings	3,274	3,065

Construction permits granted

Total floor area, 1,000 m ²	483	579
● Number of dwellings	3,127	5,012

Dwellings completed

Total	4,320	3,679
● State subsidised	1,141	1,371
● Rental dwellings	1,643	1,443
● Municipal dwelling	1,000	1,000

Construction of dwellings and business premises

	31st Dec. 2012	31st Dec. 2013
Building stock, number of buildings	41,083	41,428
Floor area, million m ²	46	47
● Residential, million m ²	27	28
● Other than residential, million m ²	19	19



Health Care

Health care

2014 per 1,000 inhabitants

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|---|----|--|
| ● Sub-district health centres of the city | 25 | |
| ● Hospitals of the city ¹ | 6 | |

Primary health care

Health centre physicians	386	0.6
Visits	4,812,256	7,753
of which		
● to community care physicians	493,053	794
● to public health nurses	434,397	700
● at health centre 24 h duty	127,695	206
● within home care	2,594,842	4,180
● within dental care	425,104	685
Medical care in the city's hospitals		
● Hospital beds	885	1.4
● Nursing days	312,543	504

Specialised medical care

Visits at	257,640	415
● units for community psychiatric care	166,016	267
● outpatient departments for specialities	91,624	148
Hospital care at city's hospitals		
● Somatic hospital beds ²	205	0.3
● Somatic impatient days ²	68,110	110
● Psychiatric hospital beds	290	0.5
● Psychiatric impatient days	89,395	144

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

² In 2014 emergency care wards, which were previously part of primary care, were reorganised as specialised somatic care in the field of internal medicine.



Social Welfare

Children in municipal day care¹	2013	2014
● 1–6 year olds on 31st December	23,443	24,350
● Per hundred 1–6 year olds	63.9	64.5
Number of municipal playgrounds on 31st Dec	65	66
Child home care allowance		
● Families receiving the benefit on 31st Dec	7,108	7,318
Child welfare clients	9,828	9,870
● Per hundred 0–17 year olds	9.8	9.7
Social assistance		
Households having received social assistance	44,866	48,070
● among which single households, %	77.3	76.7
Percentage of recipients in the population	10.6	11.3
Persons having received service by virtue of the law on care for the handicapped	12,518	12,775
Persons having received transport benefits²	11,557	11,778
Places at elderly care institutions on 31st Dec	1,727	1,645
● Per hundred 75 year olds and older	4.1	3.8
Places in service housing for the elderly	3,021	3,042
● Per hundred 75 year olds and older	7.2	7.1

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	2012	2013
● Performances	278	282
● Visits	197,574	195,576
Professional theatres	11	11
● Performances	3,119	2,973
● Visits	748,781	621,785
Dance theatres	3	3
● Performances	302	283
● Visits	51,235	52,516
Number of concerts	2013	2014
● Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra	171	126
● Radio Symphony Orchestra	82	93
Number of cinema auditoria	36	33
● Visits per inhabitant	3.2	2.9
City Library, lending outlets	49	49
● Number of books on 31st December (1,000)	1,556	1,551
● Other material (1,000)	305	309
● Loans (1,000)	8,938	8,815
● Visits (1 000)	6,538	6,409
● Visits per inhabitant	10.7	10.3
Youth work premises, m²	40,592	40,090
● m ² per 7–18 year old	0.6	0.6
Linnanmäki amusement park, number of visitors	1,000,000	1,000,000
Korkeasaari Zoo, number of visitors	502,162	485,400

	2013	2014
Museums	65	62
Number of visitors at		
Helsinki City Museum	202,027	202,615
Helsinki Art Museum	90,874	91,459
The Finnish National Gallery		
• Ateneum Art Museum	261,969	410,173
• The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma	165,715	147,768
• Sinebrychoff Art Museum	44,274	28,066
National Museum of Finland	102,597	115,617
Finnish Museum of Art and Design	61,899	73,092
Seurasaari Open Air Museum	42,004	37,226
Museum of Finnish Architecture	24,395	21,668
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	68	66
Beaches	26	24
Boat moorings	11,974	11,965
	<i>31st Dec 2012</i>	<i>31st Dec 2013</i>
Restaurants	1,321	1,336
• Sales of food and beverages, 1,000 euro	1,032,775	1,022,004

Education

Education in Helsinki for 7-18 year olds	2013	2014
Comprehensive schools (7-16 year olds)	147	143
Pupils, total	47,176	48,020
In city's schools	37,379	38,114
● of which in Swedish-language schools	3,193	3,276
In private schools	7,300	7,412
In state schools	2,497	2,494
Upper secondary schools (16-18 year olds)	37	37
Pupils, total	13,949	13,797
In city schools	8,374	8,166
● of which in in Swedish-language schools	1,216	1,180
In private schools	4,767	4,825
In state schools	808	806
Adult secondary	3	3
Pupils, total	6,140	6,102

Number of students 2013	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Basic education for 7-16 year olds	46,807	134,349	540,477
Secondary education for 16-18 year olds	16,236	32,641	105,898
Vocational training	38,879	74,713	313,972
Polytechnics	22,271	36,447	138,880
Universities	45,056	58,526	167,179

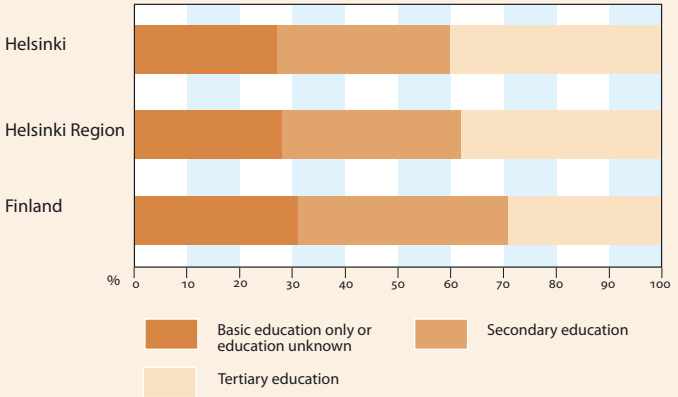
Educational structure on 31st December 2013

% of 15 years olds and older with

Basic education or education unknown	27	28	31
Secondary education total	33	34	40
● Baccalaureat-level	13	10	7
● Vocational secondary	20	24	33
Tertiary education total	40	38	29
● Lowest tertiary	9	10	10
● Lower tertiary	13	12	10
● Higher tertiary	16	14	8
● Researcher education	2	2	1

Educational structure

15 year olds and older by education on 31st December 2013



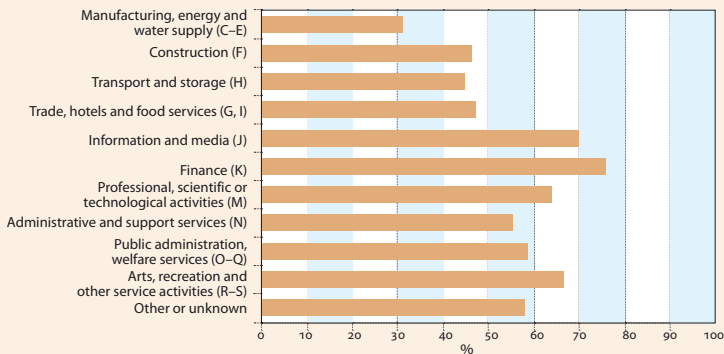
Municipal Service

Municipal service revenue and expenditure 2014

	Operational revenue/ inhabitant, €	Operational expenditure/ inhabitant, €	Number of staff	Percentage of staff	Purchased services as a percentage of total services
Service producers	4,277.2	8,752.1	40,350	100	35.0
of which					
● Education Dpt.	41.1	1,031.8	6,432	15.9	24.8
● Dpt of Social Service and Health Care	423.9	3,506.2	15,807	39.2	46.9
● Dpt of Early Education and Care	59.0	595.9	5,704	14.1	13.7
● PubliS Works Dpt.	327.9	314.3	1,492	3.7	42.5
● Rescue Dpt.	23.9	82.1	678	1.7	8.6
● Helsinki Energy	1,172.8	782.9	1,121	2.8	8.3
● Port of Helsinki	147.3	57.8	173	0.4	36.7
● City Transport	281.9	177.0	992	2.5	27.3

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

Helsinki's share of jobs in the Helsinki Region in 2014



Economic Aspects

	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Helsinki Region</i>	<i>Finland</i>
GNP per capita 2012 (PPS, EU28=100)		154.7	115.0

Jobs in 2014

All industries total	411,200	746,400	2,447,200
● Primary production (A–B)	0.1	0.4	4.5
● Processing (C–F)	10.9	16.0	21.6
● Services total (G–S)	88.0	82.8	73.0
● Market services (G–N, R–S)	61.6	58.1	44.9
● Public administration, welfare services (O–Q)	26.4	24.7	28.1
● Other or unknown (T–X)	0.9	0.9	0.9

Information and media sectors' share of jobs in 2014, %

	10.1	7.9	4.1
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Workplace self-sufficiency 2014, %

	128.5	104.7	100
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Enterprises total 2013¹

● Number	44,574	88,539	356,408
● Turnover, 1,000 euro	79,266,028	174,722,395	393,981,792
● Staff, total	249,155	485,605	1,472,291

Labour force, 2014, 15–74 year olds

● Employed	319,900	712,600	2,447,200
● Unemployed	27,100	57,000	232,100
● Unemployment rate, %	7.8	7.4	8.7

Economic activity rate, 2014

Among 15–64 year olds	72.6	72.8	68.3
● Number of employed	313,600	698,000	2,385,900

¹ The data are not comparable with data concerning 2012 or earlier years.

Trade and Tourism

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

	2013	2014
International goods traffic	10,441	10,696
● Imports	5,546	5,446
● Exports	4,895	5,250
Coastal trade	108	131
Total goods traffic	10,549	10,827

Retail trade

	2012	2013
● Sales outlets	3,207	3,311
● Employees	19,030	19,483
● Turnover, million euros	4,724	4,888

Wholesale trade

● Sales outlets	3,198	3,235
● Employees	18,202	16,772
● Turnover, million euros	34,267	29,171

	2013	2014
Passangers (million)	75	76
● Via Helsinki–Vantaa Airport	15	16
● Via Port of Helsinki	12	12
● Via Helsinki main railway station	48	48

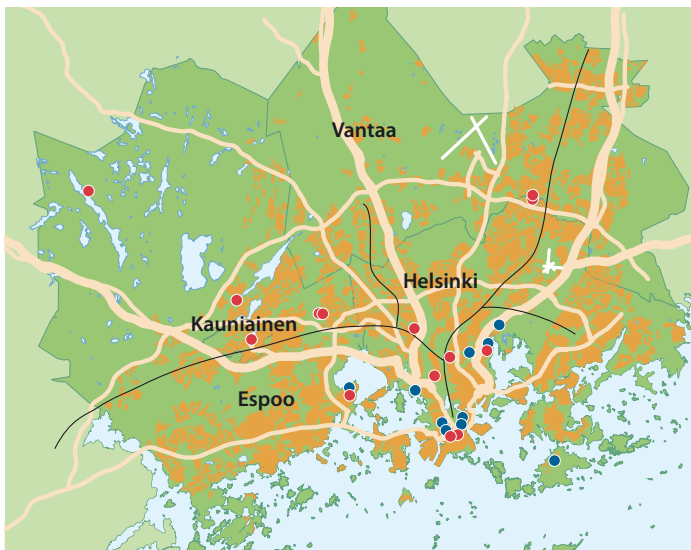
International congresses and events	288	310
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Hotels	55	55
● Overnight stays, total (million)	3,1	3,1

Transport and Communications

Transport and communications	<i>Helsinki</i>	<i>Finland</i>
Registered cars on 31st December 2014	249,159	3,194,950
● per 1,000 inhabitants	401	584
Registered motorcycles on 31st December 2014	16,701	257,094
● per 1,000 inhabitants	27	47
Number of mobile phones per 100 inhabitants, 2014		171
Internet users (16–74 year olds), 2014		
● Percentage of the population, %	96	92
	<i>Helsinki 2013</i>	<i>Helsinki 2014</i>
Public transport within the city		
Journeys total (million)	209.0	205.7
● Buses	87.1	86.3
● Trams	56.7	55.5
● Metro	63.5	62.1
● Ferries	1.8	1.8
Local traffic of the State Railways, million journeys		42.4
Traffic at the Port of Helsinki, vessel calls	8,126	7,968
Traffic at Helsinki–Vantaa Airport		
● Domestic freight, tons	1,260	987
● International freight, tons	179,615	175,729

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 2013

31st Dec 2014

Total	40,139	40,350
● Permanent	33,728	33,884
● Temporary	6,411	6,466
% by Department		
● Mayor's sector	5.5	5.7
● Social affairs and public health	52.8	53.3
● City planning and real estate	2.3	2.3
● Environmental authority	17.0	16.8
● Cultural and personnel affairs	22.3	21.8



City Economy

Expenditure	2013 million €	2014 million €	€/inhabitant
Social affairs and public health	2,198.4	2,285.7	3,731
City planning and real estate	380.6	390.4	628
Environmental authority	887.4	900.2	1,448
Cultural and personnel affairs	747.7	698.4	1,124
Energy, port and general administration	775.2	770.1	1,239
Expenditure for loans, credits etc.	15.9	23.6	38
Other expenditure	0.4	0.1	0
Manufacturing for own use	-129.2	-124.8	-201
Total	4,963.7	4,972.2	7,999

Revenue	2013 million €	2014 million €	€/inhabitant
Tax revenue	2,906.3	2,951.9	4,749
Operational revenue	1,772.0	1,761.7	2,834
Loans, credits etc.	78.8	80.3	129
Other income ¹	353.6	1,422.8	2,289
Total¹	5,110.8	6,216.8	10,001

The City's	€/inhabitant
Interest-bearing loans per inhabitant	2,540

The Business Group's	€/inhabitant
Loans per inhabitant	7,949

Tax rate (2014)	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.

¹ Includes the profit gained when Helsingin Energia and Port of Helsinki were turned into companies.



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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